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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Introduction Josh Madeley - @MadeleyJosh 4 ◆ Principal Consultant – 3 years with Mandiant ◆ Incident Response Lead ◆ Office 365 Connoisseur ◆ Canadian

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Email in the cloud... and much, much more ◆ Office 365 is a suite of cloud-based applications ◆ Exchange Online is basically just Exchange Server ported to the cloud ◆ User identity is backed by Azure AD ► just Active Directory in the cloud

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Authentication Identity is the new perimeter ◆ Cloud Authentication ► Authentication happens within Azure AD ► Simple, easy to setup and maintain ► limited MFA and account settings ◆ Federated Authentication ► Authentication passed off to a trusted third-party ► AD FS, Okta, Ping, etc ► Higher level of control and advanced authentication options ► More difficult to implement and maintain

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Modern vs Legacy Authentication ◆ Modern Authentication ► The standard and recommended sign-in mechanism ► Uses OAuth behind the scenes ► Supports advanced security – MFA and Conditional Access Policies ◆ Legacy Authentication (enabled by default)

▶ Can be used with several protocols – POP, IMAP, MAPI/HTTP – PowerShell, EWS, AutoDiscover ▶
Does not support MFA 8

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Core Logs ◆ Three main official log sources ▶ Unified Audit Log
▶ Mailbox Audit Log ▶ Admin Audit Log Bonus (sometimes) ▶ Azure AD Audit logs ◆ Extras ▶
Mail trace ▶ Security & Compliance reports ▶ Activities API

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Unified Audit Log ◆ Contains log entries from multiple data
sources, and continues to grow as the platform matures ◆ Stored in JSON ◆ Searchable via PowerShell,
Search-UnifiedAuditLog ▶ Search by User, IP address, Operation (event type), free text ◆ Query results
limited to 5000 entries at a time ◆ 3060 Character Length per record ▶ Truncates records that exceed this
▶ Results in malformed JSON documents or trimmed entries ◆ Maintained for 90 days ◆ Events are not
immediately available

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Anatomy of a UAL Entry Key Name Description CreationTime
When the event occurred Id Unique identifier of the log entry (not a session ID) Operation What action
occurred – UserLoggedIn, New-InboxRule Workload The Office 365 Product that generated the log entry
(RecordType) UserId User Id that performed the operation or made the request ClientIP Source IP address
of the request (Most Workloads) ClientIpAddress Source IP address of the request (Exchange Online)
ObjectId Identifier of the object that was modified or accessed Parameters Array of key/value pairs that
are event entry specific

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Unified Audit Log Workload Operation Description
AzureActiveDirectory UserLoggedIn Login to Office 365 *not just Exchange* Exchange New-InboxRule
Inbox rule created Exchange Set-InboxRule Inbox rule modified OneDrive FileAccessed File in OneDrive
was accessed 12 Examples

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Mailbox Audit Log Action Admin Delegate Owner Copy – Any
item is copied to another folder Create – an item is created in Calendar, Contacts, Notes, Tasks Folder Bind
– A mailbox folder is accessed Mailbox Login – The user signed into their mailbox (not Office 365)
Message Bind – An item was displayed in the reading pane Attacks usually happen here with valid
credentials

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Admin Audit Logs ◆ Records actions taken by administrators
based on Exchange Online PowerShell cmdlets ▶ Most admin interfaces (even the WebUI) are wrappers

for PowerShell cmdlets ◆Returns results as PowerShell objects via Search-AdminAuditLog ◆Retains events for 90 days ◆Some (not all) events get sent to the Unified Audit Log

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential BEC defined ◆Business Email Compromise (BEC) – Fraud where an attacker gains access to a mailbox of an employee with access to company finances and tricks them or uses them to trick others into wiring money to attacker-controlled accounts. ◆Has cost companies over \$12 Billion ◆Mechanism of deception can vary between cases ▶ CEO/CFO impersonation ▶ Vendor impersonation ◆Tend to follow a set playbook

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Gaining access Initial phishing

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Gains Access ◆Start-HistoricalSearch –ReportTitle InitialPhishSearch –StartDate 2019/01/01 –EndDate 2019/01/10 – ReportType MessageTraceDetail - Direction Received –RecipientAddress joe@victim.org ▶ Returns report in CSV format ▶ Can search up to 90 days back ▶ Searches can take several hours to complete 18 Mail trace Date_time Message_id Recipient _address Total_bytes Message _subject Sender_ address Return_p ath Original_client _ip 2019-01-02T22:30:01 <09d1e730 8c55e8cacc 98c42d833 36d67@exam ple.com> joe@victi m.org 31358234 Quick Review hr@exam ple.co m hr@exam ple.com 1.1.1.1

