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I think I've Been Hacked  
Cloud Email Compromise



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# Me in a nutshell

## 1990's

- Basement NOC specialist, Linux hacker, web/programming

## 2000's

- Real NOCs / ISPs, systems & networking

## 2006 – Present

- Professionally consulting with VARs





# I Think I've Been Hacked

Tell tale signs your account may be compromised:

- **Suspicious activity observed, such as deleted or missing emails**
- **Receive bounce back or failure notices about messages to unknown addresses you never sent**
- **Receiving strange questions/emails from contacts and colleagues**
- **Messages landing in unusual folders - Notes, Junk Email, RSS Subscriptions**
- **Unknown/unread messages in Sent or Deleted folder**
- **Calendar or Profile changes**
- **Messages being forwarded to unknown external addresses**



**Email has been around for a long time. It has become a large part of our daily occurrence.**



**Could you imagine a day where you wake up in the morning, brew a cup of coffee, and move onto your next task which isn't checking email?**





# Fun Email History

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**1960's**

**Concept of email adopted and attempted**

**1970's**

**"@" symbol introduced, FTP for transport**

**1980's**

**SMTP born, LANs emerge, protocol wars**

**1990's**

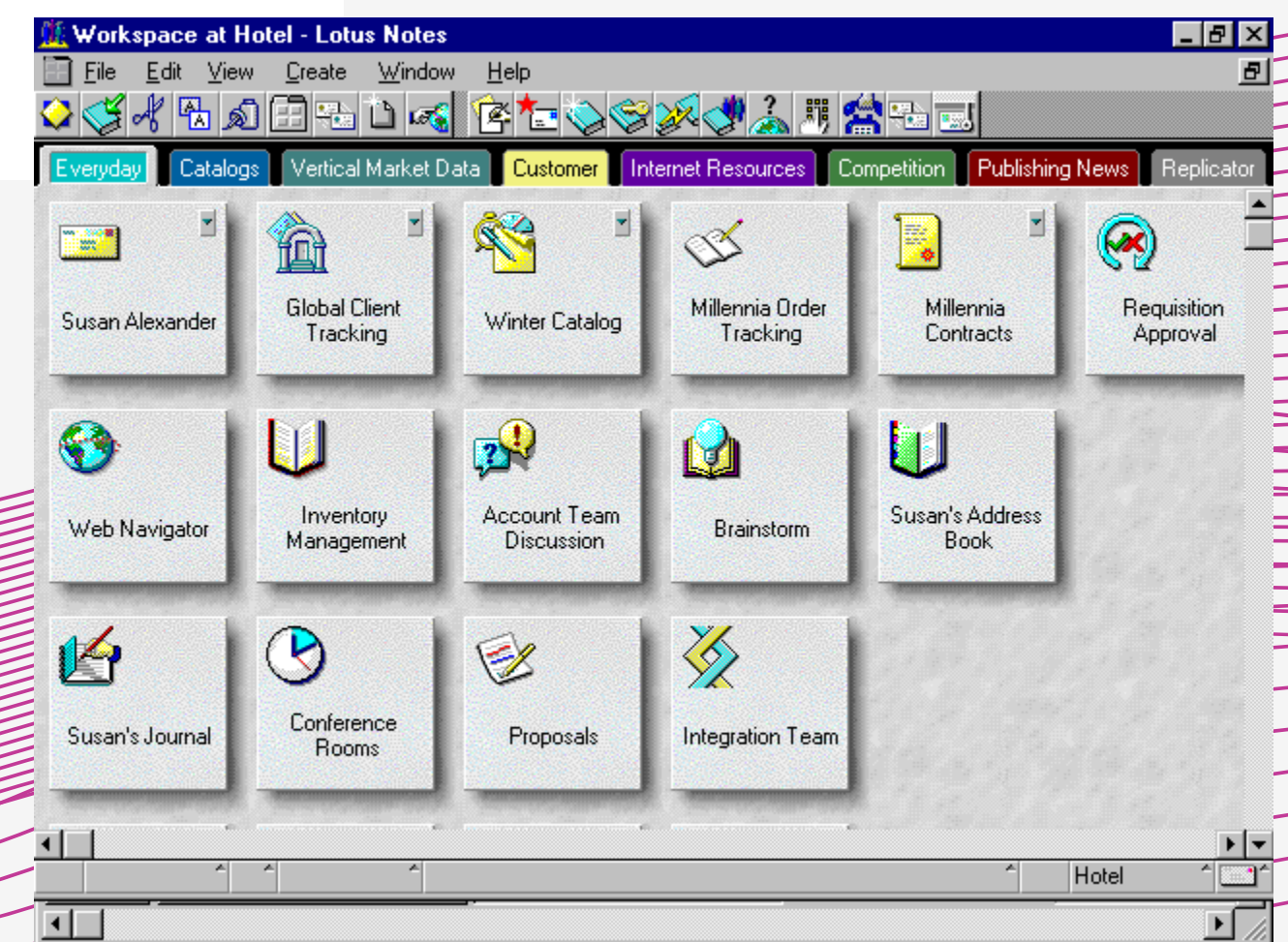
**Heavily utilized, web email was born**

