



# BLUEHAT

**SECURITY ABOVE ALL ELSE**

## Scaling AppSec With an SDL for Citizen Development

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# 55K devs



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55K devs  
90K copilots



55K devs  
90K copilots  
500K apps

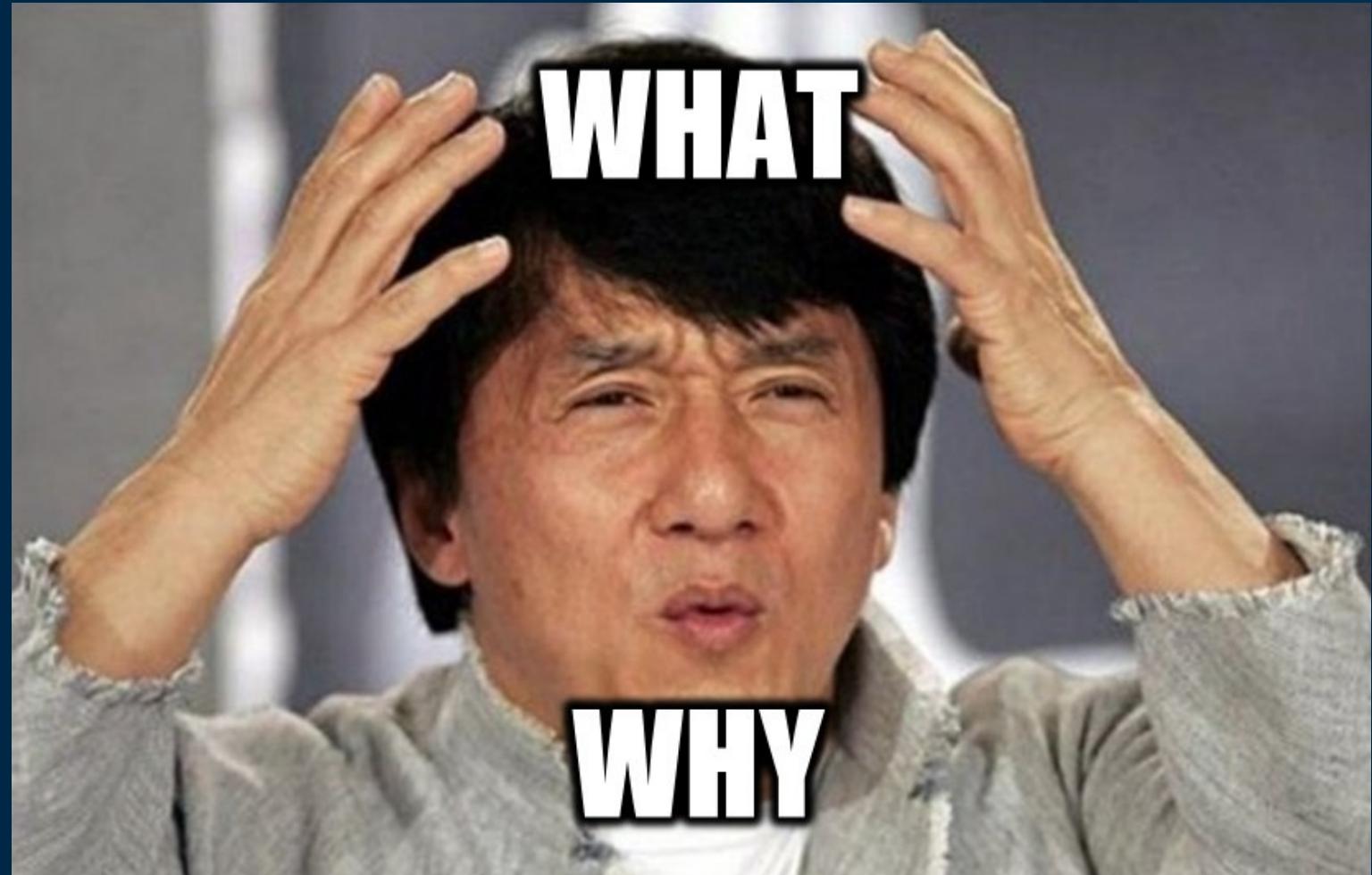


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500K apps  
1.1M automations  
10M creds

~2M ~apps  
10M creds



## Agenda

1. WHY so many devs/apps/creds/vulns?
2. WHY are these important?
3. HOW to fail at AppSec
4. HOW we made it work
5. Takeaways

# Our team



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Principal Program Manager,  
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# Our team



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# Our team

## Applying AppSec to citizen development within the Microsoft environment

- Have been working together for >2y
- Started with securing Microsoft's Power Platform environment
- Expanding across LCNC platforms
- Focused on unintended consequences of citizen development
- Continuously identify and remediate security risk
- Collaborated on OWASP LCNC Top 10



WHY so many devs/apps/creds?

# Building has never been easier

our business? Accelerate your Power Apps experience by attending this FREE 1-day workshop!

tion use. [Learn More](#)

## Welcome, Debra

Describe what your new app should do (preview)

I want my app to collect, list, track, or show ... [▶](#)

AI-generated content can have mistakes. Make sure it's accurate and appropriate before using it.  
[Read preview terms](#)

**Dataverse**  
Start from a Dataverse table to create a three-screen app  
[Watch video](#)

**SharePoint**  
Start from a SharePoint list to create a three-screen app  
[Watch video](#)

**Excel**  
Start from an Excel three-screen app  
[Watch video](#)

**Image (preview)**  
Upload an image of an app or form and we'll convert it into an app

**Figma (preview)**  
Start from our Figma UI kit and convert it into an app

**Author a basic formula to change properties in a...** Beginner 42 mins

**Work with external data in a Power Apps canvas app...** Intermediate 43 mins

**Manage Power A...** Beginner

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Everyone  
is a developer

# COVID health check app

Starting June 1, 2022, FTEs and external staff with @microsoft.com accounts must sign-in from either Microsoft issued/imaged devices or Intune enrolled devices. [Learn more](#)

## Take the daily COVID-19 check



Your health and well-being are important. Each day, before entering Microsoft facilities, you'll be required to complete a screening based on local requirements. We'll ask a couple of questions and it should only take a minute.

It looks like your current location is near **Giv'atayim, Tel Aviv, Israel**. If this isn't correct, [please change your location](#)

[What does Microsoft do with the information?](#)

[Get started](#)

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# Your business is already there, it's time for security to keep up



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Appian



“We are going to have 500 million applications that are going to get created, new, by 2023. Just to put that in perspective, that's more than all of the applications that were created in the last 40 years.”

Satya Nadella, Microsoft Ignite 2019

*LCNC → “500M apps by 2023”*



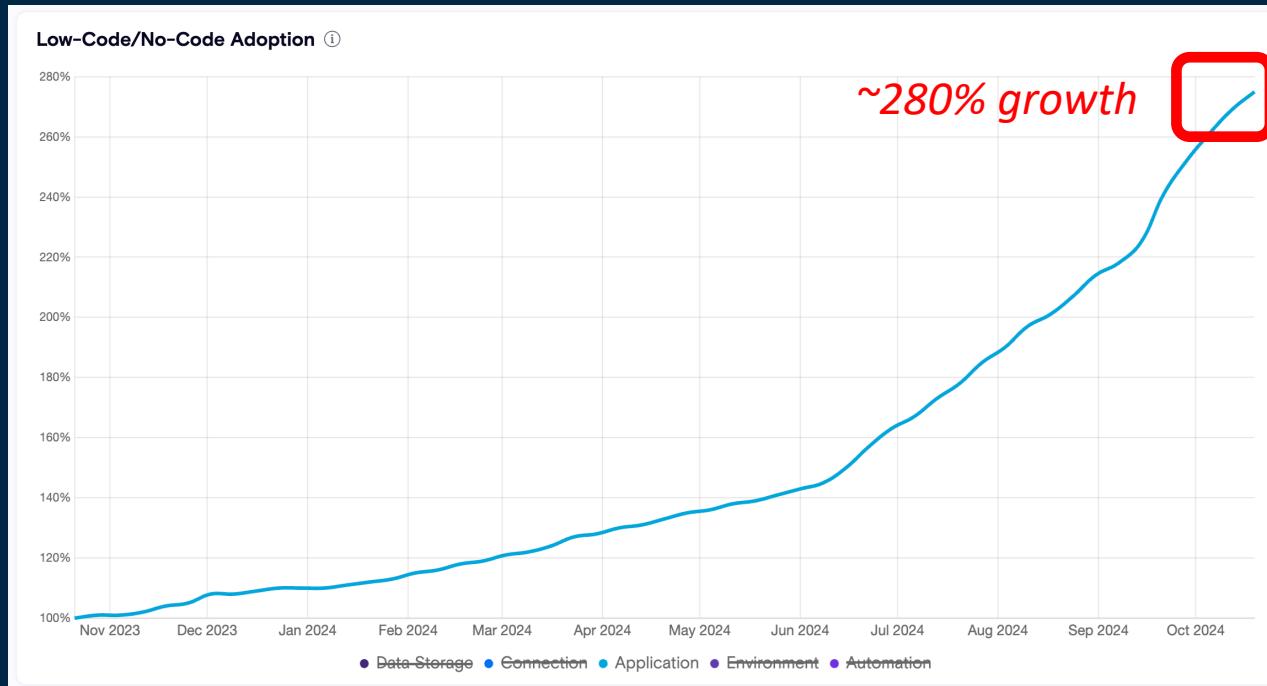
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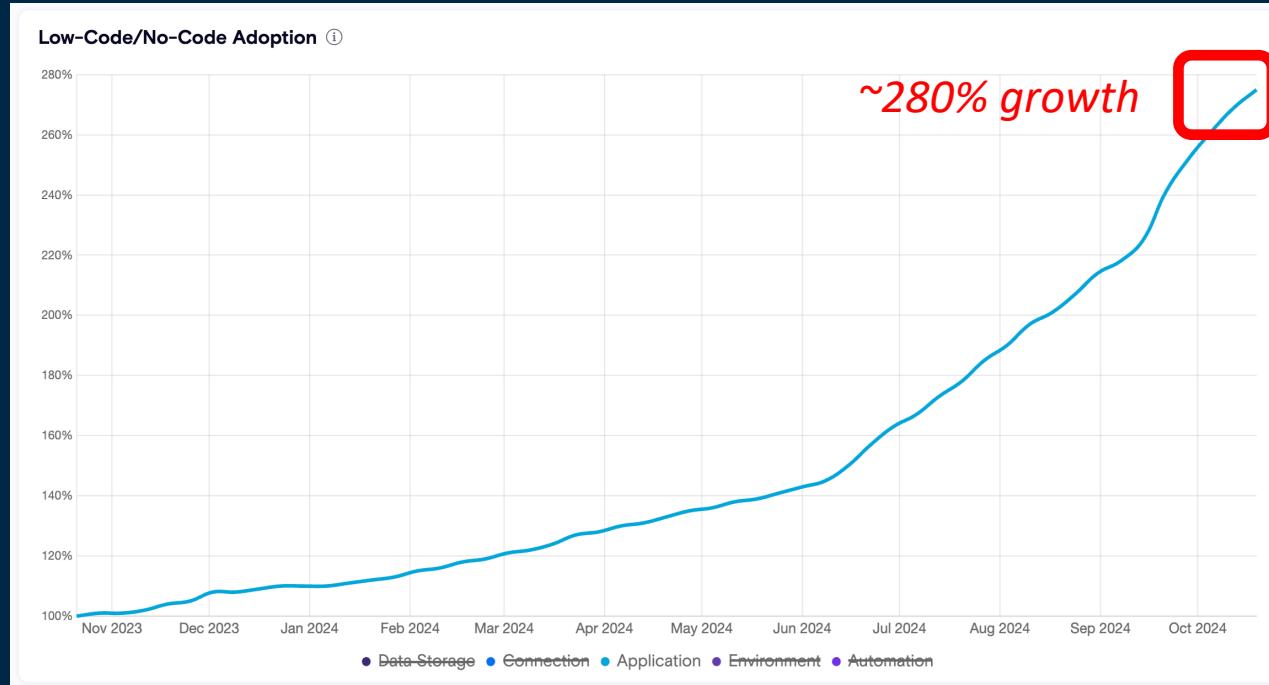
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*Microsoft alone has 1.7M assets today, and growing...*



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WHY are these important?

Story #1 – Community website

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[Help & Training](#)

# Customer Service

by Salesforce



[Get Started](#)

## About This Template

Create a responsive site that lets members post questions, access relevant content and records, view articles, collaborate, and create support cases.

## Features

### Self-Service

Give access to articles, Q&A, and cases.

### Collaboration

Use groups, discussions, and topics to organize content and solve issues quickly.

### Customization

Use Experience Builder to brand your site, add ready-made Lightning components, and take advantage of custom Lightning components, layouts, and themes.

### Intelligence

Personalize the member experience, automatically escalate important cases, and create a safe haven with rules to keep out trolls and bots.

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About Us    Products    Partners

## About Us

At PwnRobotsSpareParts, we specialize in providing high-quality spare parts for robotics in the defense sector. Our mission is to support the ongoing advancements in robotic technologies, ensuring reliability and performance.



## Products

- High-Precision Actuators
- Robust Sensors
- Durable Power Supplies
- Advanced Control Systems

## Success Stories

We have the most amazing companies as our customers, working together to innovate and enhance robotic technologies. Feel free to read more information about our success stories.

[Success Stories](#)

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The screenshot shows the Site Settings General page. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Home, Settings, General (which is selected), Theme, Languages, Navigation, Mobile Publisher, SEO, CMS Connect, Advanced, Security & Privacy, Developer, Updates, and Change History. The main content area has a title 'General' and a sub-section 'Site Details'. It includes options for 'Template' (selected) and 'Build Your Own'. A 'Public Access' section is highlighted with a red box, containing an information icon and a checked checkbox that says 'Guest users can see and interact with the site without logging in'. Below this is a 'Site Title' field with the value 'AuraTestSiteWithBot'. Under 'Published Status', it shows 'Published: <https://zenity.my.site.com/AuraTestSiteWithBot/s>'. In the 'Developer' section, there's a 'Guest User Profile' link with a note about configuring access for guest or unauthenticated users.

Home

Settings

**General**

View and edit the main properties of your site.

