

Quest Platform Management Virtual Summit 2020

Office 365 and Azure AD Security Events to Monitor During the COVID-19 Crisis

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1. Changes to important roles

- Make sure all important/privileged role changes are monitored.
- Track changes to Azure AD groups that are linked to Azure AD Roles (public preview per Nov 2020).
- And make sure to include monitoring of the OnPrem AD groups to control role membership when Microsoft make this feature available
- OnPrem AD Privileged groups such as Domain Admins, Account Operators etc

1. Changes to important roles

Azure AD audit log

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Date: Last 24 hours Show dates as: Local Service: All Category: RoleManagement Activity: All Add filters

Date	Service	Category	Activity	Status	Status reason	Target(s)	Initiated by (actor)
11/30/2020, 2:35:00 PM	Core Directory	RoleManagement	Add member to role	Success		ADUser@dsgeo.onmicrosoft.co...	geir@aasen.bz

Details

Activity	Target(s)	Modified Properties
ACTIVITY		
DATE	11/30/2020, 2:35:00 PM	
ACTIVITY TYPE	Add member to role	
CORRELATION ID	d00a30fd-3038-4c36-b90c-523d25d7c129	
CATEGORY	RoleManagement	
STATUS	Success	
STATUS REASON		

INITIATED BY (ACTOR)		ADDITIONAL DETAILS	
TYPE	User		
DIRECTORY NAME			
OBJECT ID	14d739d9-3ccf-4fc3-b254-1473d226c63d		
USER PRINCIPAL NAME	geir@aasen.bz		

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Audit log search

Need to find out if a user deleted a document or if an admin reset someone's password? Search the Office 365 audit log to find out what the users and admins in your organization have been doing, permissions, directory services, and much more. [Learn more about searching the audit log](#)

Search

Results 3 results found

Activities	Date	IP address	User	Activity
Added member to Role, ... (3)				
Start date	2019-06-25	00:00		
End date	2019-07-03	00:00		
	2019-07-02 13:14:52	<null>	l.lindsay@titancorp.net	Removed a user from a director...
	2019-07-02 13:14:41	<null>	l.lindsay@titancorp.net	Removed a user from a director...
	2019-07-02 13:13:31	<null>	l.lindsay@titancorp.net	Added member to Role

No easy way to filter out and focus on only the roles you want to audit

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Export to CSV or JSON

Operations	AuditData
Add member to role.	[{"CreationTime":"2020-11-30T13:35:00","id":"6f705b7b-c77c-4615-8966-ff50ef39ca0a","Operation":"Add member to role.", "OrganizationId":"c21122ef-7701-48da-a292-8ad2bec8909d","RecordType":8,"ResultStatus":"Success","UserKey":"geir@aasen.bz","UserType":0,"Version":1,"Workload":"AzureActiveDirectory","ClientIP":"51.11.126.7","ObjectId":"9cbb2e0f-a9fc-4fae-a3d5-0680366f7649","UserId":"geir@aasen.bz","AzureActiveDirectoryEventType":1,"ExtendedProperties":{"Name":"Role.ObjectID","NewValue":"9b895d92-2cd3-44c7-9d02-a6ac2d5ea5c3","OldValue":""},"Name":"Role.DisplayName","NewValue":"Application Administrator","OldValue":""},"Name":"Role.TemplateId","NewValue":"9b895d92-2cd3-44c7-9d02-a6ac2d5ea5c3","OldValue":""},"Name":"Role.WellKnownObjectName","NewValue":"ApplicationAdministrators","OldValue":""},"Actor":{"ID":"geir@aasen.bz","Type":5},"ID":"10032000f783D6AF","Type":3},"ID":"User_14d739d9-3ccf-4fc3-b254-1473d226c63d","Type":2},"ActorContextId":"c21122ef-7701-48da-a292-8ad2bec8909d","ActorIpAddress":"51.11.126.7","InterSystemsId":"d00a30fd-3038-4c36-b90c-523d25d7c129","IntraSystemId":"86bb8d55-f78e-4d46-b4ef-31c40fa88016","SupportTicketId":"","Target":{"ID":"User_9cbb2e0f-a9fc-4fae-a3d5-0680366f7649","Type":2},"ID":"ADUser@dsgeo.onmicrosoft.com","Type":5},"ID":"10032000EDD75D83","Type":3},"TargetContextId":"c21122ef-7701-48da-a292-8ad2bec8909d"}]

