

Brigantia Insider Threat Roadshow

The importance of Microsoft 365 and how to protect against
insider risk



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WHY DO YOU NEED MICROSOFT 365 ?

- ▶ Unified Communication and Collaboration Platform.

 - ▶ Seamless collaboration among team members

- ▶ Subscription plans tailored to the needs of businesses.

 - ▶ Comprehensive suite of productivity tools

- ▶ Scalability and Flexibility.

 - ▶ Remote work, Flexible storage, Inclusivity, *Languages, Accessibility*

- ▶ Regular updates and enhancements

 - ▶ Product Improvements and New features



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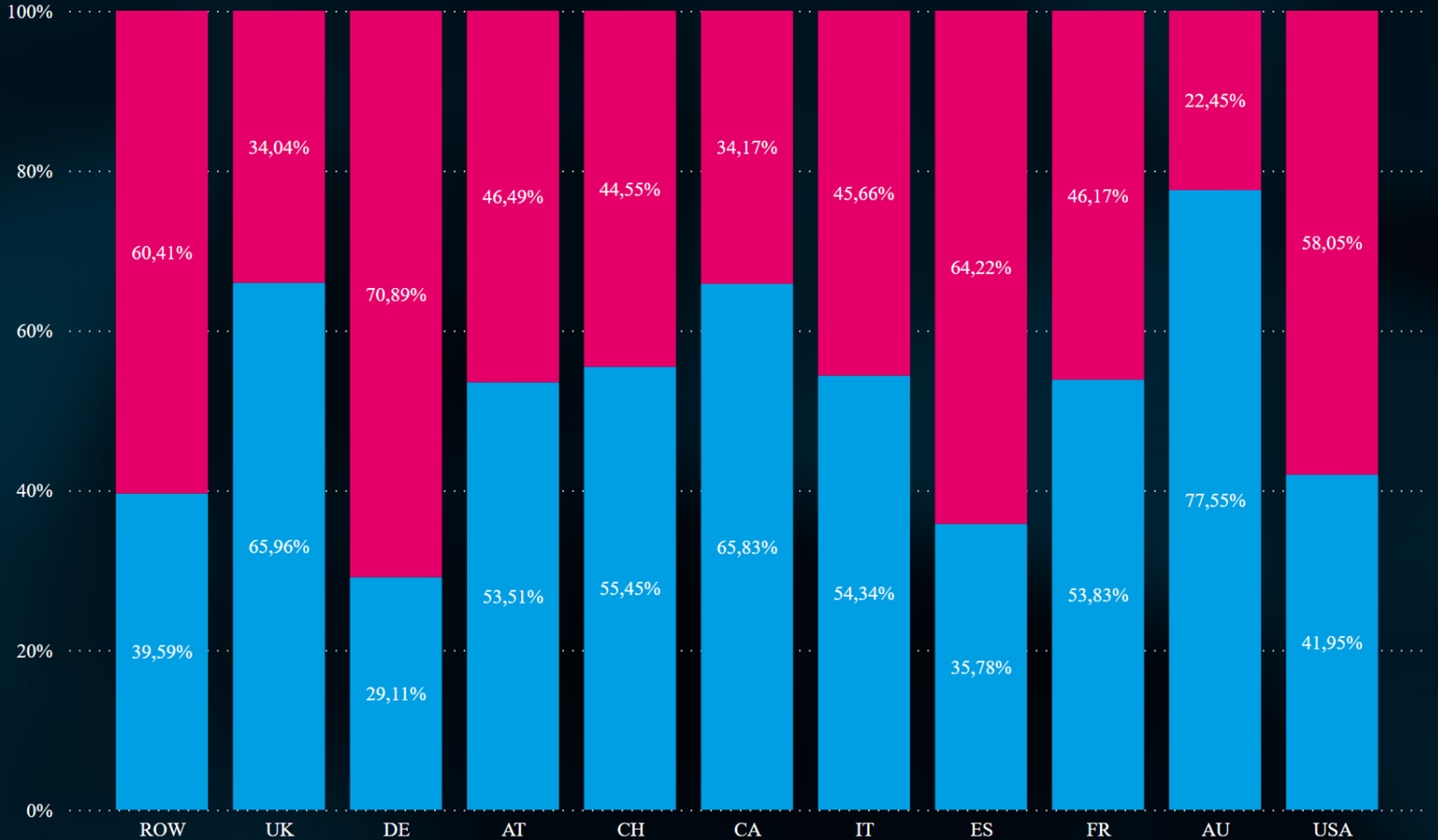
STRENGTH OF THE GLOBAL MARKET: MARKET SHARE BY EXCHANGE TYPE

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Exchange ● O365 ● On Prem Exchange



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COMPANIES SWITCHING BETWEEN O365 AND GOOGLE