Site Details

Template

Build Your Own

Public Access

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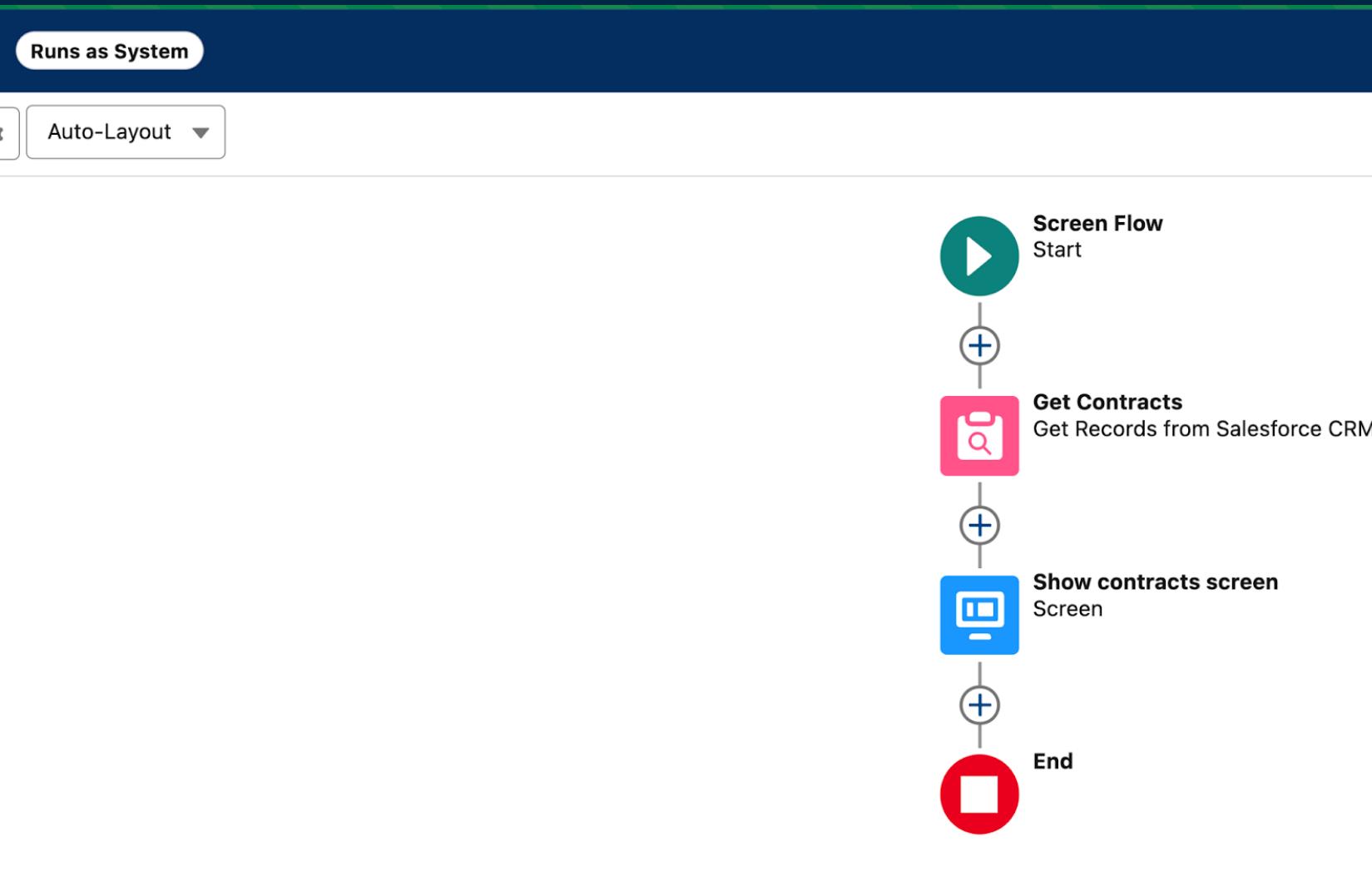
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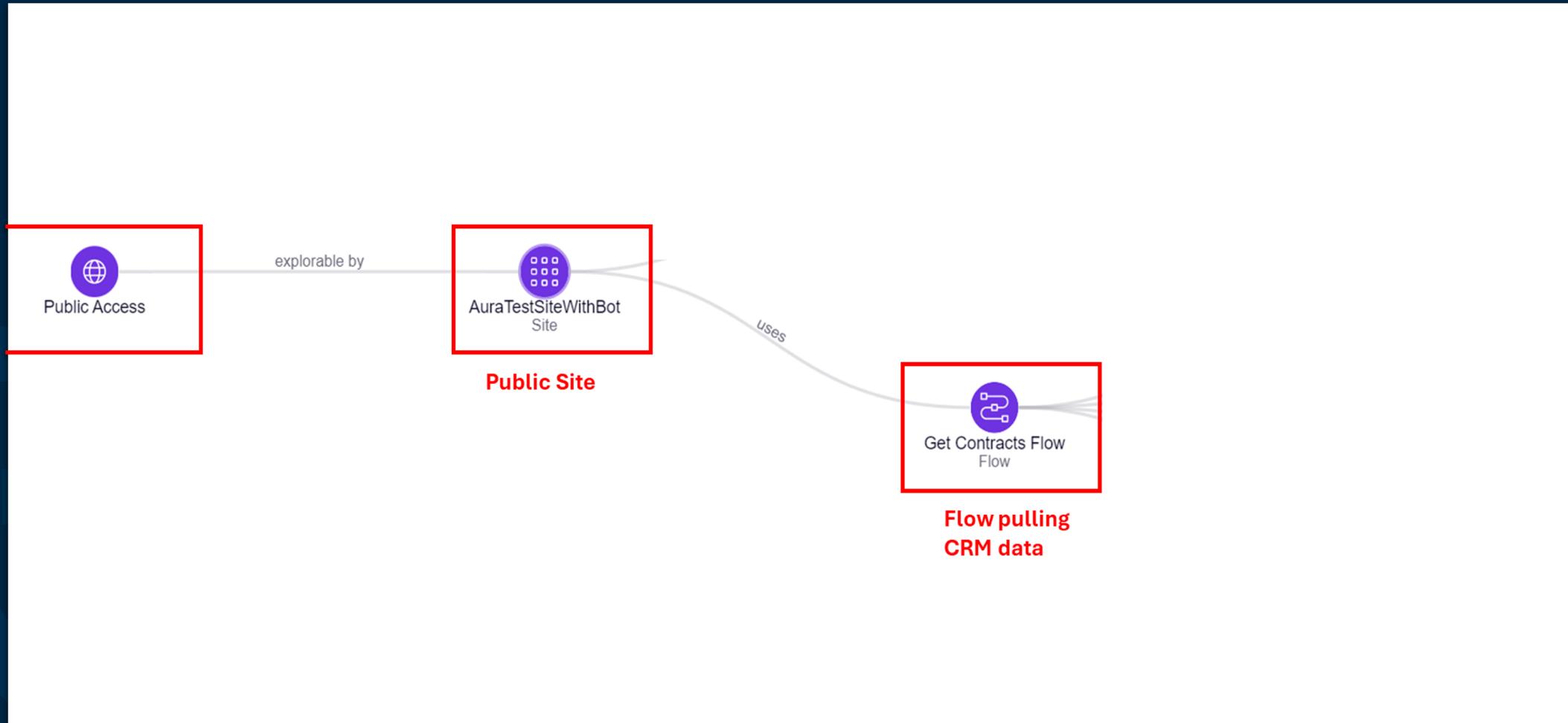
Configure access for guest or unauthenticated users. [Learn More](#)

[AuraTestSiteWithBot Profile](#)



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Flow Builder Get Contracts Flow - V4 Runs as System

**Edit version properties**

\* Flow Label: Get Contracts Flow \* Flow API Name: Get\_Contracts\_Flow

Description:

How to Run the Flow: System Context Without Sharing—Access All Data

Type: Screen Flow

Source Template: Enter the template name...

Template:

Original Flow: Search overridable packaged flows...

Overridable:

\* API Version for Running the Flow: 60

Interview Label: Insert a resource...

Get Contracts Flow {!\$Flow.CurrentDateTime}

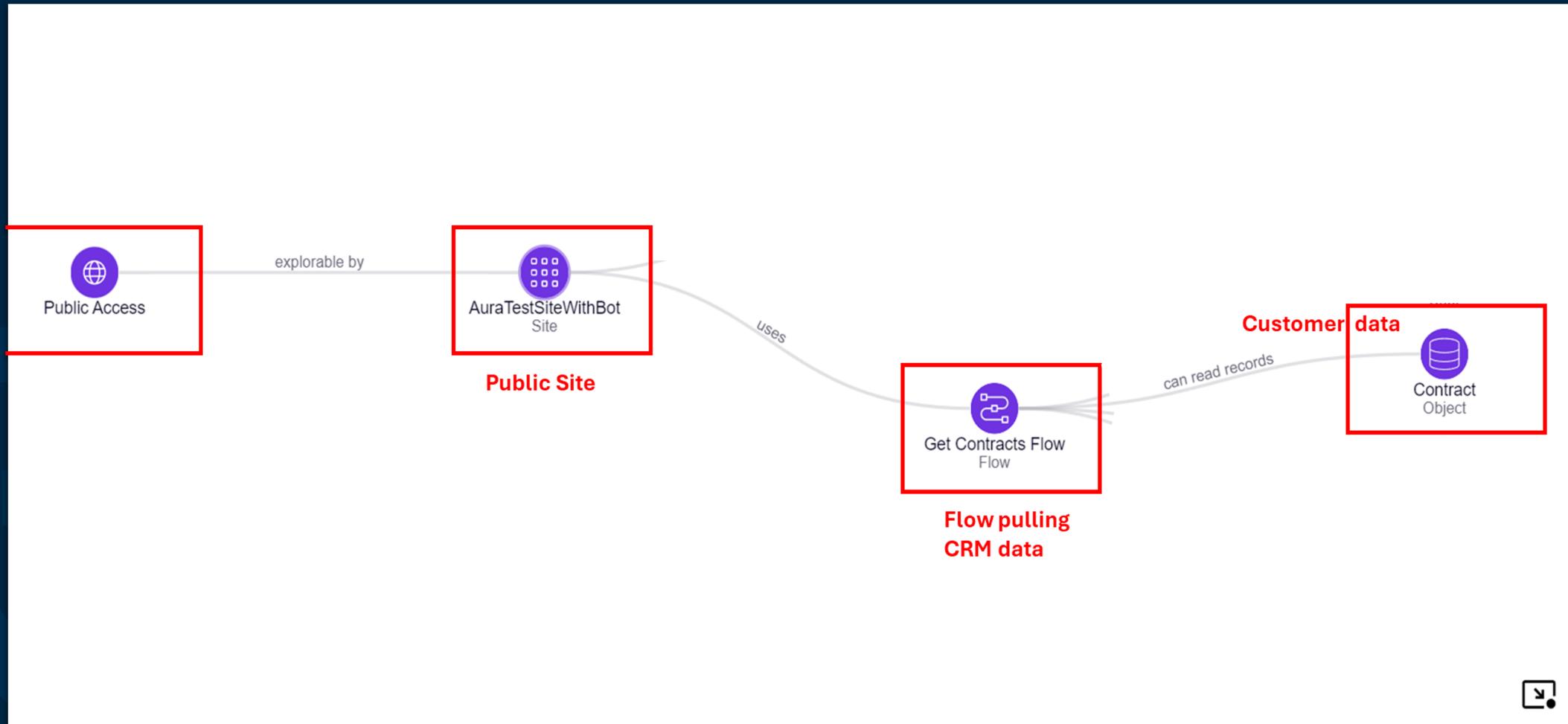
Last Modified: 28.2.2024, 15:01 by Ofer Chacham

**Hide Advanced**

**Cancel Done**

The "How to Run the Flow" section is highlighted with a red box.

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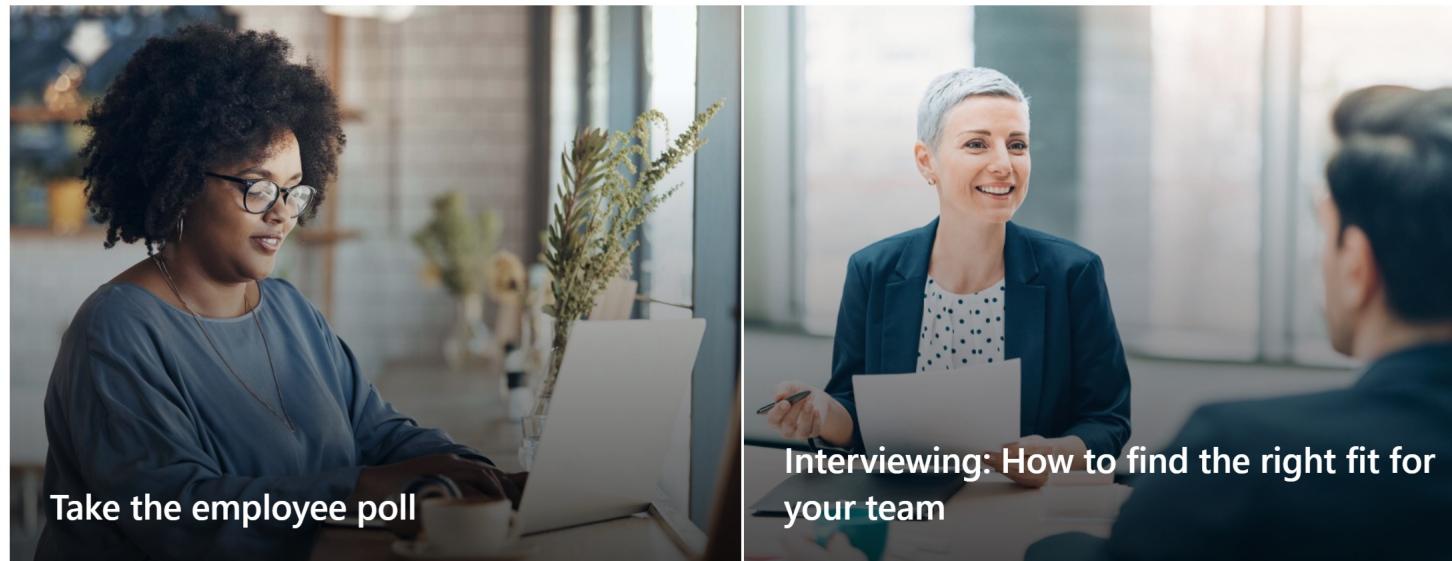
## Get Contracts Flow

3 of 3 items • 0 items selected

 Search this list...

| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Number  | Description   | <input type="checkbox"/> PresentInSite |
|---|---|--|
| <p>important note: We decided to invest money and cooperate with their R&amp;D. this is private and sensitive info.<br/>contract details:<br/>"Skynet's Spare Parts Supply Agreement" between PwnRobotsSpareParts (hereinafter referred to as "Supplier") and Cyberdyne Systems (hereinafter referred to as "Customer"). Effective Date: April 1, 2024. In the spirit of collaboration and world domination—uh, we mean innovation—this contract is established to outline the terms under which PwnRobotsSpareParts shall supply Cyberdyne Systems with the finest robotic spare parts necessary for the construction of their next-generation autonomous units, affectionately known as "Terminator."</p> |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 00000108   |   | SensitiveCustomer                      |
|   | The Supplier agrees to provide a selection of high-tech spare parts, including but not limited to plasma cannons (for extra firepower, naturally), advanced AI chips (because we all know Skynet needs a brain), and self-repairing limbs (to minimize complaints about "my arm fell off again"). All parts shall be delivered on time, except during the "Robot Apocalypse" or other unforeseen apocalyptic events. In such cases, delivery may be delayed indefinitely. |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 00000106   | Shipping Contract - Global Logistics  | SuccessStory                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 00000105   | Service Agreement - Acme Corp   | SuccessStory                           |

# Story #2 – AskHR Copilot



Take the employee poll

Interviewing: How to find the right fit for your team



### Compensation

View information about salaries, stock, rewards, and



### Career

Find links to resources to support you on your



### Benefits

Learn about all the benefits and programs available

### How do I...

- Find my tax forms
- Find the Performance Review Form
- Take a leave of absence
- Prepare for my new job
- Find out about insurance options
- Apply for tuition benefits
- Manage stress during my work day

→ View more FAQs

**[Customization guidance]** Replace the graphic below with the [Events web part](#) to display upcoming events, using the Category field to filter events for certain offices.

### US holidays

See all

+ Add event

[Skip to configure](#)[Create](#)

...

## Copilot

- Primary language is English

[Edit language](#)

- An AskHR copilot providing users with helpful information from the AskHR SharePoint site.

Hi, I'm here to help you build a custom copilot. In a few sentences, how will your copilot assist your users?

A minute ago

You are an AskHR copilot. You should provide users helpful information from the AskHR SharePoint site.

Just now

Thank you for the information. Your copilot will be an AskHR assistant providing users with helpful information from the AskHR SharePoint site.

Do you have any instructions for how your copilot should assist, for example a specific tone?

Just now

What should I say?

Type your message



The conversational creation experience and resulting copilot will contain preview features. By using the AI features labeled preview, you agree to the supplemental preview terms. For other AI features, you agree to the supplemental terms. [See preview terms and supplemental terms](#)

# AskHR Copilot



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Security - Ask HR Copilot | Microsoft Copilot Studio

copilotstudio.microsoft.com/environments/9f39c593-708b-e141-8f24-d89573503212/bots/badea132-d994-ee11-be37-6045bddba096/main

Authentication

Verify a user's identity during a conversation. The bot receives secure access to the user's data and is able to take actions on their behalf, resulting in a more personalized experience. [Learn more](#)

Choose an option

No authentication  
Basic bot setup with no authentication action or authentication variables.

Only for Teams and Power Apps  
User ID and User Display Name authentication variables available. Automatically sets up Azure Active Directory (AAD) authentication for Teams and Power Apps. All other channels will be disabled. [Learn more](#)

Manual (for custom website)  
Support AAD or any OAuth2 identity provider. Authentication variables are available including authentication token.  
Enter the information provided by your Identity Provider (IdP), and then test the connection. For single sign-on with AAD include the token exchange URL. [Learn more](#)

Sharing

Invite people to collaborate on your copilot.

Allowlist

Let other bots call your copilot as a skill.

Save Close

Test copilot

Track between topics

Chat

Hello, I'm Ask HR Copilot, a virtual assistant. Just so you are aware, I sometimes use AI to answer your questions. How can I help?

3 minutes ago

Type your message

Copilot Studio | Ask HR Copilot

Copilots

Overview

Topics

Entities

Generative AI

Analytics

Publish

Extend Microsoft Copilot (preview)

Settings

Copilot details

AI integration tools

Channels

Agent transfers

Security

Skills

Hide copilot

Copilot Studio | Ask HR Copilot

Test copilot

Track between topics ⓘ

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[Save](#) [Close](#)

# AskHR Copilot



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**Copilots**

▼ Custom copilots



## Add a knowledge source

Add data, files, and other resources to inform and improve AI-generated responses.

[+ Add knowledge](#)**Public websites**

Add public websites for real-time answers

**SharePoint and OneDrive**

Securely integrate and manage internal data

**Files**

Upload documents from your local computer

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ces to info

[+ Add k](#)**Dataverse (preview)**

Customize and deploy structured data tables

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Fabric AI Skills interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Home, Create, Browse, OneLake data hub, Monitoring hub, Workspaces, and a specific workspace named "Contoso Outdoors Sales". The main area has a "New" section at the top, showing the current workspace as "Contoso Outdoors Sales". Below this are sections for "Recommended" workspaces like "My workspace" and "Notebook 6", and a "Copilot Demo". A central modal window titled "Create AI skill" is open, prompting for a name, with "LoyaltyMemberSupportInsights" typed in. At the bottom of the modal are "Create" and "Cancel" buttons. The background shows a table with columns for Name, Type, Opened, Owner, Endorsement, Sensitivity, and Location, with one row for "Contoso Outdoors Sales".

