

## Access controls worksheet

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	Note(s)	Issue(s)	Recommendation(s)
<b>Authorization /authentication</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Make 1-2 notes of information that can help identify the threat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>The event took place on 10/03/23.</i></li><li>● <i>The user is Robert Taylor Jr. (Legal / Administrator)</i></li></ul> <p><i>The IP address of the computer used to login is 152.207.255.255.</i></p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Based on your notes, list 1-2 authorization issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Robert Taylor Jr is an admin.</i></li><li>● <i>His contract ended in 2019, but his account accessed payroll systems in 2023.</i></li></ul>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Make at least 1 recommendation that could prevent this kind of incident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>User accounts should expire after 30 days.</i></li><li>● <i>Contractors should have limited access to business resources.</i></li><li>● <i>Enable MFA.</i></li></ul>

**Notes**

- The event log indicates that the user "Legal\Administrator" initiated a payroll event on 10/03/2023 at 8:29:57 AM from the computer "Up2-NoGud" with IP address 152.207.255.255.
- Cross-referencing with the Employee directory, Robert Taylor Jr., a contractor with the role of Legal attorney, is associated with the same IP address (152.207.255.255) and has Admin authorization, with his last access recorded five days prior to the incident.

**Issues**

- All employees, including part-time, seasonal, and contractors like Robert Taylor Jr., have Admin-level access, which is excessive for their roles and increases the risk of unauthorized actions.

**Recommendations**

- Implement role-based access control (RBAC) to assign permissions based on job roles, limiting Admin access to only those who require it for their duties, such as the Owner or Office manager.
- Establish a process to promptly revoke access for employees upon termination or contract end, including regular audits to identify and deactivate stale accounts like Joanne Phelps.