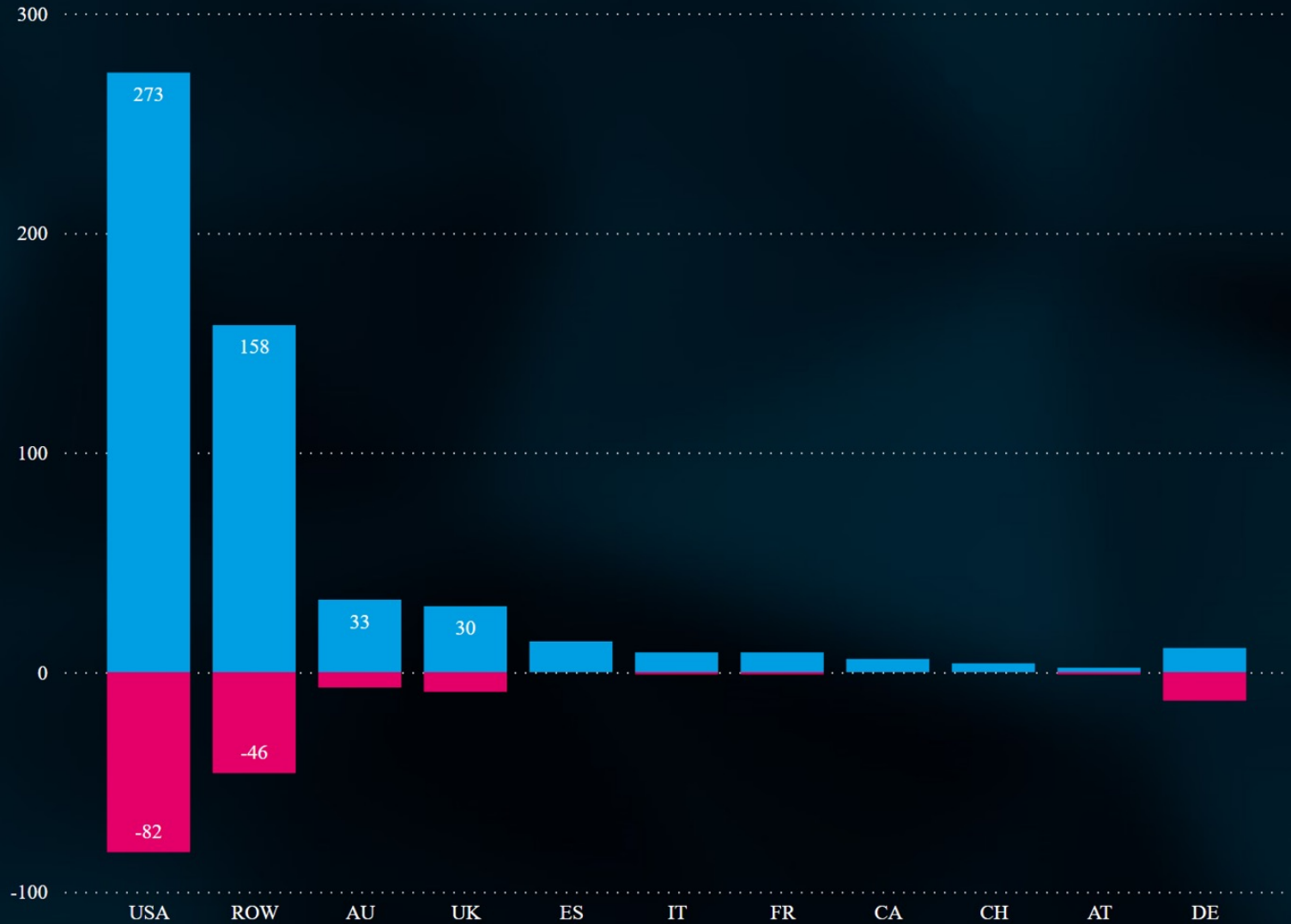
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Change direction

● Google to O365

● O365 to Google



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INSIDER RISK

What are the risks ?



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INSIDER RISK

- ▶ M365 environments are particularly vulnerable to insider threats
 - ▶ SharePoint, Teams, Exchange Online and OneDrive.
 - ▶ Sharing is SUPER easy
 - ▶ *Management is SUPER difficult especially for SMB/SME*
- ▶ Human aspect
 - ▶ Malicious intent, outages, shutdowns, lost or stolen devices, accidental overwriting of data.
- ▶ Unauthorized data access
 - ▶ Phishing & ransomware, malware & viruses, third-party apps
- ▶ Purview Insider Risk Management ?
 - ▶ Expensive (E5 tier!), Difficult and convoluted, overkill for SMBs/SMEs ?
 - ▶ *One solution to review itself ?*



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WHY DO YOU NEED 365 PERMISSION MANAGEMENT?

REAL-LIFE CASES THAT CAN LEAD TO CRITICAL COMPLIANCE STATES IN MICROSOFT 365:

INHERITED GROUP ACCESS



A new employee is added to an existing group. This gives them access to all sites, folders and files for that the group has access to which can have confidential information.