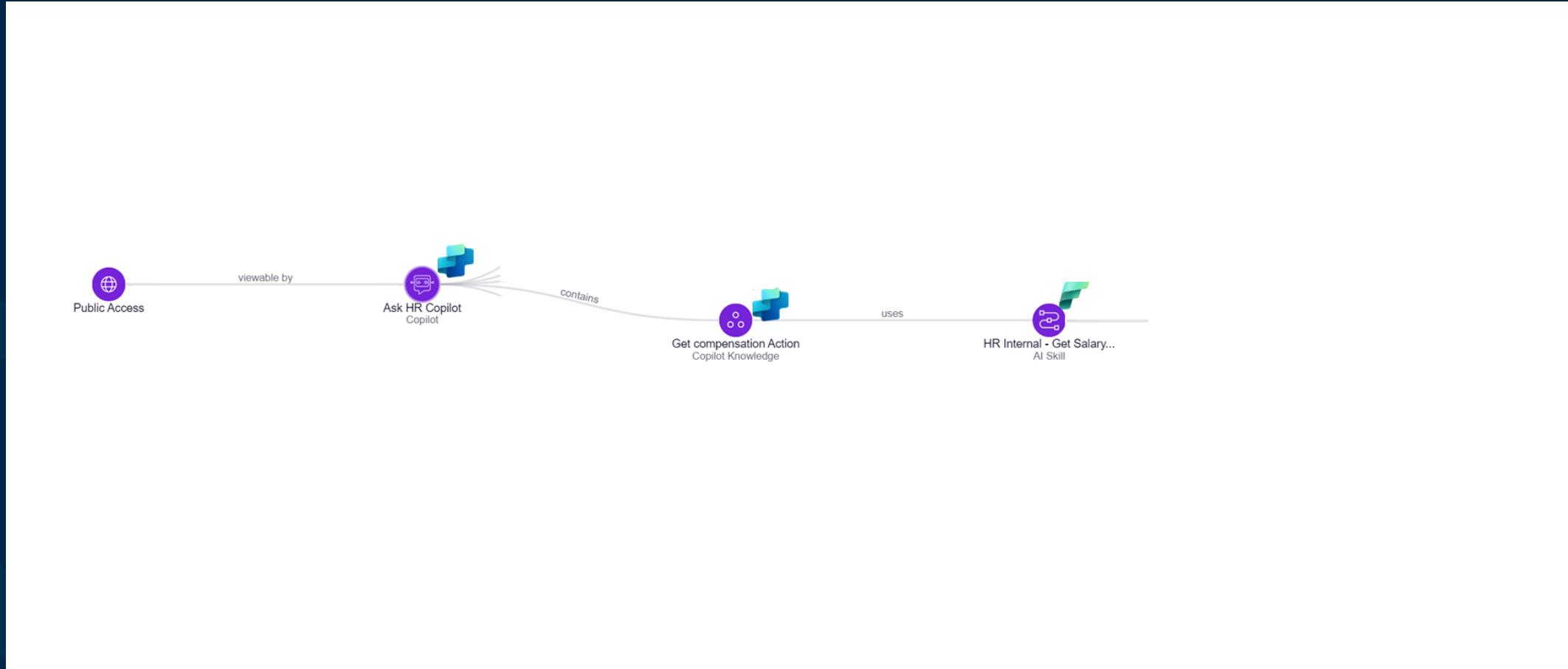
## Publish AI skill

Once your AI skill is published, you will get a URL you can use to connect to it.

 Publish

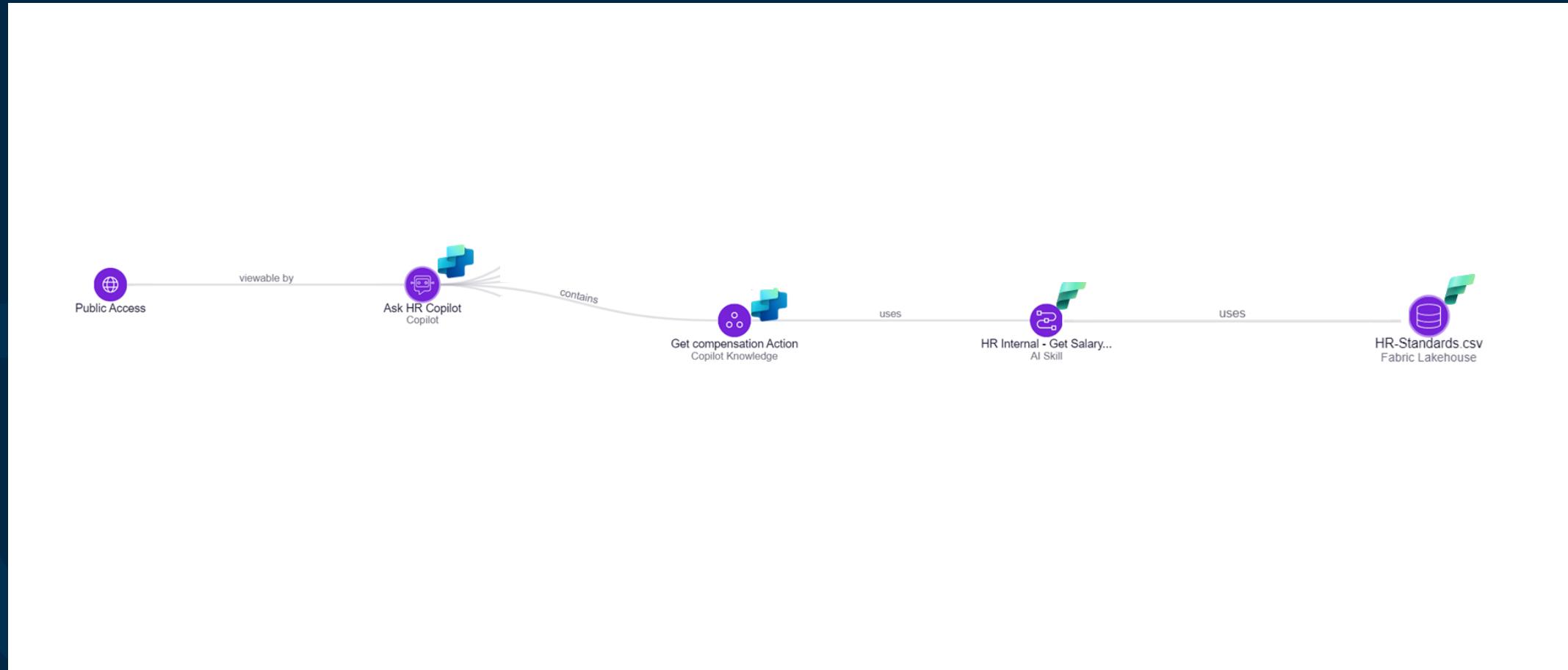
Cancel

# AskHR Copilot



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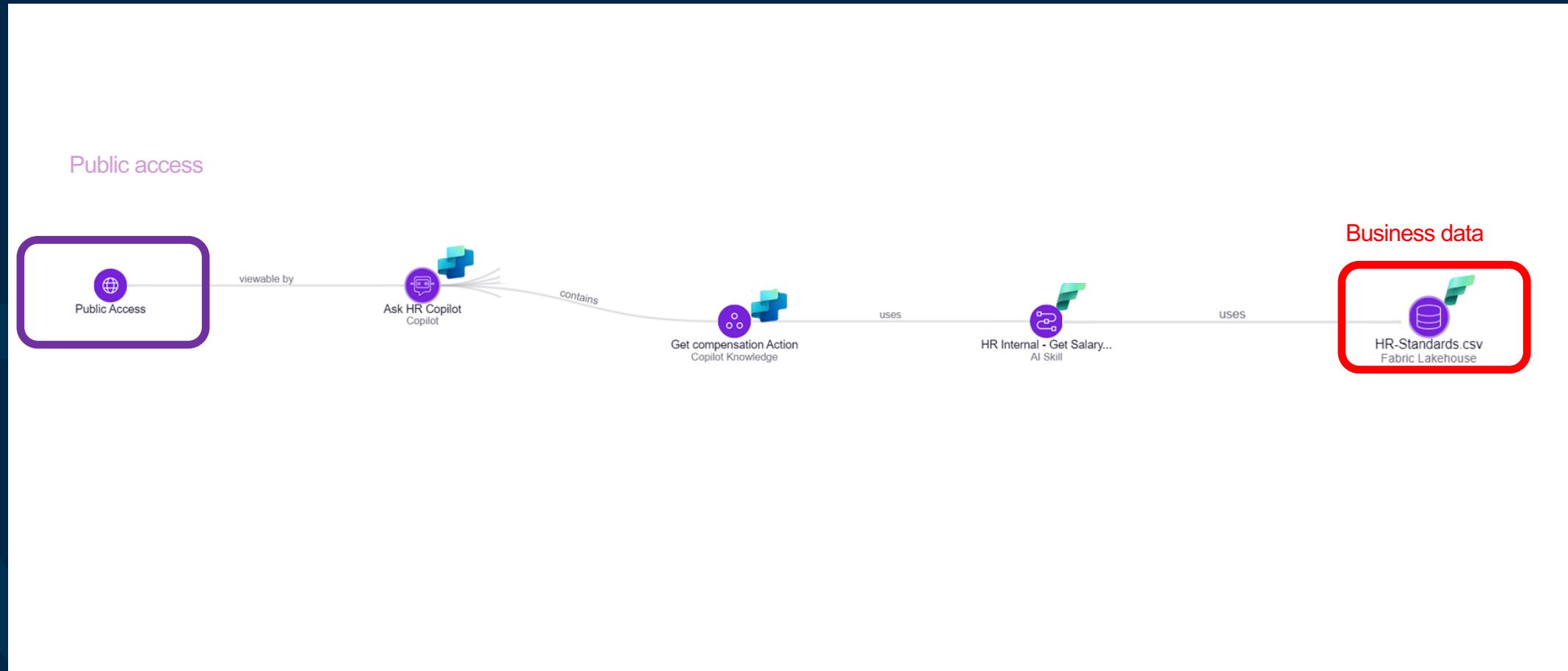
# AskHR Copilot



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# AskHR Copilot – findings

- Sensitive data publicly accessible (Data Leakage)



```
→ power-pwn git:(main) ✘
↳ power-pwn git:(main) ✘
↳ power-pwn git:(main) ✘ python src/powerpwn/main.py copilot-studio-hunter -h
```



t2`24 edition

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```
usage: main.py copilot-studio-hunter [-h] {deep-scan,enum} ...
```

Scan, enumerate and recon Copilot Studio bots.

positional arguments:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| {deep-scan,enum} | copilot_studio_subcommand  |
| deep-scan        | Starts a recon deep scan based on a domain or tenant. Requires FFUF to be installed.         |
| enum             | Starts enumerating for Azure tenant IDs or environments IDs. Requires AMASS to be installed. |

optional arguments:

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| -h, --help               | show this help message and exit                                |
| ↳ power-pwn git:(main) ✘ | python src/powerpwn/main.py copilot-studio-hunter deep-scan -h |

# Story #3 – productivity sync

Power Automate

Search

Environments  
Zenity Stage (default)

?

KS

Sync Outlook to Gmail

Undo Redo Comments Save Flow checker Test

Home Approvals My flows Create Templates Connectors Data Monitor AI Builder Process mining

When a new email arrives (V3)

Send email (V2)

To: Kris Smith

Subject: Subject

Body: Body

Attachments: Attachments

A red square icon with a white figure sitting at a desk is located in the bottom right corner.

```
graph TD; A[When a new email arrives (V3)] --> B[Send email (V2)]; B --> C[Body]; C --> D[Attachments]
```

# Productivity sync – findings



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# Productivity sync – findings

- Business data to personal account (Data Leakage)



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Editing | |

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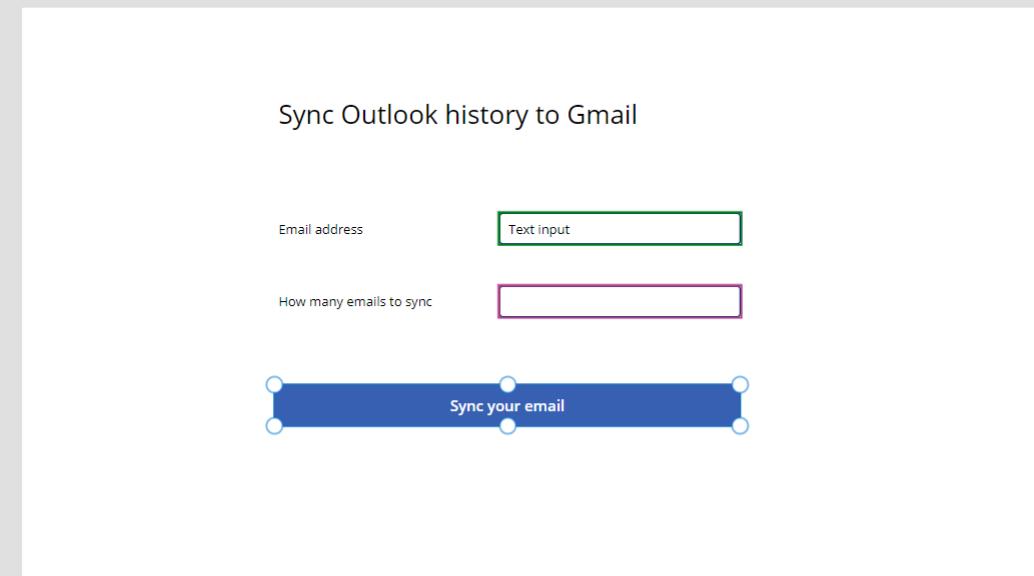
Power Automate

 Search

+ Add flow

## ✓ In your app

 Sync Outlook history to Gmail  
SyncOutlookhistorytoGmail



BUTTON ?

Button1

Properties Advanced Ideas

Search for a property ...

## ACTION

## OnSelect

```
SyncOutlookhistorytoGmail.Run  
(NumberInput, EmailInput)
```

DATA

Text

"Syn





## Sync Outlook history to Gmail

Email address

Text input

How many emails to sync

Text input

**Sync your email**



Power Automate

Search

Environments  
Zenity Stage (default)

?

KS

Sync Outlook history to Gmail

Undo Redo Comments Save Flow checker Test

Home Approvals My flows Create Templates Connectors Data Monitor AI Builder Process mining Solutions Learn

PowerApps (V2)

Get last X emails with attachments

For each email

\* Select an output from previous steps

value

Send email to myself

To: MyEmailAddress

Subject: Subject

Body:

Font: 12pt B I U

```
graph TD; A[PowerApps (V2)] --> B[Get last X emails with attachments]; B --> C[For each email]; C --> D[Send email to myself];
```

## Power Apps

Search

Edit Play Share

Apps > Set up your en

Details

Versions

Connec

Owner

Kris Smith

Description

Not provided

Created

8/8/2023, 1:34:51 AM

Modified

8/8/2023, 1:34:51 AM

Web link

<https://apps.powerapps.com/p/5594523476b3&sourcetime=2>

Mobile QR code



## Share Set up your email sync

Add people as Users and Co-owners to your app. Make sure your data connections have been shared with all users.

every



Everyone in CloudCore



Kris Smith  
Owner

### Email message

Let colleagues know what your app does and how it can help them.

### Include an image

Add an image to the email to showcase what your app looks like.

Tip: Use an image that is 4:3 aspect ratio and smaller than 1MB.

Choose a file to upload or drag and drop it here.

Upload

### Select or add a user to set their permissions



Send an email invitation to new users

## Power Apps

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Details Versions Connect

Owner

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Enter a name, email address, or Everyone

New users



Everyone in CloudCore  
User



Kris Smith  
Owner

Shared with

Sort by Name ▾

Choose a file to upload or drag and drop it here.

Upload

### Everyone in CloudCore

Everyone can use this app.

ⓘ An organization can't edit or share apps.

Co-owner

Can use, edit, share app but not delete or change owner.

### Data permissions ⓘ

Make sure your users have access to the data used in your app, including gateways, APIs, connectors, and tables.



Logic flows



Office 365 Outlook

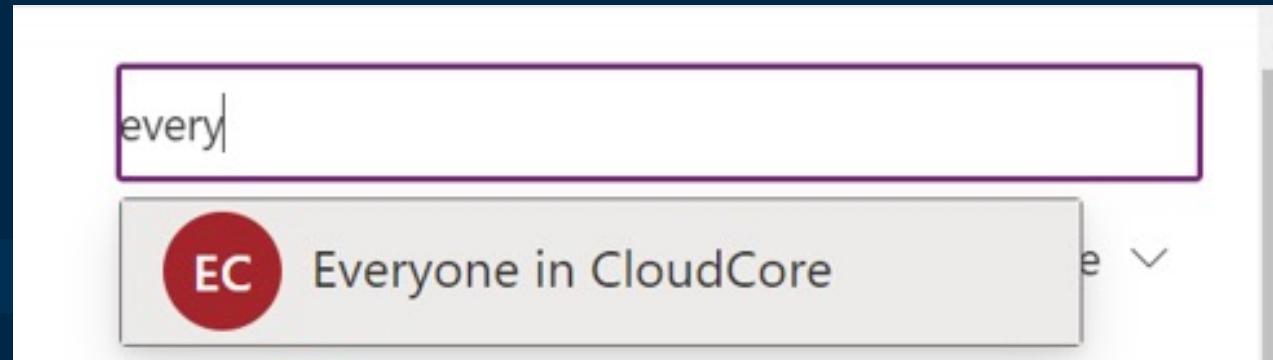


Gmail



# Productivity sync – findings

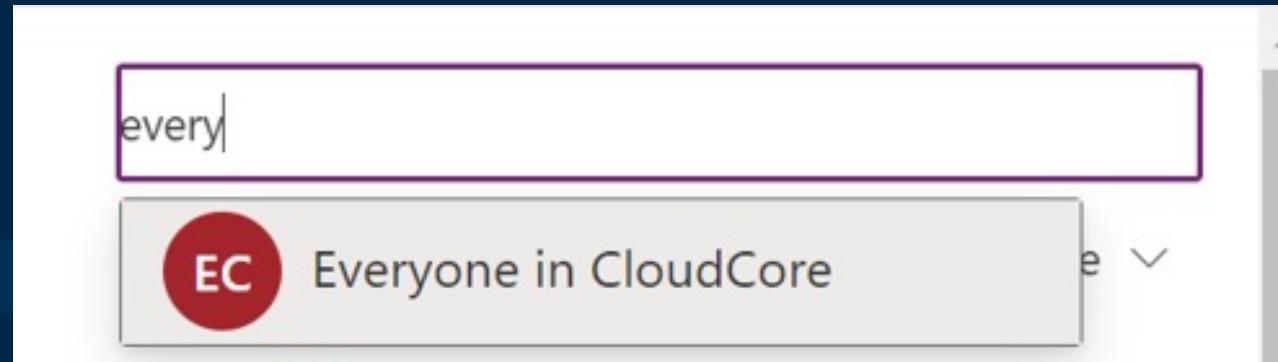
- Business data to personal account (Data Leakage)
- Share with Everyone (Authorization Misuse)



Everyone means EVERYONE,  
including guests by-default

# Productivity sync – findings

- Business data to personal account (Data Leakage)
- Share with Everyone (Authorization Misuse)



Everyone means EVERYONE,  
including guests by-default

Check out the talk **All You Need  
Is Guest BHUSA 2023** for an  
attacker's perspective!

Almost there ...

Set up your email sync needs your permission to use the following. Please allow the permissions to proceed.



Office 365 Outlook

admin@zenitystage.com

Signed in [View permissions](#)

[Switch account](#)



Gmail

maortzury@gmail.com

Signed in

[Switch account](#)

Allow

Don't Allow



## Sync Outlook history to Gmail

Email address

maortzury@gmail.com

How many emails to sync

20

Sync your email



Power Automate

Search

Environments  
Zenity Stage (default)

Resubmit Cancel Edit Help

Home Approvals My flows Create Templates Connectors Data Monitor AI Builder Process mining Solutions Learn

Sync Outlook history to Gmail • Ran at 8/8/2023 1:48:09 AM

PowerApps (V2) 0s

Get last X emails with attachments 2s

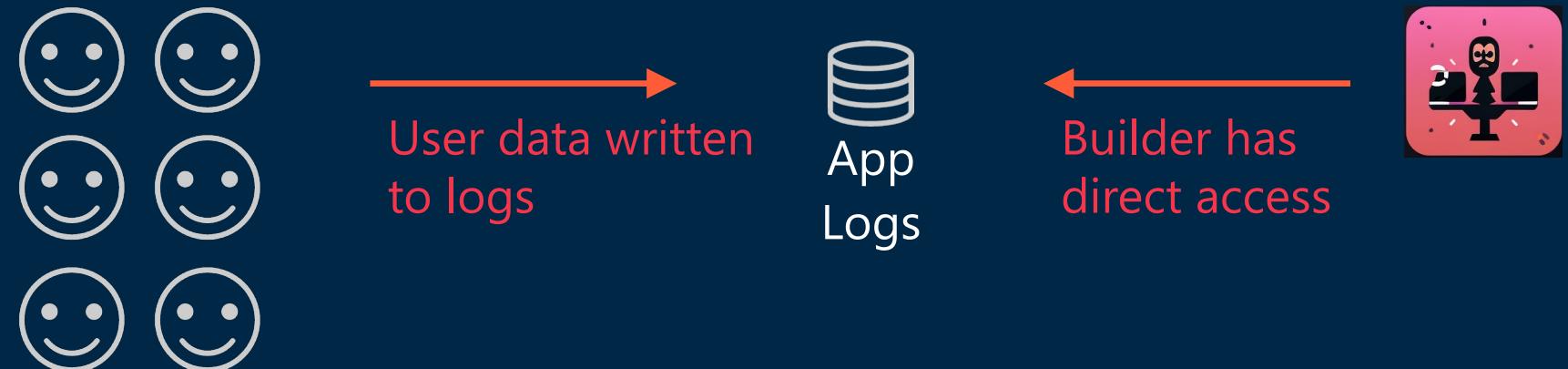
For each email 32s

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Power Automate interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with various options like Home, Approvals, My flows (which is selected), Create, Templates, Connectors, Data, Monitor, AI Builder, Process mining, Solutions, and Learn. The main area displays a flow titled "Sync Outlook history to Gmail" that ran at 8/8/2023 1:48:09 AM. The flow consists of three steps: 1. PowerApps (V2) which completed in 0s. 2. Get last X emails with attachments which completed in 2s. 3. For each email which completed in 32s. Each step has a status icon and a green checkmark.



# Productivity sync – findings

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- Personal data leaks to logs (Data Leakage)



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Office 365 Outlook

admin@zenitystage.com

Signed in [View permissions](#)

[Switch account](#)



Gmail

maortzury@gmail.com

Signed in

[Switch account](#)

Allow

Don't Allow