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# Microsoft Exchange

**Mid 1990's Microsoft's flagship mail server product**

**Web based service exposure (EWS/NTLM)**

**Struggled with vulnerabilities throughout the years**

**ProxyLogon, ProxyShell**

**HAFNIUM targeting Exchange Servers  
with 0-day exploits**

By [Microsoft 365 Security](#)  
[Microsoft Threat Intelligence](#)



# Office 365 - Exchange Online

## Collaboration

Microsoft 365's apps and services can improve collaboration between employees, partners, and teams. For example, Microsoft Teams allows for real-time collaboration, while Outlook offers shared calendars and advanced email functionality.

## Scalability

Microsoft 365 is a cloud-based platform that can grow with a business as its needs change. This can help businesses adapt to market trends and drive innovation.

## Productivity

Microsoft 365 can help boost employee productivity. For example, it can streamline workflows and information exchange, which can lead to faster turnaround times.

## Security

Microsoft 365 offers advanced security features to protect sensitive data and prevent unauthorized access. These features include multi-factor authentication, data loss prevention, and threat protection.

## Accessibility

Microsoft 365 can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connection. This can give businesses greater flexibility in how their employees work.

## Software Expenses

Microsoft 365 is subscription-based, so businesses only pay for the software they use.



# Security Concerns?

## Weak/Reused Passwords

Many users rely on a common password across various platforms. Attackers use credentials posted in lists from 3<sup>rd</sup> party compromises.

## Multifactor Authentication

MFA provides effective defenses protecting users from having weak passwords, credential stuffing, or brute force attacks. But, many organizations do not enforce MFA for standard user access.

## Misconfigurations

Tenants left at default settings. Users with elevated permissions instead of implementing using the least-privilege methodology. Users may have access to sensitive information and share publicly by mistake.

## Weak Filtering/Protection

Phishing still remains one of the most effective techniques for external threat actors. Additionally, strong endpoint protection is a necessity to protect against accidental clicks, attachments, and malware.

## Account Management

Ghost user accounts – Stale/dormant accounts that haven't been properly decommissioned through the lifecycle. User accounts containing elevated privileges.

## Cloud Backups

Users assume their data is backed up automatically because it's located in the cloud. Microsoft provides uptime and infrastructure security. Data protection is the end-users responsibility. Accidental deletion, malware/ransomware, can result in permanent data loss.