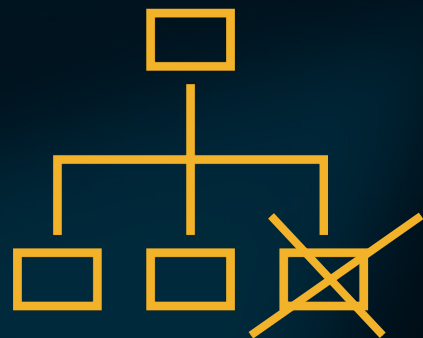


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EMPLOYEE LEAVES THE COMPANY



An employee with access to confidential information leaves the company. Even though the user's password is reset by IT, the employee's access is still active for some time after.

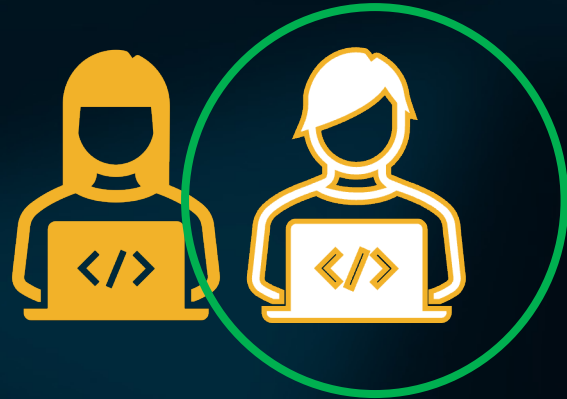


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ALLOW COLLABORATION WITH CONTROL



In M365 you can only decide if you want to allow collaboration with external users or block it entirely.

These options do not work in the real world.



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REAL-LIFE CASES THAT CAN LEAD TO CRITICAL COMPLIANCE STATES IN MICROSOFT 365:

DEFAULT SITE CONFIGURATION IN M365



Some default settings in M365 can be disastrous: for example, the default behavior in Teams is to create anonymous publicly accessible links whenever someone shares a file over chat.



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MICROSOFT 365– TEAMS FILE SHARING



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Any file shared via Microsoft Teams gets automatically uploaded to OneDrive and stays there, by default accessible to everyone with a link, indefinitely.



WHY DO YOU NEED PERMISSION MANAGEMENT?

- ▶ Access only ever increases and never gets reduced!
 - ▶ No user goes into Teams and says, *"We no longer work with this freelancer, let's remove his access!"*



- ▶ Audits are never done by the people who understand the data and access granted to it!
 - ▶ No CISO knows which external user needs access to what, and with hundreds of shares happening every day, *traditional audits become outdated within a matter of hours!*



- ▶ M365 has an All or Nothing approach to controlling sharing with no wiggle room for the Real World
 - ▶ With Admins forced to leave control up to the users to do what's best, it's only a *matter of time until critical data gets leaked!*



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365 PERMISSION MANAGER

ELEVATE YOUR COMPLIANCE FOR MICROSOFT 365



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365 PERMISSION MANAGER – COMPLIANCE POLICIES

DEFINE SHARING POLICIES

- Assign out-of-the-box best practice or custom defined compliance policies to SharePoint sites, Teams, or OneDrive accounts



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The screenshot displays the 'Sharing & Site Configurations' section of the 365 Permission Manager. It is divided into two main areas: 'Sharing' and 'Site Configuration'.

Sharing & Site Configurations

- Sharing**
 - Internal Sharing**
 - New user or group access ⓘ
 - Items shared with everyone ⓘ
 - New indirect group access ⓘ
 - External Sharing**
 - Items shared with External Users ⓘ
 - Items shared using Anonymous Links ⓘ
 - "Public" group privacy level ⓘ
- Site Configuration**
 - External Sharing Level ⓘ Select an External Sharing Level ▾
 - Default Sharing Link ⓘ Only people in your organization ▾
 - Default Link Permissions ⓘ Can View ▾
 - Guest Access Expiration ⓘ 0 Days
 - Anyone Link Expiration ⓘ 0 Days

365 PERMISSION MANAGER – AUDIT FUNCTION

IDENTIFY & AUDIT POLICY VIOLATIONS

The screenshot displays the '365 PERMISSION MANAGER – AUDIT FUNCTION' interface. At the top, there is a progress bar with four steps: Step 1 (Overview, marked with a green checkmark), Step 2 (Site & Group Violations, marked with a blue circle), Step 3 (Item Access Violations, marked with a grey circle), and Step 4 (Finish Summary, marked with a grey circle). Below the progress bar, the breadcrumb navigation shows 'Overview > Site & Group Violations > RnD'. A blue banner with an information icon contains the text: 'The following compliance policy violations were detected and need to be audited.' Below this, the 'Site Violations' section is titled with a gear icon. A sub-header reads: 'You can choose to approve these changes, or revert them in accordance to the compliance policy assigned to this site.' The violations are listed in a table-like format with 'Fix' and 'Approve' buttons for each:

Violation	Action
External sharing level The value 'Anyone' violates the policy setting, 'Organization'.	Fix Approve
Guest access expiration The value '90 days' violates the policy setting, '30 days'.	Fix Approve
Anyone link expiration The value '90 days' violates the policy setting, '14 days'.	Fix Approve
Default: sharing link The value 'Anonymous' violates the policy setting, 'Specific People'.	Fix Approve
Default: sharing link permission The value 'Edit' violates the policy setting, 'View'.	Fix Approve

👉 Quickly and easily "fix" or "approve" violations

👉 *Done by the People who know the data !!*



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365 PERMISSION MANAGER – EXPLORE SITES

GET A USER-FRIENDLY PERMISSIONS AND COMPLIANCE STATE OVERVIEW

The screenshot displays the 365 Permission Manager interface. At the top, there is a search bar and several filter buttons: "Discover New Sites and OneDrives", "Quick Actions", "View As", "Filter By Policy", "Filter by Compliance State", "Filter by Site Type", and "Sort by Display Name (A-Z)". Below the search bar, a notification states "Site contains item with Anonymous access". The main content area shows a list of sites with the following details:

Site Name	Permissions	External Access	Compliance State	Actions
Human Resources	Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous	External guest access	Confidential	Audit, Explore, More
Jacob Keys	Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous	External existing gues...	Confidential	Audit, Explore, More
Julian Grant	Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous	External existing gues...	Confidential	Audit, Explore, More
Julians Team	Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous	External guest access	Confidential	Audit, Explore, More
Learning & Education Team	Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous	External guest access	Confidential	Audit, Explore, More
Lynne Robbins	Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous	External existing gues...	Confidential	Audit, Explore, More

- ▶ Use advanced filtering to quickly check which objects are accessible by anonymous external users or guests
- ▶ Get a detailed access overview of user, group and nested group permissions



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365 PERMISSION MANAGER – QUICK ACTIONS

Perform bulk actions to manage permissions



Copy User Permissions: Copy direct permissions from one user to another.



Revoke Access for a User or Group: Recommended when offboarding Users or Groups, or when ending collaboration with an external user.



Set Site Permissions: Select who are the Site owners, who can edit, who can view.



Clean Up Orphaned Users: Remove permissions for Users who have been deleted but are still listed on SharePoint Site permissions.



Set External Sharing Level: Setting the External Sharing Level of a Site or OneDrive Account.



Remove "Everyone" Permissions: for all items across all SharePoint Sites and OneDrive Accounts.



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COMPLIANCE

Fixing & Reporting

- Policy enforcement by Site Owners
- Fully Audited approval renewals
- Instantly Revoke user access
- Orphaned user clean-up
- Sharing Link clean-up
- Reset permissions inheritance in bulk
- User Access reporting
- Exhaustive Permissions reporting
- Publicly exposed data reporting