2. Changes to groups

- Groups are a familiar concept for granting access in the OnPrem world
- New group types were introduced, such as Microsoft 365 groups which can control access to valuable data
- Azure B2B makes it possible to include external parties in groups, such as customers and vendors
- Don't forget to monitor your Hybrid AD Security groups, since access to sensitive data in the cloud can be initiated from OnPrem AD

Azure AD audit log

Details	
6177C3274728EC471067202473CDE3D0000000	
DISPLAY NAME	
USER PRINCIPAL NAME	
AlexW@dsigo.onmicrosoft.com	
TARGET	
TYPE	
Group	
ID	
f3568bc9-2ee5-40ef-9399-9932ad11313e	
DISPLAY NAME	
GROUP TYPE	
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Export to CSV or JSON

[illegible]

Where Next Meets Now.

2. Changes to groups

OnPrem synced group from domain controller security log

Event 5136, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

A directory service object was modified.

Subject:

Security ID:	2016FOREST\qaasena
Account Name:	GAasenA
Account Domain:	2016FOREST
Logon ID:	0x2CF4E5

Directory Service:

Name:	2016forest.no
Type:	Active Directory Domain Services

Object:

DN:	CN=\#G_Finance_Managers,OU=AAD synced objects,DC=2016forest,DC=no
GUID:	CN=\#G_Finance_Managers,OU=AAD synced objects,DC=2016forest,DC=no
Class:	group

Attribute:

LDAP Display Name:	member
Syntax (OID):	2.5.5.1
Value:	CN=Eddie Beint,OU=User accounts,OU=Norway,DC=2016forest,DC=no

Operation:

Type:	Value Deleted
Correlation ID:	{90816a3d-3882-4a06-b55c-fa51fb5cf74f}
Application Correlation ID:	-

Make sure you get audit events from all DCs and understand who changed what from where and when

3. Changes to applications

- **Azure AD Enterprise Applications are critical resources, changes can break the apps and have negative impact on the organisation**
- **Track and analyse changes to these critical Azure AD objects both the Application and the Service Principal**
- **This requires multiple searches in the Azure AD Audit log, both in ApplicationManagement and UserManagement categories, under UserManagement you need to include these activities :**
 - Add app role assignment to user
 - Create application password for user
 - Delete application password for user
 - Remove app role assignment from user
 - Review app assignment

4. Resource creation

- Monitor the creation of resources. Resources are also created non-explicitly such as when creating a Team, many other resources are created such as mailbox, Sharepoint site and a Onenote notebook
- Track type and number of resources that get created in Azure, to maintain control and ensure they are created according to policy
- The Unified Audit log can be used here, however it requires multiple queries and exports to get a complete view across all workloads

5. Sharing of important files and anonymous links

- Sharepoint Online and Onedrive introduced new risk around data sharing
- Anonymous sharing
- B2B Guest external access unawareness

5. Sharing of important files and anonymous links

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Search

Activities

Created an anonymous link

View all activities

Start date: Sun Aug 30 2020

Start time: 00:00

End date: Tue Dec 01 2020

End time: 00:00

Searching for activities that occurred over 90 days ago only re duration of any audit log retention policies. For example, if yo

Search Clear all

Export

Applied filters:

Date IP Address

These events can be very interesting to look at more than 90 days back

Activities

Created an anonymous link

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Sharing and access request activities

- ☒ Created an anonymous link
- ☐ Removed an anonymous link
- ☐ Updated an anonymous link
- ☐ Used an anonymous link

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Date	IP address	User	Activity
2019-07-02 11:37:09	216.8.121.30	anonymous	Used an anonymous link
2019-07-01 18:17:20	47.185.10.94	anonymous	Used an anonymous link
2019-07-01 18:12:49	74.133.22.86	gkhairi@mobilitytest.onmicroso...	Updated an anonymous link
2019-07-01 16:13:58	173.89.216.181	gkhairi@mobilitytest.onmicroso...	Created an anonymous link
2019-06-27 11:26:26	24.117.48.137	bhymer@mobilitytest.onmicroso...	Updated an anonymous link
2019-06-27 11:26:10	24.117.48.137	bhymer@mobilitytest.onmicroso...	Updated an anonymous link
2019-06-19 13:10:43	68.0.116.100	anonymous	Used an anonymous link
2019-06-19 13:08:57	66.210.49.30	anonymous	Used an anonymous link
2019-06-19 13:07:43	24.117.48.137	bhymer@mobilitytest.onmicroso...	Used an anonymous link