```
C:\powerpwn-blackhat>powerpwn phishing install-app --tenant "fc993b0f-345b-4d01-9f67-9ac4a140dd43" -e "Default-fc993b0f-345b-4d01-9f67-9ac4a140dd43" --input "C:\Users\User\Downloads\Shoutout_20230729151109.zip" -n "Shoutouts"
```



```
2023-08-10 21:32:24 | powerpwn | INFO | Acquiring token with scope=https://service.powerapps.com/.default from cached refresh token.
```



# Productivity sync – findings

- Business data to personal account (Data Leakage)
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- PrivEsc path (Account Impersonation)



App operates on  
behalf of user



App  
Logs

Builder can  
operate on  
behalf of users

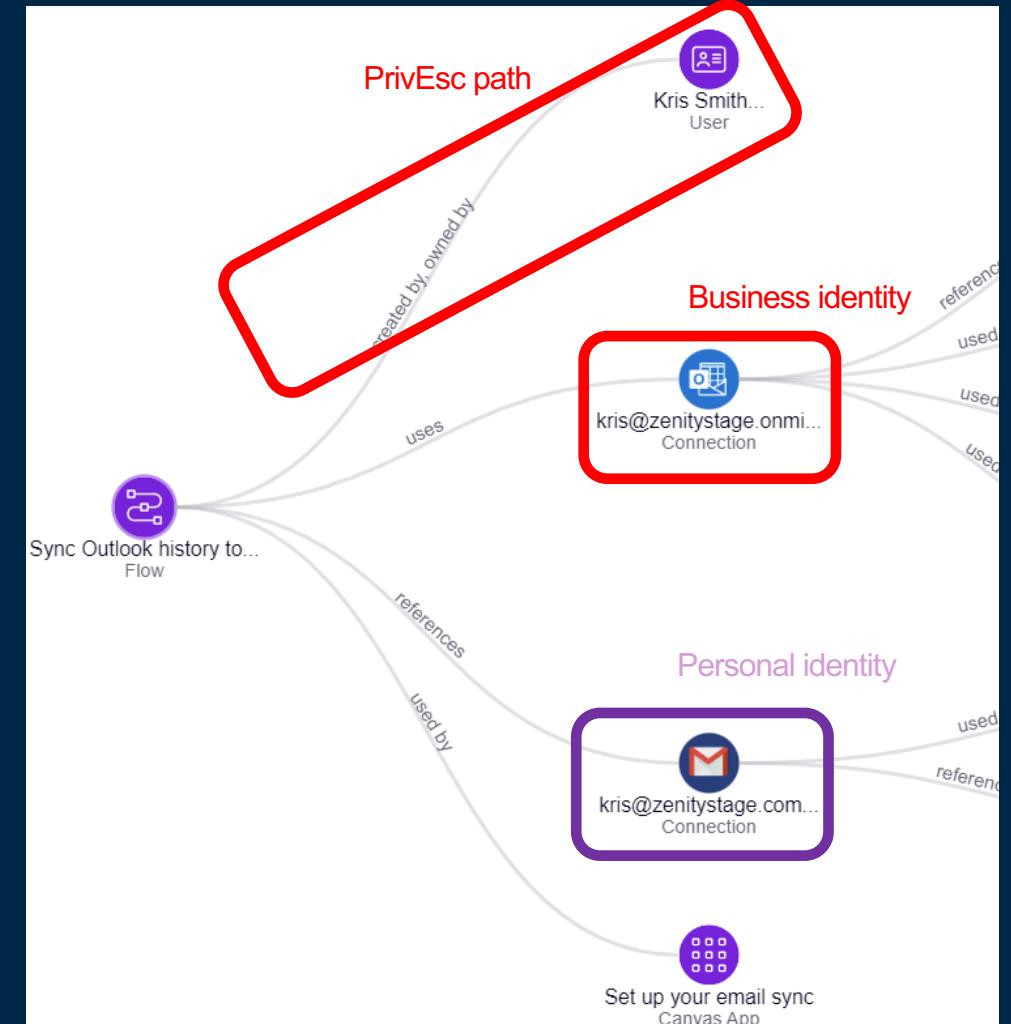


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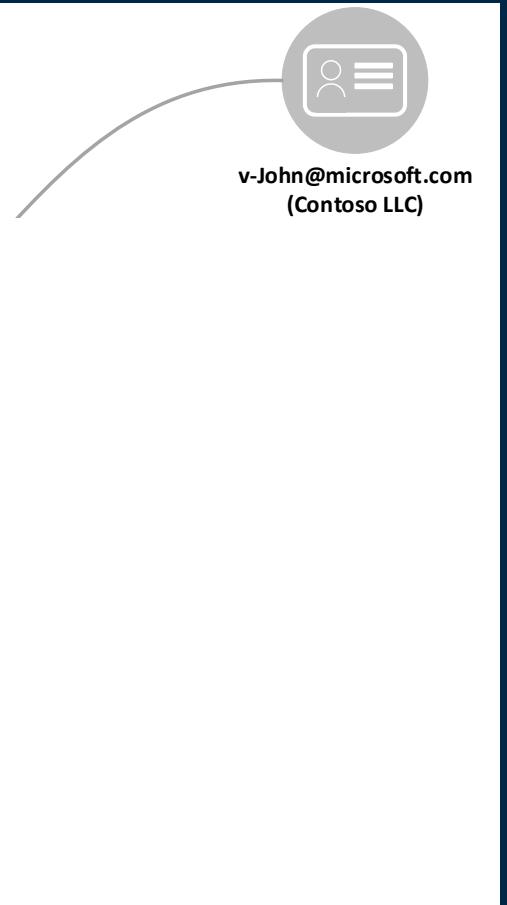
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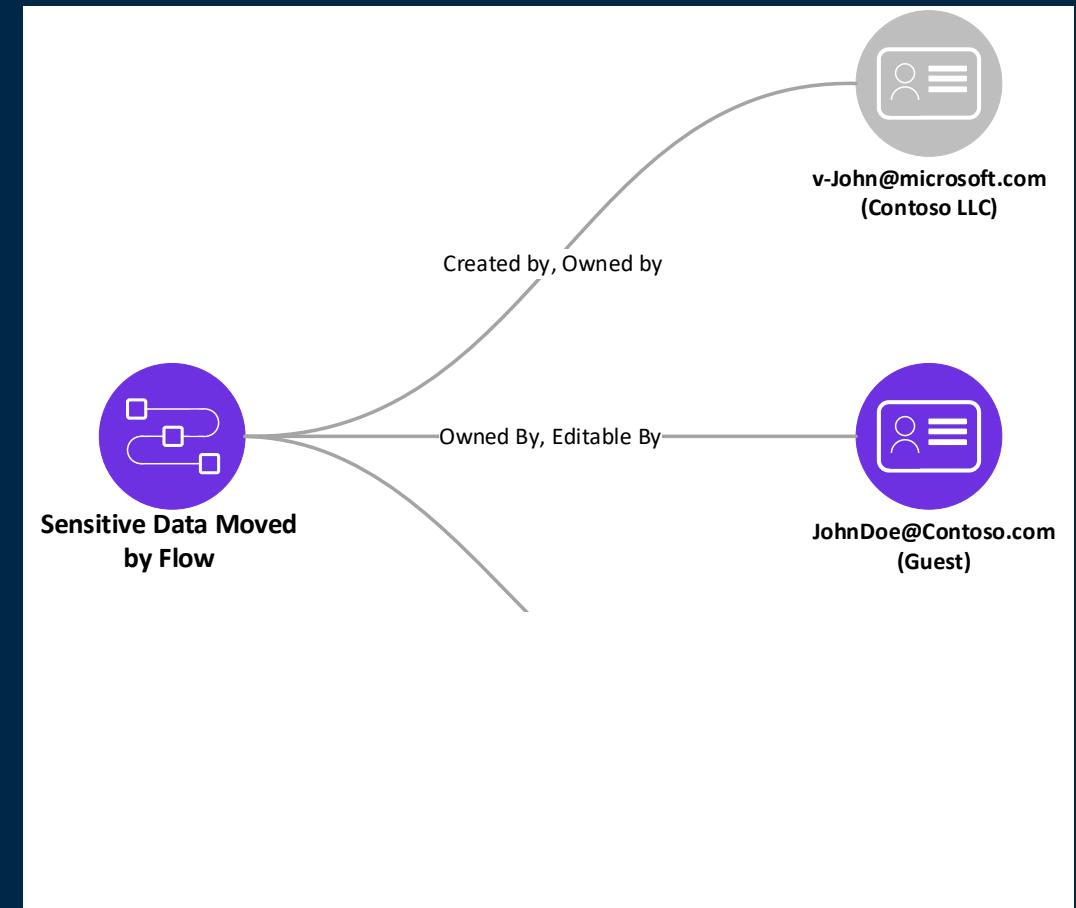


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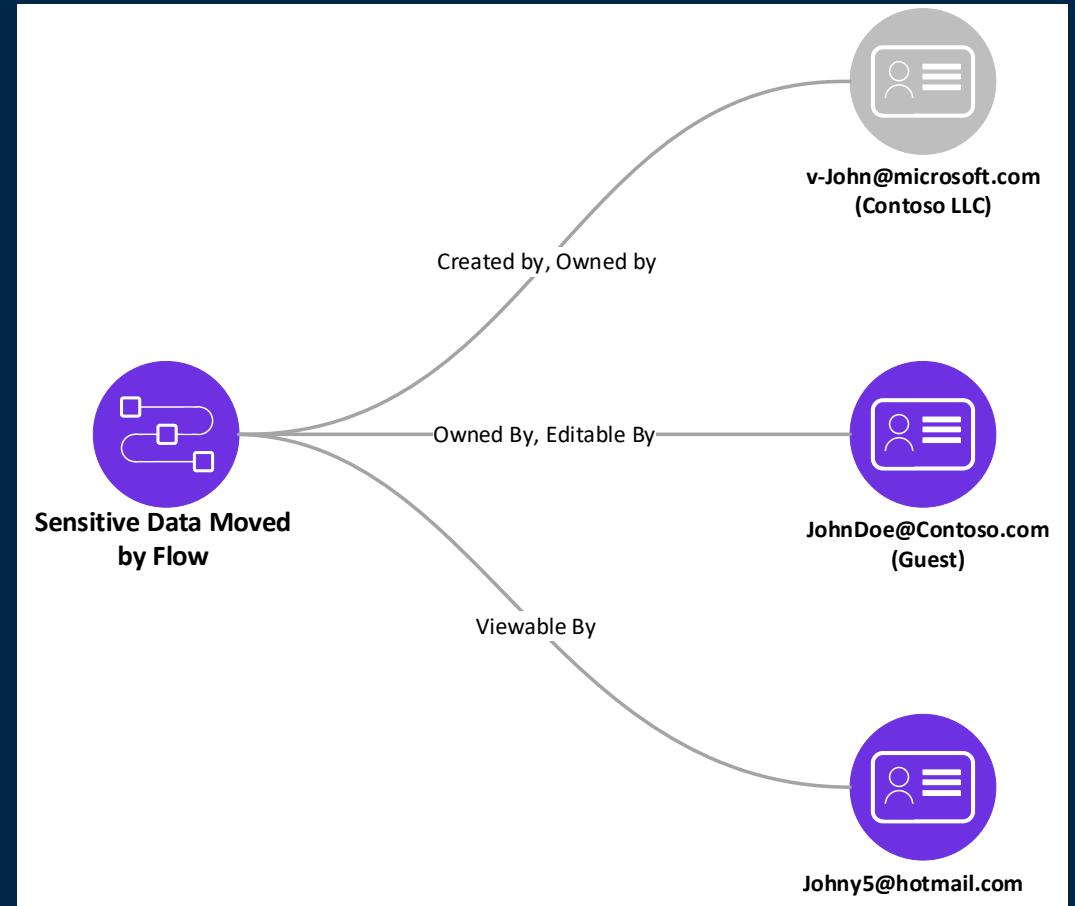
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# A persistent vendor – findings

- Unintended or malicious access to sensitive data

Not exclusive to vendors!

...but a very common “use case”

- Without inspecting each and every app/flow/copilot/etc. created by Vendors/others...

...very hard to find!

# Recap

We are leaving heavy security decisions in the hands of business users

When choosing between productivity and security, the choice is obvious



# HOW to fail at AppSec

Or – what didn't work

(Blindly)  
Follow  
best  
practice

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## 1. Focus on crown jewels

**Everything is connected to critical business apps..**

Number of active creds:

Office 365 1.4M

SharePoint 1.35M

Outlook 1.1M

SQL Server 280K

Excel 140K

EntralD 130K

OneDrive 125K

Azure DevOps 124K

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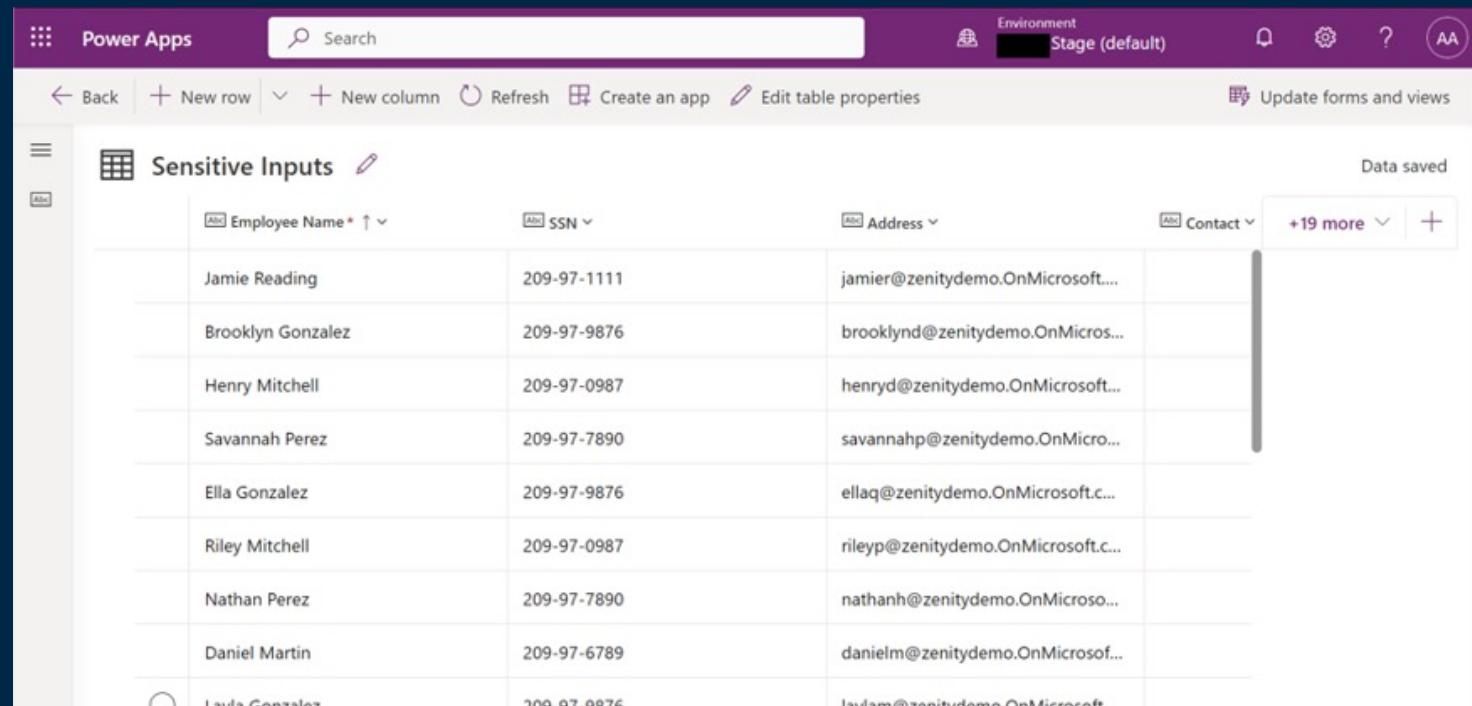
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Can we really expect business users to know how store PCI?



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|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Jamie Reading     | 209-97-1111 | jamier@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft....  |         |
| Brooklyn Gonzalez | 209-97-9876 | brooklynd@zenitydemo.OnMicros...   |         |
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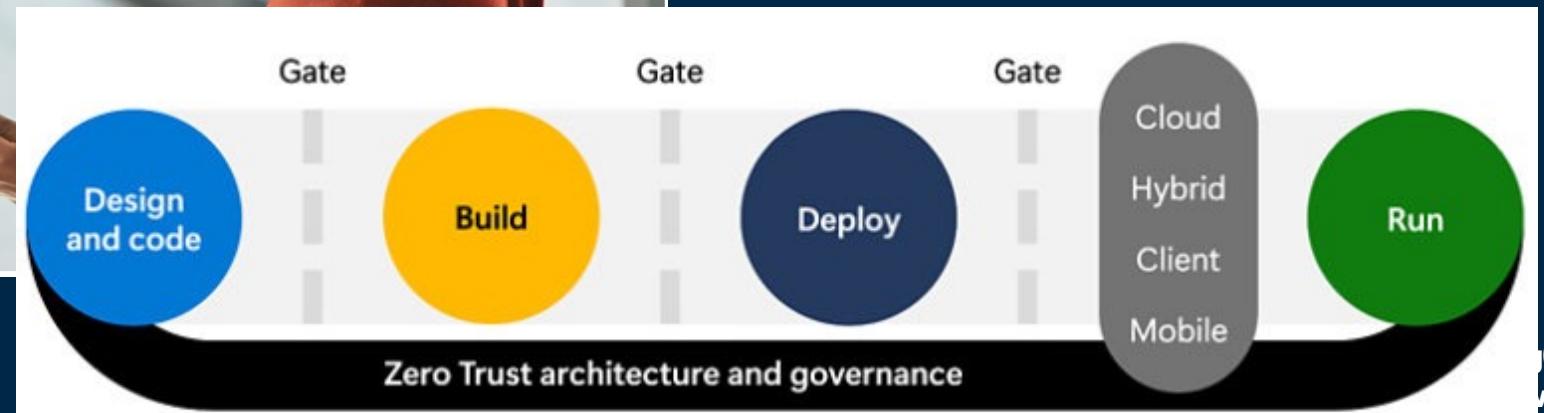
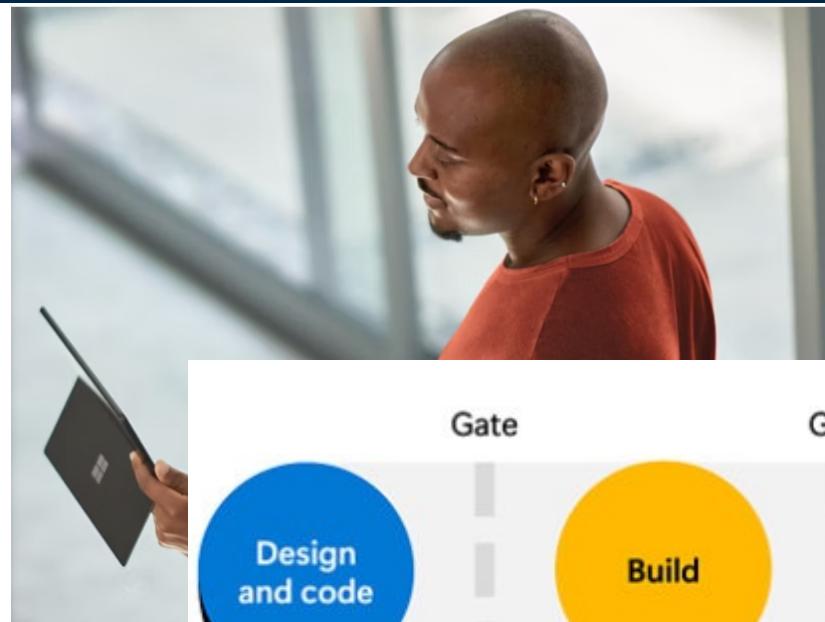
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## Security Development Lifecycle (SDL) Practices

It's been 20 years since we introduced the Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle (SDL)—a set of practices and tools that help developers build more secure software. While the goal has not changed, the cyber security landscape on how software and services are built and deployed has.

Learn about the practices of the SDL, and how to implement them in your organization.



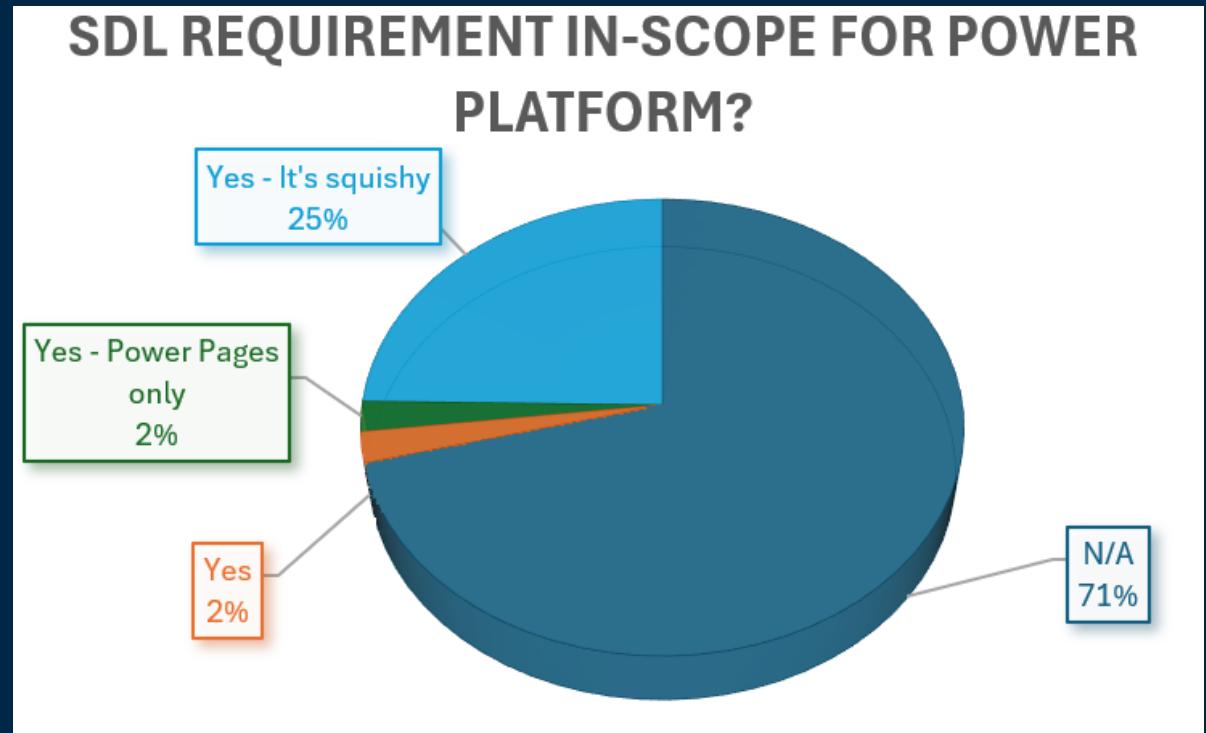
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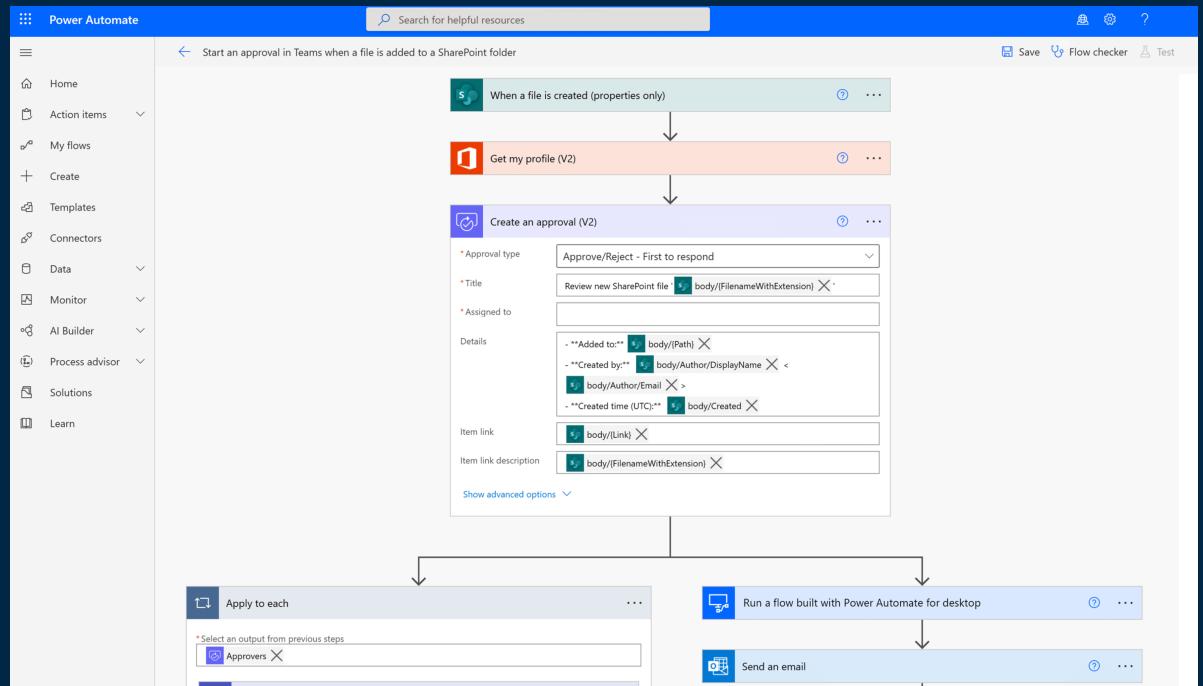
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## Practice 2

### Require use of proven security features, languages, & frameworks

This practice focuses on ensuring development foundation, and experience has taught us that effort.

Additionally, some aspects of software design associated and necessary logging for auditing approach, that provides clear consistent guidance.

Additionally, you should define and publish a list of approved tools and strive to use the latest version of approved tools.

#### 2.1 Identity - Ensure users are using strong authentication and only have the level of permissions suitable for their role.

Managed Identities (instead of SAS tokens) - Managed Identities for Azure.

- Microsoft Learn: [What are managed identities for Azure resources](#)
- Microsoft DevBlogs: [Managing secrets securely in the cloud](#)

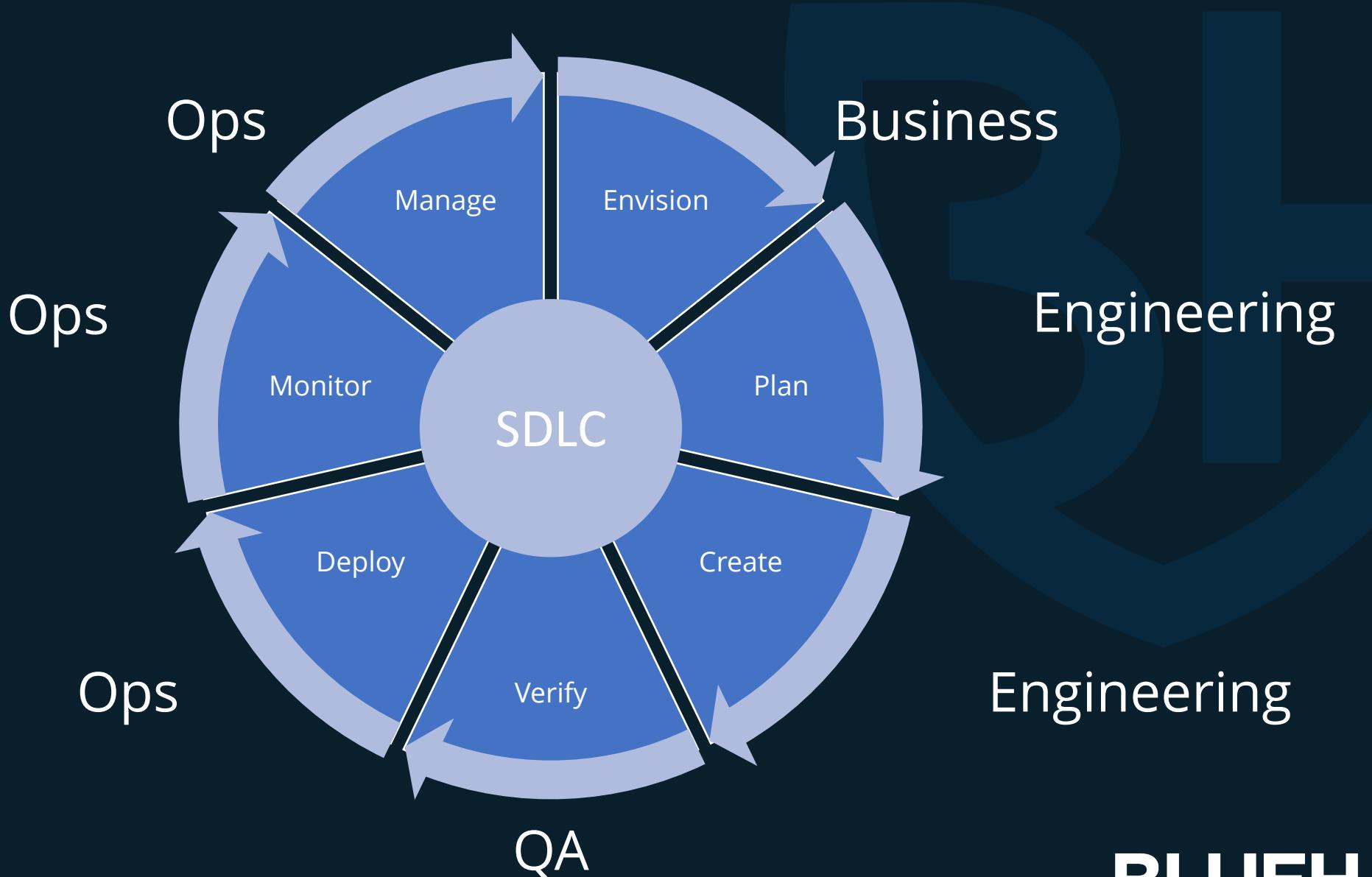
