



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

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

- displayName
- description
- mode

- parameters
- policyRule
 - · logical evaluations
 - effect

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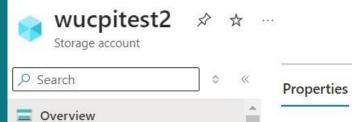
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 Policy Alias and Resource Property and Modifiable

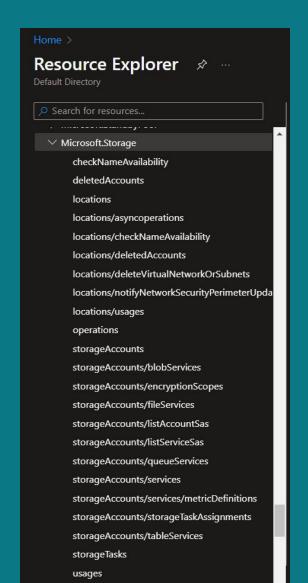
Resourcetype

- Cet-AZPolicyAlias
- · AZ CLI
- ARM Template
- Deployment Template
- Azure Resource Explorer



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Monitoring
                                                                                    Capabilities (7)
                                                                                                     Recommendations (0)
                                                                                                                           Tutorials
"type": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts",
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                                                                                                                     Security
"apiVersion": "2023-05-01",
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"name": "[parameters('storageAccounts_wucpinewstorage_name')]",
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"location": "westeurope",
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"sku": {
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    "name": "Standard LRS",
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    "tier": "Standard"
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                                                                     "if": {
"kind": "StorageV2",
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                                                                            "anyOf": [
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        "ipRules": [],
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                "enabled": true
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        "keySource": "Microsoft.Storage"
```

Tools + SDKs



```
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",
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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>

Home >

Resource Explorer 🖈 …

efault Directory

✓ Microsoft.Storage checkNameAvailability deletedAccounts locations locations/asyncoperations locations/checkNameAvailability locations/deletedAccounts locations/deleteVirtualNetworkOrSubnets locations/notifyNetworkSecurityPerimeterUpda locations/usages operations storageAccounts storageAccounts/blobServices storageAccounts/encryptionScopes storageAccounts/fileServices storageAccounts/listAccountSas storageAccounts/listServiceSas storageAccounts/queueServices storageAccounts/services storageAccounts/services/metricDefinitions

storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments

storageAccounts/tableServices

storageTasks

usages

storageAccounts (Response Time 345ms)

```
"capabilities": "None"
"resourceType": "storageAccounts",
"locations": |
   "East US",
   "East US 2",
   "East US 2 (Stage)",
    "West US",
    "West Europe",
    "East Asia",
    "Southeast Asia",
    "Japan East",
   "Japan West",
    "North Central US",
    "South Central US",
   "Central US",
    "North Europe",
    "Brazil South",
    "Australia East",
    "Australia Southeast".
    "South India",
    "Central India",
    "West India",
   "Canada East".
    "Canada Central",
    "West US 2",
    "Most Control US"
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Resource Explorer 🖈 ...

Default Directory

usages

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Search for resources...
    deletedAccounts
    locations
    locations/asyncoperations
    locations/checkNameAvailability
    locations/deletedAccounts
    locations/deleteVirtualNetworkOrSubnets
    locations/notifyNetworkSecurityPerimeterUpda
    locations/usages
    operations
    storageAccounts
    storageAccounts/blobServices
    storageAccounts/encryptionScopes
    storageAccounts/fileServices
    storageAccounts/listAccountSas
    storageAccounts/listServiceSas
    storageAccounts/queueServices
    storageAccounts/services
    storageAccounts/services/metricDefinitions
    storageAccounts/storageTaskAssignments
    storageAccounts/tableServices
    storageTasks
```

storageAccounts/fileServices (Response Time 345ms)

```
"2016-12-01".
                       "2016-05-01"
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                           "apiVersion": "2017-10-01"
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                   "locations : |
                       "East US",
                       "East US 2",
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                       "West Europe",
                       "East Asia",
                       "Southeast Asia",
                       "Japan East",
                       "Japan West",
                       "North Central US",
                       "South Central US",
```

PROPERTIES & ALIAS & MODIFABLE

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

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

PROPERTIES & ALIAS & MODIFABLE

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

AZURE VS ENTRA ID

MANAGED VS CUSTOM POLICY

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"

