



Sure, Let Business Users Build Their Own. What Could Go Wrong?

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Agenda

1. Business users are building their own
2. What could go wrong?
3. Why does it go wrong?
4. How can we fix it?



Enterprise citizen devs – **EVERYONE** is a dev

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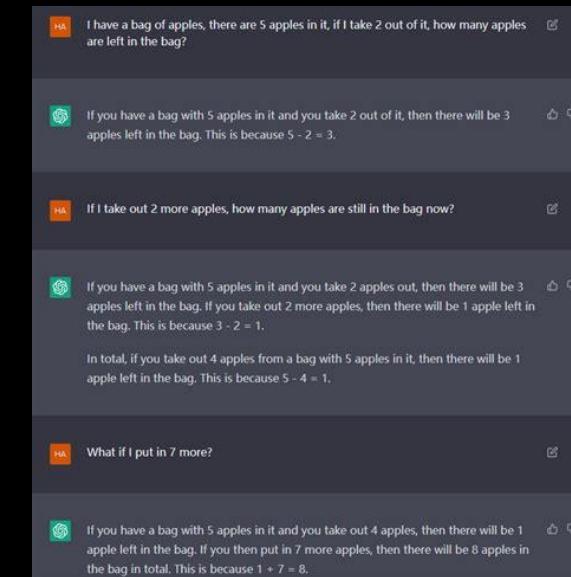
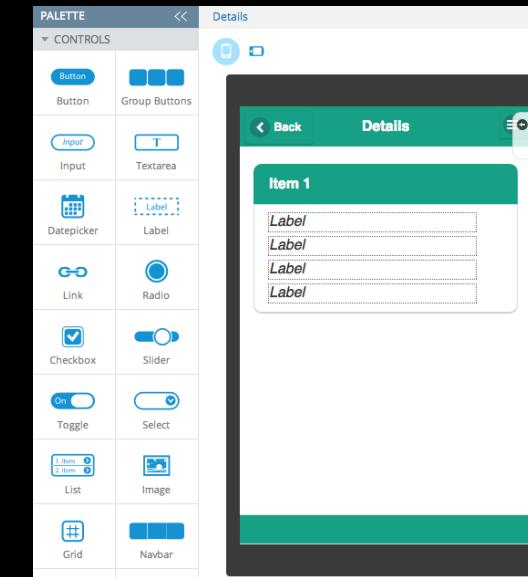
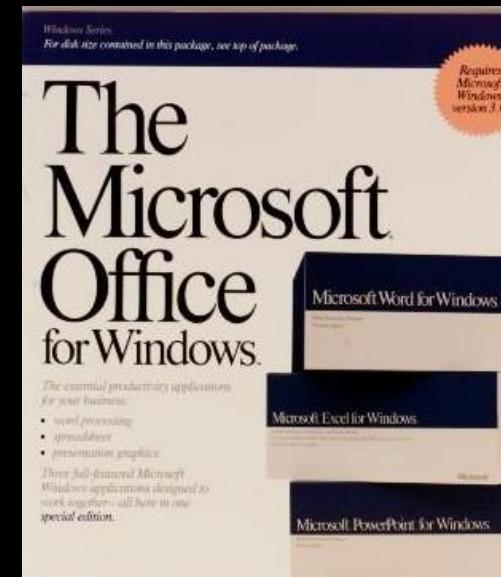
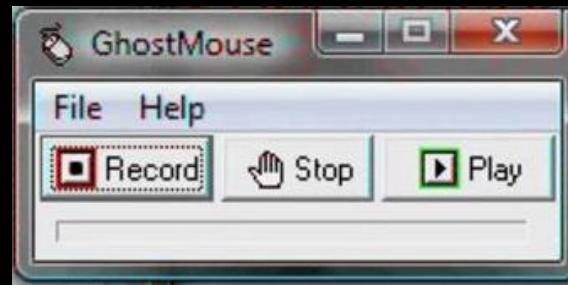
Business Needs



IT Capacity



If this sounds familiar, its because it is



Tech evolution

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Add an item from the Insert pane or connect to data

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What do you want to do?

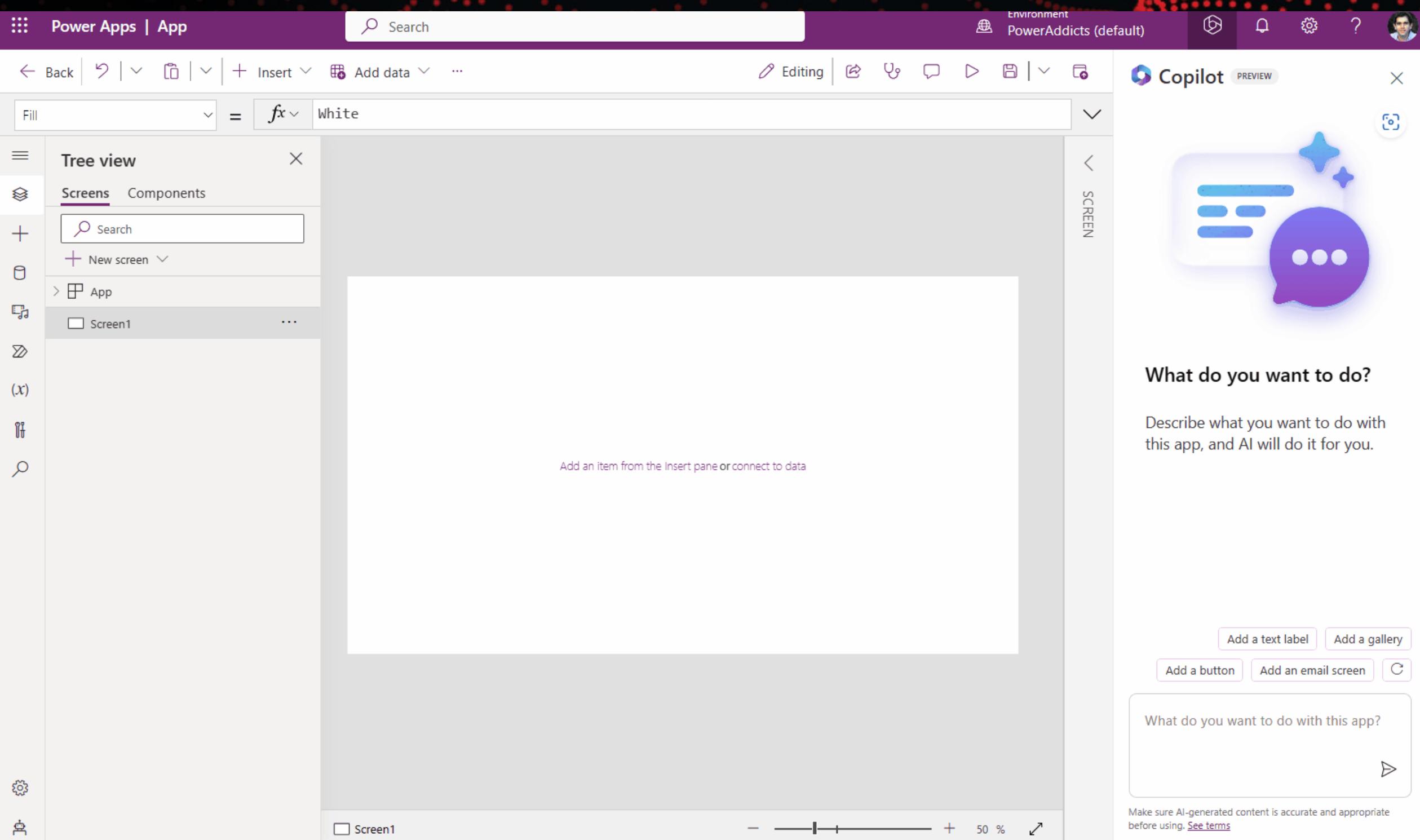
Describe what you want to do with this app, and AI will do it for you.

Add a text label Add a gallery

Add a button Add an email screen C

What do you want to do with this app? >

Make sure AI-generated content is accurate and appropriate before using. See terms



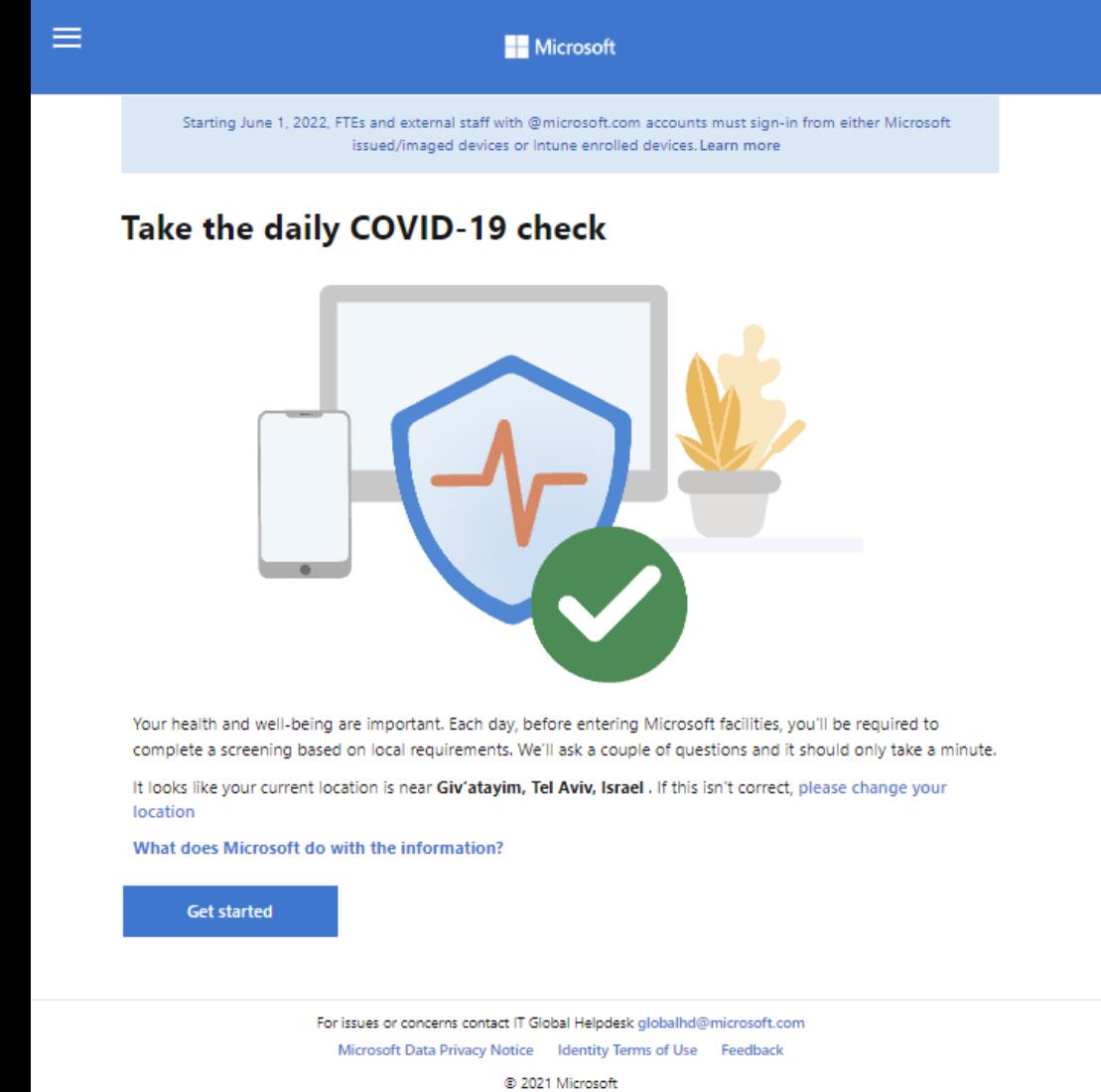
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COVID health check app by Microsoft

<https://aka.ms/healthcheck>



The screenshot shows the Microsoft COVID-19 health check app landing page. At the top, there's a blue header bar with the Microsoft logo and a message about sign-in requirements starting June 1, 2022. Below the header, the main title "Take the daily COVID-19 check" is displayed, accompanied by an illustration of a smartphone connected to a computer monitor showing a shield with a heart rate graph, and a green checkmark icon next to a potted plant. A descriptive paragraph explains the purpose of the app: "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 also shows the current location as "Giv'atayim, Tel Aviv, Israel" and a link to change it. A "Get started" button is at the bottom left, and footer links for helpdesk, privacy, terms, and feedback are at the bottom right, along with the copyright notice "© 2021 Microsoft".

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How citizen developers modernized Microsoft product launches

Mar 20, 2020 | Serah Delaini





Product launch management

* This is an example of a business-critical app built by a citizen developer. We did not search for or identify any security vulnerabilities in this app.

<https://www.microsoft.com/insidetrack/blog/how-citizen-developers-modernized-microsoft-product-launches/>

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Financial risk management

- Facilitates the process of credit assignment
- Determines whether or not a person is assigned credit
- Streamlines risk assessment and decision-making