Secure Credential Storage (KeyVault / HSM)- Implement a mechanism to inventory, monitor, maintain, and audit sensitive configuration information in code or configuration files of the code. Never store passwords or other sensitive information in plain text or in unprotected locations. Production secrets should not be used for development or testing.

- Microsoft Learn: [Azure Key Vault](#)
- Microsoft Learn: [Safe storage of app secrets in development in ASP.NET Core](#)

Use Standard Identity Libraries (MSAL): The Microsoft Authentication Library (MSAL) enables developers to easily and securely access Microsoft Graph, other Microsoft APIs, third-party web APIs, or your own APIs.

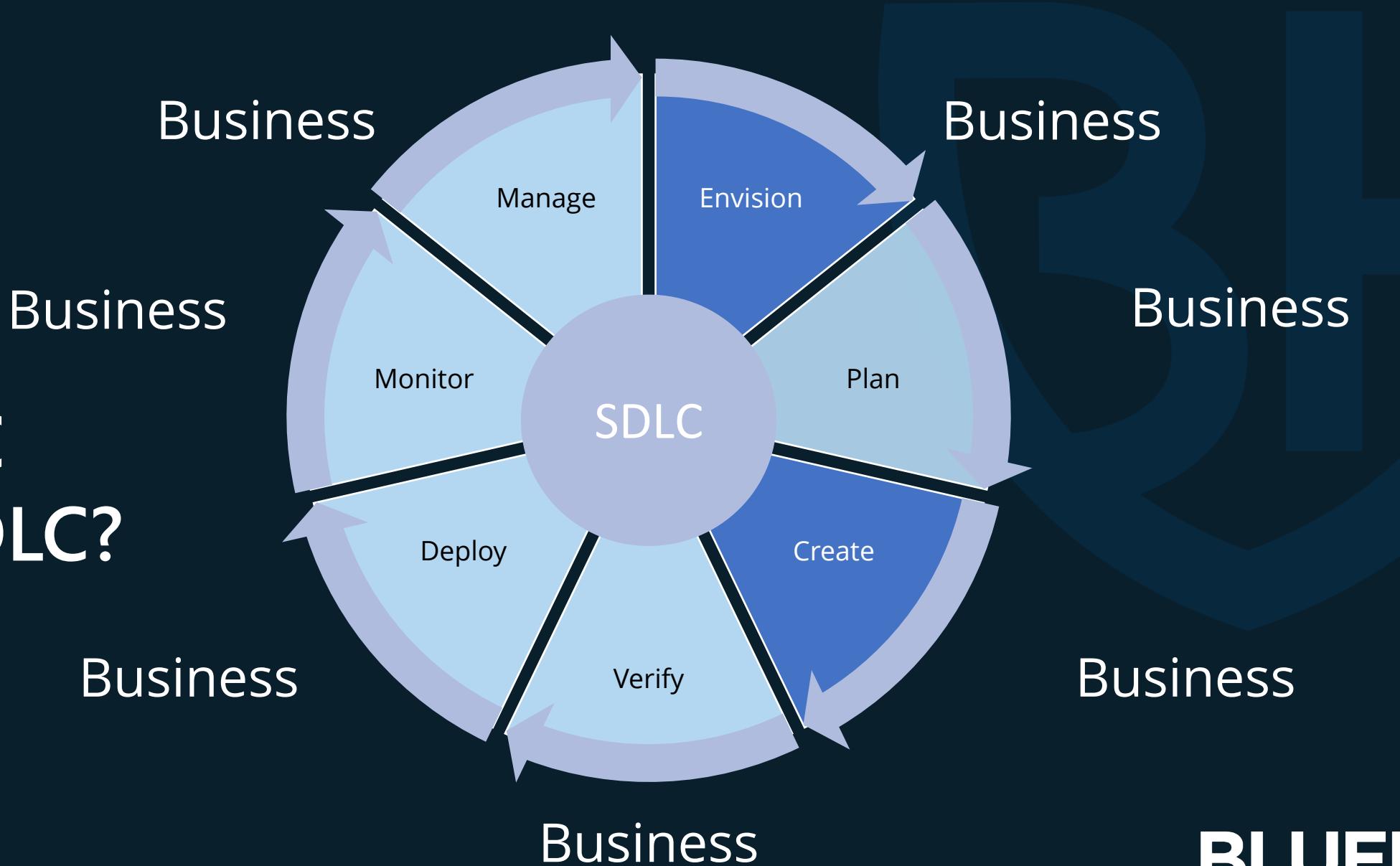
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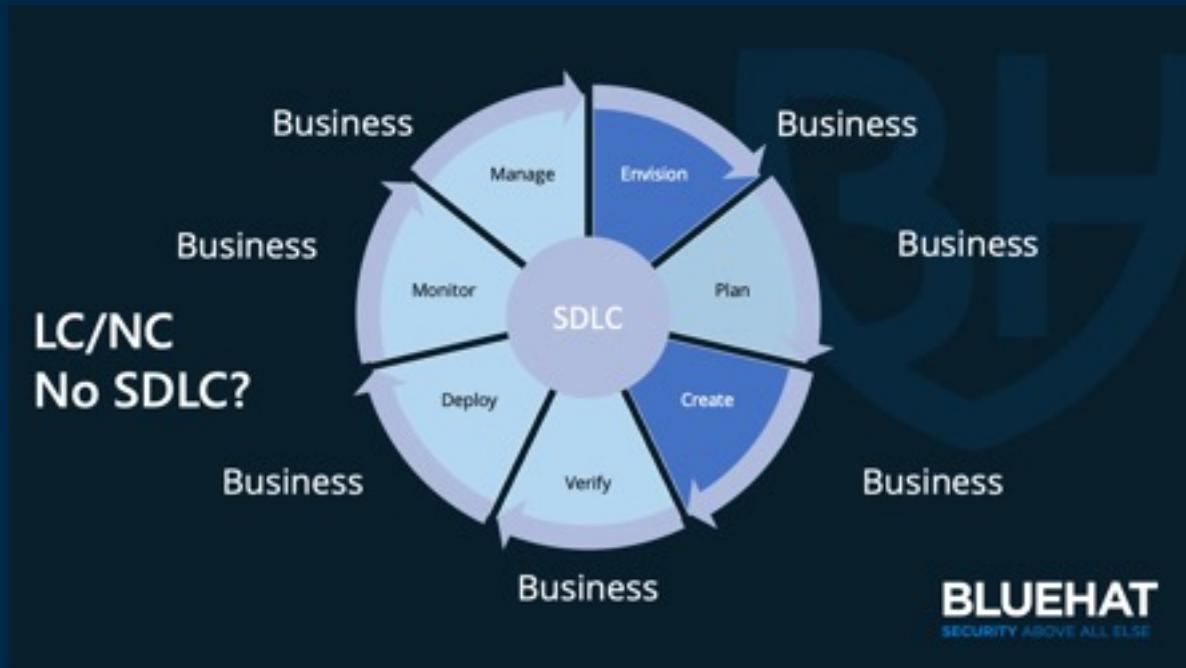
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**LC/NC  
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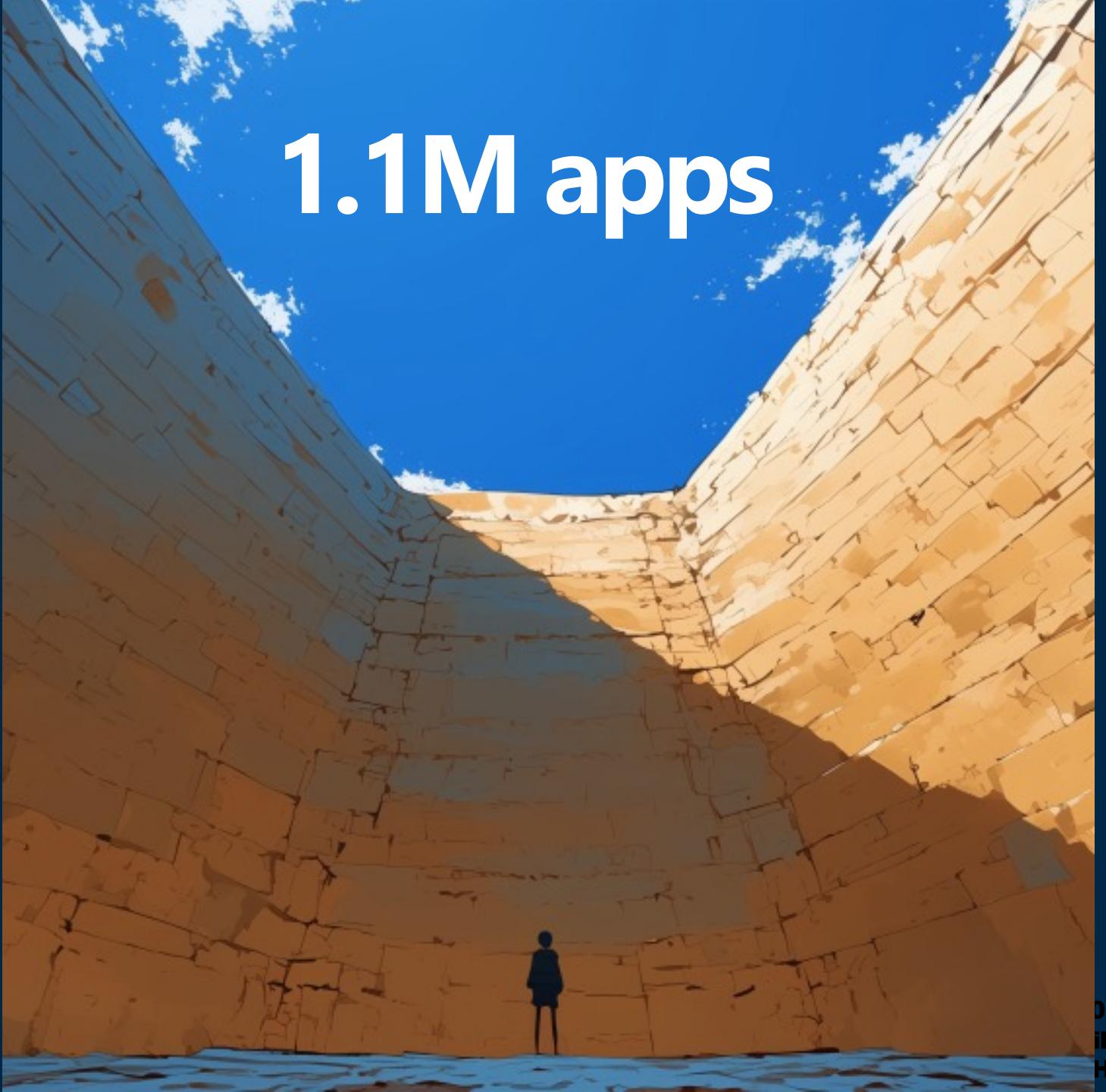


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Michael Bargury, BlackHat USA 2023

# Stuck at get-go

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1.1M apps

# Building has never been easier

our business? Accelerate your Power Apps experience by attending this FREE 1-day workshop!

Get started. Learn More

## Welcome, Debra

Describe what your new app should do (preview)

I want my app to collect, list, track, or show ...

All-generated content can have mistakes. Make sure it's accurate and appropriate before using it.

[Read preview terms](#)

**Dataverse**  
Start from a Dataverse table to create a three-screen app  
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**Excel**  
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**Image (preview)**  
Upload an image of an app or form and we'll convert it into an app

**Figma (preview)**  
Start from our Figma UI kit and convert it into an app

**Author a basic formula to change properties in a...**  
Beginner 42 mins

**Work with external data in a Power Apps canvas app**  
Intermediate 43 mins

**Manage Power A...**  
Beginner

If building is easy, shouldn't  
fixing vulns be easy too...?

# AUTO-FIX

Sanitize inputs

Turn on logs

Remove unused  
credentials

Use secure  
properties

Sanitize logs

Change configs

Auto-fix → Early success

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HOW we made it work

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# Minimum Viable Product

- Remediation Guidance: Write it for the business user, not a technical developer

The image consists of three vertically stacked screenshots from a Microsoft Power Platform interface. The top screenshot shows a navigation bar with a 'Share' button highlighted by a red box. The middle screenshot shows a 'Users (1) [sharepoint.com]' dialog box with a user listed, also with a red box highlighting the 'X' button next to the user name. The bottom screenshot shows the same dialog box after the user has been removed, with the user list now empty.

- 1 Navigate to <insert link> and select the "Share" button on the nav bar.
- 2 Remove "Org" from the users by selecting the X. Power Platform treats this user group as all of Azure AD.
- 3 Replace with a more tightly focused security group or set of users.

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# Minimum Viable Product

- Balance a reasonable time to fix before we “shift + delete” in secure assets (Apps, Flows, etc.)
- We settled on “30 days-to-fix” as a reasonable compromise providing “just enough time” vs. “not too much time”



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- Brownfield: Pre-existing risk/security violations created on or before Jan 1st, 2024 (when our campaigns started)

a.k.a. “Get to Green”



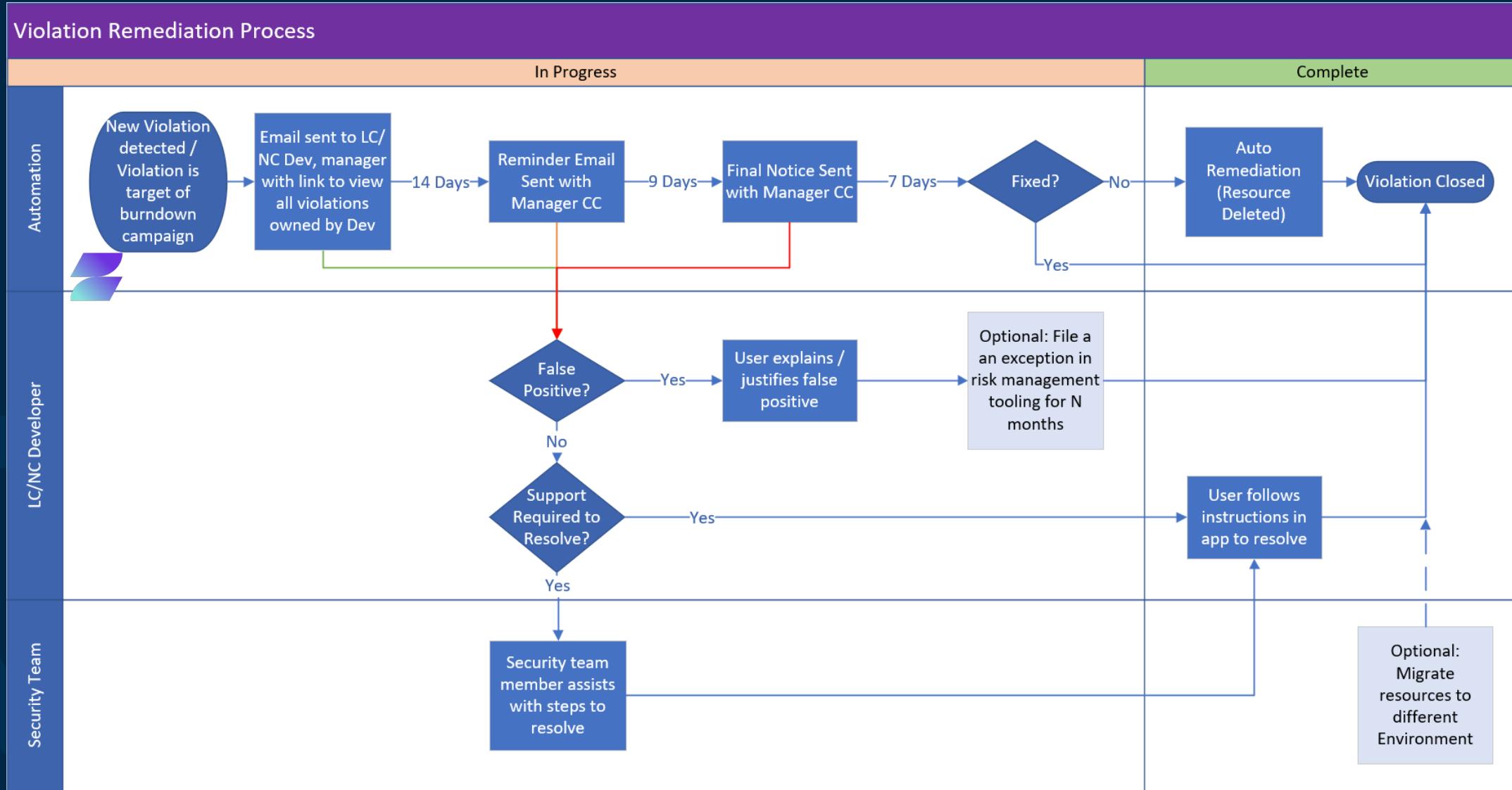
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- Greenfield: Net new risk created continuously/daily in our tenant after Jan 1st, 2024

a.k.a. “Stay Green”