# #1 Account Compromise

## Weak/Reused Passwords - Lack of Multifactor Authentication

- **Attackers gain access to low privileged accounts**
- **A backdoor using Microsoft Graph API is created**
- **Download/Send/Receive user messages**
- **Create inbox forwarding rules**
- **Conduct phishing campaigns against trusted contacts (internal/external)**
- **Access sensitive information stored in m365, OneDrive, Teams**
- **Harvest additional credentials from sensitive files/phishing campaigns**
  - **Worst case scenario - User account has global admin privileges**



# Some of the basics in Microsoft Entra related to the backdoor implant

## Principal

- **An identity that can be authenticated. (user or service principal)**

## App Registration

- **An application object that resides in the Entra tenant. This is where users grant permissions to applications to perform things.**

## Service Principal

- **The identity an app uses when authenticating to Entra.**



# App Registration

Microsoft Entra admin center

Search resources, services, and docs (G+ /)

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Essentials

Display name : FortiSIEM

Application (client) ID : [REDACTED]

Object ID : [REDACTED]

Directory (tenant) ID : [REDACTED]

Supported account types : My organization only

Client credentials : 0 certificate, 1 secret

Redirect URIs : Add a Redirect URI

Application ID URI : Add an Application ID URI

Managed application in I... : FortiSIEM

Starting June 30th, 2020 we will no longer add any new features to Azure Active Directory Authentication Library (ADAL) and Azure Active Directory Graph. We will continue to provide support for existing applications but we will no longer provide feature updates. Applications will need to be upgraded to Microsoft Authentication Library (MSAL) and Microsoft Graph. [Learn more](#)

Get Started

Documentation

Build your application with the Microsoft identity platform



# App Registration - Secret

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## FortiSIEM | Certificates &amp; secrets 🔑 ...

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
### Token configuration

 API permissions

 Expose an API

 App roles

Credentials enable confidential applications to identify themselves to the authentication service when receiving tokens at a web addressable location (using an HTTPS scheme). 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 (1)**    Federated credentials (0)

A secret string that the application uses to prove its identity when requesting a token. Also can be referred to as application password.

- + New client secret

Description	Expires	Value ⓘ	Secret ID
fortisiem-m365 secret key	8/13/2025	rhA*****	[REDACTED] [icon] [trash icon]



# App Registration – Permissions

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New support request

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 Integra Business Center, Inc.

API / Permissions name	Type	Description	Admin consent requ...	Status
Microsoft Graph (10)				
IdentityRiskEvent.Read.All	Application	Read all identity risk event information	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
IdentityRiskyServicePrincipal.I	Application	Read all identity risky service principal information	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
IdentityRiskyUser.Read.All	Application	Read all identity risky user information	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
Reports.Read.All	Application	Read all usage reports	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
SecurityEvents.Read.All	Application	Read your organization's security events	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
SecurityIncident.Read.All	Application	Read all security incidents	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
ThreatIndicators.Read.All	Application	Read all threat indicators	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
ThreatIntelligence.Read.All	Application	Read all Threat Intelligence Information	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
User.Read	Delegated	Sign in and read user profile	No	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
User.Read.All	Application	Read all users' full profiles	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
Office 365 Exchange Online (1)				
ReportingWebService.Read.A	Application	ReportingWebService.Read.All	Yes	✓ Granted for Integra Busi...
Office 365 Management APIs (3)				



# App Registration – SignIns

Home > App registrations > FortiSIEM | Authentication > Enterprise applications | All applications > FortiSIEM

FortiSIEM | Sign-in logs

Enterprise Application

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Application proxy

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Security

Conditional Access

Permissions

Token encryption

Activity

Sign-in logs

Usage & insights

Audit logs

Provisioning logs

Download

Export Data Settings

Troubleshoot

Refresh

Columns

Got feedback?

Want to switch back to the default sign-ins experience? Click here to leave the preview. →

Date : Last 7 days

Show dates as : Local

Application contains [redacted]

Time aggregate : 24 hours

Add filters

User sign-ins (interactive)

User sign-ins (non-interactive)

Service principal sign-ins

Managed identity sign-ins

Sign-ins in the table below are grouped by application. Click on a row to see all the sign-ins for an application on that date and time.