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



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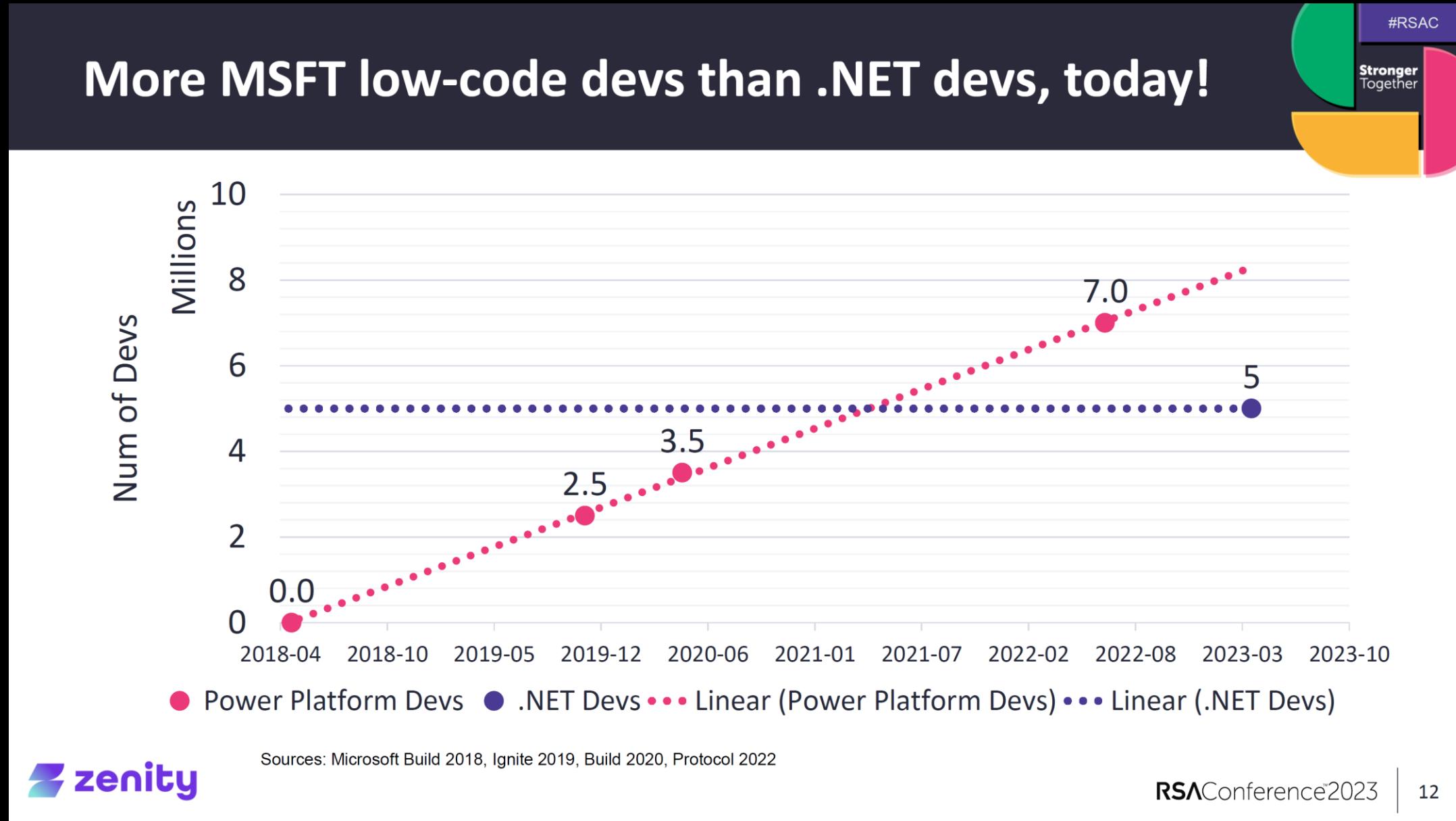
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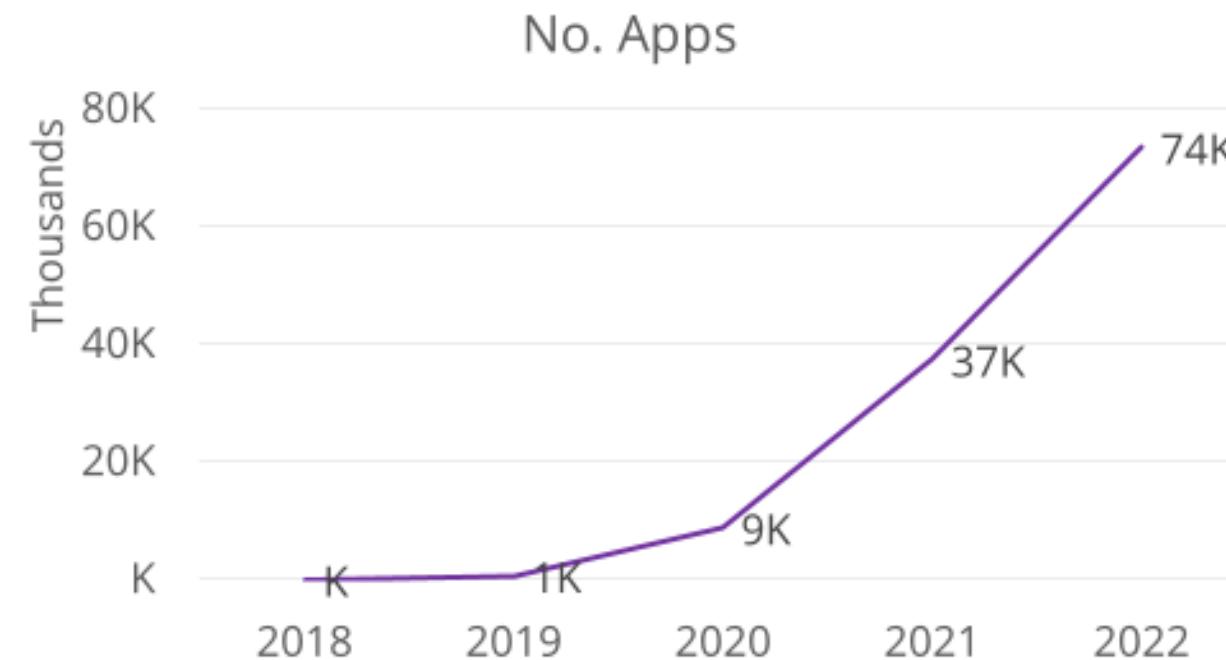


~8M active Power devs today!



A single F500 organization

Exponential Growth in Business Development



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Recap: You can't opt out of citizen development

- The next big productivity boost (Excel-level impact)
- Powers critical business workflows, predicted to power 70% of enterprise apps by 2025
- Available on every major enterprise, yours too
- Millions of new (business) developers and growing fast



What could go wrong?

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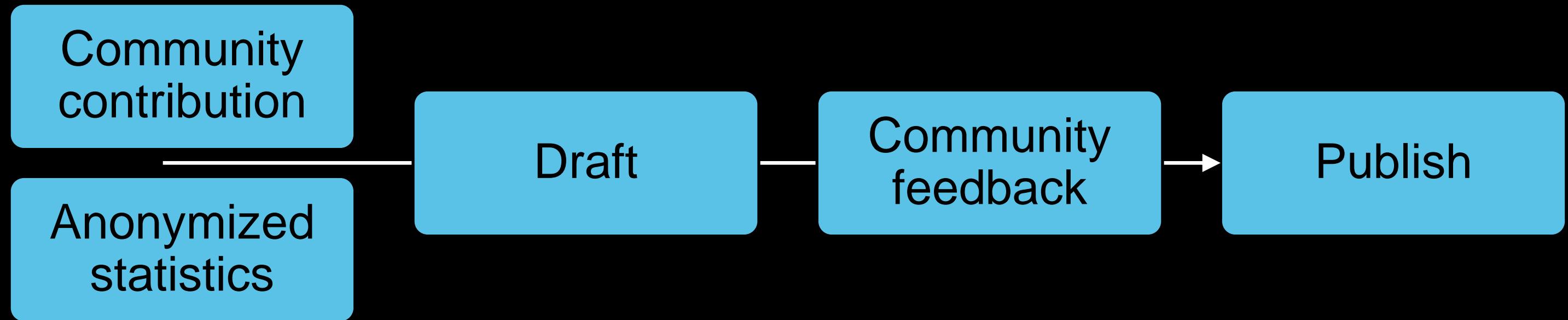
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OWASP LCNC Top 10

- LCNC-SEC-01: Account Impersonation
- LCNC-SEC-02: Authorization Misuse
- LCNC-SEC-03: Data Leakage and Unexpected Consequences
- LCNC-SEC-04: Authentication and Secure Communication Failures
- LCNC-SEC-05: Security Misconfiguration
- LCNC-SEC-06: Injection Handling Failures
- LCNC-SEC-07: Vulnerable and Untrusted Components
- LCNC-SEC-08: Data and Secret Handling Failures
- LCNC-SEC-09: Asset Management Failures
- LCNC-SEC-10: Security Logging and Monitoring Failures



Methodology loop



>1M apps and automations
>8M credentials

Ty to all collaborations and
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Real-world stories

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Story #1 - employee onboarding



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Create an app from scratch and then add your data

Watch video

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Start from a Dataverse table to create a three-screen app

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Start from a SharePoint list to create a three-screen app

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Start from an Excel file to create a three-screen app

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Start from a SQL data source to create a three-screen-app

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Upload an image of an app and we'll convert it into an app





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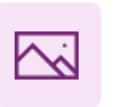
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TextInput_1

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IconAccept1_1

IconCancel1_1

Label2_3

Employee onboarding form

Full legal name

Address

Date of birth

Personal email

Phone number

Social Security
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Microsoft Dataverse - Current environment...

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Address	<input type="text"/>
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Microsoft Dataverse



Microsoft Power Platform

The low code platform that spans Microsoft 365, Azure, Dynamics 365, and standalone apps.



Power BI
Business analytics



Power Apps
App development



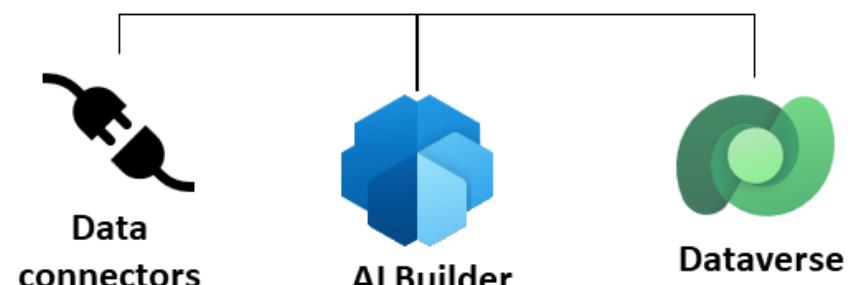
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Power Virtual Agents
Intelligent virtual agents



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Update Employee Info in HR system

When a row is added, modified or deleted

Send email (V2)

To: hrorg@cloudcore.com

Subject: New Employee Update info

Body:

Font: 12, B, I, U,

SSN, Contact, Email, Address, Employee Name

Attachments Name - 1: Title of the attachment.

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Employee onboarding – findings

Employee onboarding form

Full legal name

Address

Date of birth

Personal email

Phone number

Social Security
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+ New table ↴ Import ↴ Export ↴

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Tables

Recommended Custom All

Table ↑ ↴	Name ↴	Type ↴	Managed ↴	Customizable ↴	Tags ↴
Account	account	Standard	Yes	Yes	Core
Address	customeraddress	Standard	Yes	Yes	Standard
AppFlow Relation	cr6e4_appflowrel...	Standard	No	Yes	Custom
Appointment	appointment	Activity	Yes	Yes	Productivit
asjs	cr6e4_asjs	Standard	No	Yes	
Attachment	activitymimeatta...	Standard	Yes	Yes	



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Position	position	Standard	Yes	Yes	System
Query	cr6e4_querytest	Standard	No	Yes	Custom
Recurring Appointment	recurringappoint...	Activity	Yes	Yes	Standard
res	cr6e4_res	Standard	No	Yes	Custom
Sensitive Input	cr6e4_sensitivein...	Standard	No	Yes	Custom
table_for_app_with_im...	cr6e4_table_for_...	Standard	No	Yes	Custom
Task	task	Activity	Yes	Yes	Productivit
Team	team	Standard	Yes	Yes	System
Team template	teamtemplate	Standard	Yes	Yes	
ttv	cr6e4_ttv	Standard	No	Yes	
User	systemuser	Standard	Yes	Yes	Standard



Back

New row

New column

Refresh

Create an app

Edit table properties

Update forms and views

Sensitive Inputs

Data saved

Employee Name * ↑ ↓

SSN ↓

Address ↓

Contact ↓

+19 more ↓

Jamie Reading	209-97-1111	jamier@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Brooklyn Gonzalez	209-97-9876	brooklynd@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Henry Mitchell	209-97-0987	henryd@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Savannah Perez	209-97-7890	savannahp@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Ella Gonzalez	209-97-9876	ellaq@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Riley Mitchell	209-97-0987	rileyp@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Nathan Perez	209-97-7890	nathanh@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Daniel Martin	209-97-6789	danielm@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	
Layla Gonzalez	209-97-9876	laylam@zenitydemo.OnMicrosoft.com	



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Employee onboarding form

Full legal name	Daniel Wood
Address	New York 3rd street
Date of birth	11 Jan 1990
Personal email	Danielw124@gmail.co
Phone number	202-555-0117
Social Security Number	78-05-1120



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Power Automate Search Environments Zenity Stage (default) ? ZH

Update Employee Info in HR system • Ran at 8/7/2023 7:40:51 PM

Your flow ran successfully.

When a row is added, modified or deleted

When a row is added, modified or deleted

```

{
  "headers": {
    "Expect": "100-continue",
    "Host": "prod-52.westeurope.logic.azure.com",
    "x-ms-correlation-request-id": "d7b3daa4-0bba-4724-918b-4523e1bb2e75",
    "x-ms-client-request-id": "d7b3daa4-0bba-4724-918b-4523e1bb2e75",
    "x-ms-user-id": "7cb2f429-a54a-46c3-8e4f-df3a3032f249",
    "Content-Length": "1258",
    "Content-Type": "application/json"
  },
  "body": [
    "cr6e4_email": "daniel1ds@gmail.com",
    "_owningbusinessunit_value": "edfdf52a-e501-ec11-94ee-002248800bc",
    "_owningbusinessunit_value@Microsoft.Dynamics.CRM.lookuplogicalname": "bu",
    "_owningbusinessunit_type": "businessunits",
    "statecode": 0,
    "_statecode_label": "Active",
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    "statuscode": 1,
    "_statuscode_label": "Active",
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    "_createdby_value": "b3671a7c-c17d-ec11-8d21-000d3a2f76f7",
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    "_createdby_type": "systemusers",
    "cr6e4_dateofbirth": "10.10.1990",
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    "_ownerid_type": "systemusers",
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    "cr6e4_address": "116 E 60TH ST NEW YORK USA",
    "cr6e4_name": "Daniel Wood",
    "_modifiedby_value": "b3671a7c-c17d-ec11-8d21-000d3a2f76f7",
    "_modifiedby_value@Microsoft.Dynamics.CRM.lookuplogicalname": "systemuser",
    "_modifiedby_type": "systemusers",
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    "ItemInternalId": "f1ef4327-4135-ee11-bdf4-6045bd8f7e0b",
    "SdkMessage": "Create",
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  ]
}
```