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Gaining access ◆Search-UnifiedAuditLog –StartDate (Get-Data).addDays(-90) -EndDate Get-Date –UserIds joe@victim.org ◆UserLoggedIn events record auths to Office 365 ◆Don't be fooled by "ResultStatus:Succeeded" ◆LogonError attribute says otherwise ▶ Error codes indicate different failure conditions ◆Initial authentication attempts failed due to MFA requirement 19 UserLoggedIn Events

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Sidetrack... ◆Applications objects exist in the tenant where they were created ◆Service Principals are local copies of the application in the consuming tenant ◆Office 365 components (e.g. Exchange Online) follow this model too! ◆ApplicationId and Target ID tell us the apps that were used and targeted ▶ Service Principal IDs ◆Get-AzureADServicePrincipal 20 Azure Service Principals

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Sidetrack.. ◆A single interactive logon may generate several login events in the audit log ◆Accessing each component of Office 365 (exchange, azure, sharepoint) is a unique authentication ◆Logging in to portal.office.com generates at least 6 login events: 1. 12:00:00 -

Office 365 Portal application targeting Azure Active Directory 2. 12:00:20 - Office Suite UX application targeting Azure Active Directory 3. 12:00:25 - Exchange Online application targeting Exchange Online 4. 12:00:25 - Office 365 Shell targeting "Unknown" 5. 12:00:27- Office 365 Shell targeting a hidden application 6. 12:00:27 - Office 365 Shell targeting Sharepoint Online 21 Service Principals

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Gaining access ◆ Attacker switched to a protocol that supports legacy (i.e. basic) authentication ◆ ExchangeServiceClient/0.0.0.0 ▶ EWS client library ▶ Available on github ◆ Programmatic access to the mailbox ◆ No MFA required! 22 UserLoggedIn Events

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Remain undetected ◆ Created two inbox rules to keep fraud attempt hidden ▶ Rule #1: hide any signs of compromise detection – Match messages with “phish”, “hack”, “undeliverable”, “spam” and move them to trash ▶ Rule #2: hide any legitimate communications from spoofed vendor – The real vendor is going to wonder why they aren’t getting paid – move any messages from the real vendor to the trash

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Find the rules! ◆ Searching the Unified Audit Log for Inbox rules is not fun for two main reasons 1. IP addresses for some events have the TCP port appended to them <IP>: <port> ▶ Search-UnifiedAuditLog -IpAddress 1.1.1.1 ▶ 1.1.1.1:10596 ▶ Searching for inbox rules by an attacker IP address is impossible because of this 2. When an inbox rule is modified, you cannot identify the rule that was modified ▶ Only the changed conditions are recorded ◆ Search-UnifiedAuditLog -Operation New-InboxRule, Set-InboxRule 24

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Change banking information

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential APT Intrusions 1. Attacker password sprayed an AD FS Proxy to find valid credentials 2. Accessed the network via backdoor 3. Elevated creds with Mimikatz and collected Exchange Admin credentials 4. Searched mailboxes with eDiscovery searches 5. Used delegation to gain full control over key mailboxes ◆ Unified Audit Log ◆ Admin Audit Log Attack Summary Logs Required

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Password sprays and AD FS ◆ Authentication handled on-premise ◆ Failed authentications don’t make it past the AD FS server Failed authentications are not recorded in the Unified Audit Log ◆ AD FS records events in the Security Event Log ▶ Logs can roll very quickly ◆ Without advanced auditing you won’t see IP addresses 29

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Attacker logs in ◆ The victim used Conditional Access Policies to restrict logins from non-US IP addresses ◆ Initial sign-in by the attacker occurred from a US-based IP address ▶ Maps to a virtual private network provider ◆ Subsequent logins are recorded from a Netherlands-based IP address ▶ Access tokens are refreshed at least once an hour, sometimes generating log events ▶ Access policies are only checked at the initial authentication, not on subsequent refreshes ◆ “Remember me” gives attacker access for 90 days or until password is changed 31

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential What is eDiscovery ◆ Process of identifying and delivering electronic information that can be used as evidence in legal cases. ◆ Search for content in: ▶ Exchange Online mailboxes ▶ Office 365 Groups ▶ Microsoft Teams ▶ SharePoint Online (the file contents, OneNote, Word, Excel, etc) ▶ OneDrive for Business sites ▶ Skype for Business conversations.

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Operation: SearchCreated ◆ Attacker creates a new E-Discovery Search ▶ Looking for emails with RSA SDTID files ▶ CreationTime – When the attacker created this search ▶ ObjectId – name of the case viewable in the GUI ▶ Parameters – Cmdlet that was executed and the supplied parameters (this is what the GUI executes behind the scenes) ◆ ClientIP -Wait... this event doesn't record an IP!