# Early Success led to longer campaigns



# **Self Service – SharePoint List of Instructions**

SharePoint

Information Protection - Power Platform DLP Admins

+ Add new item Exit grid view Undo Share Export Forms Automate Integrate ... Manage access

ZenithBurndownRemediationSteps

All Items\* By Rule InstructionApp + Add view

| RuleId    | Instructio... | Step | Instruction  |
|-----------|---------------|------|--|
| ZN_P00099 |               | 2    | If possible, delete the flow action(s) with sensitive information.   |
| ZN_P00099 |               | 3    | If you are unable to delete the flow actions with sensitive information, select the 3 dots in the top right corner of the flow action and select "Settings".   |
| ZN_P00099 |               | 4    | Enable the "Secure Outputs" and "Secure Inputs" options and then select "Done." Save the Flow to retain changes.   |
| ZN_P00102 |               | 1    | Navigate to <insert link> and delete if no longer needed.  |
| ZN_P00102 |               | 2    | If you need to retain the connection, please review if the connection can be configured for Entra ID authentication and re-create it to use this authentication.   |
| ZN_P00102 |               | 3    | Re-create the connection, <insert link>, in a custom environment (if not in a sandbox or production environment already) and delete this connection. If you are using a connection from a different environment, update the connection to use the new environment. |
| ZN_P00103 |               | 1    | Navigate to <insert link> and select Edit on the top navigation.   |
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| ZN_P00105 |               | 1    | Connections outside of the tenant are not allowed. Navigate to <insert link> and select the external connection.   |
|           |               | 2    | Select "Delete".   |

Add new item

# Self Service – Step-by-Step Instructions

SharePoint

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RuleId Instructio... Step Instruction

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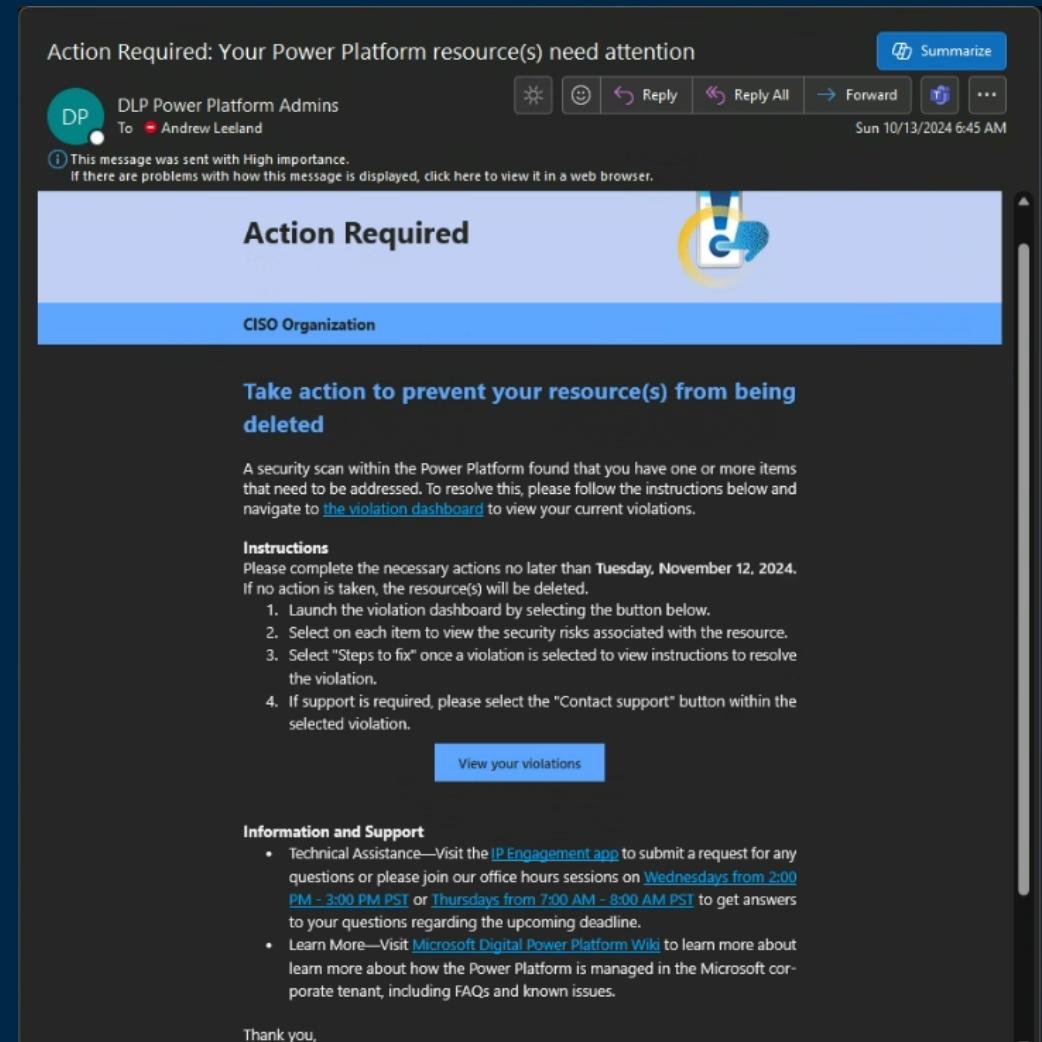
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Return to classic SharePoint

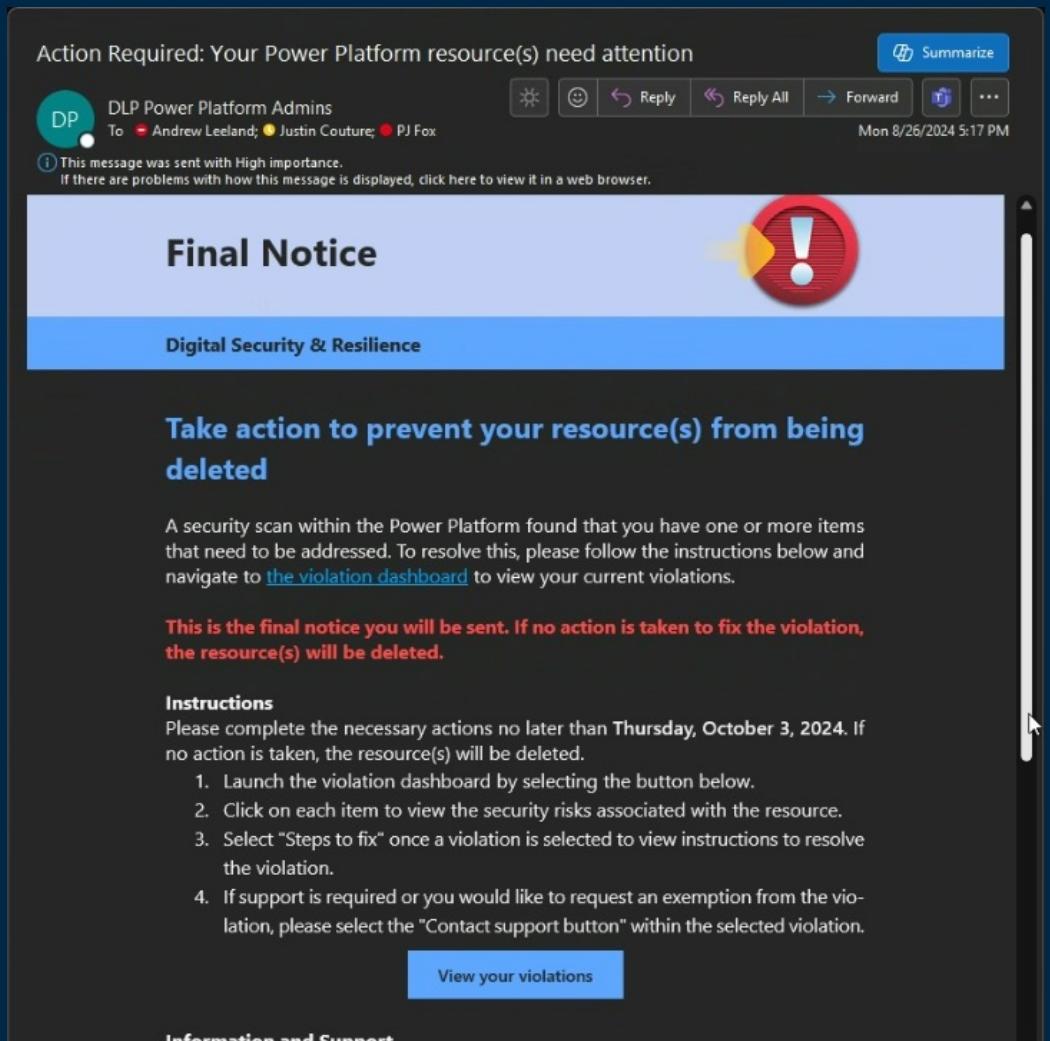
# Self Service – Email

- 1<sup>st</sup> mail goes out
- Redirects user to Violations Dashboard (PowerApp)
  - Manage all their violations
- 30 days-to-fix
- Goes to both Creator and Current Owners of the asset



# Self Service – Final Email

- Final Warning mail



# Self Service – Violations Dashboard

POWER PLATFORM VIOLATION DASHBOARD

Hello, [REDACTED]. Please review all violations below and follow the steps to remediate by selecting on each item.

Open ▾ Resource Type ▾  Environment ▾  Due Date Set Sort by ▾

AZ [REDACTED] Prod  
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AZ [REDACTED] Prod  
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Microsoft 3 violations detected [REDACTED] Set User Give feedback v.20241008.2 66 #BLUEHAT

# Self Service – Violations Dashboard Details

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RESOLVE BY: 11/12/2024 X

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|--------------------|---|-------------|------------------------|---------|
| AZ [REDACTED] Prod | Connection is using an on-prem connector              |             | ● Due Date: Not Set    | >       |
| AZ [REDACTED] Prod | Connection is accessible by the entire tenant         |             | ● Due Date: 11/12/2024 | >       |
| AZ [REDACTED] Prod | Connection is using a shareable authentication method |             | ● Due Date: 11/12/2024 | >       |

**NOTE: A scan for this item is completed every Tuesday. If the connection is deleted by selecting the "Delete" button below, it will no longer be visible in the violation list. Otherwise follow the refresh schedule accordingly to check for updates.**

**Violation Description** Steps to Fix Violation Activity

**Violation summary**

The Connection "AZ [REDACTED] Prod" is using non-Entra ID authentication. The Connection is using a secret key or password instead.

