

# Behavioral Detection Strategy for Use Alternate Authentication Material (T1550), Detection Strategy DET0338

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## AN0954

Use of stolen Kerberos tickets or token impersonation resulting in logon sessions from accounts without expected interactive logon events.

### Log Sources

### Mutable Elements

Field	Description
TimeWindow	Allows tuning of how far apart related logon and process events can be correlated
UserContext	Customize for high-value or service accounts with restricted access policies

## AN0955

Access tokens or SSH keys used without corresponding login shell or PAM module activity, particularly for remote execution.

### Log Sources

### Mutable Elements

Field	Description
SourceIPWhitelist	Tune for approved jump boxes or bastion hosts
AuthMethod	Filter on use of password vs publickey methods for better coverage

## AN0956

Token replay or impersonation in federated logins without interactive browser session or MFA prompts.

### Log Sources

### Mutable Elements

Field	Description
MFAContextRequired	Customize for accounts where MFA must always precede token issuance
RefreshTokenReuseThreshold	Threshold for number of times a refresh token is reused without re-auth

**AN0957**

Unusual reuse of OAuth access tokens from different geographic regions, without full login events.

**Log Sources**

**Mutable Elements**

Field	Description
GeoIPDistanceThreshold	Minimum distance between token reuse events to trigger detection

**AN0958**

Container process uses mounted cloud credentials or token cache to authenticate without known orchestration.

**Log Sources**

**Mutable Elements**

Field	Description
ContainerLabel	Restrict to prod workloads or certain namespaces
CredentialPath	Path used to mount sensitive tokens (e.g., /.aws/credentials)

**AN0959**

Access token reuse to connect to SharePoint or Outlook APIs without interactive user context.

**Log Sources**

**Mutable Elements**

Field	Description
UserAgentCheck	Tune to detect access from CLI agents or scripts rather than interactive browsers

**AN0960**

Use of instance metadata tokens across instances or misuse of short-lived tokens issued for different roles.

**Log Sources**

**Mutable Elements**

<b>Field</b>	<b>Description</b>
TokenReuseWindow	Time window where token reuse is suspicious
RoleMismatchAlerting	Enable if tokens for RoleA are used in resources only RoleB should access

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