6. Guest access in Teams

- Teams usage have exploded as the Pandemic began to spread
- Teams makes it very easy to share content with each other – also for guests from outside the organisation
- A team is made up of a set of user accounts in Azure AD, an Microsoft 365 group in Azure AD, a distribution list in Office 365, a mailbox and a SharePoint site that stores the data
- Adding an external user to a Team creates a new user account in your Azure AD tenant (B2B)

6. Guest access in Teams

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Date	Service	Category	Activity	Status	Status reason	Target(s)	Initiated by (actor)
9/2/2020, 11:07:29 AM	Invited Users	UserManagement	Redeem external user i...	Success	<null>	UPN: ilindsay_live.com...	ilindsay@live.com
9/2/2020, 11:07:29 AM	Core Directory	UserManagement	Update user	Success		ilindsay_live.com#EXT...	Microsoft Invitation Ac...
9/2/2020, 11:04:26 AM	Core Directory	GroupManagement	Add member to group	Success		ilindsay_live.com#EXT...	Microsoft Teams Servi...
9/2/2020, 11:04:25 AM	Invited Users	UserManagement	Invite external user	Success	<null>	ilindsay	ilindsay@titancorp.net
9/2/2020, 11:04:25 AM	Core Directory	UserManagement	Add user	Success		ilindsay_live.com#EXT...	Microsoft B2B Admin ...

- Service — Core Directory
- Category — UserManagement
- Activity — Add user

External guests can be identified by looking for #EXT in the username

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Details

Date:2020-09-02 11:04:28

IP address:

User:ilindsay@titancorp.net

Activity:Added members

Item:lan's team

Detail:Added in "lan's team"

Team Name:lan's team

Team Guid:193b3be7dd7a844562a2bb6ec5bcc068ca@thread.skype

Record Type:25

More information

AADGroupId:3a72729e-1374-4143-9634-2cc3e26c4ede

CommunicationType:Team

CreationTime:2020-09-02T11:04:28

Id:63412b22-5213-5b5f-8e33-2ee72725757d

ItemName:lan's team

Members:

{

"DisplayName": "ilindsay",

"Role": 3,

"UPN": "ilindsay_live.com#EXT@titancorpnet.onmicrosoft.com"