Date	Request ID	Service principal...	Service princ...	Status	Resource	Resource ID	IP address	Conditional Acc...
> 9/29/2024, 8:00:00	c28aadab-146c-4f17...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Microsoft Graph	00000003-0000-000...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/29/2024, 8:00:00	8dfa6dbe-6909-4c4...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Exchange Online	00000002-0000-0ff1...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/29/2024, 8:00:00	65eb5b1b-2d55-4ca...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Management APIs	c5393580-f805-4401...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/28/2024, 8:00:00	603a842d-b3ca-4c7f...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Microsoft Graph	00000003-0000-000...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/28/2024, 8:00:00	cb3cbe23-7b3d-498...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Exchange Online	00000002-0000-0ff1...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/28/2024, 8:00:00	74ae8205-fdb9-413...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Management APIs	c5393580-f805-4401...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/27/2024, 8:00:00	f4dabc4d-4f90-4f21-...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Management APIs	c5393580-f805-4401...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/27/2024, 8:00:00	5ab4b3d2-86a7-45a...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Microsoft Graph	00000003-0000-000...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/27/2024, 8:00:00	8b0102e5-9f70-47ec...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Exchange Online	00000002-0000-0ff1...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/26/2024, 8:00:00	f76b09bc-a05d-45fd...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Microsoft Graph	00000003-0000-000...	[redacted]	Not Applied
> 9/26/2024, 8:00:00	a9547ebf-8f48-4691...	[redacted]	FortiSIEM	Success	Office 365 Exchange Online	00000002-0000-0ff1...	[redacted]	Not Applied



# Mitigations – Account Hygiene

The amount of password protected portals has grown significantly over the years. To best plan for account security, lets assume a few things regarding human behavior:

- Users may implement insecure passwords
- Passwords may be used across different platforms
  - Work accounts, Personal cloud accounts, etc
- Passwords may be documented in files stored in folders/OneDrive
- Mobile devices capable of a multifactor authentication app are within reach





# Mitigations - Multifactor Auth

## Microsoft Entra Security Defaults

- Barely secure, Enabled by default
- Protects administrative logins, sometimes user logins

## M365 per-user MFA

- Old way of enforcing MFA per user account
- M365 Admin Center - <https://admin.microsoft.com>

## Microsoft Entra Conditional Access Policies

- Most secure method
- Requires minimum Entra Premium 1 license



# Logging and Analytics (Defender Portal)

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Microsoft Defender

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Investigations

Automated investigation and response (AIR) capabilities enable you to run automated investigation processes in response to well known threats.[Learn more](#)

Export

Refresh

1 item

Search

Filter

Filters: Time range: 9/29/2024-9/30/2024

ID	Status	Detection Source	Investigation	Users	Creation Ti...	Last Chan...	Threa...
<div>1594c3</div>	No Threats Found	Office365	User reported message as malicious 'Re: Delegate your account...		Sep 30, 2024 8...	Sep 30, 2024 9...	2