List of Storage Accounts

```
"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": {
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       "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"
```

• If resource has anonymous access

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

```
"displayName": "Storage accounts with public access",
"policyType": "BuiltIn",
"mode": "Indexed",
"description": "List all publicly accessible storage account",
"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"
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      "Disabled"
    "defaultValue": "Audit"
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 "if": {
    "all0f": [
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        "equals": "Microsoft.Storage/storageAccounts"
        "not": {
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          "equals": "false"
    "effect": "[parameters('effect')]"
"versions": [
  "1.0.3"
```

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

- All The Virtual Machines With External IP Built-In Policy
- https://github.com/Azure/azure-policy/blob/master/built-ininpolicies/policyDefinitions/Network/NetworkPublicIPNic_D eny.json

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   "category": "Network"
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 "parameters": {},
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     "all0f": [
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          "not": {
           "field": "Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces/ipconfigurations[*].publicIpAddress.id",
           "notLike": "*"
    "then": {
     "effect": "deny"
 "versions": [
   "1.0.0"
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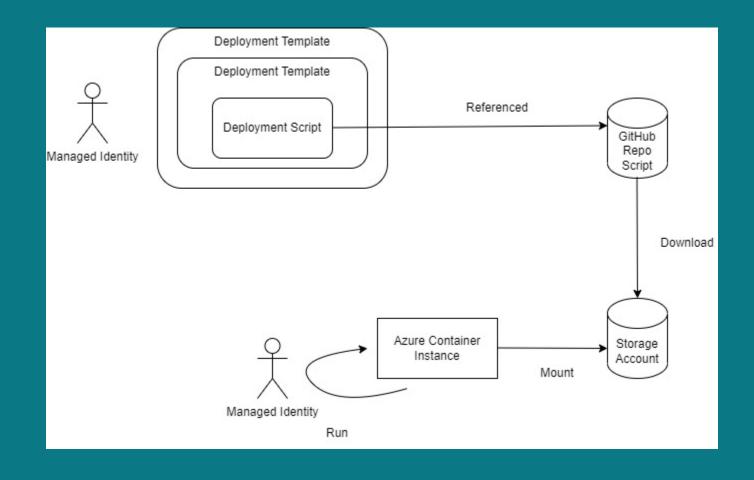
PROOF OF CONCEPT