INFORMATION

Change type: 4

Table name: cr6e4_sensitiveinput

Scope: 4

OUTPUTS

body

```

{
  "cr6e4_name": "Daniel Wood",
  "_modifiedby_value": "b3671a7c-c17d-ec11-8d21-000d3a2f76f7",
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Connection: zivh@zenitystage.com

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Owners

Adding an owner gives them full control of this flow, so make sure you only share with people you trust. They'll be able to add or remove other users as owners, access the run history, and can update, edit or delete this flow.

[Learn more](#)

Add a user or group as owner

Enter names, emails, or user groups

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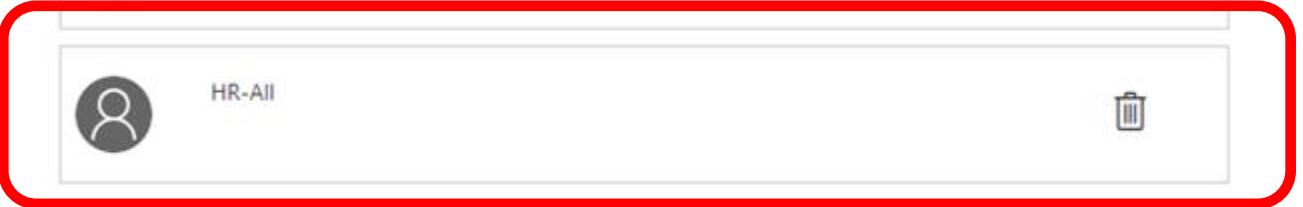
HR-All

Connections in use

Connections listed are actively being used in this flow. [Manage connections](#)

 zivh@zenitystage.com
✓ Microsoft Dataverse

 maortzury@gmail.com
✓ Gmail



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            "RowVersion": "12774383"
        ]
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Story #2 – productivity sync

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When a new email arrives (V3)

Send email (V2)

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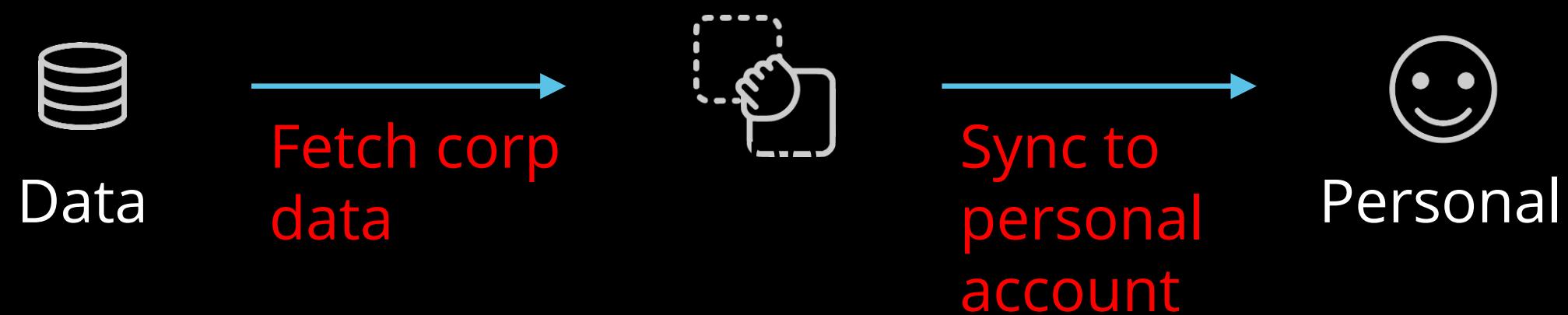
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Productivity sync – findings

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- Business data to personal account (Data Leakage)



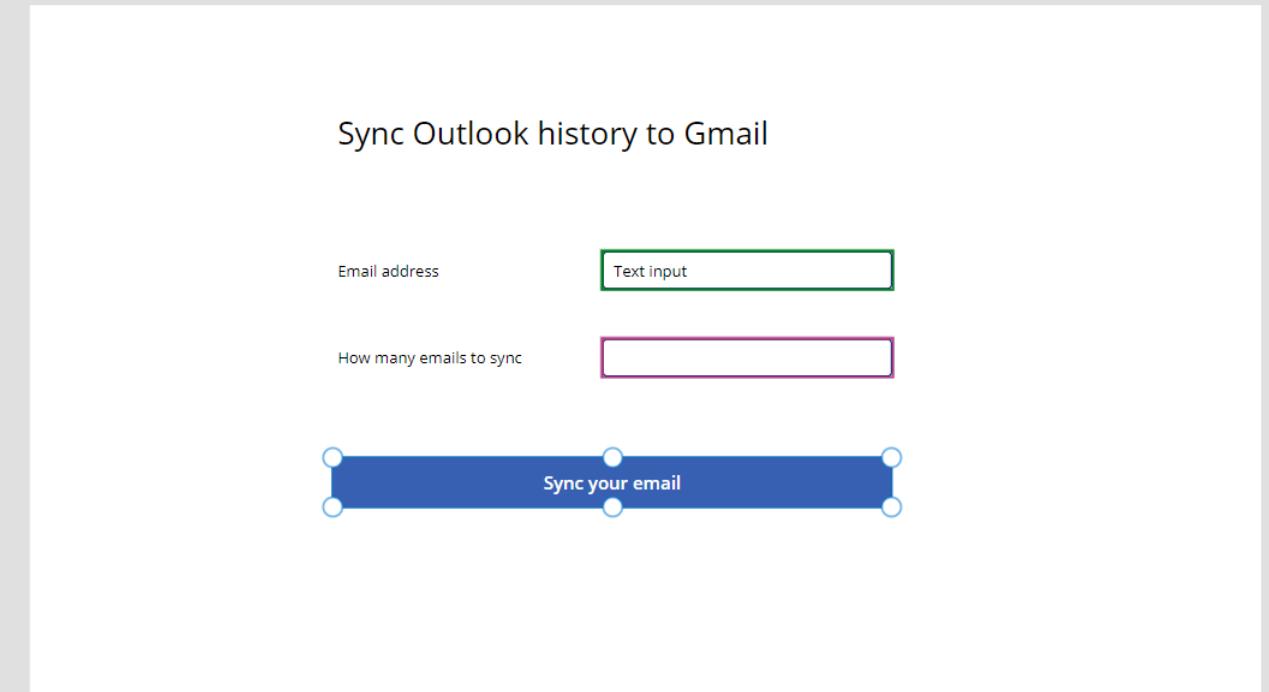
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Power Automate

- Search
- + Add flow
- In your app
 - Sync Outlook history to Gmail



BUTTON ? >

Button1

Properties Advanced Ideas

Search for a property ...

ACTION

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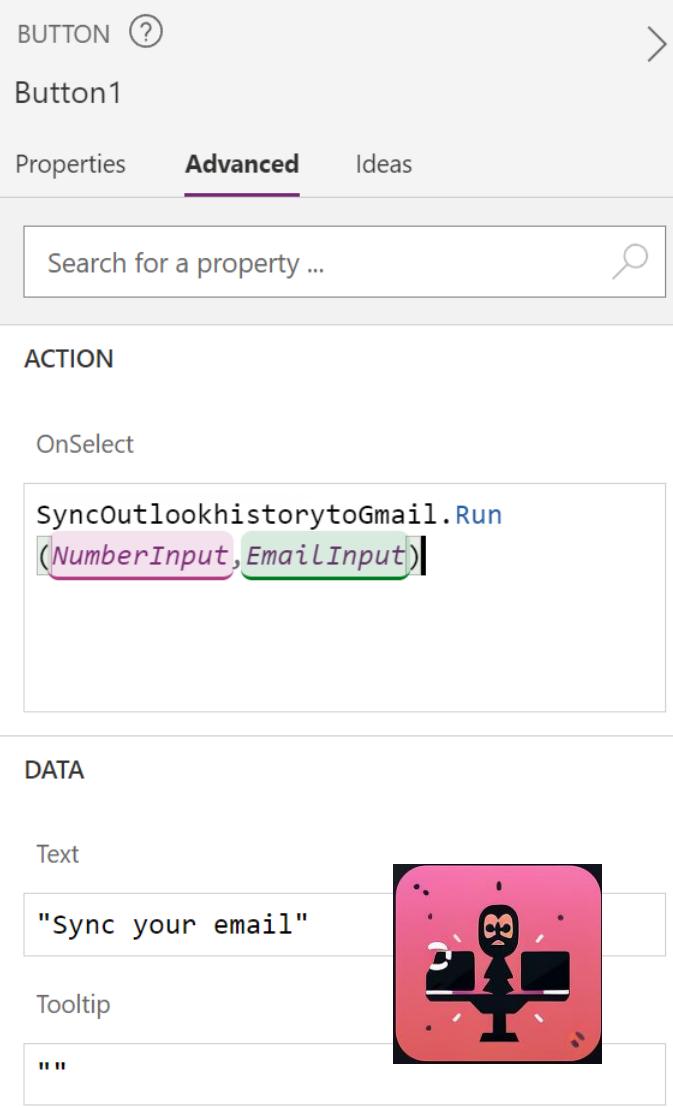
DATA

Text

"Sync your email"

Tooltip

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Email address

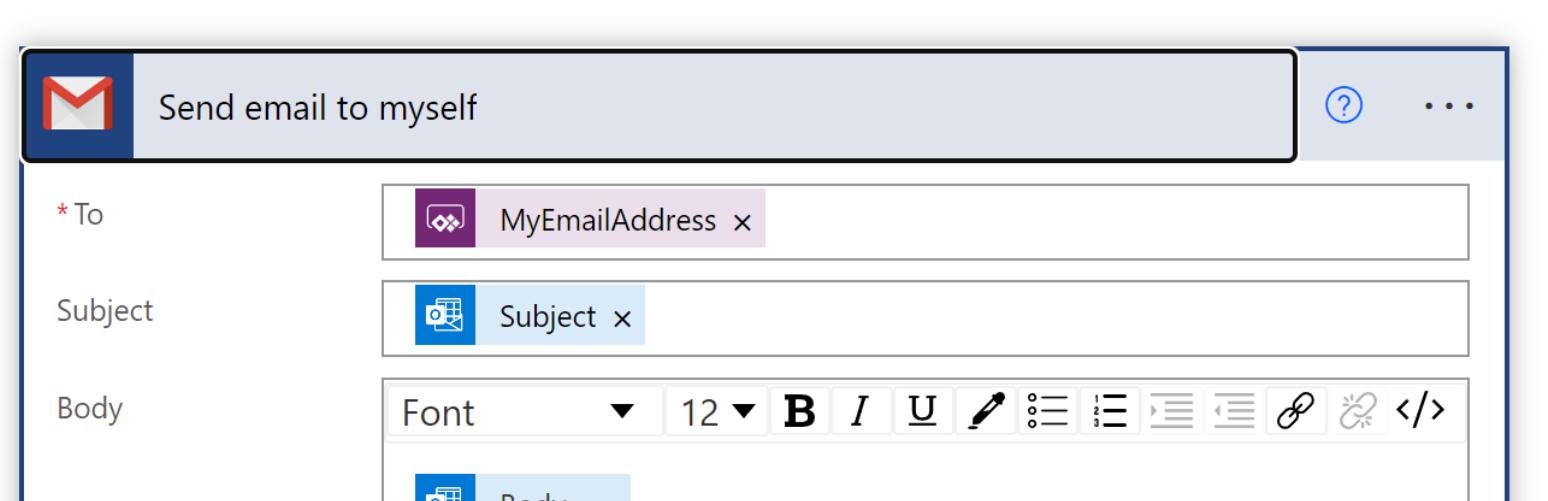
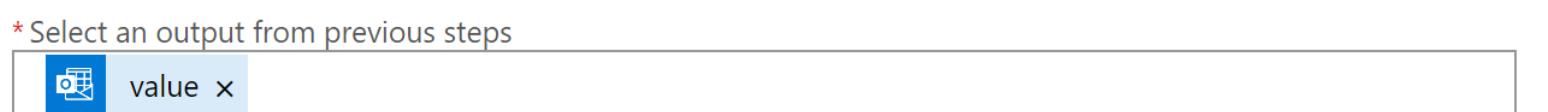
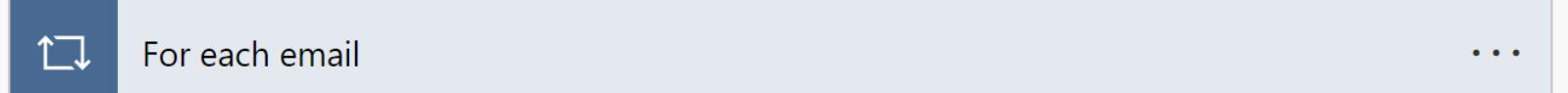
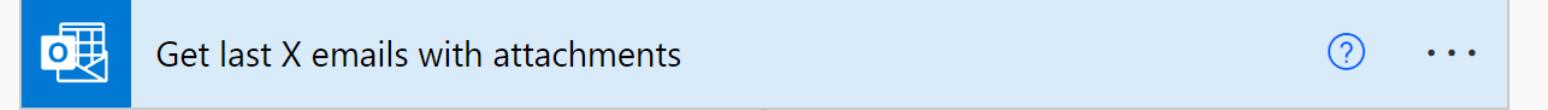
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Text input

Sync your email



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To: MyEmailAddress

Subject: Subject

Body:

Font: 12pt, Bold, Italic, Underline, etc.

Body:





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Edit Play Share

Apps > Set up your email sync

Details

Versions

Connections

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



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Enter a name, email address, or Everyone

New users

EC Everyone in CloudCore User

KS

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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 i

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



Logic flows



Office 365 Outlook



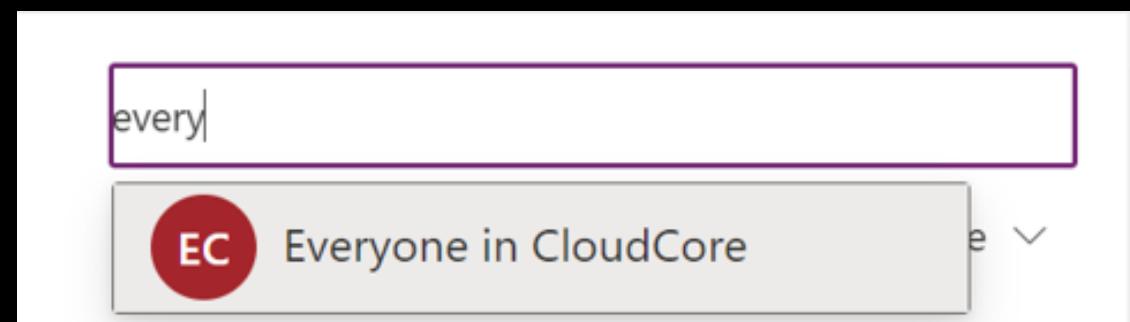
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Productivity sync – findings

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

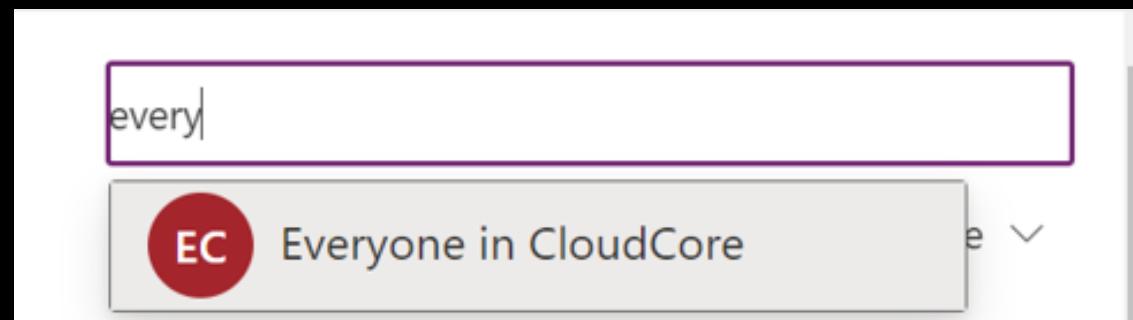
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EVERYONE, including
guests by-default



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Check out the talk ***All You Need Is Guest*** 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](#)



Gmail
maortzury@gmail.com
Signed in

[Switch account](#)

[Switch account](#)

Allow

Don't Allow



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Sync your email



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For each email 5s

◀ Previous ▶ Previous failed Show 1 of 5 Next failed ▶ Next >

 Send email to myself 1s

INPUTS Show raw inputs >

To: imkriissmith@gmail.com

Subject: Admin Admin1 has shared the Weekly Timesheet app with you

Body:

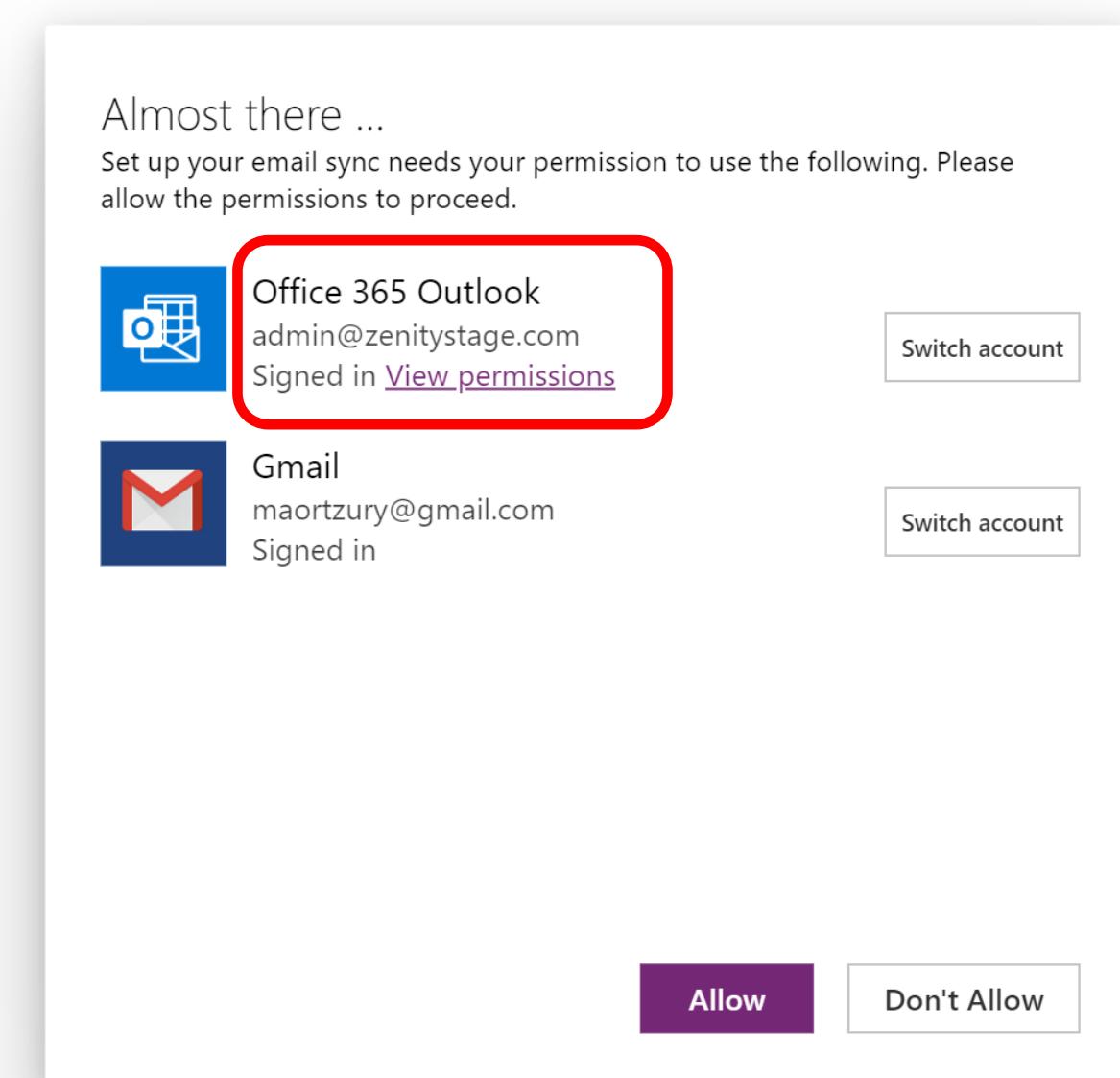
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<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8">
<!--
@media only screen and (max-width: 640px) {
    wrap-dangler
}
```