RISK

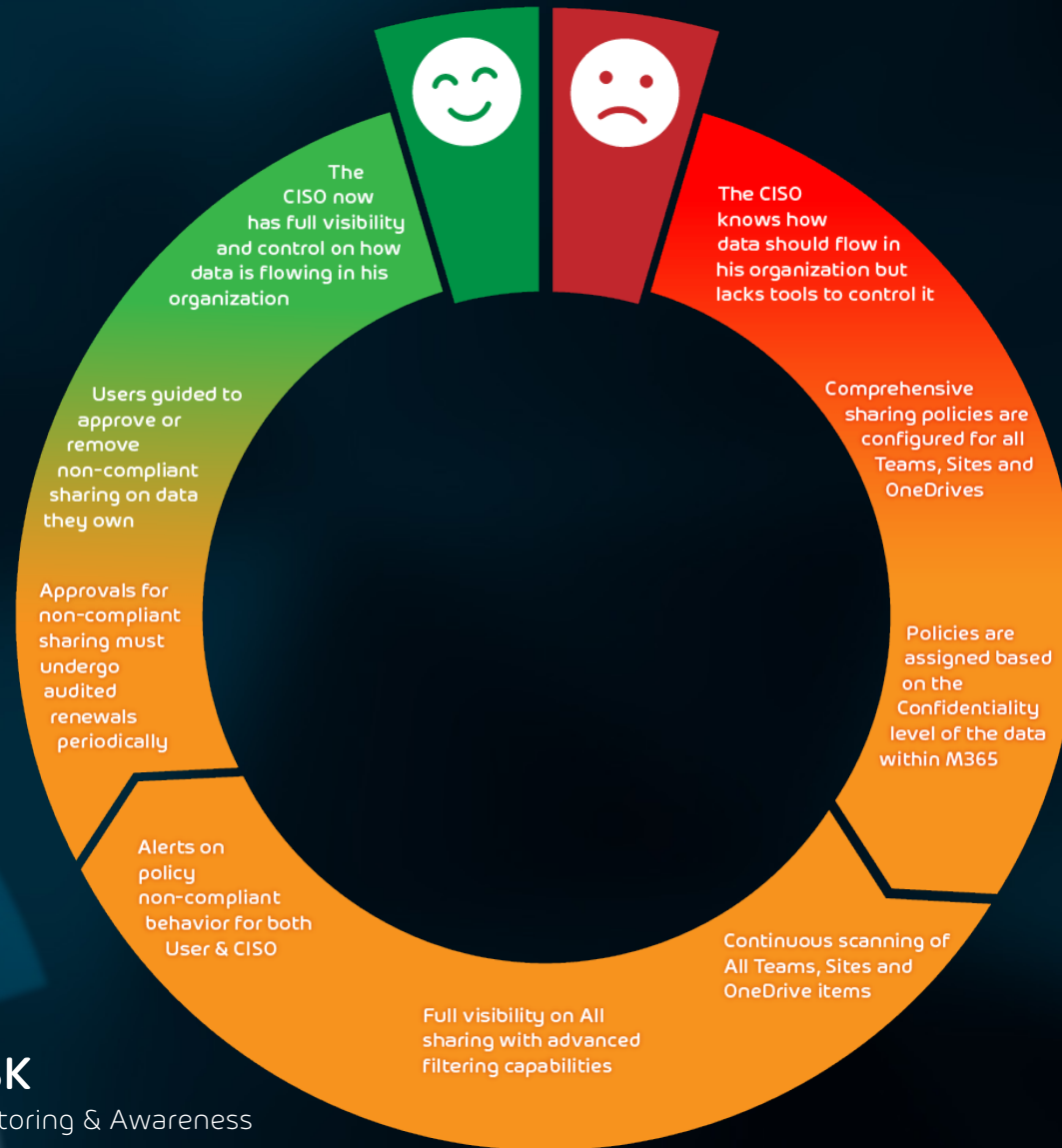
Monitoring & Awareness

- Single pane of glass File Explorer
- View Access as a specific User
- Monitor New user access
- Restrict Company-wide sharing
- Alert on External user access
- Control Anonymous link usage

GOVERNANCE

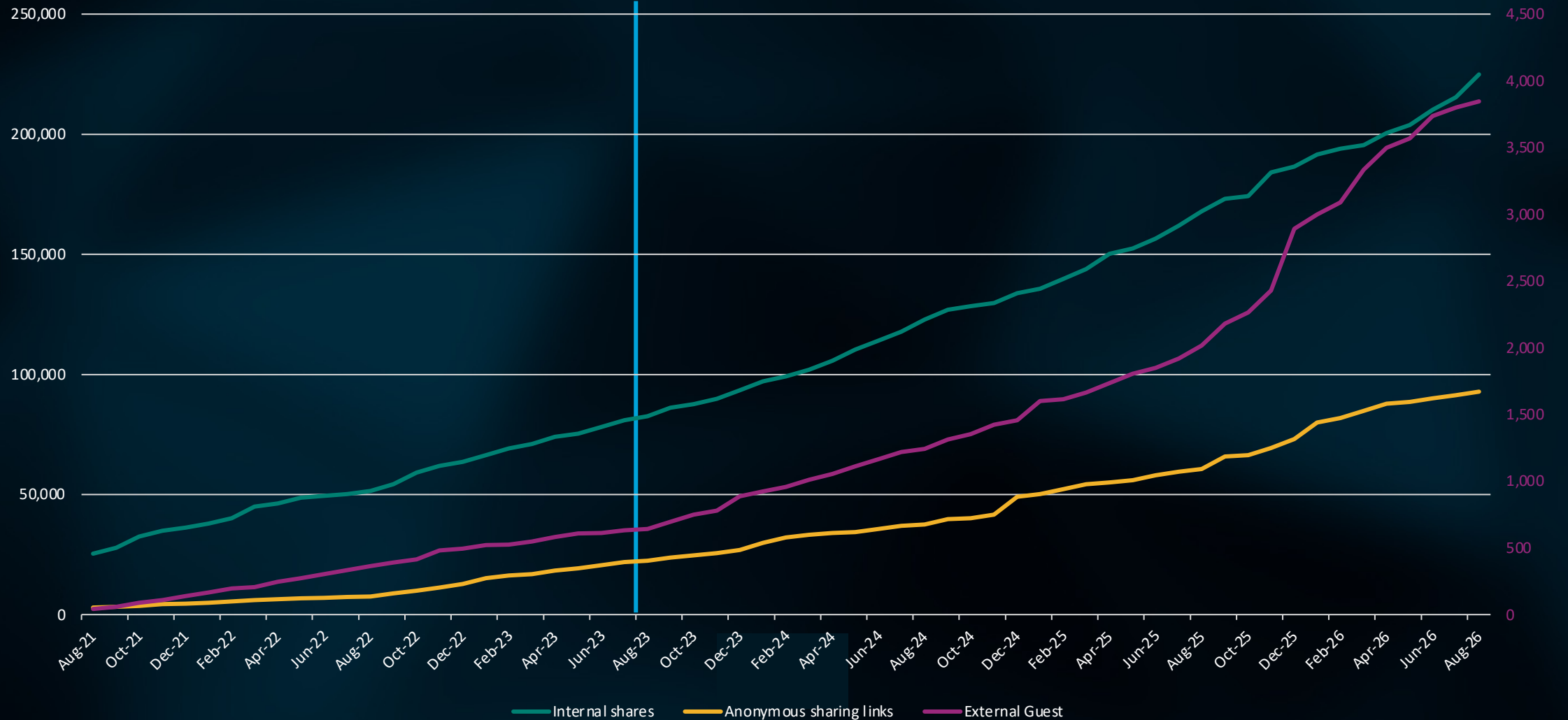
Information Control & Blueprints

- Configure Any Permissions
- Set External sharing level
- Set Sharing link Access
- Set Sharing link Permissions
- Set Guest Access Expiration
- Set Anyone Link expiration
- Set Group Privacy level