}

Operation:MemberAdded

OrganizationId:0510c48-f2c2-4350-aede-8ac1d5544c3

RecordType:25

TeamGuid:193b3be7dd7a844562a2bb6ec5bcc068ca@thread.skype

TeamName:lan's team

UserId:ilindsay@titancorp.net

You need to review multiple events, to identify the guests added

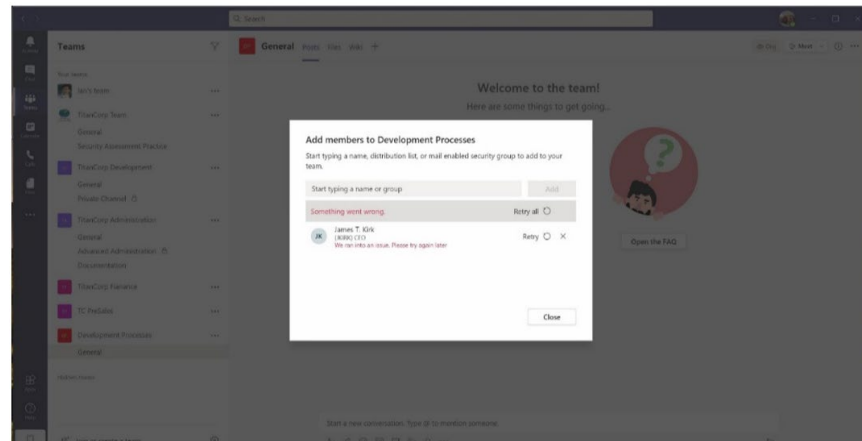
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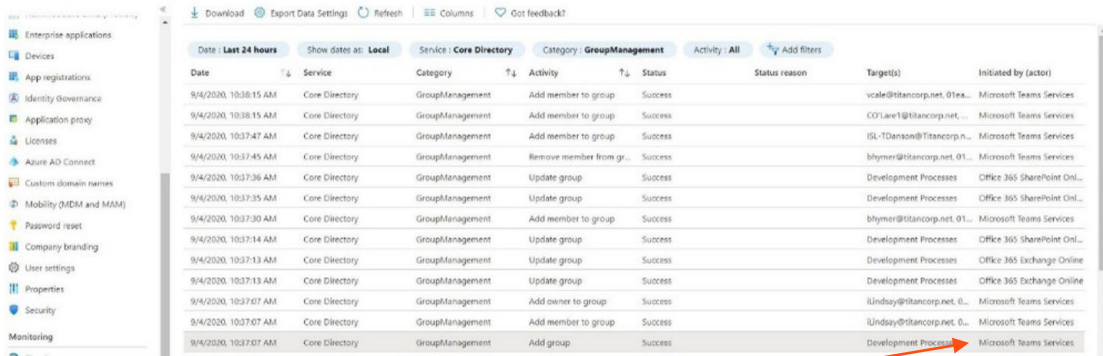
Where Next Meets Now.

7. Teams being created or deleted

- Teams facilitates collaboration by making it easy for users to create and delete teams. But native tools dont make it easy for admins to keep it all under control
- Rights for users to create new Teams can be removed, but requiring all users to go through IT for new group creation
- Admins can also delete 365 groups belonging to Teams mistakenly ending with a confusing error as below for the business user

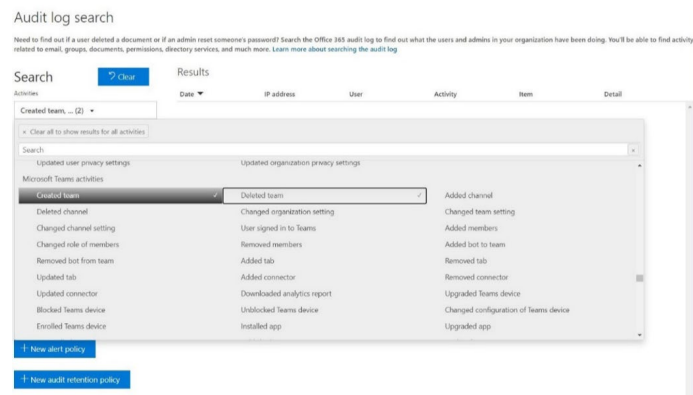


Azure AD Audit log

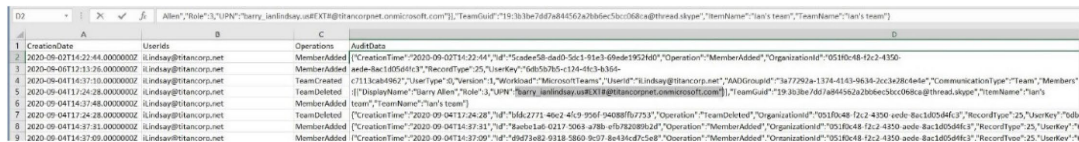


~~To find changes not made through the Teams interface,~~
search for the group directly, look for the groupname in
«Targets» field

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Export and view in Excel



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8. Forwarding of inbound email messages

- Users and admins can set forwarding on Exchange mailboxes
- Forwarding inbound mail while leaving mail in the mailbox
- Forwarding can be perfectly harmless but many admins really want to pay attention to this to catch changes that suggest malicious activities

Unfortunately, the audit logs in AAD and Office 365 do not allow for direct searches on those changes. You need to export the entire changelog from ExO to a CSV, then search for exported events containing `{"name":"DeliverToMailboxAndForward","value":"True"}` in parameters field, to return the desired events.