Productivity sync – findings

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- Share with Everyone (Authorization Misuse)
- Personal data leaks to logs (Data Leakage)





Phishing made easy

Can we fool users to create connections for us?

- Set up a bait app that does something useful
- Generate connections on-the-fly
- Fool users to use it
- Pwn their connection (i.e. account)

***Low Code High Risk:
Enterprise Domination via
Low Code Abuse***

Michael Bargury
DEFCON 30

Check out [power-pwn](#)
on GitHub!



Account takeover

Productivity sync – findings

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Story #3 – self-service

What happens when a maker leaves the org?

What happens when a maker leaves the org?

- Asset Management Failures



My Management App

My Employees

▼**Get Access**

This app allows you as a manager to take access employee Apps, including employees who have left the organization and reassign them.



Get Access to Employee Apps

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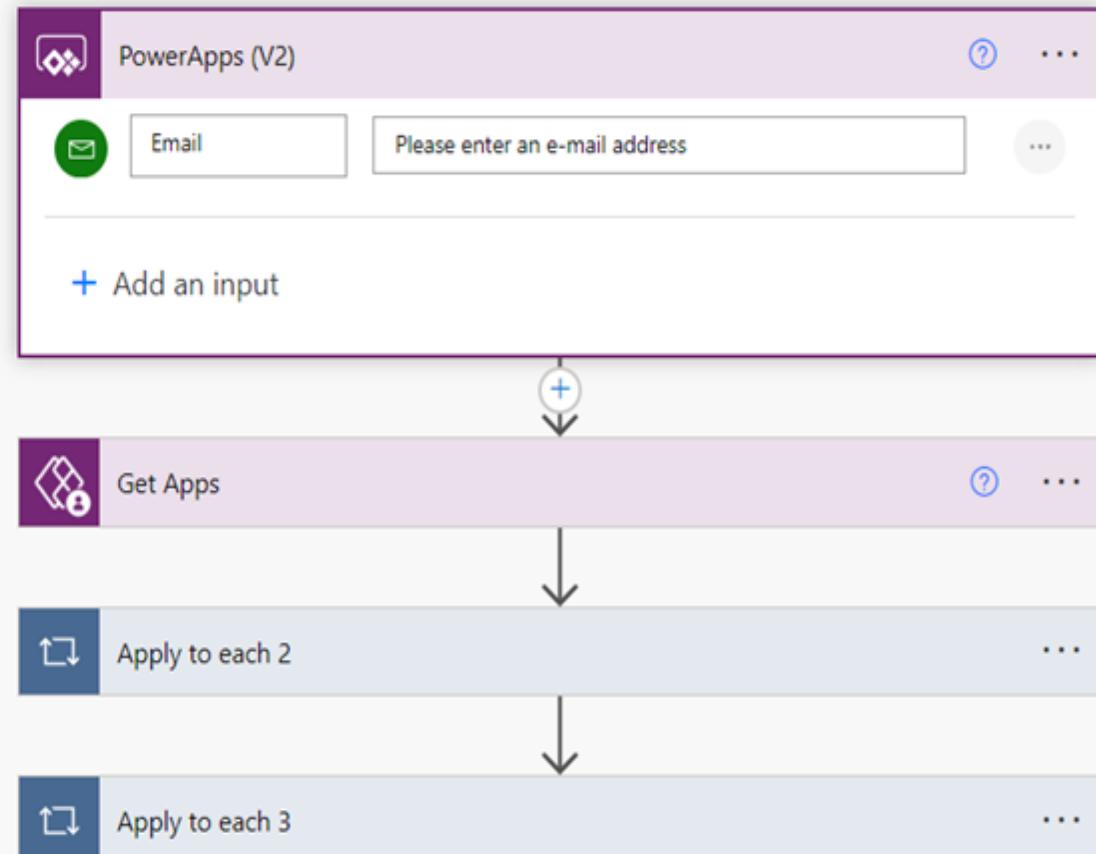
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Get Apps

Apply to each

Apply to each

Set App Owner

* Environment Name properties/envi... x

* PowerApp Name name x

API Version 2016-11-01

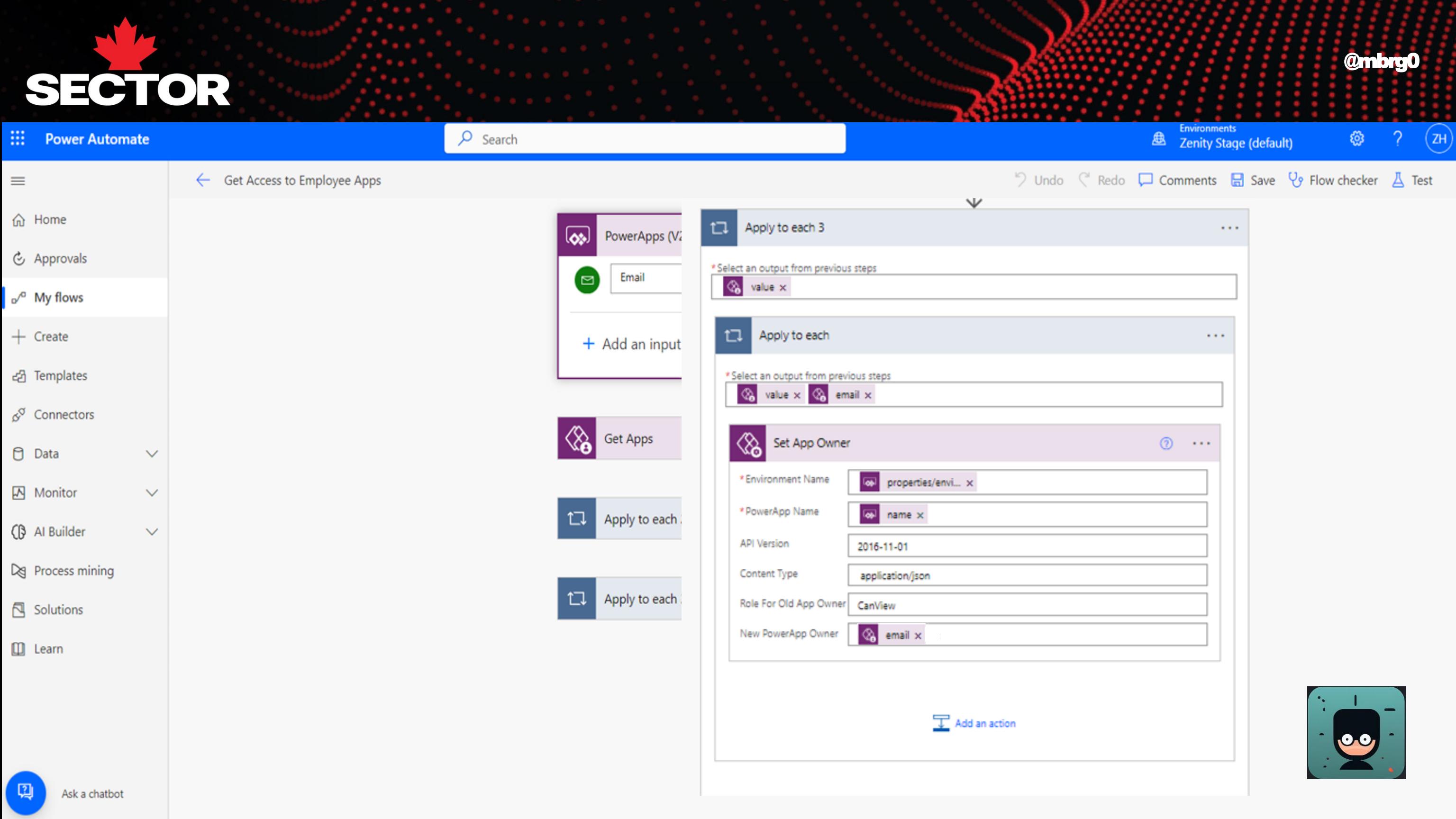
Content Type application/json

Role For Old App Owner CanView

New PowerApp Owner email x

Add an action

Undo Redo Comments Save Flow checker Test



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Get Access to Employee Apps

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PowerApps (V2) Email Add an input

Apply to each 3
Select an output from previous steps
value

Apply to each
Select an output from previous steps
value email

Set App Owner
Environment Name: properwearenv...
PowerApp Name: name
API Version: 2016-11-01
Content Type: application/json
Role For Old App Owner: CanView
New PowerApp Owner: email

Add an action

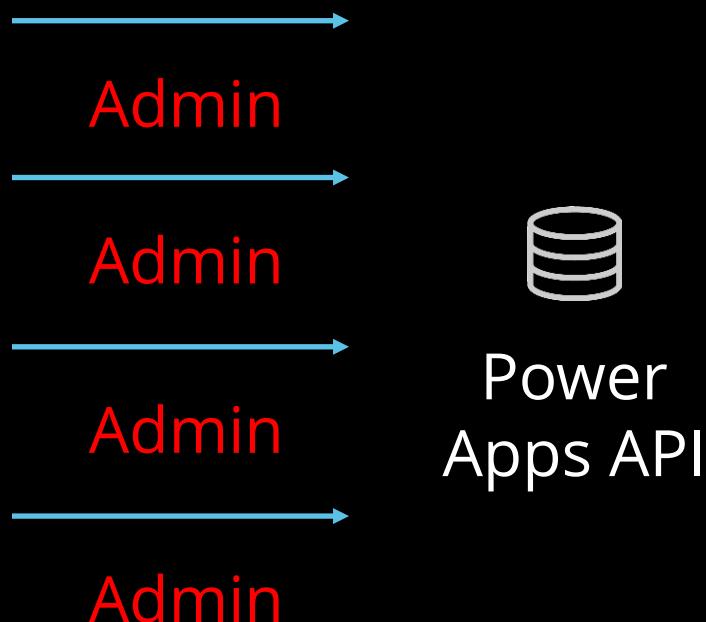
A red box highlights the "Set App Owner" step.



Self-service – findings

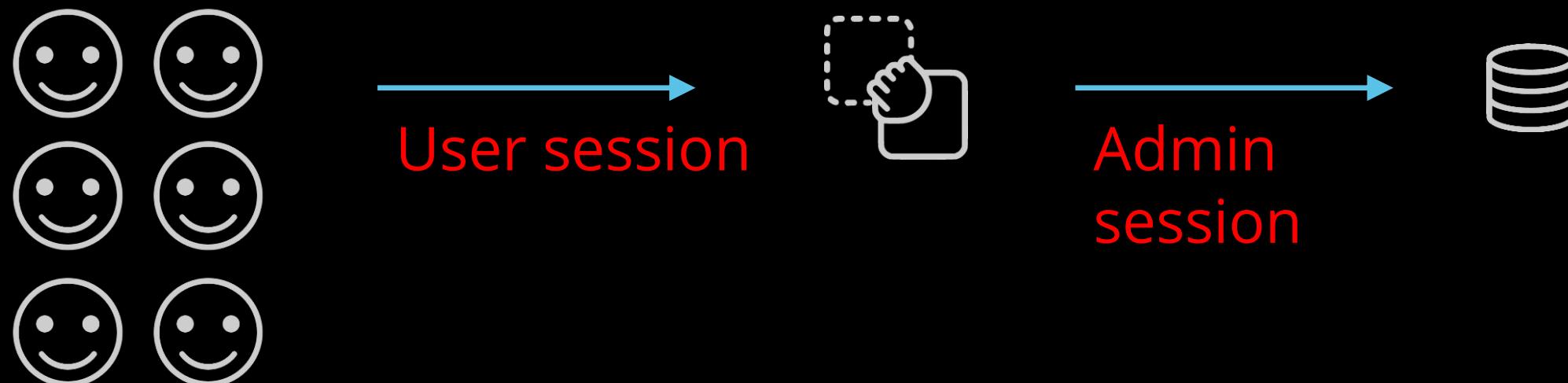
Self-service – findings

SOC Panics!