# Logging and Analytics (UAL)

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Exchange message trace

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More resources

System

Audit

Audit

Learn about audit

New Search

Audit retention policies

Searches completed

3

Active searches

0

Active unfiltered searches

0

Date and time range (UTC) \*

Start

Sep 29 2024

00:00

End

Sep 30 2024

00:00

Keyword Search

Enter the keyword to search for

Admin Units

Choose which Admin Units to search for

Activities - friendly names

Choose which activities to search for

Activities - operation names ⓘ

Enter operation values, separated by commas

Record Types

Select the record types to search for

Search name

Give the search a name

Users

Add the users whose audit logs you want to search

File, folder, or site ⓘ

Enter all or a part of the name of a file, website, or folder

Workloads


Enter the workloads to search for

Search

Clear all



# Logging and Analytics (SIEM)

 **FortiSIEM**

Dashboard

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Incidents

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CMDB

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Office365 Dashboard ▾


Logon Audit

Sharepoint Audit

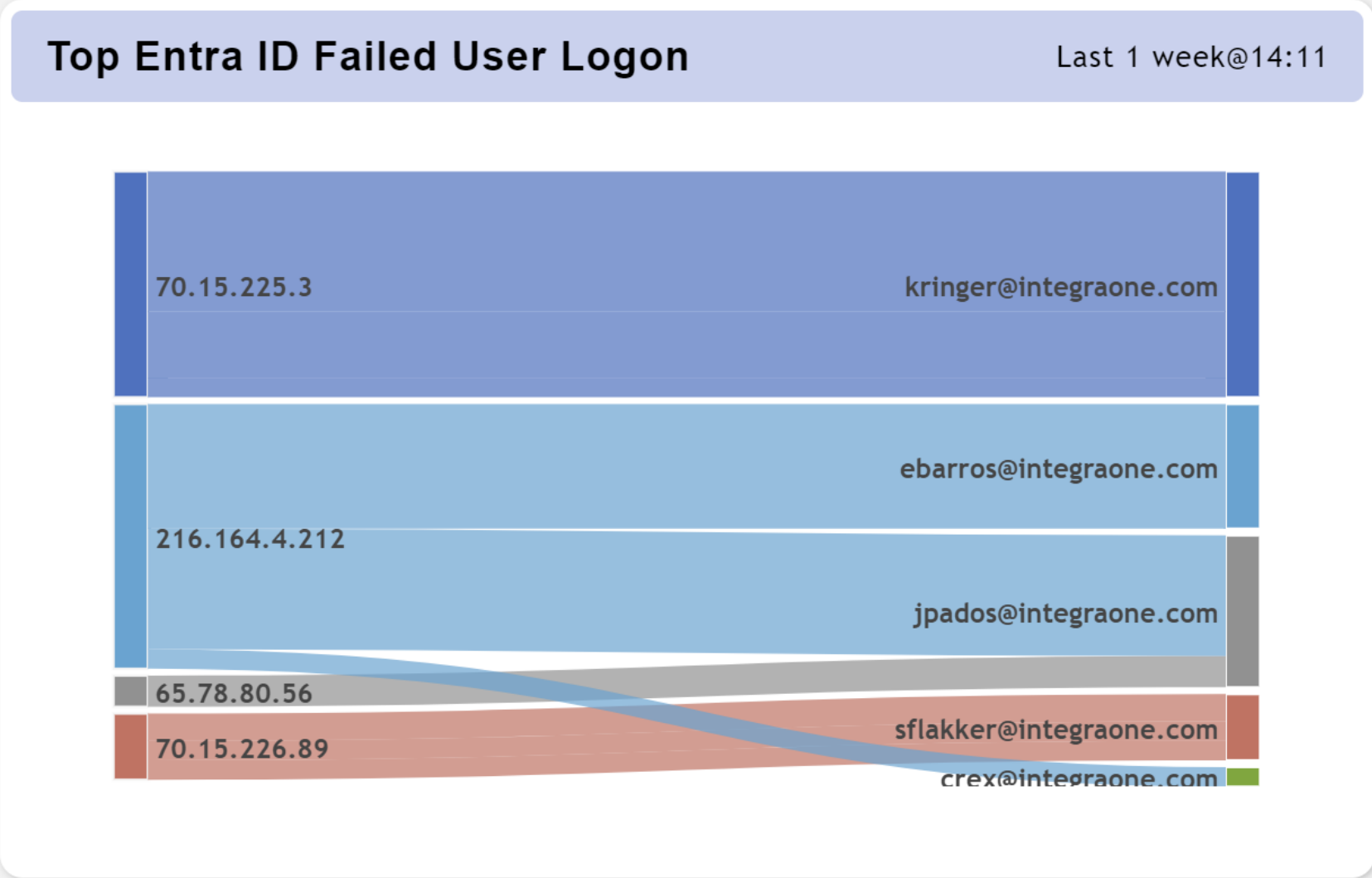
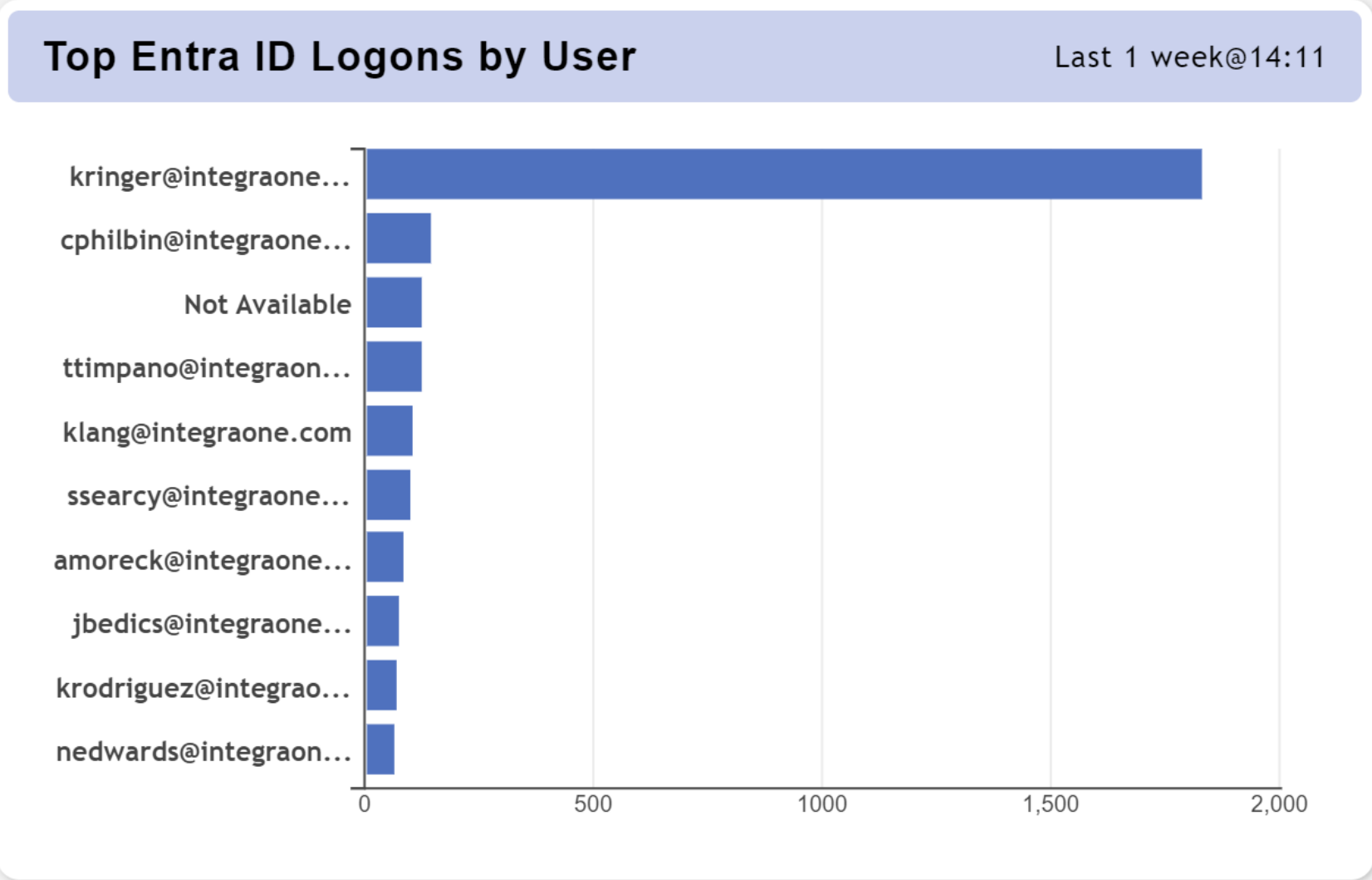
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Sensitivity Label Audit