- 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

PROOF OF CONCEPT



PROOF OF CONCEPT ELEMENTS

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

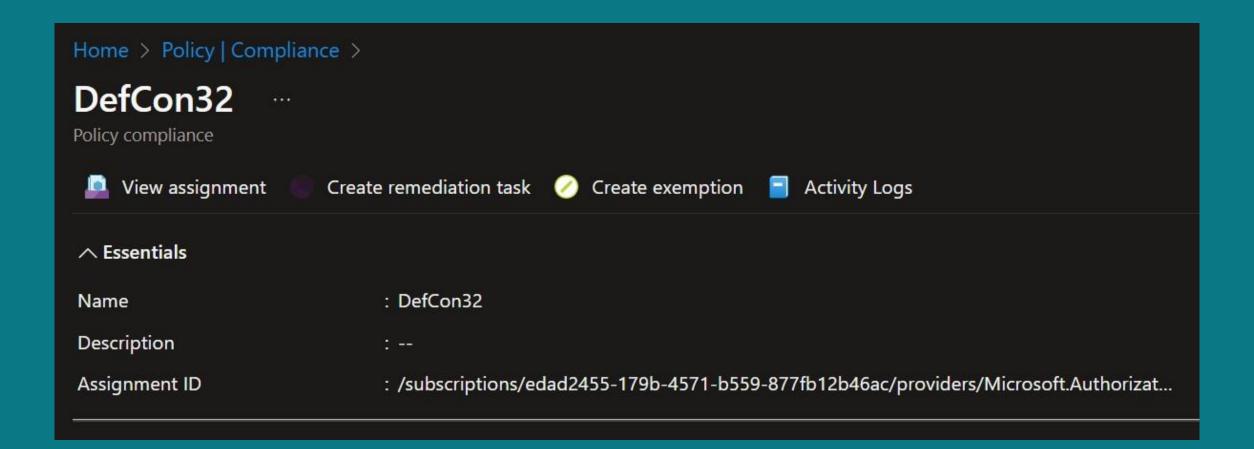
DEMO

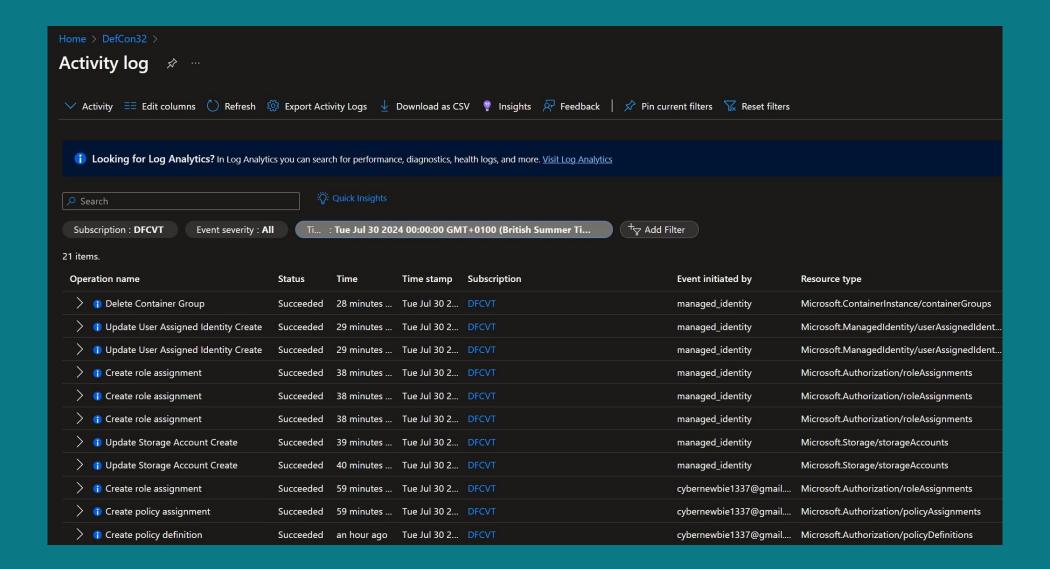
Video - 8:30 mins

PROOF OF CONCEPT - 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'.

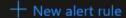
Role -

Scope -

Create role assignment

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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-

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Operation name Create role assignment

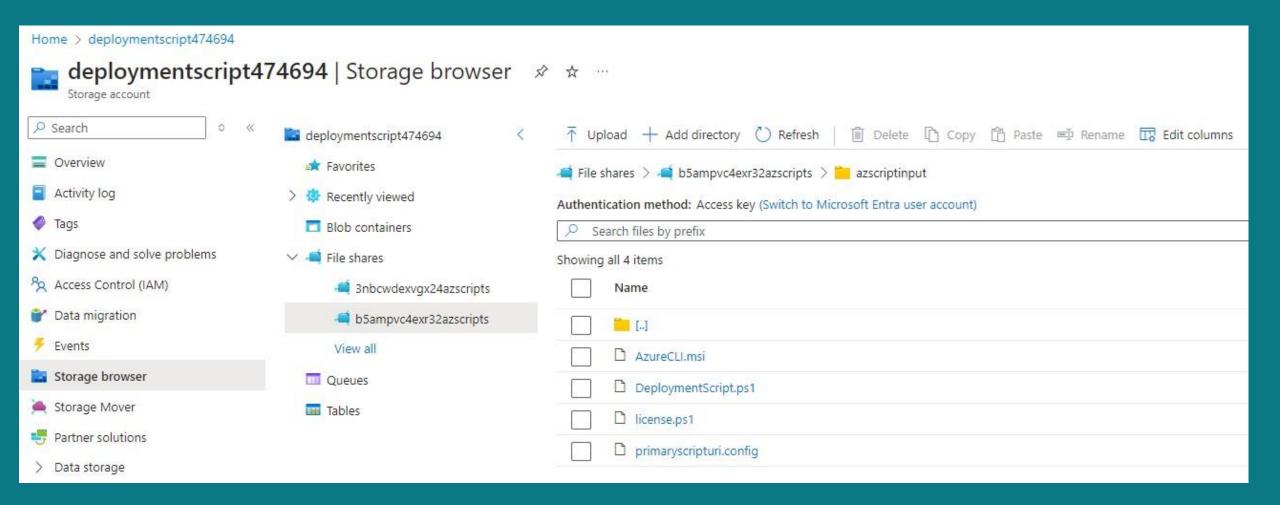
Time stamp Tue Jul 30 2024 01:33:28 GMT+0100 (British Summer Time)