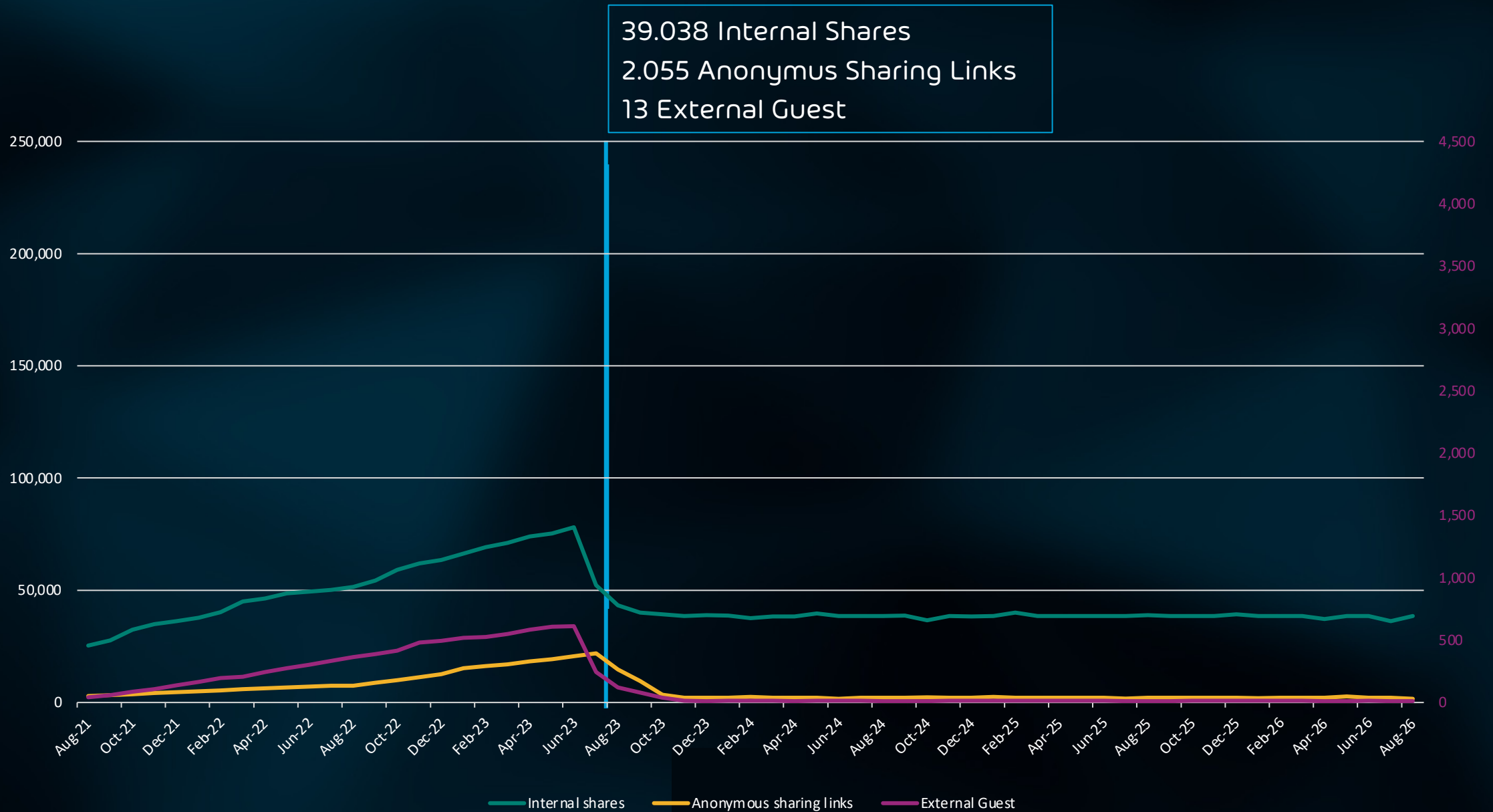


COMPANY X ALREADY HAS MORE THAN 2 MILLION FILES THAT CAN BE SHARED TODAY

82.540 Internal Shares
22.341 Anonymus Sharing Links
641 External Guest



THE INTRODUCTION OF PERMISSION MANAGER REDUCES THE NUMBER OF RELEASES



INSIDER RISK OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



▶ The Outsider - inside

- ▶ Once a Threat actor gets inside, *"are they are an insider risk ?"*



▶ Out an open gate

- ▶ Misdirection, *"are misdirected emails really such a big thing?"*



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HOW EASY IS IT FOR THREAT ACTORS TO LAUNCH ATTACKS?