9. Non-owner mailbox activity

- **Non-owner email activity is common in large organizations, since administrative assistants often need access to the email accounts of the executives they support, or multiple employees monitor shared mailboxes, such as customer support mailboxes**
- **But, it can also be seriously misused to read data in sensitive mailboxes, while organisations trust their mail admins they must also look out for rogue activity**
- **If an executive assistants account is compromised, an attacker could get access to your CEOs mailbox**

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You can review the most common types of non-owner events by including the following options

To perform an exhaustive search, you need to query all mailbox activities and export the results as a spreadsheet. But the next step — finding audit events where **LogonUserSid** does not match **MailboxOwnerMasterSid** — is labor-intensive because the information is embedded in the **AuditData** column with the rest of the information from the event (see Figure 29).²

10. Failed sign-in attempts

- Tracking failed logins is key. Lockouts frustrates users, but failed logins can indicate malicious activity, such as brute force password activity.
- On Premises failed logins is stored in the security logs on all DCs, in Azure these are found in the Azure audit logs. They can be searched, but it can be hard to get an overview and determine the patterns.

Date: Last 1 month Show dates as: Local Status: Failure Add filters									
User sign-ins (interactive) User sign-ins (non-interactive) Service principal sign-ins Managed identity sign-ins									
Date	Request ID	User	Application	Status	IP address	Location	Conditional access	Authentication require...	
11/19/2020, 8:12:46 PM	c7abbe5a-35e9-4348-b7f3-...	Azure AD user	Azure Portal	Failure	88.88.225.99	Oslo, Oslo, NO	Not Applied	Single-factor authentication	

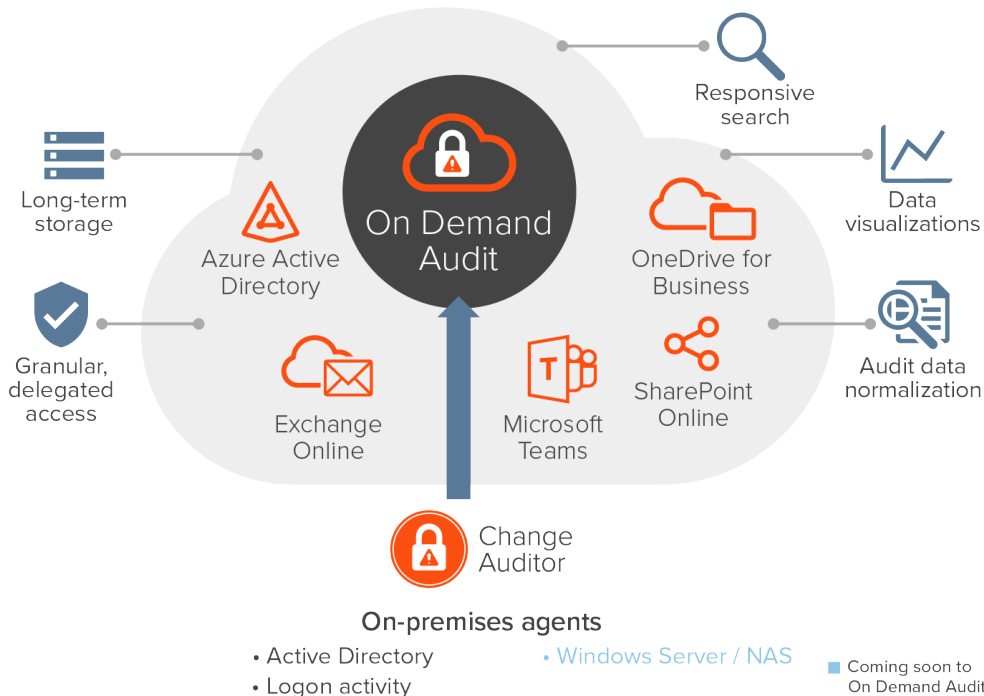
Details									
Basic info Location Device info Authentication Details Conditional Access Report-only Additional Details Troubleshooting and support									
Date	11/19/2020, 8:12:46 PM	User		Azure AD user		Token issuer type		Azure AD	
Request ID	c7abbe5a-35e9-4348-b7f3-5790978b2c00	Userframe		aaduser@m365a601963.onmicrosoft.com		Token issuer name			
Correlation ID	6b8c39d5-0908-4782-a503-8b2b4e331151	User ID		b03a4c45-e386-4efb-8da1-3dd5466840f		Latency		409ms	
Authentication requirement	Single-factor authentication	Alternate sign-in name		aaduser@m365a601963.onmicrosoft.com		User agent		Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/86.0.4240.198 Safari/537.36	
Status	Failure	Application		Azure Portal		Resource		Edg/86.0.622.69	
Sign-in error code	50126	Application ID		c44b4083-3bb0-49c1-b47d-974a53cddf3c		Resource ID		797f4846-ba00-46d7-ba43-dac1f8f63013	
Failure reason	Error validating credentials due to invalid username or password.	Resource		Windows Azure Service Management API		Resource tenant ID		r8c70d487-017d-4086-b15a-7bd47f99767c	

What if you didn't have to struggle with all the shortcomings of the native auditing tools for Office 365 and Azure?