Self-service – findings

- App embedded with admin ID
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Screenshot of the Google Chrome DevTools Network tab showing a request to `/api/apim/logicflows/f818501a-d1ce-42db-873a-5f5261671cc7/triggers/manual/run?api-version=2015-02-01-preview`.

The Headers section shows the following:

Header	Value
Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile	?0
Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform	"Windows"
Sec-Fetch-Dest	empty
Sec-Fetch-Mode	cors
Sec-Fetch-Site	cross-site
User-Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/114.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
X-Ms-Client-App-Id	/providers/Microsoft.PowerApps/apps/bc428f80-8f28-4877-a490-f40a0d3cae75
X-Ms-Client-Environment-Id	/providers/Microsoft.PowerApps/environments/Default-32f814a9-68c8-4ca1-93aa-5594523476b3
X-Ms-Client-Object-Id	7cb2f429-a54a-46c3-8e4f-df3a3032f249
X-Ms-Client-Request-Id	769a604e-cb2f-4bda-899d-1898d8781bfc
X-Ms-Client-Session-Id	7f7754ee-d98c-43d2-bcff-3c1745ac7cf8
X-Ms-Client-Tenant-Id	32f814a9-68c8-4ca1-93aa-5594523476b3
X-Ms-Request-Method	POST
X-Ms-Request-Url	/api/apim/logicflows/f818501a-d1ce-42db-873a-5f5261671cc7/triggers/manual/run?api-version=2015-02-01-preview
X-Ms-User-Agent	PowerApps/3.23074.15 (Web Authoring Tool; AppName=bc428f80-8f28-4877-a490-f40a0d3cae75)

A red box highlights the `X-Ms-Request-Url` header value.

My Management App

Elements Console Sources **Network** Performance Memory Application Lighthouse Security Recorder  19  5  71  

Search     Preserve log Disable cache No throttling  Hide data URLs All Fetch/XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Wasm Manifest Other
 Has blocked cookies Blocked Requests 3rd-party requests

Timing: 500 ms 1000 ms 1500 ms 2000 ms 2500 ms 3000 ms 3500 ms 4000 ms 4500 ms

Path	Headers	Payload	Preview	Response	Initiator	Timing
<input type="checkbox"/> /invoke <input type="checkbox"/> /Collector/3.0		 view source	 {email: "zivh@cloudcore.com"} email: "zivh@cloudcore.com"			

2 requests | 1.4 kB transferred | 0 B resources



Self-service – findings

- App embedded with admin ID (Account Impersonation)
- IDOR (Injection handling failures)



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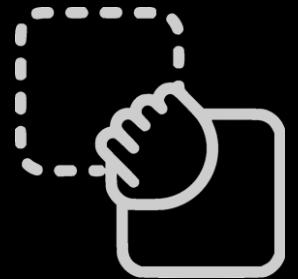
Story #4 – customer care

The Customer Care team at a large eCommerce company wanted to improve customer service.

Goal: improve customer service

Method: build an app that lets relevant company employees view customer support history and latest purchases

Challenge: employees don't have permissions to the customer database



Customer
care app



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SecureSys
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Andrew wil
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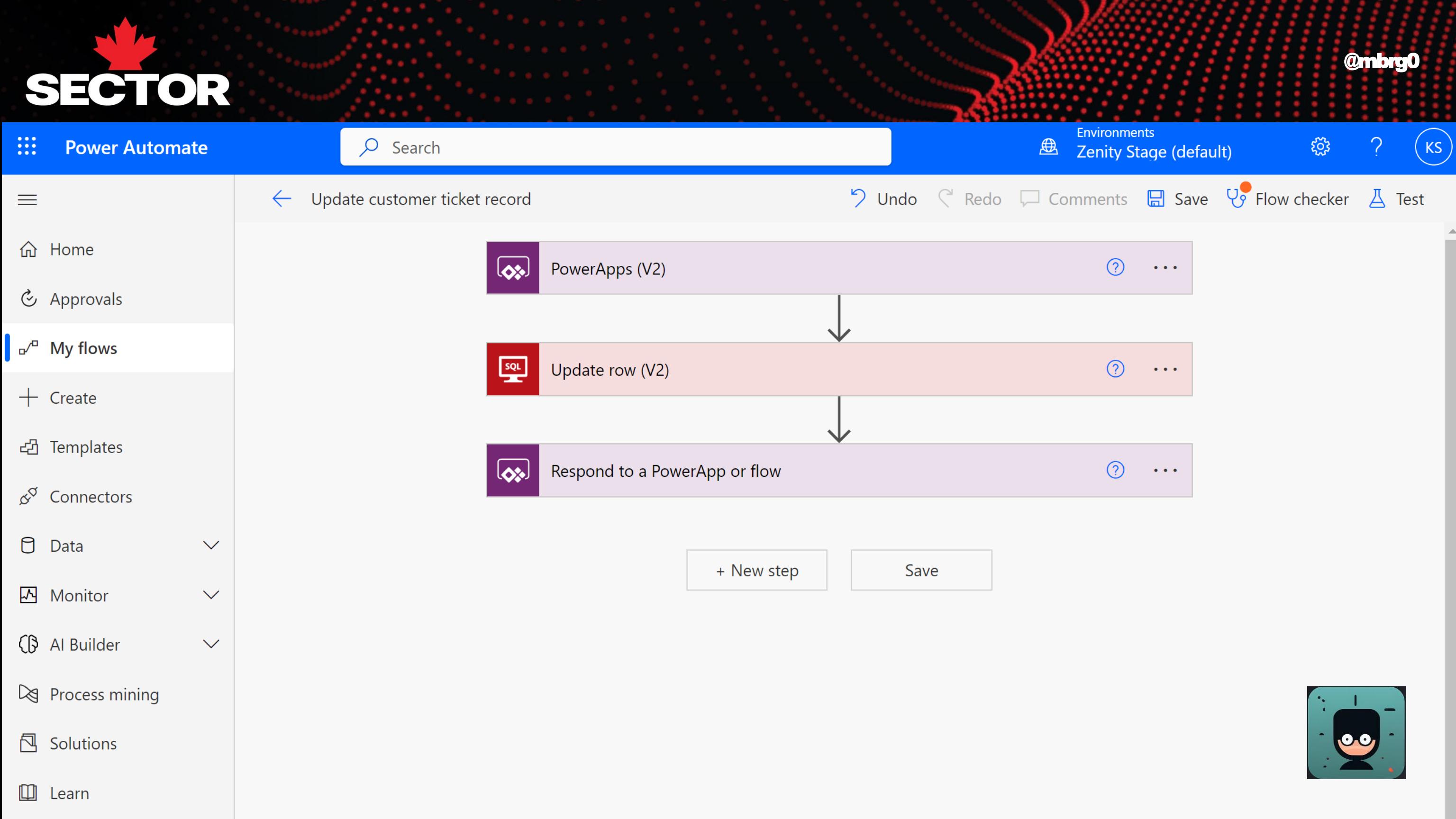
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Send a copy



Created

Aug 8, 10:49

Modified

Aug 8, 10:51

Type

Instant

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The user who

Manage run-only permissions

Invite users or groups

Let others run this flow and see the results, but not edit in any way.

Enter names, emails, or user groups

Currently shared with



All Company

allcompany@zenitystage.on...



Connections Used

These connections will provide the users listed here to have run-only access to this flow. Unless providing their own connection, run-only users will not have access to these connections outside this flow.



SQL Server

Access to this connection is provided by the owner of this flow.



Use this connection (kris@zenitystage.com)

Impact:

- ✓ Employees are happy
- ✓ Customers are happy
- ✓ Customer Care team is happy

Customer care – findings



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Owner

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28-day run

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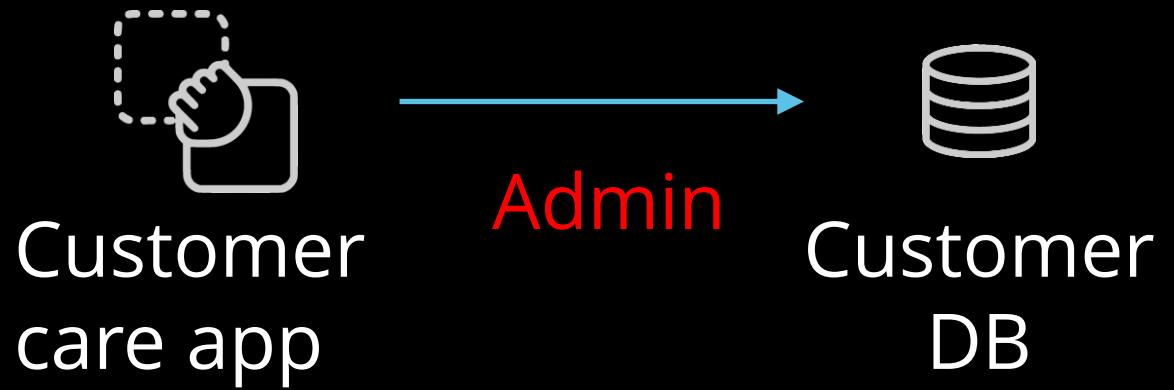


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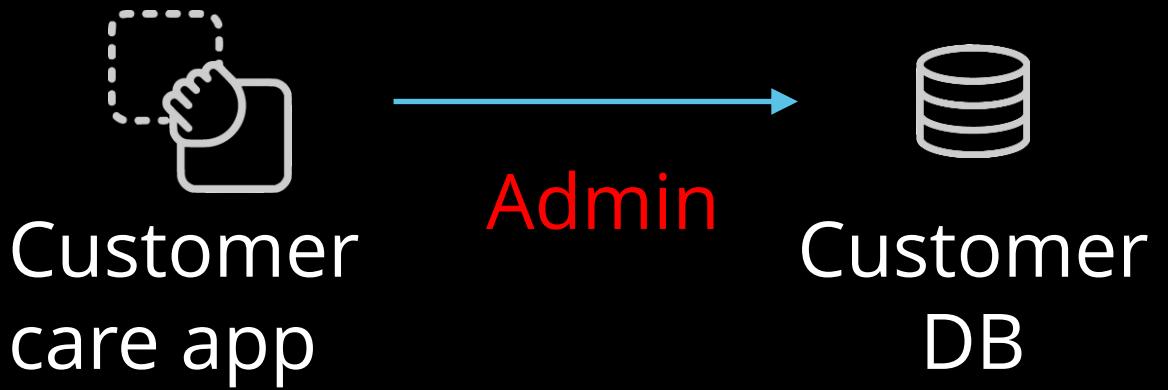
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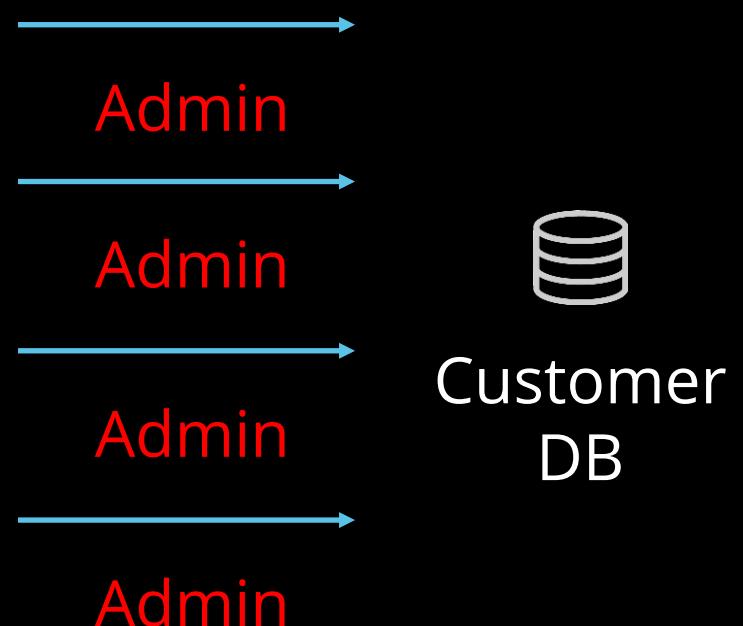
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- ✓ SOC panics



Customer care – findings

- App embedded with admin ID (Account Impersonation)





Story #5 – predictable-misconfiguration



By Design: How Default Permissions on Microsoft Power Apps Exposed Millions



UpGuard Team
Published Aug 23, 2021



Anonymous API access

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#SECTORCA@SecTorCA

Anonymous API access

Power portals can be configured to provide access to SQL tables through ODATA using a specific URL:

*portal.powerappspportals.com
/_odata*

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▼<service xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2007/app" xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
  ▼<workspace>
    <atom:title type="text">Default</atom:title>
    ▼<collection href="EntityFormSet">
      <atom:title type="text">EntityFormSet</atom:title>
      </collection>
    ▼<collection href="globalvariables">
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      </collection>
    </workspace>
  </service>
```

zenity.io/blog/the-microsoft-power-apps-portal-data-leak-revisited-are-you-safe-now/

Nothing to see here

/odata

/globalvariables:



Story #6 – extendibility



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We launched a new website: [Community Events .IT](#)

Multipage Scrollbar Page

Here in this poc, we will use Powerapps code component(PCF) for print multiple pages in powerapps !!

Microsoft Dataverse, formerly known as Microsoft Common Data Service until November 2020, is a relational database engine[10] offered by Microsoft as a cloud based data management software as a service for storing business data. It is mainly a database with associated functionalities, and separates itself from on-prem solutions like for example Microsoft Access in that a developer needs internet access to connect to Dataverse. It is mainly a tool for managing and storing data, and allows for creation and management of datasets through a single user interface.

MS Dataverse is marketed for use with other Microsoft products such as Power Apps and Microsoft Dynamics 365 applications, and has data connectors to other Microsoft products like Azure Event Hub, Azure Service Bus, Microsoft SQL and Azure Data Lake. One example

Scrollable Screen Multi Page Print PCF

Enhanced Textarea

Your message:

Type a new message

Active Payment Methods

Name	% fee
AMEX American Express	1.25
Mastercard	2.25
PayPal	4.00
Stripe	3.35
VISA Visa	1.75

RecordImage Cell Renderer

Slide Puzzle

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24

You won!

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Filter folder by name

- Documents on Default Site 1
 - Contracts
 - Long-term Contracts
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 - Pictures
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Filter by keyword

File view

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+ New solution Import solution Open AppSource Publish all customizations ...

11 environment variables need to be updated.

Solutions

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AI Solution deprecated templates	msdyn_AISolutionDe...	7 minutes ago	202307.2.32.3