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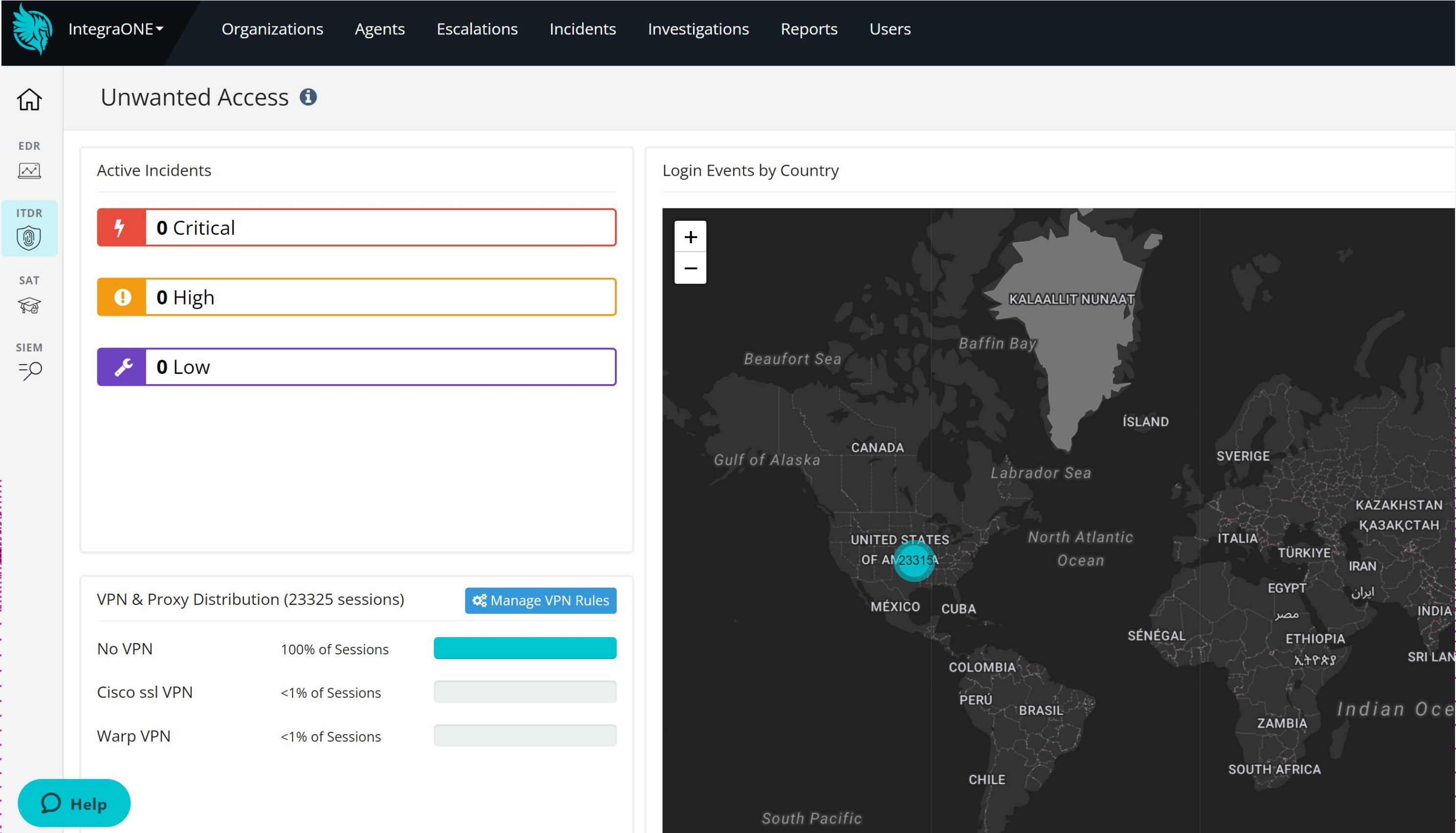