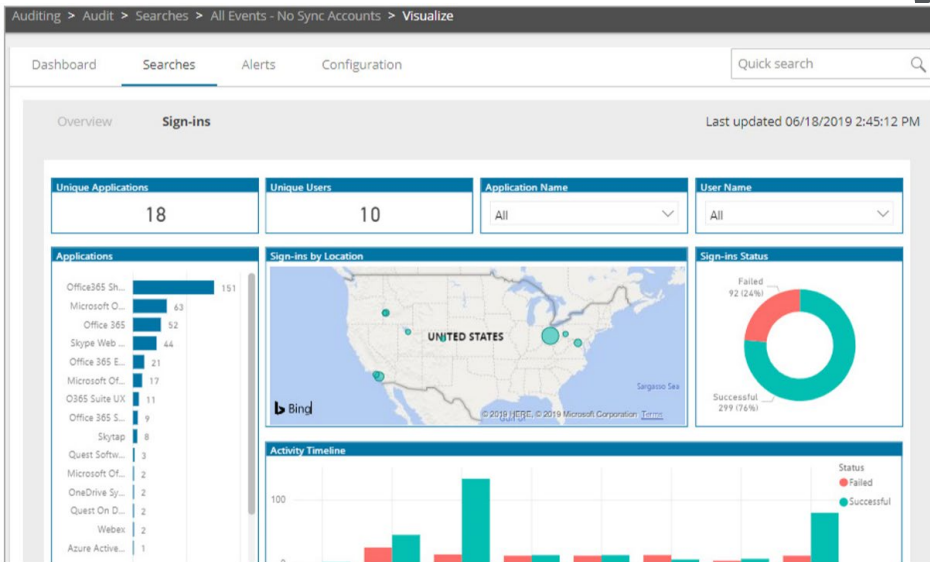


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- Full hybrid/cloud auditing – ONE view
- Track OnPrem logon activity for complete Hybrid overview
- Modern Search UI with interactive data visualizations
- Stores your data for up to 10 years



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Audit

CLOUD ONLY USERS

0

SUSPICIOUS FILE
SHARES

0

TENANT CHANGES

0

WORKLOADS



LAUNCH AUDIT

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Azure AD - Sign-ins
▲72 Last 7 days