AI SolutionFullAdditions	msdyn_AISolutionFul...	10 minutes ago	202307.2.32.3
InavantRadarChartSolution	InavantRadarChartS...	5 days ago	1.0
pwntoso	pwntoso	1 week ago	1.0.0.1
PowerPortals Program Registration	PowerPortals_Progra...	2 weeks ago	1.2304.3.0
Program Registration Controls	PowerPortals_Progra...	2 weeks ago	1.2304.4.0
PowerPortals Program Registration Anchor	PowerPortals_Progra...	2 weeks ago	1.2304.3.0
Dynamics 365 Portals - Automate	MicrosoftPortalAuto...	2 weeks ago	9.3.2304.0
slider	slider	2 weeks ago	1.0
lanasol	lanasol	3 weeks ago	1.0
Power Platform Catalog Manager	mspcat_CatalogMan...	1 month ago	1.1.5.500

Import a solution

Environment
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Select a file

Browse for the solution file to import.

Browse

SearchBoxPCF-main.zip



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AI Privilege Overrides Solution

AI Solution deprecated templates

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PowerPortals Program Registration

Program Registration Controls

PowerPortals Program Registration Anchor

Dynamics 365 Portals - Automate

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Power Platform Catalog Manager

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Extendibility – findings

- Vulnerable and Untrusted Components

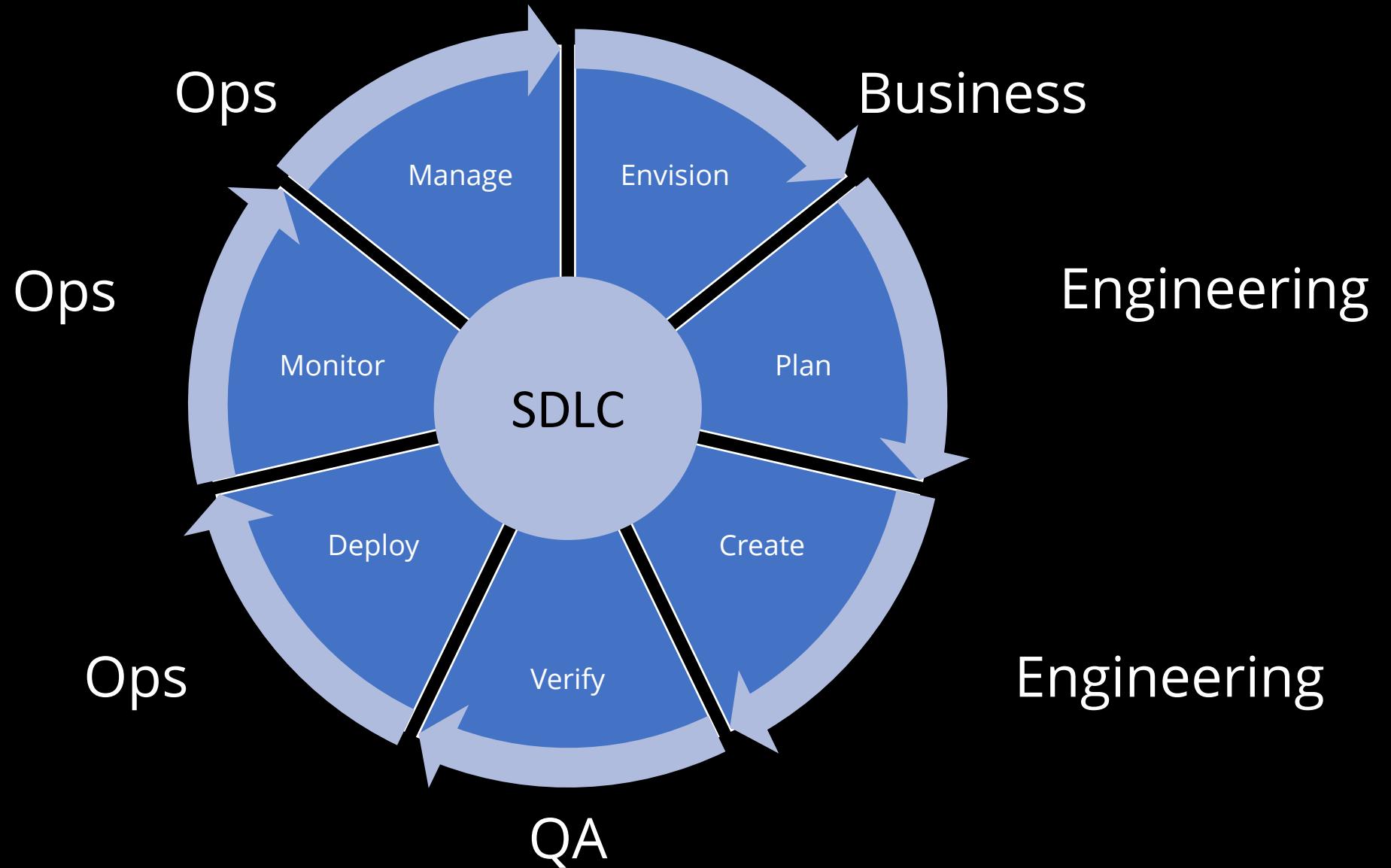
Recap:

- We are leaving heavy security decisions in the hands of business users
- When choosing between productivity and security, the choice is obvious

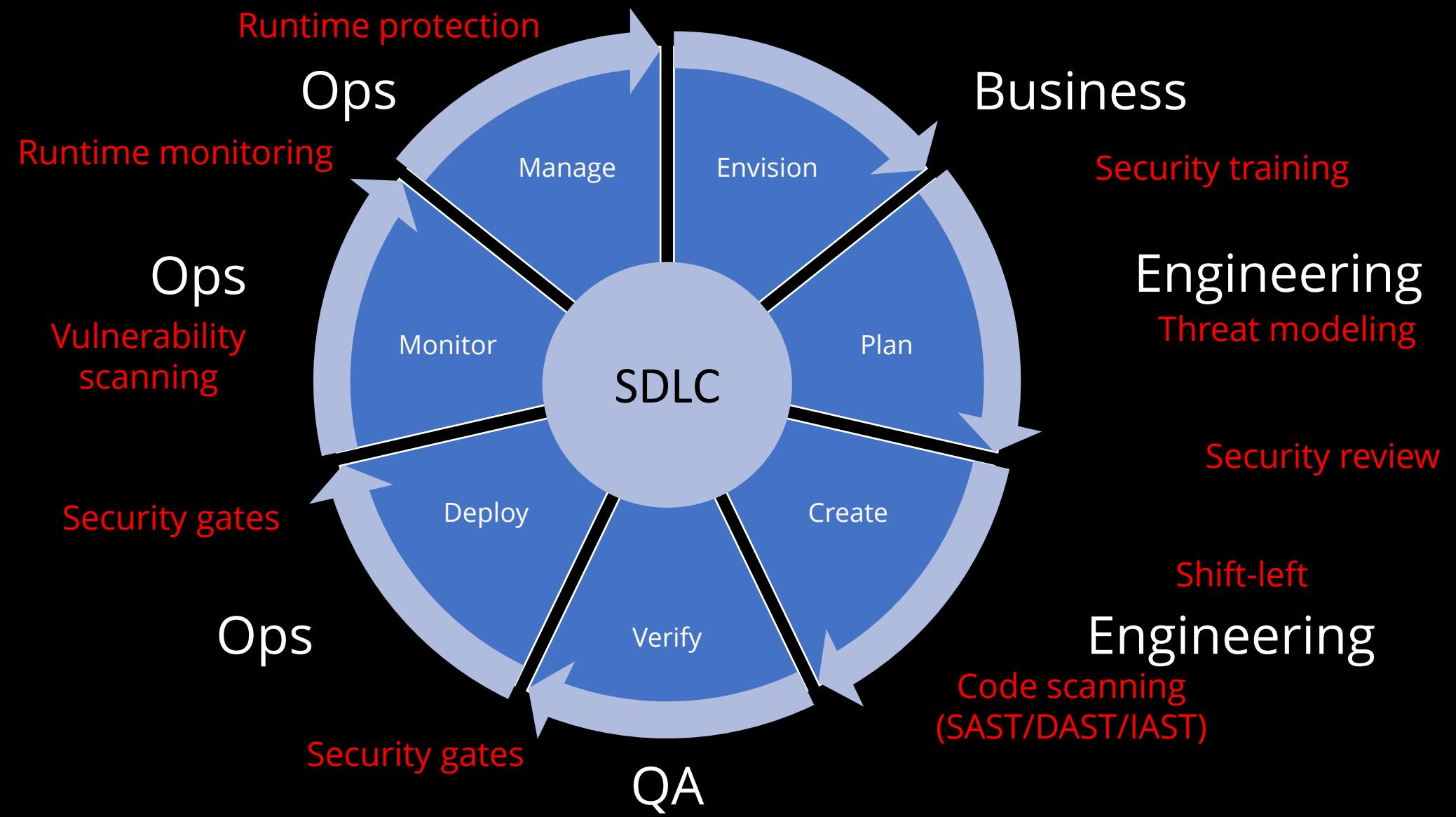


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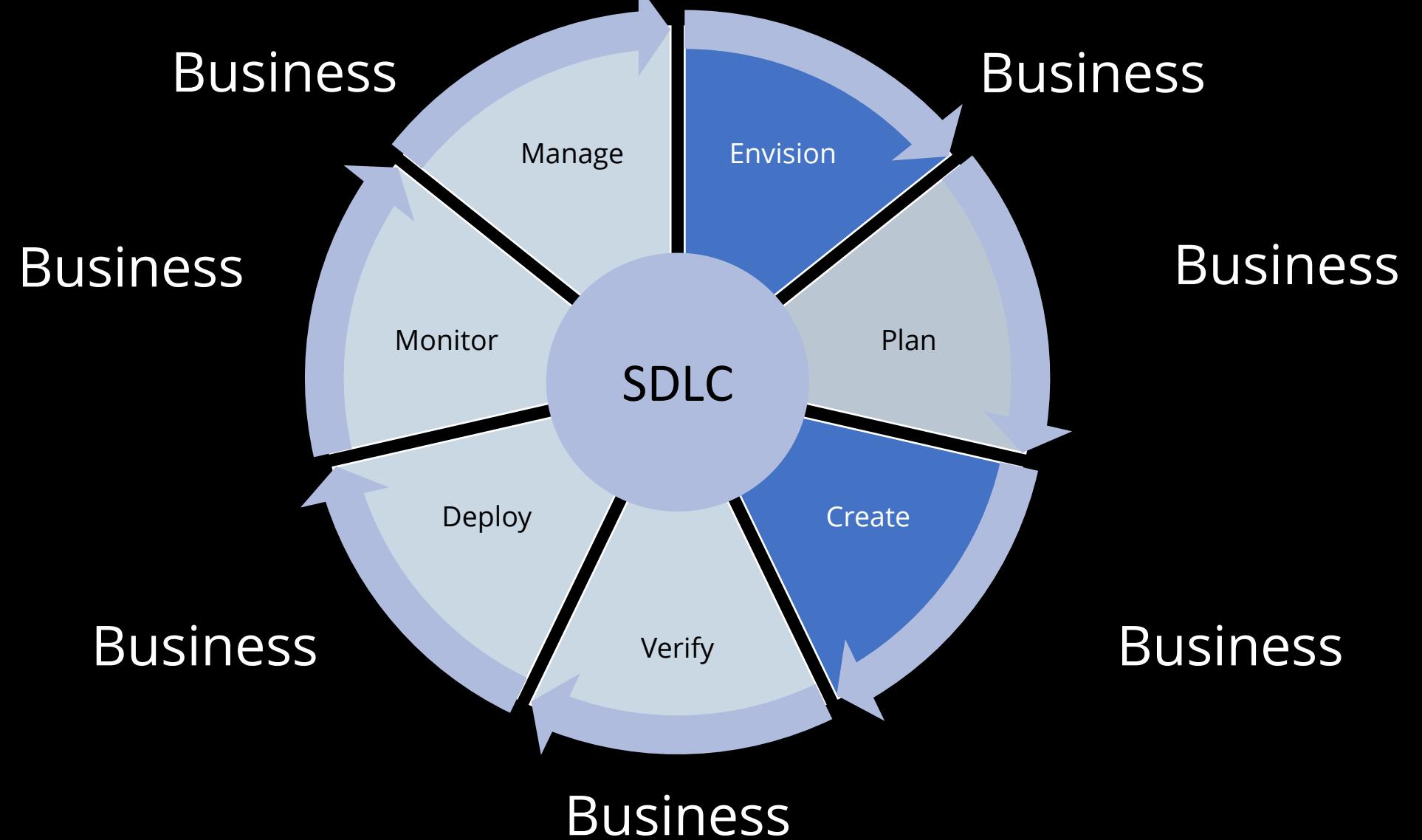
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Pro Code SDLC



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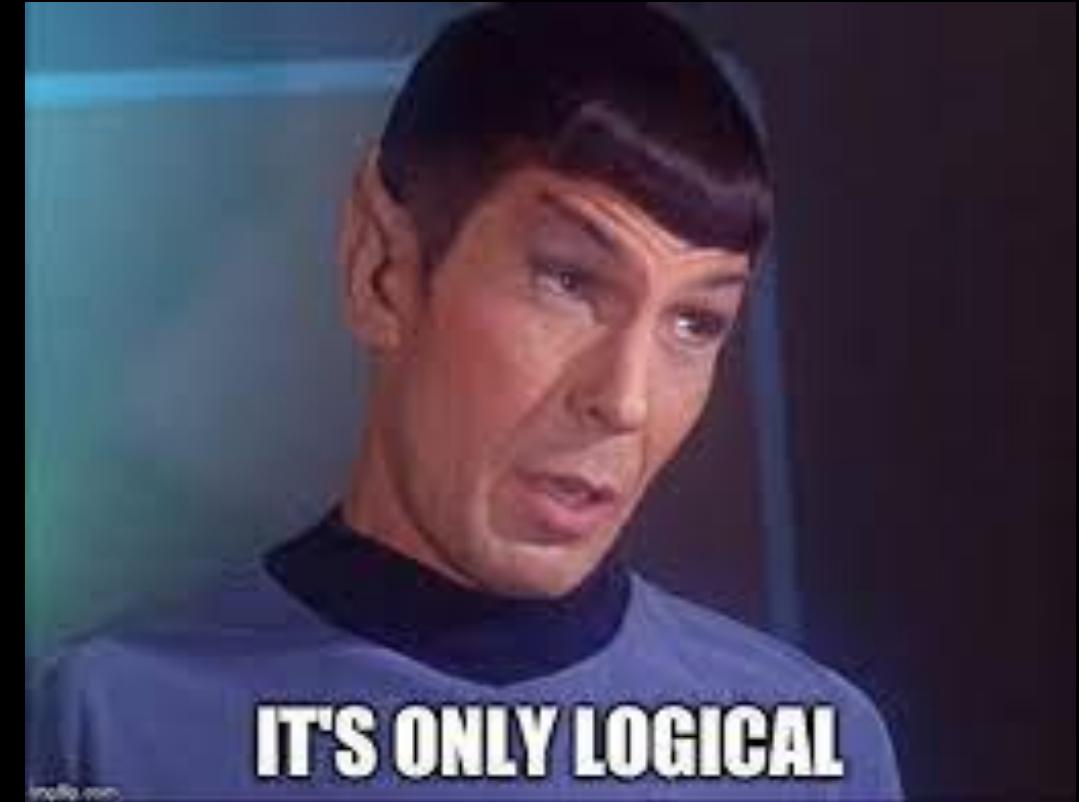


We've given business users:

- **Dev-level power**
- **Missing best practice**
- **No controls**
- **No guardrails**

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Could we really expect anything else?

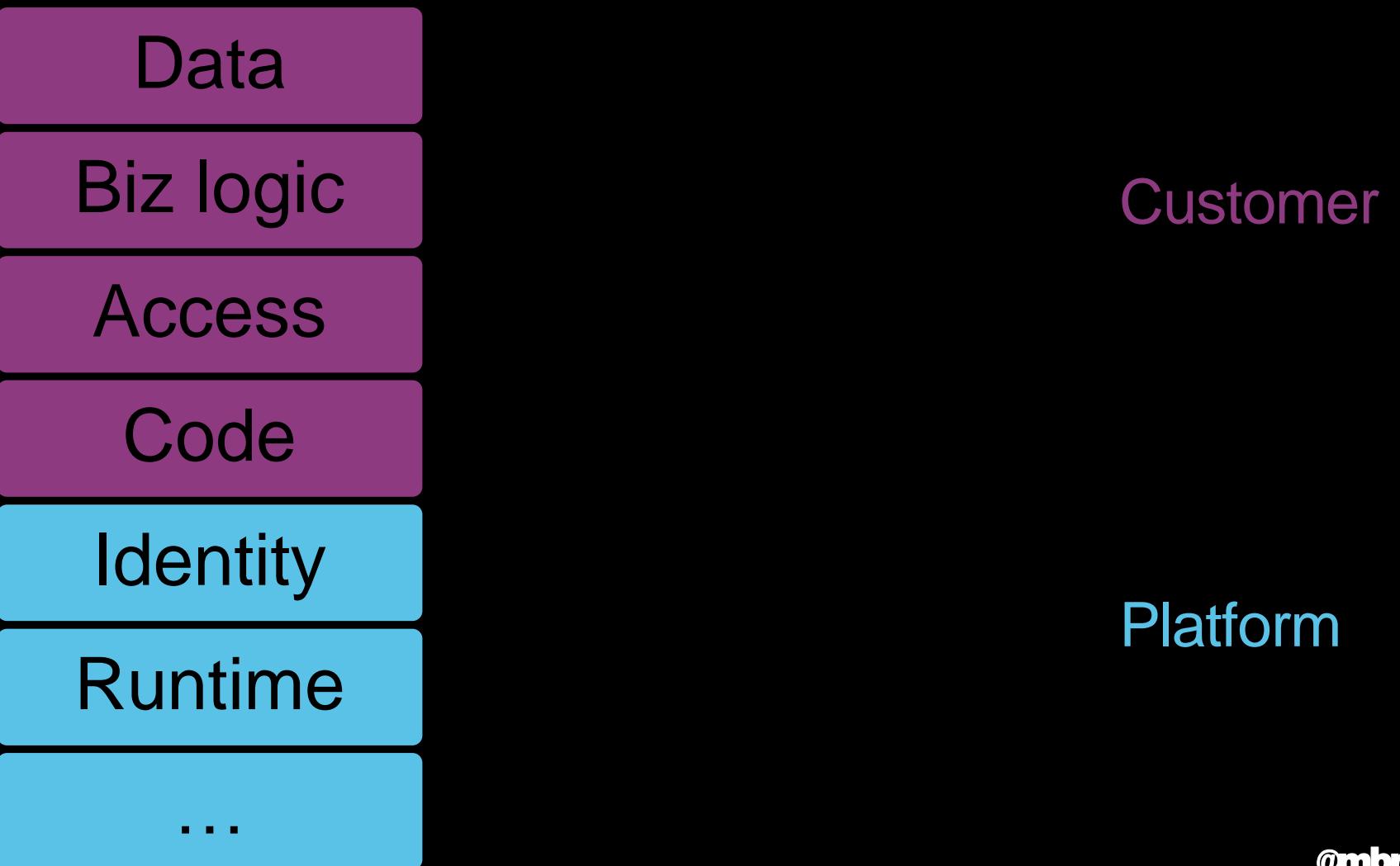
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#SECTORCA @SecTorCA

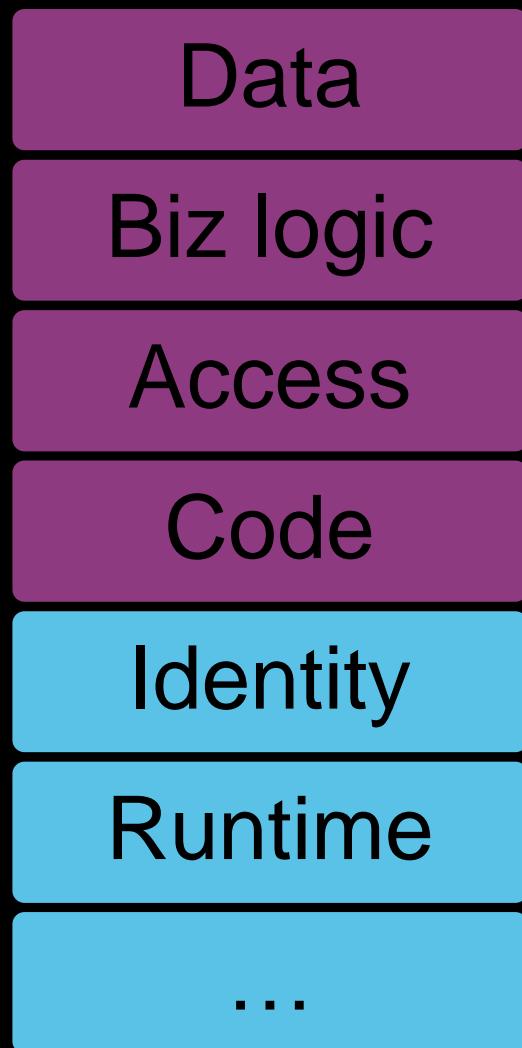


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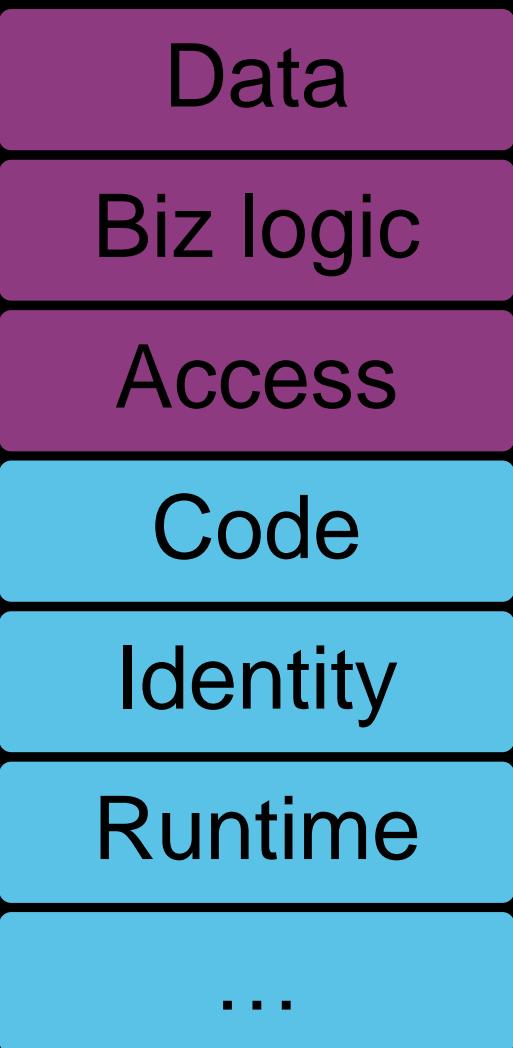
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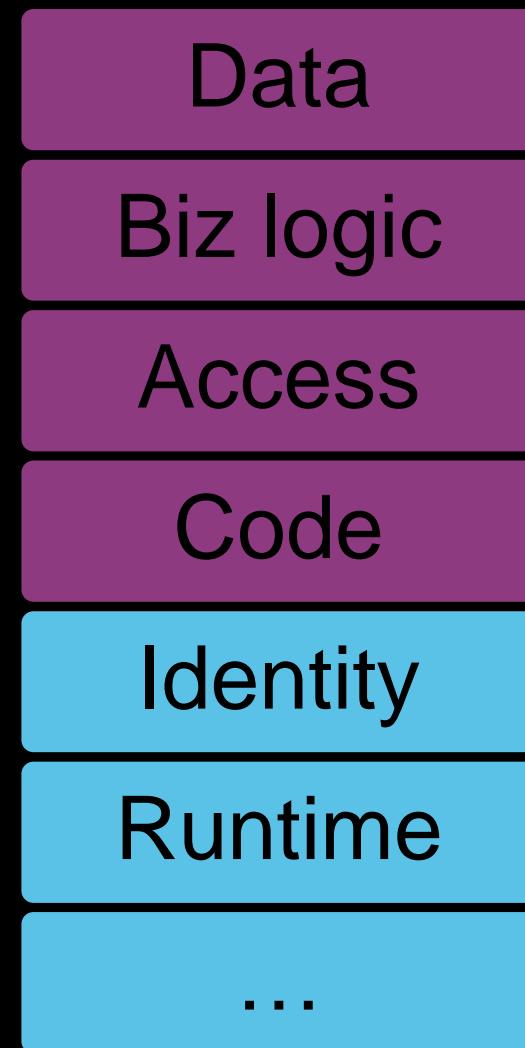


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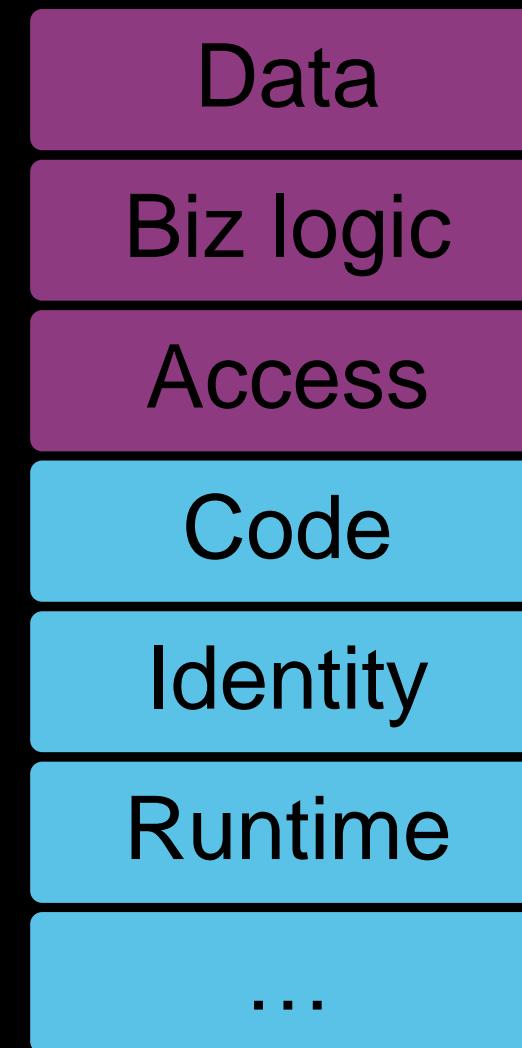
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**We must own
our side of the
Shared
Responsibility
Model**

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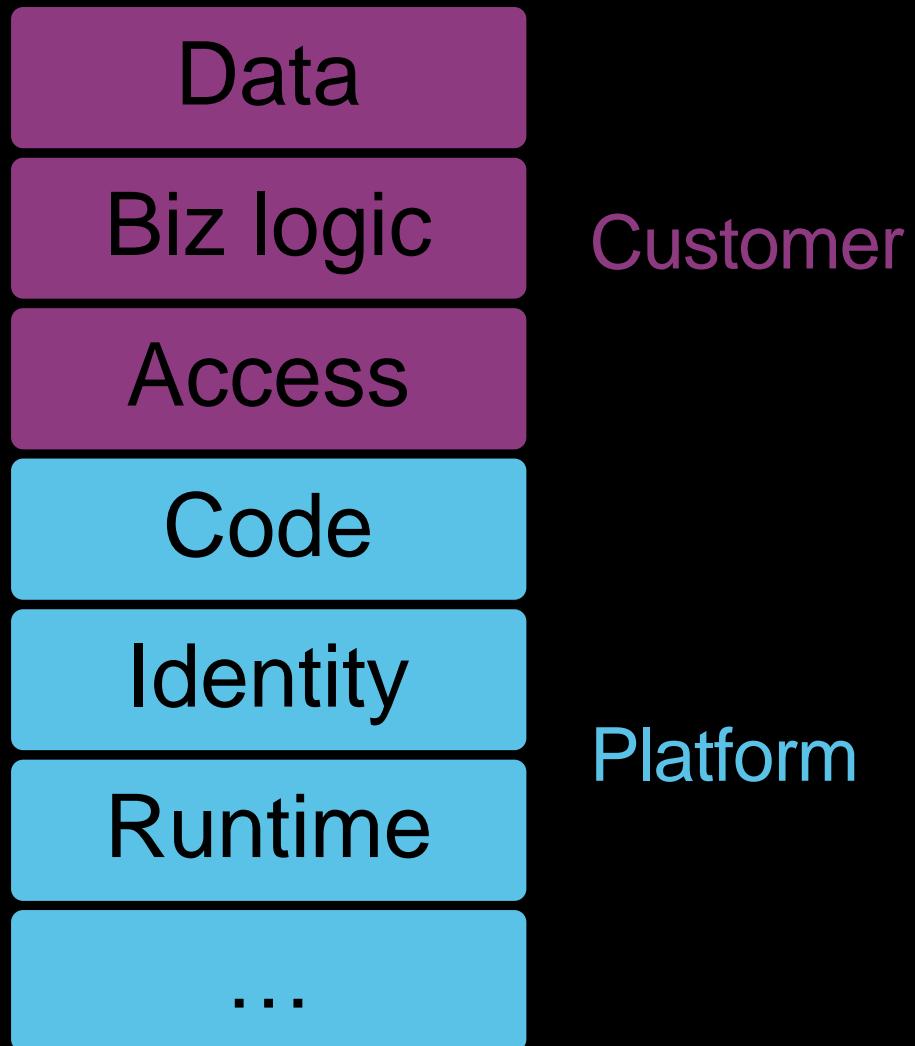