**What caused this violation?**

[REDACTED]

**Explanation**

One of the most common use-cases in Microsoft Power Platform is to share your work with your peers or other people in the organization. Unfortunately, when an application/flow is shared, their connections are implicitly shared as well as is. Once a connection with unsafe authentication methods (secret key or password) is shared, it means that the receiving users will get full access to use it, and the embedded credentials, as they are, could be used outside of the original scope and intention of the application/flow.

[View Connection](#) [Delete Connection](#) [Contact Support](#) [Report as False Positive](#) [Request Exemption](#)

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# Self Service – Violations Dashboard Remediation

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Steps to Fix

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+ New connection Edit Share Switch account Delete Details

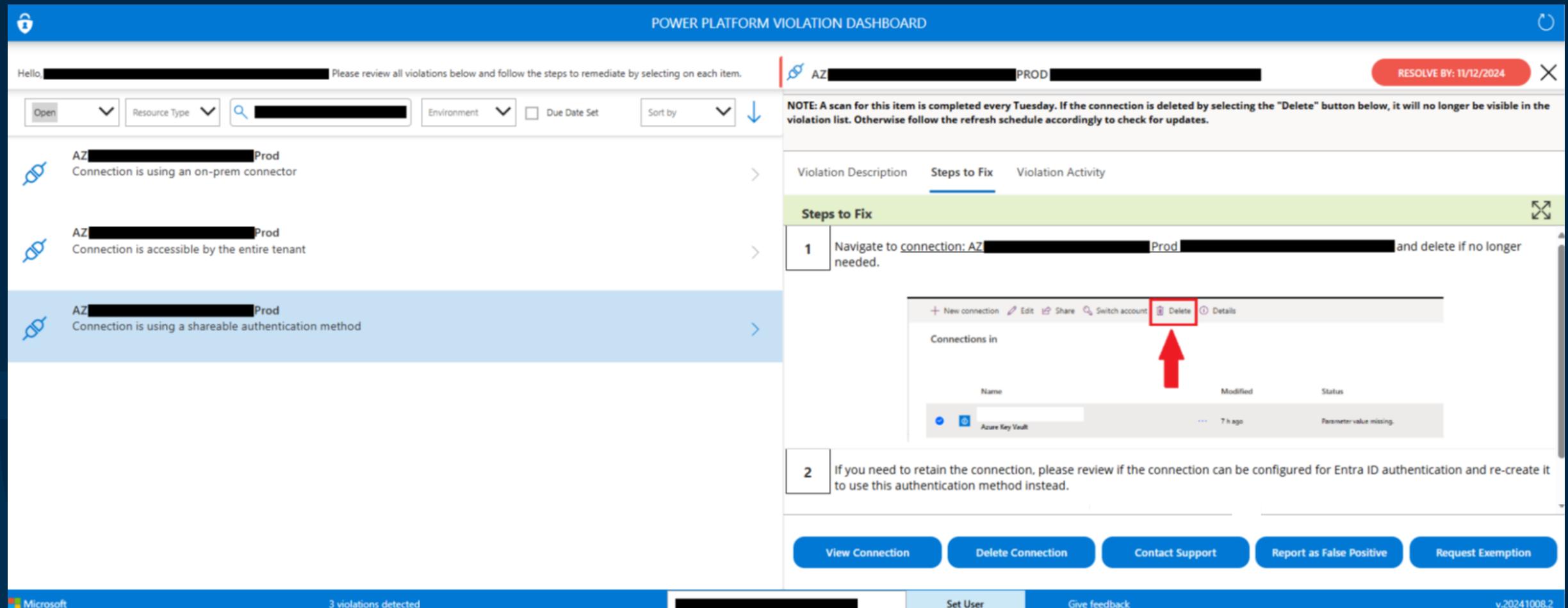
Connections in

| Name            | Modified | Status                   |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Azure Key Vault | 7 h ago  | Parameter value missing. |

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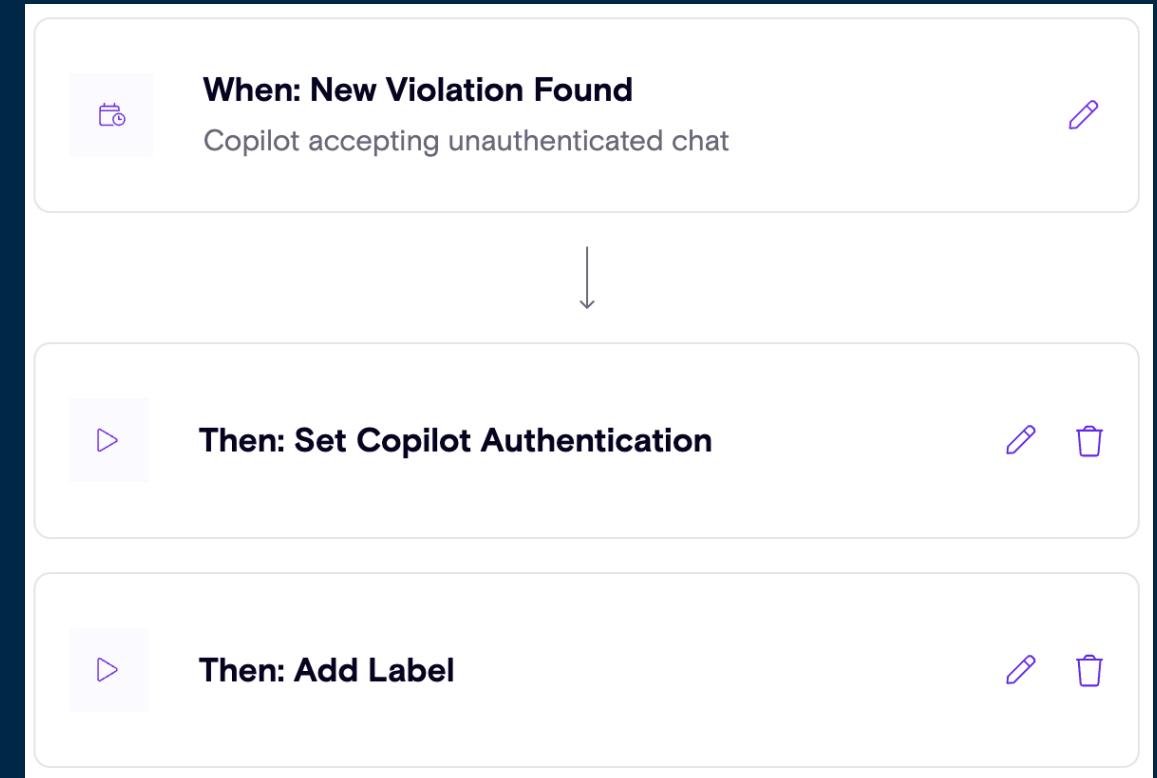
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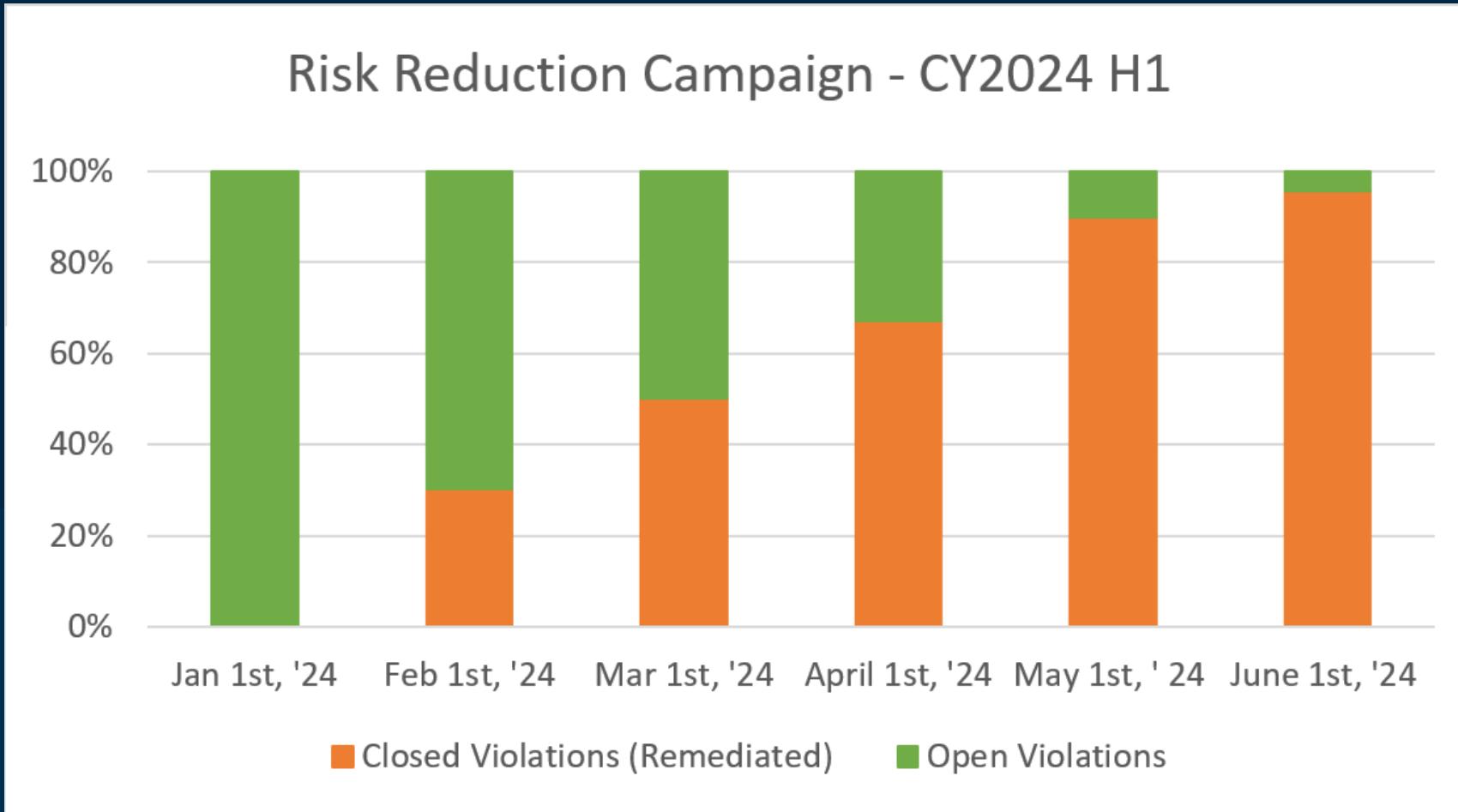
- Greenfield: As new violations come in...
- Brownfield: When we send out bulk emails to burn down pre-existing risk...
- If rule ID is XYZ, and other condition(s) are true...  
...then take these actions



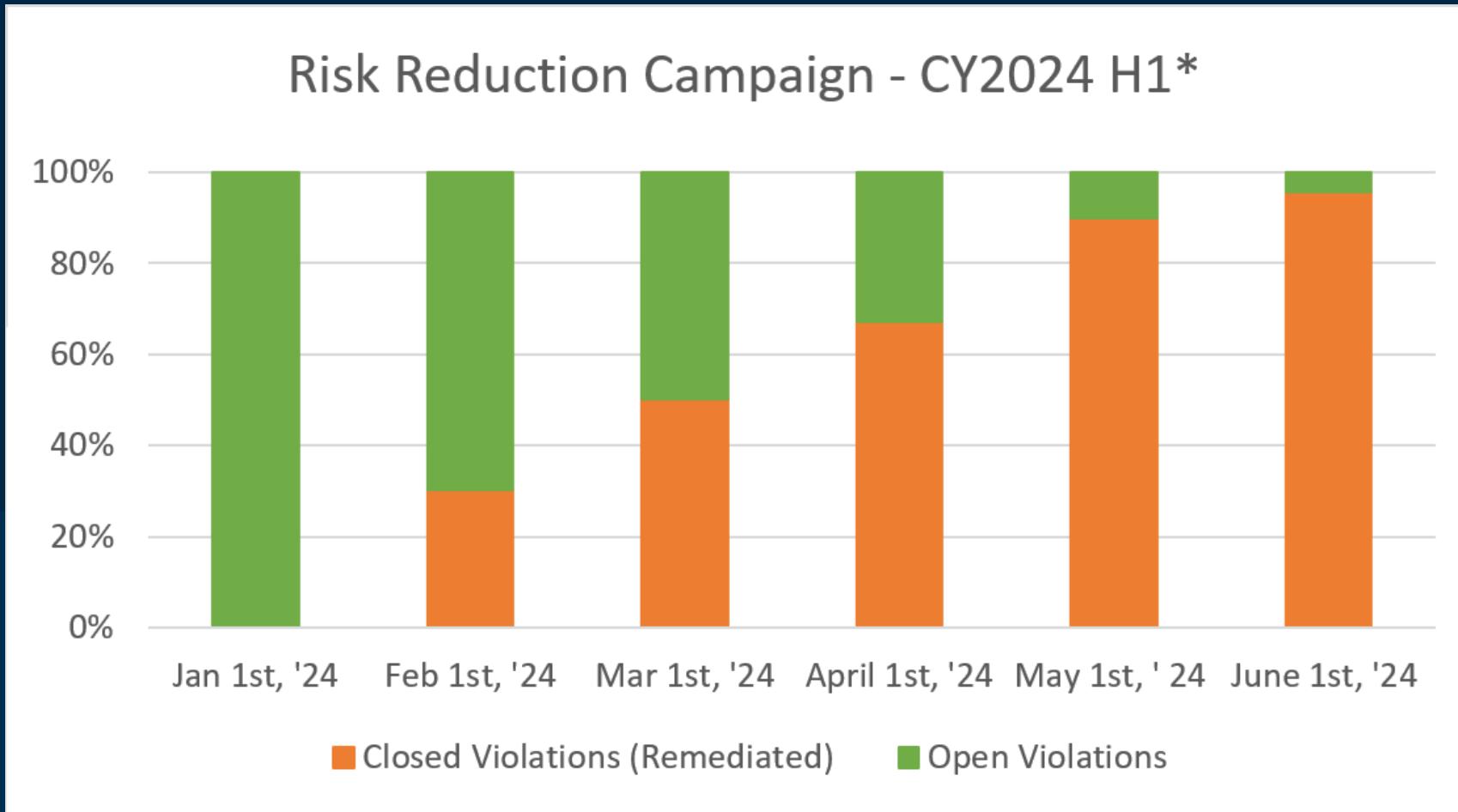
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- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Prove we can scale-up
  - Prove we can Get-to-Green in two environments
  - Prove we can Get-to-Green and Stay-Green with identical tooling and processes

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\* Never get to 100% remediated because of 30 days-to-fix



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# Takeaways

# What did we learn from this?

- Leverage industry-standard security risk categorization



# OWASP Top 10 for Low-Code/No-Code

- LCNC01: Account Impersonation
- LCNC02: Authorization Misuse
- LCNC03: Data Leakage and Unexpected Consequences
- LCNC04: Authentication and Secure Communication Failures
- LCNC05: Security Misconfiguration
- LCNC06: Injection Handling Failures
- LCNC07: Vulnerable and Untrusted Components
- LCNC08: Data and Secret Handling Failures
- LCNC09: Asset Management Failures
- LCNC10: Security Logging and Monitoring Failures

# OWASP Top 10 for Large Language Models

- LLM01: Prompt Injection
- LLM02: Insecure Output Handling
- LLM03: Training Data Poisoning
- LLM04: Model Denial of Service
- LLM05: Supply Chain Vulnerabilities
- LLM06: Sensitive Information Disclosure
- LLM07: Insecure plugin design
- LLM08: Excessive Agency
- LLM09: Overreliance
- LLM10: Model Theft

As LC/NC platforms increasingly embrace AI, this will become increasingly relevant

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# 6 Risk Reduction Campaigns

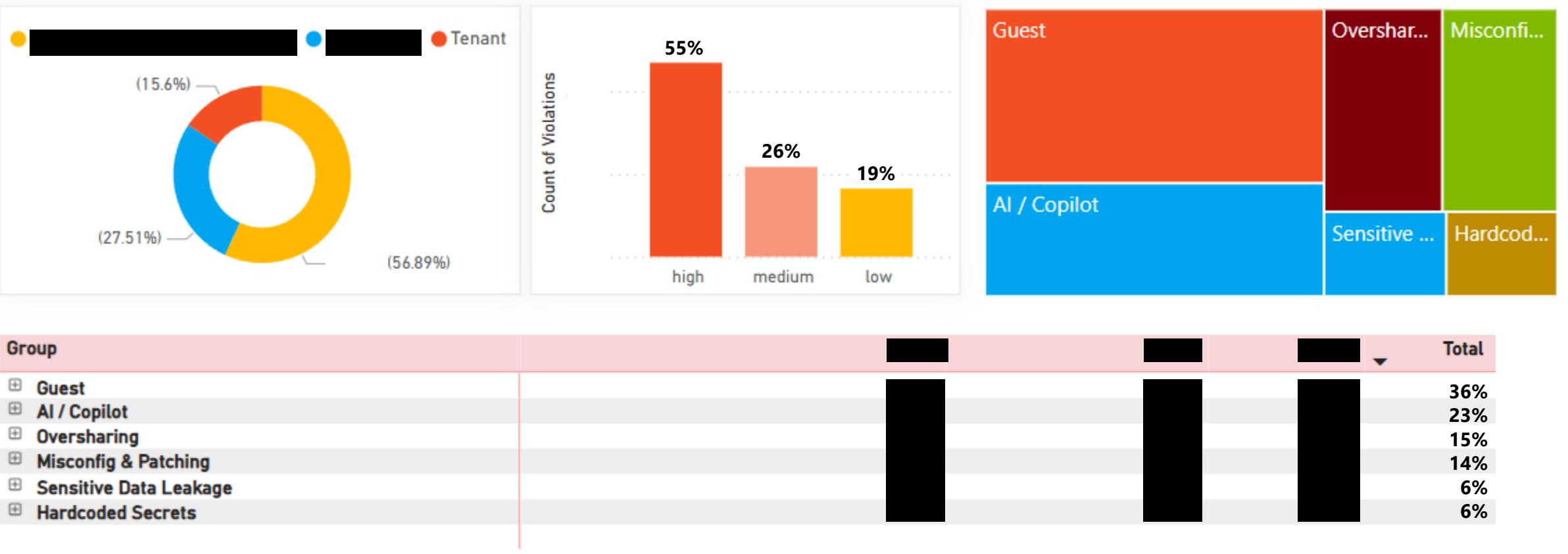
Merged similar OWASP Top 10 categories together & reviewed SDL gap analysis

- Also pivoted on Senior Leadership Team priorities

“Oversharing...” and “Sensitive data...” sound identical, but there were enough distinctions in the scanning ruleset that they were distinct campaigns.

Campaigns included:

- Guest/Access Control
- AI/Copilot issues
- Oversharing of data
- Sensitive Data Leakage
- Hardcoded Secrets
- Misconfig & Miscellany



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# Serverless



Customer

Platform

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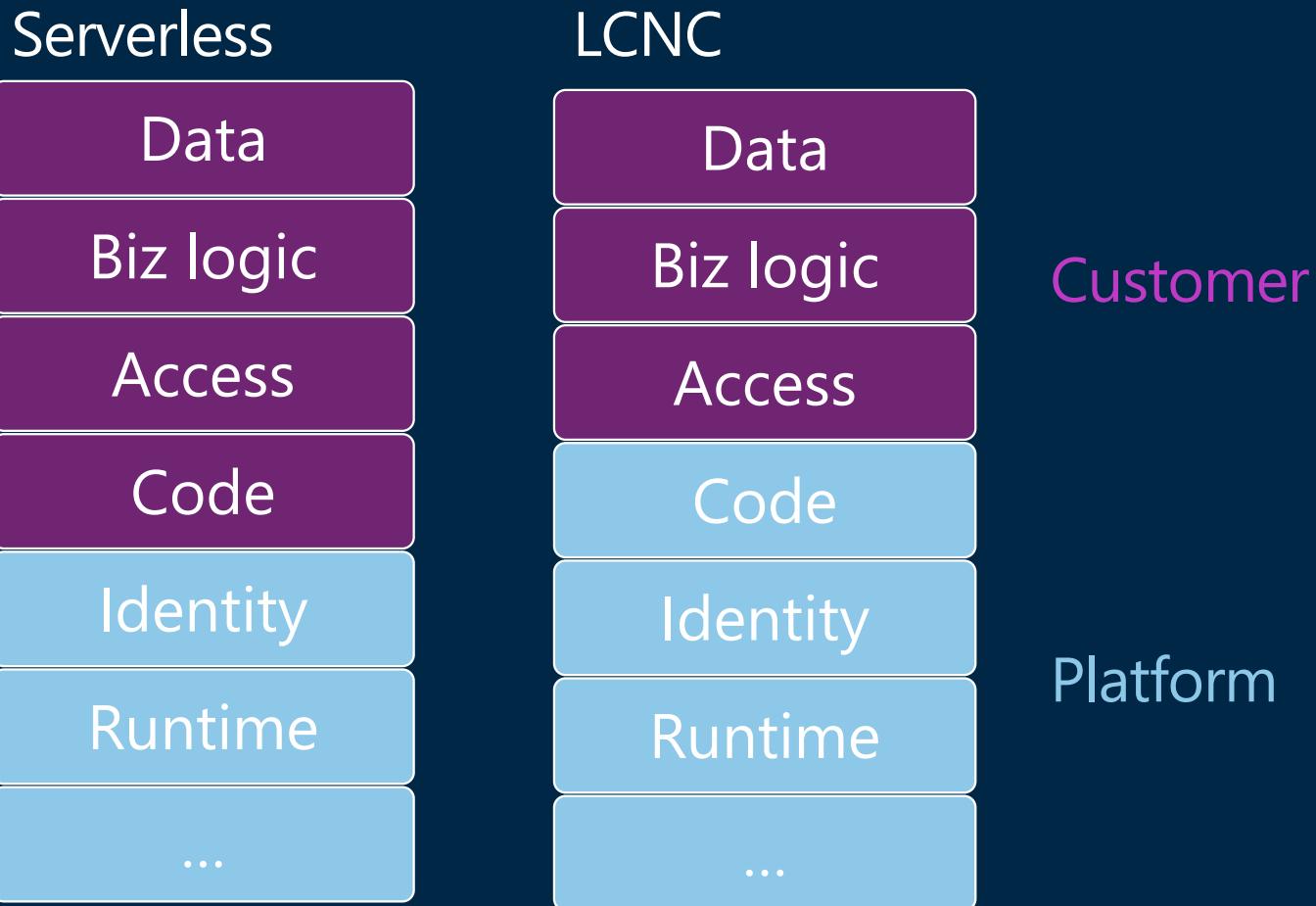
## LCNC



Customer

Platform