Event initiated by managed_identity

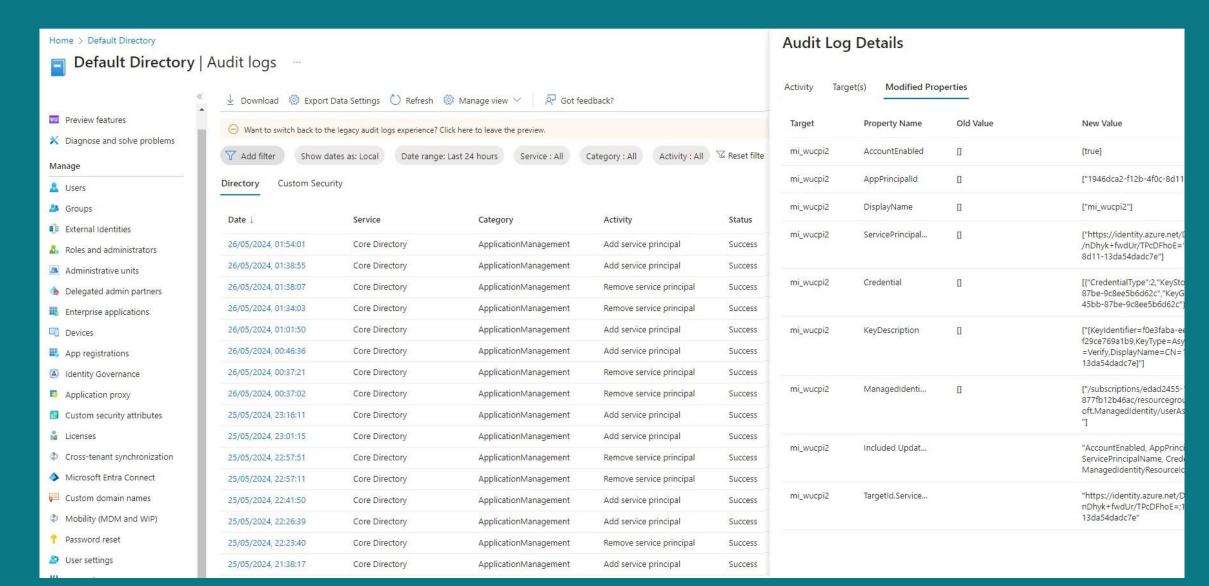
Message Shared with 'defcon32_cv'.

Role -

Scope -



ENTRA ID AUDIT LOG



LINKSI

- Original Policy https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/coreinfrastructure-and-security/azure-policy-remediationwith-deployment-scripts/ba-p/I594674
- Azure Policy Examples https://github.com/Azure/azurepolicy
- Azure Community Policy Examples https://github.com/Azure/Community-Policy
- Azure Policy Examples https://www.azadvertizer.net/azpolicyadvertizer_all.html

LINKS 2

- https://codingfor.beer/creating-an-azure-policyremediation-task-for-an-azure-policy-initiativee75214373c99
- https://marcogerber.ch/the-power-of-azure-policydeployifnotexists/
- https://itnext.io/implementing-and-troubleshooting-acustom-azure-policy-definition-lab8d0634bb2

LINKS 3

- https://stefanstranger.github.io/2021/01/22/LessonsLear nedDevelopingACustomPolicy/
- https://journeyofthegeek.com/2021/03/07/writing-acustom-azure-policy/
- https://msftplayground.com/2022/03/building-yourazure-policies-part-I/

LINKS 4

- https://securitylabs.datadoghq.com/articles/azure-policyprivilege-escalation/
- https://medium.com/cyesec/azure-ad-privilegeescalation-through-auto-assignment-policies-2d0422be4f25
- https://medium.com/@vladimir.tul/elevating-privilegesthrough-azure-policy-872298cf673f

QUESTIONS

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