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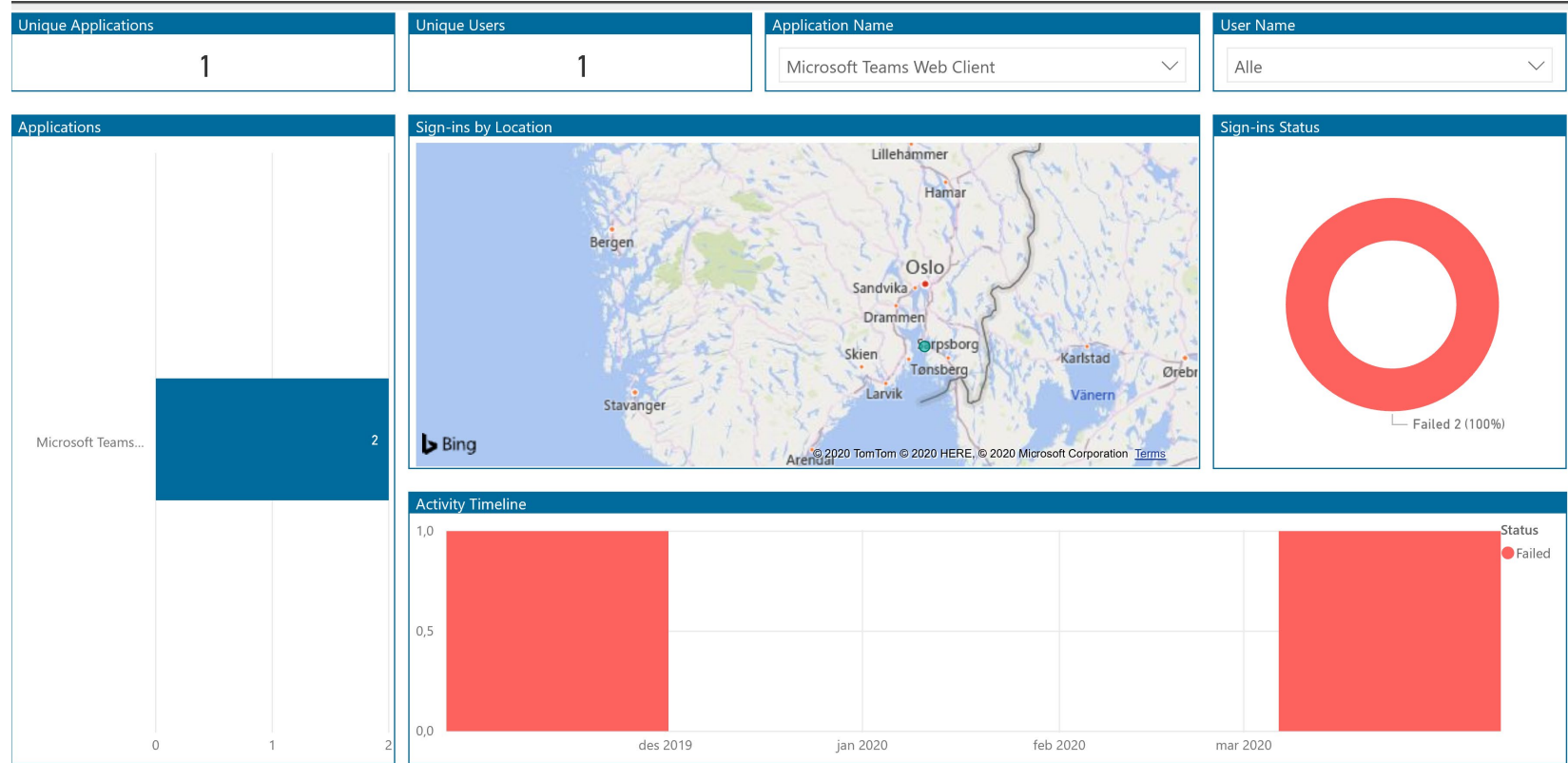
Azure AD - Audit Logs
▲7 Last 7 days

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Office 365
▲125 Last 7 days



On Demand Audit – Azure failed sign-ins



Get control and insight into Teams

Search for events + New Search

OnPrem auditing here too!

Categories		+ Add	Name	Category
All Private Searches	8		Teams app events in the past 7 days	Teams
All	125		Teams bot events in the past 7 days	Teams
Active Directory	42		Teams channel events in the past 7 days	Teams
All Events	2		Teams channel events in the past 7 days by Geir Aasen	Teams
Azure Active Directory	23		Teams client configuration changes in the past 30 days	Teams
Best Practices	3		Teams connector events in the past 7 days	Teams
Group Policy	4		Teams events in the past 7 days	Teams
Logon Activity	11		Teams guest access configuration changes in the past 30 days	Teams
Office 365	17		Teams guest members added in the past 7 days	Teams
On Demand Audit	2		Teams member changes in the past 7 days	Teams
Teams	19		Teams member role changes in the past 7 days	Teams
Events for krbtgt	1		Teams notification and feeds policy changes in the past 30 days	Teams
My Searches	1		Teams organization setting changes in the past 30 days	Teams
			Teams tab events in the past 7 days	Teams

Comparing Quest with native auditing

Critical auditing requirement	Native	Quest
Alert on suspicious events regardless of whether they occur on prem or cloud	X	✓
Cut through raw data and see only what is important for the change/activity	X	✓
Flexible search on any event or any field, including by actor, changed attributes, activity details or cloud-only objects	X	✓
Normalize view of all user activity, on prem and in the cloud	X	✓
Keep audit data for up to 10 years to satisfy internal policies and external compliance regulations	X	✓



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