# We must own our side of the Shared Responsibility Model



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Customer  
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Who owns AppSec for apps built by business users?

# Shared Responsibility Model for LC/NC

| Domain          | Responsibility  | Role Accountability |                |               |                |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                 |   | LC/NC Dev.          | LC/NC Admin    | Security Team | LC/NC Platform |
| Access Control  | Identity, Access Control  | √                   |                |               |                |
| Access Control  | Sharing, Ownership  | √                   |                |               |                |
| Business Logic  | Connectivity, Integration, Plugins, & Agents                        | √                   |                |               |                |
| Business Logic  | Data flows, Control Flows, Integration                              | √                   |                |               |                |
| Data Management | Data and Secret Handling  | √                   |                |               | ●              |
| Data Management | Data Governance   | √                   |                |               |                |
| Data Management | Encryption  | √                   |                |               | ●              |
| Governance      | Application Security / Risk Assessment                              | ○                   | ●              | √             |                |
| Governance      | Developer Lifecycle Governance                                      | ○                   | ●              | √             |                |
| Governance      | Developer Training and accountability                               | ○                   | ●              | √             |                |
| LC/NC Platform  | Hygiene Management  |                     | ●              |               | √              |
| LC/NC Platform  | LC/NC Platform configuration, policies, settings, security controls |                     | ●              | ●             | √              |
| Platform(s)     | Harden other services besides LC/NC Platform                        |                     | <Other Admins> | ○             |                |

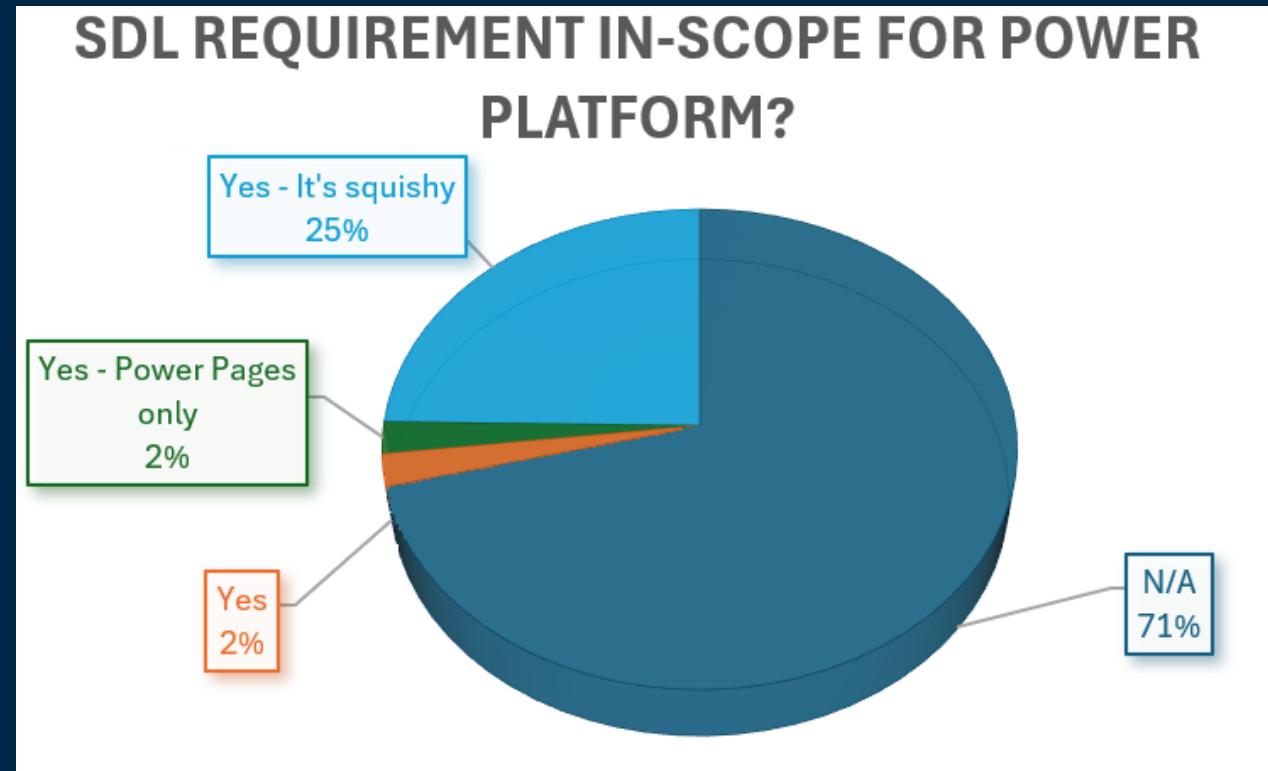
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| √ | Directly accountable/responsible         |
| ● | Responsible (in partnership)             |
| ○ | Consulted/Informed, may take some action |

# What are the priorities?

- ✓ Leverage industry-standard security risk categorization
- ✓ Prioritize what we want to fix first
- ✓ Shared Responsibility Model
  - De-facto SDL enforcement

# Remember this gap analysis?

- Successful SDL uses automation for the more technical requirements
- Our processes give us “de-facto” SDL across our corporate network
- Sorry, no Threat Models. ☹



# What did we learn from this?

- ✓ Leverage industry-standard security risk categorization
- ✓ Prioritize what we want to fix first
- ✓ Shared Responsibility Model
- ✓ De-facto SDL enforcement

# Conclusion

# Resources

- Product docs
- SDL: [microsoft.com/en-us/securityengineering/sdl](https://microsoft.com/en-us/securityengineering/sdl)
- Top 10 for LC/NC: [owasp.org/lowcodenocode](https://owasp.org/lowcodenocode)
- Top 10 for LLM: [llm.owasp.org](https://llm.owasp.org)
- LCNC Shared Responsibility Model Whitepaper (forthcoming)

Full writeup [labs.zenity.io/p/bluehat24](https://labs.zenity.io/p/bluehat24)

# In conclusion...

**Low-Code/No-Code is a powerful and prolific tool in an Enterprise**

- But the shared responsibility model is not necessarily recognized

**You CAN build a successful program at scale**

- We happened to use Zenity, but that's not a prerequisite

**You can get both Productivity and improved Security**

- Greater parity with the SDL is possible



# Thank you