

Setup MonitorSignInTool

Ensure that you have Powershell 7 installed on your endpoint and administrator rights first time you run this scripts

PS: Default location of all log files, certificates etc is C:\temp, edit this if you want to use another location

1. Download all files
2. Run CertCreator.ps1 to create public and private certificates and extract them to your endpoint's C:\temp , follow instructions in window or follow the below steps here
3. Log into entra.microsoft.com and register an application, call it for example MonitorSignInTool or something like that

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Register an application

* Name

The user-facing display name for this application (this can be changed later).

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Supported account types

Who can use this application or access this API?

- ☒ Accounts in this organizational directory only (Need 4 Cloud only - Single tenant)
- ☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant)
- ☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)
- ☐ Personal Microsoft accounts only

[Help me choose...](#)

Redirect URI (optional)

We'll return the authentication response to this URI after successfully authenticating the user. Providing this now is optional and it can be changed later, but a value is required for most authentication scenarios.

Select a platform e.g. https://example.com/auth

Register an app you're working on here. Integrate gallery apps and other apps from outside your organization by adding from [Enterprise applications](#).

By proceeding, you agree to the [Microsoft Platform Policies](#)

Register

4. Go to API permissions -> Add a permission -> MS Graph -> Application permissions

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Granting tenant-wide consent may revoke permissions that have been granted to your application.

The "Admin consent required" column shows the default value for the permission in organizations where this app will be used. [Learn more](#)

Configured permissions

Applications are authorized to call APIs when they are granted permissions. To view and manage consented permissions for individual apps, see [View and manage consented permissions](#).

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API / Permissions name	Type	Description
Microsoft Graph (1)		
User.Read	Delegated	Sign in and

To view and manage consented permissions for individual apps,

What type of permissions does your application require?

Delegated permissions
Your application needs to access the API as the signed-in user.

Application permissions
Your application runs as a background service or daemon without a signed-in user.

Add permissions Discard

Select AuditLog.Read.All and Mail.Send

Select permissions [expand all](#)

audit

Permission	Admin consent required
AuditLog (1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AuditLog.Read.All ⓘ Read all audit log data	Yes

Select permissions [expand all](#)

send

Permission	Admin consent required
Mail (1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail.Send ⓘ Send mail as any user	Yes

And press Add permissions

5. Now grant permissions

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You are editing permission(s) to your application, users will have to consent even if they've already done so previously.

Granting tenant-wide consent may revoke permissions that have already been granted tenant-wide for that application. Permissions that users have already granted on their own behalf aren't affected. [Learn more](#)

The "Admin consent required" column shows the default value for an organization. However, user consent can be customized per permission, user, or app. This column may not reflect the value in your organization, or in organizations where this app will be used. [Learn more](#)

Configured permissions

Applications are authorized to call APIs when they are granted permissions by users/admins as part of the consent process. The list of configured permissions should include all the permissions the application needs. [Learn more about permissions and consent](#)

+ Add a permission ☒ Grant admin consent for Need 4 Cloud

API / Permissions name	Type	Description	Admin consent requ...	Status
Microsoft Graph (3)				...
AuditLog.Read.All	Application	Read all audit log data	Yes	Not granted for Need 4 ...
Mail.Send	Application	Send mail as any user	Yes	Not granted for Need 4 ...
User.Read	Delegated	Sign in and read user profile	No	...

To view and manage consented permissions for individual apps, as well as your tenant's consent settings, try [Enterprise applications](#).

6. Now go to Certificates & Secrets, press Certificates and Upload certificate

Give your certificate description and upload your public certificate from your endpoint

PS: By default certificates validity is set to one year, this can be edited in CertCreator.ps1 script to for example 2 years. Remember to store your certificates in safe place and only allow authorized accounts to access them!

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Credentials enable confidential applications to identify themselves to the authentication service when receiving a token. For a higher level of assurance, we recommend using a certificate (instead of a client secret) as a credential.

Application registration certificates, secrets and federated credentials can be found in the tabs below.

Certificates (0) Client secrets (0) Federated credentials (0)

Certificates can be used as secrets to prove the application's identity when requesting a token. Also can be used as a credential to access resources.

Upload certificate

Thumbprint	Description	Start date
No certificates have been added for this application.		