Introduction

Introduction

Evilginx is a man-in-the-middle framework which in allow bypassing of multi-factor authentication.

Build

If you have have access to the source code, you can build it locally.

Deploy

Having an executable binary, load it on a remote server.

Execute

With all components deployed, connect to the remote server.



with session cookies,

remote server.

se license



Evilginx is a man-in-the-middle attack framework used for phishing login credentials along with session cookies, bypassing 2-factor authentication protection.

Evilginx, released in 2017, which used a custom version of nginx HTTP server to provide the ability to act as a proxy between a browser and phished website. Present version is fully self-contained application, which implements its own HTTP and DNS server, making it extremely easy to use.

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evilginx@tools/evilginx2:~/build/evilginx -p ./phishlets/
[+] loaded phishlet 'google' from 'google.json'
[+] setting up certificates for phishlet 'google'...
[+] successfully set up SSL/TLS certificates for domain: [accounts.it-is-almost-done.evilginx.com aptx.it-is-almost-done.evilginx.com vst-it-is-almost-done.evilginx.com]
[+] new visitor has arrived: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64; AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/66.0.3359.181 Safari/537.36
[+] landing URL: https://accounts.it-is-almost-done.evilginx.com/signin/v2/identifier

let | username | password | tokens | remote ip | time
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----
[+] [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | 2018-05-28 00:23

[+] Username: [redacted]
[+] Password: [redacted]
[+] all authentication tokens intercepted
[+] redirecting to URL: https://redirect-to-this-url-after-logging-in.com

let | username | password | tokens | remote ip | time
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[+] [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | 2018-05-28 00:24
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Next

Getting Started »

WHAT CAN THE ATTACKER DO NOW?

- Establish Persistence
 - ▶ Ex. Malicious OAuth Applications
- Privilege Escalation
- Lateral Movement
- Ransomware Infection
- Data Exfiltration



user@contoso.com

Permissions requested



This app would like to:

✓ Read and write your files

✓ Read your calendar

Identity, API security, Email security

PSA: CHECK YOUR INSTANCE FOR COMPROMISE —

Ongoing campaign compromises senior execs' Azure accounts, locks them using MFA

The wide range of employee roles targeted indicates attacker's multifaceted approach.

[Simon Hendery](#) January 29, 2024



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SHORT STORY: MISDIRECTED EMAILS CAN CAUSE SECURITY INCIDENTS AND COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS



Emails are often sent in a rush, without paying attention to details and relying on "muscle memory"



This can result in sending emails to the wrong recipients



If a **misdirected email** contains sensitive information, this can lead to a compliance violation or be used for a data breach.



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MISDIRECTED EMAILS CAN LEAD TO DATA BREACHES WITH SEVERE CONSEQUENCES



Data loss



Identity theft



Monetary loss

Data breaches caused by misdirected emails can be costly to your business in financial terms and also result in loss of reputation and trust.

Regulations, including the **GDPR in Europe**, have shown their strict side when it comes to protecting sensitive data. And with the **NIS 2 directive** on the horizon, regulations are getting even stricter.



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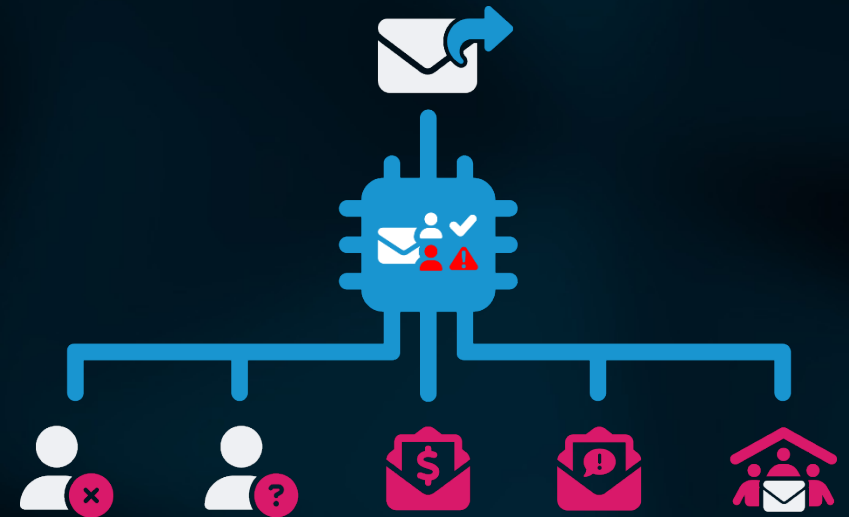
WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

AI-BASED ADJUSTMENT MECHANISMS

AI Recipient Validation is an **AI-based, self-learning service** that continuously learns the

• AI Recipient Validation factors in user behavior and responses to automatically adjust background and warns the user in different instances, including:

- An unintended recipient is being addressed
- This prevents users from receiving similar warnings multiple times.
- An email contains sensitive data like Personal Identifiable Information
- A user is about to reply to a large distribution list
- The email contains inappropriate language



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FEATURES AT A GLANCE

INSTANT FEEDBACK AND CHANCE FOR CORRECTION

M365
Infrastructure

M365 Outlook / AI Recipient Validation Process

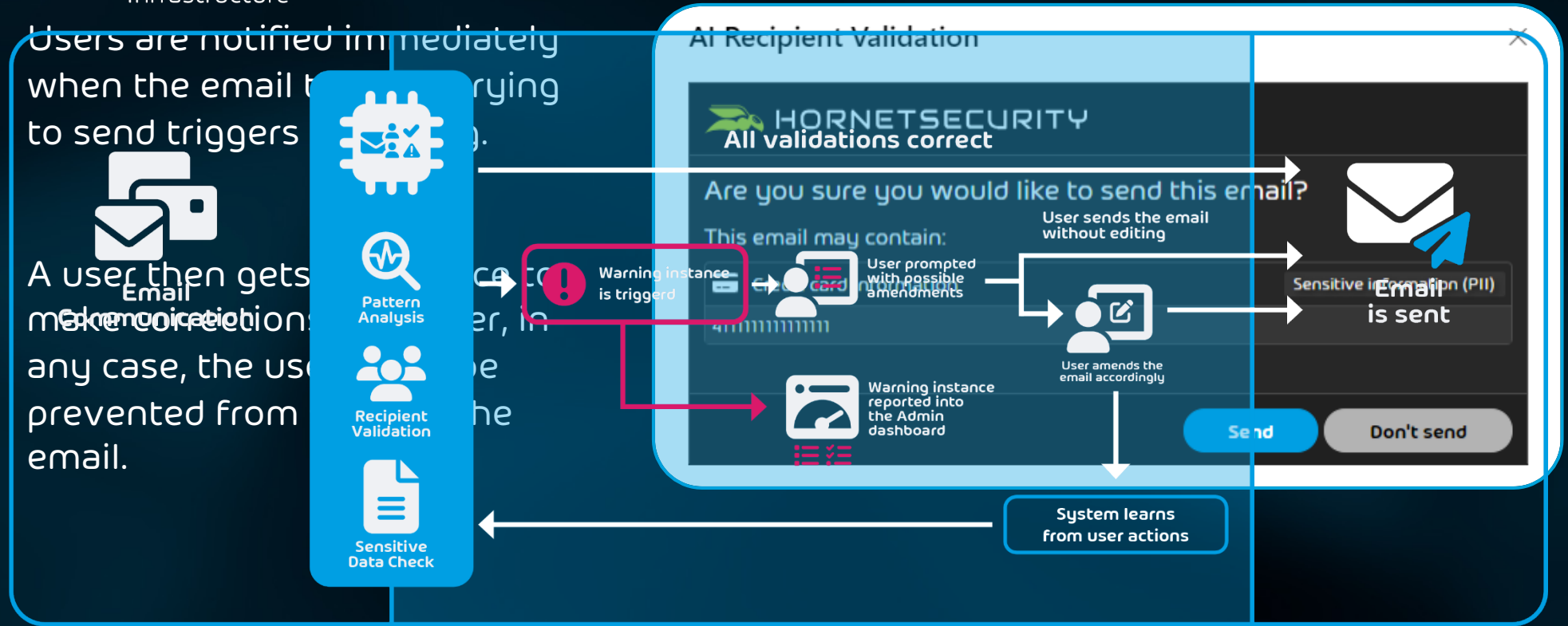
Communication

- Users are notified immediately when the email to be sent triggers a warning.

- A user then gets a chance to make corrections. In any case, the user is prevented from sending the email.



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365 TOTAL PROTECTION SUITE PLANS

NEXT-GEN SECURITY, BACKUP, COMPLIANCE & SECURITY AWARENESS FOR MICROSOFT 365



BUSINESS

ENTERPRISE

BACKUP

COMPLIANCE & AWARENESS

SPAM & MALWARE PROTECTION

ADVANCED THREAT PROTECTION

BACKUP & RECOVERY OF MAILBOXES & TEAMS

PERMISSION MANAGEMENT

PHISHING & ATTACK SIMULATION

COMMUNICATION PATTERN ANALYSIS

EMAIL ENCRYPTION

EMAIL ARCHIVING

BACKUP & RECOVERY OF ONEDRIVE & SHAREPOINT

PERMISSION ALERTS

SECURITY AWARENESS SERVICE

AI RECIPIENT VALIDATION

EMAIL SIGNATURES & DISCLAIMERS

EMAIL CONTINUITY

BACKUP & RECOVERY OF ENDPOINTS

PERMISSION AUDIT

ESI[®] REPORTING

AUTOMATED CONTENT VALIDATION

QUESTION TIME!

Do you have questions or thoughts of your own?