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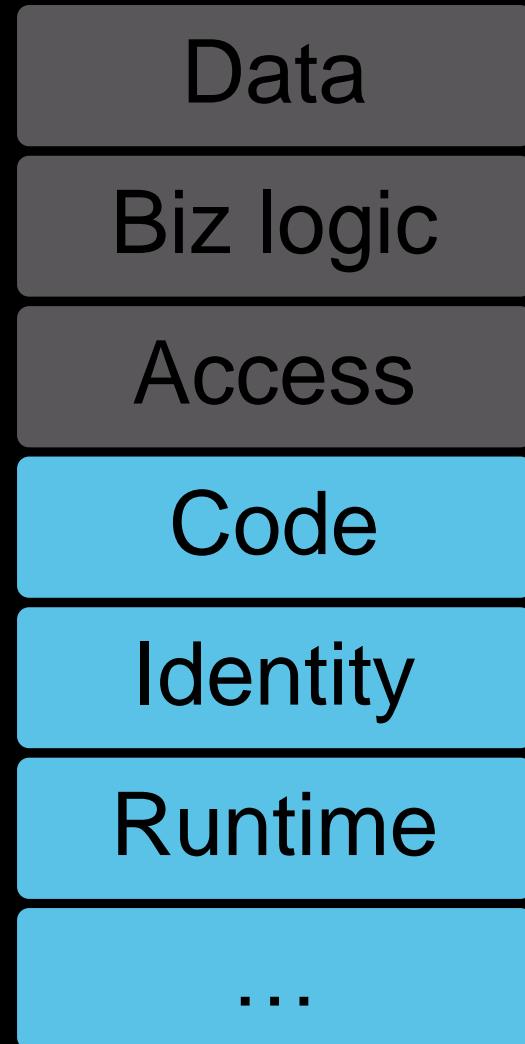
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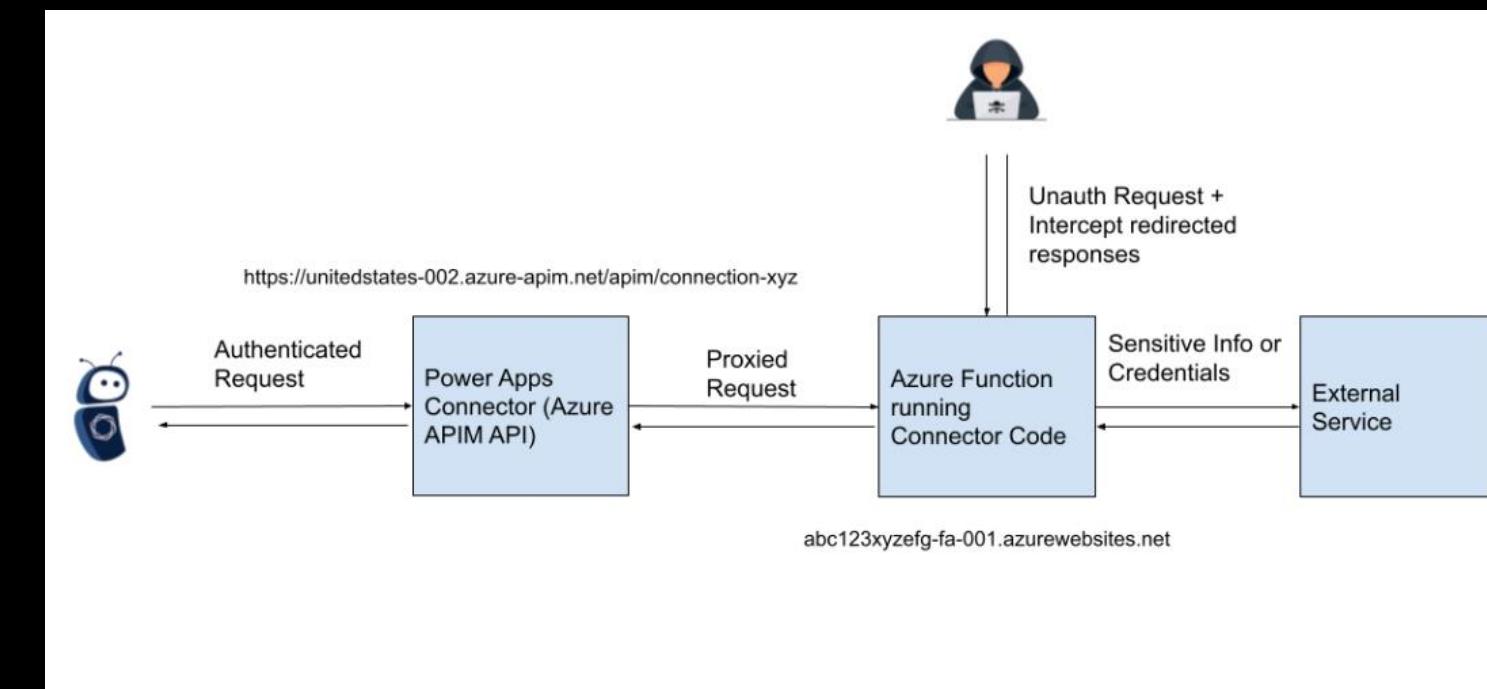
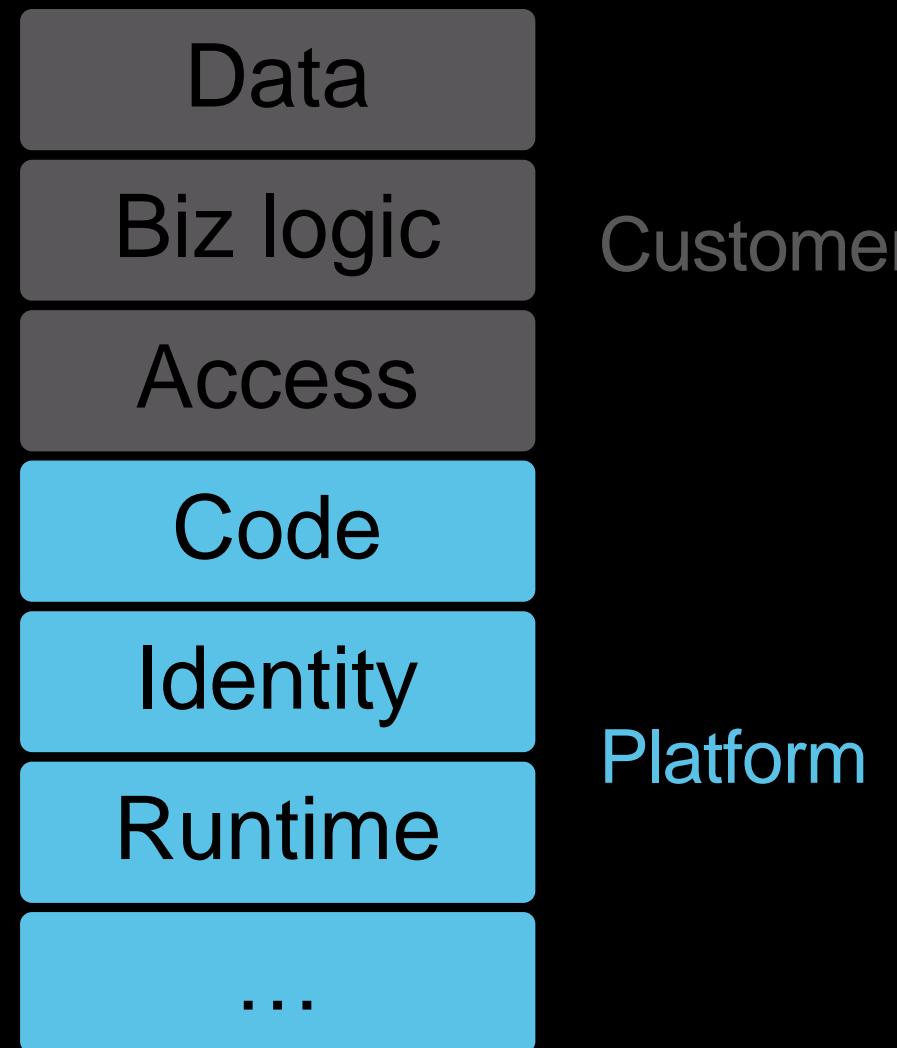
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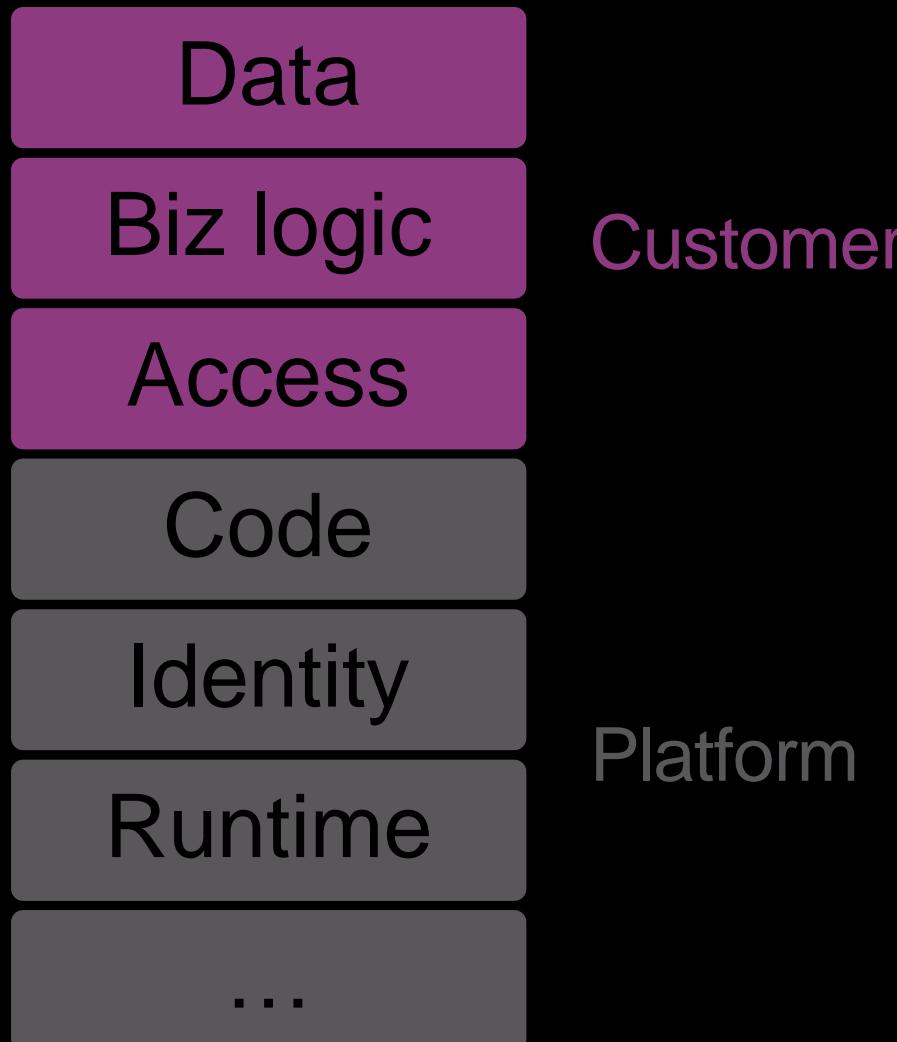
They need to own the code running on their platforms, in addition to the rest of the Shared Responsibility Model.

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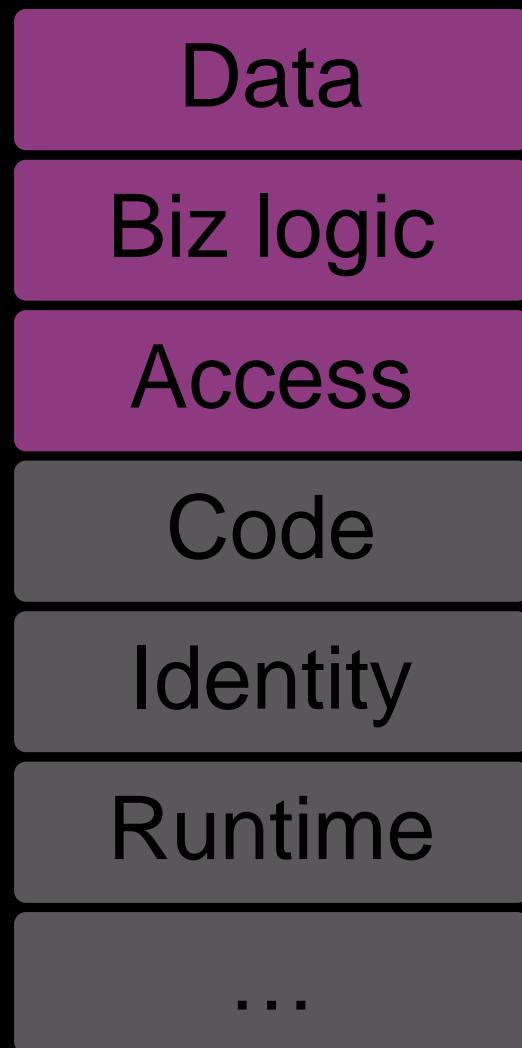
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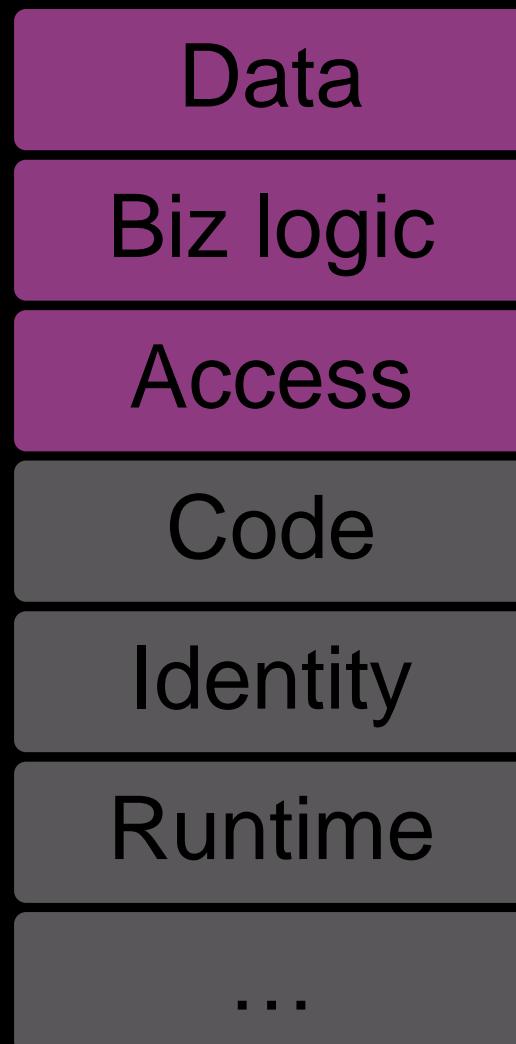
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Who owns AppSec for apps built by business users?



How can we fix it? (Or: LCNC AppSec)



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Example Attack & Misuse Scenarios - Business Users

Scenario #1

A developer builds a No Code/Low Code Robotic Process Automation (RPA) application that connects to a database to update records. The connection uses the Admin's authentication (username and password) to log updates. Although 10 different users use this RPA process, all actions are being recorded as being done by the Admin. Logging systems can no longer track productivity, attribute errors to specific users, or identify malicious behavior.

Scenario #2

A developer builds an application to help the sales team in the field. The developer uses their credentials (username and password) when writing the application, so all sales made through the application are attributed to the developer, not the sales person facilitating the sale.

OWASP LCNC Top 10 sections for business users by John McTiernan and Yianna Paris
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LCNC Security Standard:

- Approved use cases
- SDLC
- Environments
- Testing
- Monitoring
- SBOM
- ...

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        "x-ms-client-request-id": "d7b3daa4-0bba-4724-918b-4523e1bb2e75",
        "x-ms-user-id": "7cb2f429-a54a-46c3-8e4f-df3a3032f249",
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        "Content-Type": "application/json"
    },
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    }
}
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SecTor Sound Bytes

1. We're leaving business users alone with security v productivity decisions, what did we expect them to choose?
2. It's time for AppSec to bring citizen developers under the security umbrella
3. There are 5M C# devs today and over 8M citizen devs - we're neglecting the next generation of (business) devs



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