Upload certificate

Upload a certificate (public key) with one of the following file types: .cer, .pem, .crt *

Select a file

Description

MonitorSignInToolCert

- When your certificate is uploaded , copy paste your certificate Thumbprint and copy paste it in MonitorSignIn.ps1 config
- Edit all values in MonitorSignIn.ps1 to match your environment

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ClientId      = "Your Client ID" - can be found in Application -> Overview -> Application (client)
ID

CertificateThumbprint = "Your Certificate Thumbprint" – can be found in Application -> Certificates -
> or when generating Certificate with CertCreator.ps1 window

TenantId      = "Your Tenant ID" – can be found in Application -> Overview Directory (tenant) ID

SenderEmail    = "Sender Email upn" – need at least to have Exchange Online P1 license
assigned

RecipientEmail = "RecipientEmail(s) UPN(s)" – separate with commas if you more recipients,
need at least to have Exchange Online P1 license assigned

MonitoredAccount = "Object ID of monitored account" - can be replaced with UPN

MonitoredAccountName = "UPN monitored account when using ObjectID" – this is necessary to
edit if you are using ObjectID in MonitoredAccount value to get account name in email messages

TimeWindowMinutes = 60 – scope of signin log check, edit this to TimeWindowHours to use
hours instead of minutes

StateFilePath   = "C:\temp\SignInMonitor_state.json" - feel free to edit this path, this file stores
processed sign-in ID's to avoid checking duplicate sign ins
}

# Log file path

$logFile = "C:\temp\MonitorSignIn_log.txt" - feel free to edit this path, this file log's every step in the
script to make it possible to troubleshoot

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Edit this values to match your environment !

9. Run MonitorSignIn.ps1 to install all necessary MS Graph modules and test the connection
10. Create task schedule on your endpoint to run this script every X minutes to check sign ins

General:

Name: Give your task an understandable name

Choose Run whether user is logged on or not

Check Run with highest privileges

Configure for: Windows Server XXXX or Windows X

Triggers:

On a schedule

One time, Start XX.XX.XXXX at XX.XX.XX

Select repeat task every X minutes for a duration of Indefinitely or at your choose

Select **Enabled**

Actions:

Action: Start a program

In Program/ Script: Find your path to Powershell 7 exe file which is pwsh.exe in Program Files, the default path should be

"C:\Program Files\PowerShell\7\pwsh.exe"

In Add arguments (optional): copy paste this path

-ExecutionPolicy Bypass -File "Your path\MonitorSignIn.ps1"

Edit Action ✕

You must specify what action this task will perform.

Action: Start a program ▼

Settings

Program/script:
"C:\Program Files\PowerShell\7\pwsh.exe" Browse...

Add arguments (optional): -ExecutionPolicy Bypass

Start in (optional):

OK Cancel

Conditions:

Uncheck: Start the task only if the computer is idle for

Uncheck: Start the task only if the computer is on AC power

Settings:

Check: Allow task to be run on demand

Check: Run task as soon as possible after as scheduled start is missed

Check: If task fails, restart every 1 minute

Now save everything and test with your account, sign in and see if your receive any email

There is 2 types of emails

1. Successful sign ins
2. Failed sign ins

You should get notified about both with 2 different mails templates

Successful

Security Alert - Successful Sign-In Detected for bg@

onmicrosoft.com - [12:29:13.993]

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Account Monitoring

To:

Vlad Admin

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↩ Reply

↩ Reply all

➡ Forward

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! High importance

⚠ SECURITY ALERT - SUCCESSFUL SIGN-IN DETECTED ⚠

Account Name:	bg@	.onmicrosoft.com
Email:	bg@	.onmicrosoft.com
Time (UTC):	03/27/2025 11:07:47	
Status:	Successful	
IP Address:		
Location:	Radal, NO	
Client App:	Browser	
Device:	Unknown	
Browser:	Edge 134.0.0	
Operating System:	Windows10	
Sign-in ID:	8d1a9307-816a-484b-8807-4dbc9ce00201	

If this was not you, please contact your system administrator immediately!

Failed

Security Alert - Failed Sign-In Attempt Detected for bg@

onmicrosoft.com - [12:29:06.458]

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Account Monitoring

To: Vlad Admin

Reply Reply all Forward ...

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SECURITY ALERT - FAILED SIGN-IN ATTEMPT DETECTED

Account Name:	bg@	.onmicrosoft.com
Email:	bg@	onmicrosoft.com
Time (UTC):	03/27/2025 11:07:27	
Status:	Failed (Code: 50140)	
IP Address:		
Location:	Radal, NO	
Client App:	Browser	
Device:	Unknown	
Browser:	Edge 134.0.0	
Operating System:	Windows10	
Sign-in ID:	a8fcb490-8c87-48b6-8113-25380d9a7b00	

If this was not you, please contact your system administrator immediately!