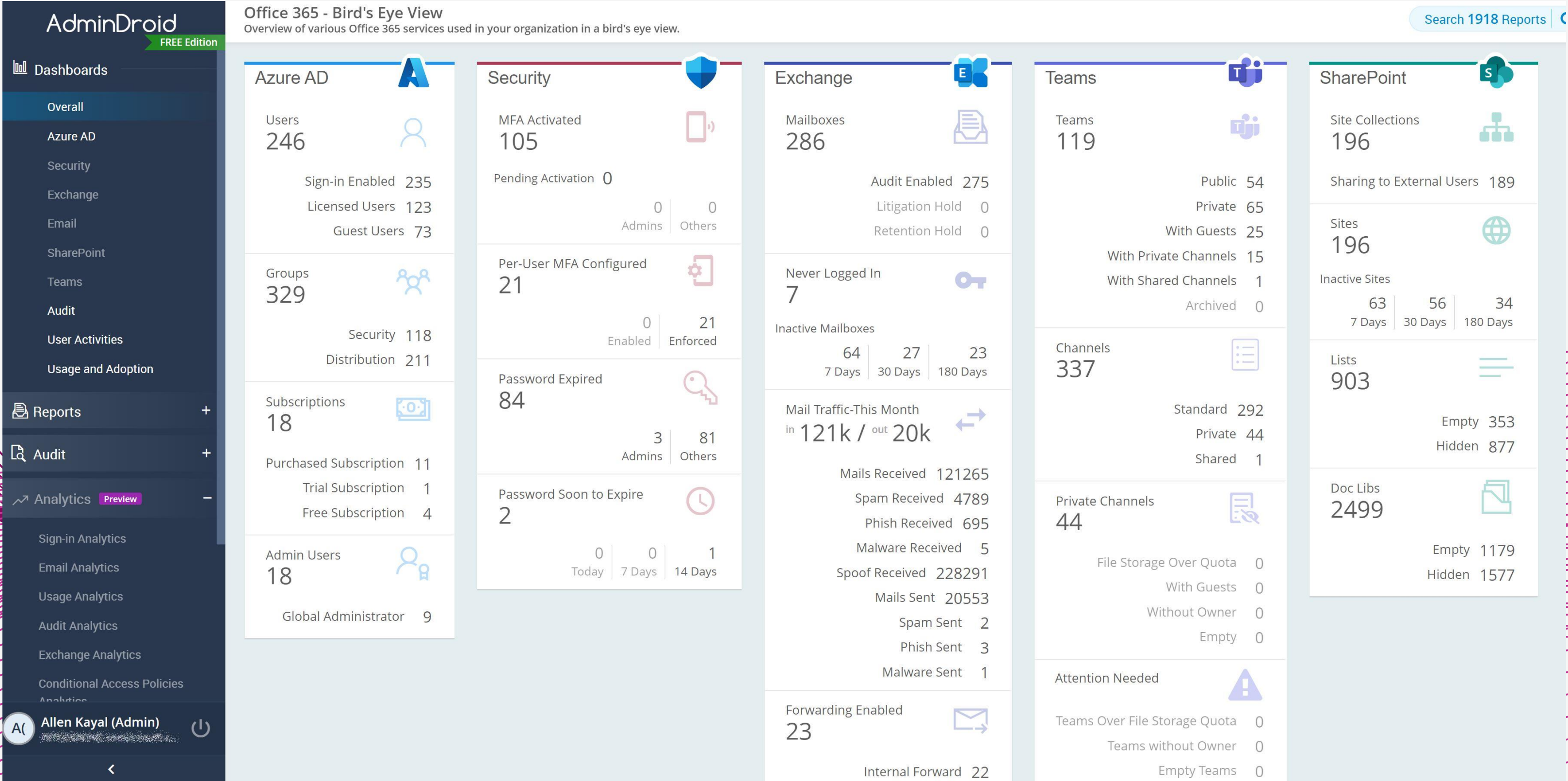
# Logging and Analytics (Huntress ITDR)



Help



# Logging and Analytics (AdminDroid)





# I Think I've Been Hacked (and need help)

## IntegraONE

- **Proactive & Reactive Solutions**
  - **Entra/m365 subscriptions**
  - **Identity and MFA**
  - **EDR/MDR/XDR, Email and Perimeter Security**
  - **Incident Response**

## Trusted Partners

- **BlackBerry (Cylance), ConnectWise, Unit 42 (Palo Alto)**
  - **Digital Forensics and Incident Response**
  - **Cloud Email Compromise Assessments**



# Thank You!

I hope this presentation was helpful!

Questions & *Answers*

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