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential PreviewItemRendered (Truncated) Critical Details ◆ An individual object was rendered in the eDiscovery UI ◆ ObjectId – text reference to the object that is rendered ▶ Attacker can view data in existing searches that they did not create ▶ <CASENAME> <CASENAME>_Preview<ObjectName> ◆ ExchangeLocations – list of locations that the object List can be quite large for messages that were forwarded to the entire company List often exceeds maximum size of a UAL event Results in malformed JSON that can be overlooked by some scripts

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Operation: SearchExportDownloaded ◆ Indicates that the attacker downloaded results of a search ◆ SearchIDs maps to GUID from SearchCreated event ◆ Only indicates that the download started, not finished ◆ Up until recently messages were delivered in a PST format and SharePoint objects download individually ◆ Large downloads fail regularly and are not recorded as failed ◆ To date – no way to determine the contents of an archive without re-running the search

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Exchange Online Mailboxes Add-MailboxPermission ◆ Assigns an account permissions to another account ◆ Different levels of access ▶ FullAccess ▶ SendAs ▶ SendOnBehalf Parameters: ▶ User : Account receiving the new permissions ▶ AccessRights : Type of access being granted ▶ Identity : The account being modified

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Azure AD PowerShell ◆ Unlike Exchange Online PowerShell, this can't be turned off! ◆ You can't apply Conditional Access Policies to it ▶ It uses Microsoft Graph `Get-AzureADUser` ◆ Any user (even unlicensed) can access PS > Connect-AzureAD PS > Get-AzureADUser
ObjectId DisplayName UserPrincipalName UserType -----
xxxx-xxxx John Doe John.Doe@example.com Member 38

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential OAuth Abuse 39 ◆ Cloud service providers allow users to integrate third-party applications in order to drive synergy and enhance productivity ▶ G Suite, Office 365, Box ◆ Once installed, the applications can access users' data on their behalf at any time ▶ Bypasses MFA requirements by design ▶ Valid for 90 days Enhance productivity!

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential OAuth Abuse 40 ◆ A user "consents" to allow an application access to her account ◆ Attacker receives an access token they can supply to Office 365 to access data ◆ Unified Audit Log records user consent events

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Exchange Online message read auditing ◆ Currently, Mailbox Audit logs don't record when an owner of a mailbox views or accesses a message ◆ Changing in 1H 2019!
42 Action Admin Delegate Owner Copy – Any item is copied to another folder Create – an item is created in Calendar, Contacts, Notes, Tasks Folder Bind – A mailbox folder is accessed Mailbox Login – The user signed into their mailbox (not Office 365) Message Bind – An item was displayed in the reading pane

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Exchange Online message read auditing ◆ Messages read by an owner and delegate will now be recorded ◆ Audited events are recorded in the mailbox audit log ▶ counts against mailbox quota storage (you have 100GB by default, it's ok) ▶ logs 90 days of accessed messages by default 43 Action Admin Delegate Owner Copy – Any item is copied to another folder Create – an item is created in Calendar, Contacts, Notes, Tasks Folder Bind – A mailbox folder is accessed Mailbox Login – The user signed into their mailbox (not Office 365) Message Bind – An item was displayed in the reading pane

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Exchange Online message read auditing ◆ Each MailItemsAccessed event will record a 2-minute activity period ◆ New events within a period will be generated if ▶ new client IP address ▶ new User Principal Name doing the read/access ▶ New parent mailbox folder ▶ new logon type ▶ new mailbox session ID ▶ new user agent string 44 How does it work

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Exchange Online message read auditing ◆ Covers access to a mailbox via Modern Auth AND legacy protocols (IMAP, POP, etc) ◆ Messages directly accessed or read within Outlook on the Web ▶ Messages in a thread are recorded only if the individual message is explicitly clicked ◆ Messages directly accessed via API calls (PowerShell, EWS, etc) ◆ Messages synced using a client application ▶ Mobile and other clients log explicit messages synced because it is a partial sync ▶ Desktop clients will only record that a sync has occurred, not the individual messages (because it is a full sync) 45 What is being recorded

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential Exchange Online Sessions ◆ Previously there was no way to correlate disparate events to a single user session ▶ Difficult to track attackers coming from TOR, VPNs, inside the organization ◆ Mailbox Audit Logs now have “SessionId” attribute to track user sessions ▶ Survives token refreshes ◆ Only applicable to sessions established with Modern Authentication 46

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[©2018 FireEye](#) | Private & Confidential What did we learn? ◆ Make sure all your auditing options are on ▶ Send your logs to a SIEM to avoid 90-day limits and PowerShell needs ▶ Additional licensing means additional log sources ◆ Authentication is not straightforward ▶ Turn off legacy authentication ▶ Events can be misleading and stored in different places ◆ Attackers are becoming Office 365 experts ▶ Many ways to access an environment ▶ Many ways to manipulate it, too 47

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