Using Security and Compliance Analytics to Power Business Decisions
Microsoft 365 & Azure Synapse
Collaboration and communication activities generate a massive, rich amount of data in M365

18,000,000,000,000
Microsoft Graph nodes (emails, users, files, groups and more)

~300 Million
Office365 Users

270 Million
Microsoft Teams users
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The Opportunity
Secure your business by identifying patterns of information oversharing and fraud in your M365 data.
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- Uncover false alerts and refocus efforts on genuine threats
- Validate employee intention following questionable activity
- Accelerate investigation of intellectual property theft
- Mitigate regulatory compliance violations
Security & Compliance Analytics Use Cases

- **Information Oversharing**
  Validate if sensitive data was mistakenly leaked or if employees intentionally shared confidential information with malicious intent

- **Fraud Detection**
  Determine if actions and behaviors between employees violate corporate policies and validate whether there is legitimate risk

- **Internal Threat and Anomaly Detection**
  Detect anomalies in sensitive datasets to protect against internal threats
Security & Compliance Analytics – How it works

Use collaboration data to identify real threats and reduce exposure to risk

1. **Connect** M365 data to Azure Synapse
2. Continuously collect and store collaboration data in Azure. **Combine** with other relevant data sources
3. Use Azure Synapse to model historical Security & compliance patterns of update threat models
4. Analyze behavioral, collaboration, and data access patterns to detect malicious or noncompliant activity
5. Automate responses and alerts to suspicious behaviors and patterns
6. Visualize and democratize security and compliance insights with Power BI
M365 Analytics Architecture

M365 Data Sources
- Office 365
- Outlook
- Microsoft Teams
- SharePoint

M365 Metrics
- People Relationships
- Productivity Score

Microsoft Graph Data Connect

Synapse Workspace

Azure Data Factory Connectors
- Azure Blob Storage
- Azure Cosmos DB
- Azure Synapse Analytics
- Azure Data Explorer
- Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 1/2

Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2

Synapse Analytics

Azure Machine Learning

Azure Cognitive Services

Azure Cognitive Search

Azure Cosmos DB

Azure Synapse Link

Power BI
# Extend Existing Security & Compliance Insights

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Information Oversharing

Validate if sensitive data was mistakenly leaked or if employees intentionally shared confidential information with malicious intent.
Today’s Challenges

Client and company data is most at risk on email. Organizations experiencing email data breaches risk exposing confidential data.

Inability to predict when a data breach is about to happen and prevent incidents before they happen.

Remote work has dramatically increased the number of emails sent.

Many incidents go undetected by static Data Loss Prevention (DLP) tools. Such tools are often unreliable and difficult to use.
Information Oversharing Solution

Understand the behaviors and usage trends to foster positive employee behaviors

Construct an always on, predictive model to act as a safety net to prevent accidental oversharing incidents

Identify malicious actors and protect confidential data

Set terms to watch for leakage – categorize and assign severity level

**BENEFITS**

- Build predictive models to stop data breaches before they happen
- Protect confidential client data, maintain constant compliance
- Scale your ML model with the increased volume of email data
Microsoft promotes safer, more secure content management culture through insights from Microsoft Graph Data Connect

**BUSINESS CHALLENGE**

- The transition from 'classic' attachment sharing (e.g., copies via email or chat) to the use of SharePoint links dramatically increases the security of sensitive business documents and helps ensure legal compliance
- Anecdotal evidence suggested that Microsoft employees were continuing to share classic documents in collaboration activities, placing the company at significantly greater risk of unauthorized use

**SOLUTION**

- Because Microsoft initially lacked visibility into SharePoint behaviors and usage trends which would help influence positive employee behaviors, it sought to fill that gap with Microsoft Graph Data Connect
- Data science teams generated robust SharePoint file sharing reports to understand how content was being shared across the business

**RESULT**

- The team at Microsoft revealed the file-sharing behaviors that were prevalent in the organization and used the insights to develop change management strategies intended to combat 'classic' attachment sharing
- Product teams are also leveraging these insights to inform the development of nudges in Outlook that encourage safer and more streamlined content management behaviors

**SOLUTION ELEMENTS**

- Microsoft Graph Data Connect
- File sharing reports
- Microsoft 365
- External data & LOB apps
- Azure Synapse
Architecture Overview: Information Oversharing

- **Microsoft Graph**
- **Data Connect**
- **Pipelines**
- **Scheduled/Event-triggered data ingestion**
- **Azure Synapse Analytics**
- **Azure Data Lake Gen2**
- **High-Performance polyglot storage**
- **Spark pools**
- **Data Explorer Pools**
- **Serverless and Dedicated SQL pools**
- **Near real-time telemetry analytics**
- **Enrich**
  - **Azure Machine learning**
  - **Azure Cognitive Services**
- **Data Lakehouse workloads**
- **Enterprise Data Warehouse capabilities**
- **Data Lake analytics using T-SQL**
- **Power BI Premium**
- **Azure Cosmos DB**
- **Discover & Govern**
- **Azure Purview**
- **Analytics**
- **Applications**
- **View**
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Today’s Challenges

Reducing the cost and negative customer experience and losses associated with fraud

Existing fraud detection tools may not leverage the insight available from all the data sources available from the bank’s specific core banking, customer, telemetry and logs and other data
Fraud Detection Solution

Use big-data analytics + machine learning to model historical patterns of fraud and continuously update threat detection models.

Automate responses and alerts to suspicious behaviors and patterns. Visualize and democratize business insights with easy integration of M365 and LOB data with Azure Synapse.

Unleash hyper-auto scalability with Azure serverless technologies and Azure Synapse.

Stay compliant with regional data regulations—keeping key data and apps on-premises, while harnessing cloud technologies to access advanced AI, Analytics, storage and ML.

**BENEFITS**
- Reduce financial loss due to fraud with real-time fraud detection tools
- Uncover hidden insights within the data such as subtle patterns and suspicious behaviors
- Detect fraud faster with greater accuracy in the scoring models
Microsoft enables large processor of debit and credit transactions to better detect and protect against fraud

**BUSINESS CHALLENGE**
- Need for a unified data platform to better detect and protect against fraud in today’s ever-shifting world of commerce

**SOLUTION**
- Rapidly implemented an automated workflow for assessing and prioritizing risk via AI
- As their workflows evolve in sophistication and utility, Azure AI factors increasingly in protecting against fraud

**RESULT**
- 450% reduction in the time spent identifying potential fraud and an immediate 10 percent reduction in fraud, with potential for that number to increase as it develops and releases new AI-based capabilities

Azure offered us the ability to incorporate this solution one step at a time and increase our capacity as we grow. We were able to operate faster immediately and have the flexibility to iterate and refine our approach to AI as new possibilities present themselves.

Director of Data Platforms
Architecture: Fraud Detection

Technical Hurdles Addressed

- Challenges with ingestion of huge volumes of real-time data from disparate sources across multiple channels
- Cost effective yet efficient/performant storage for petabyte-scale data sets
- Complex rationalization and normalization of data into a centralized repository
- Easy distribution of data for additional specialized analysis without sacrificing data validation and integrity
- Providing sophisticated data visualization solutions across multiple lines of business and distinct user populations
- Managing near-real time alerting and event handling to enable rapid response (transaction prevention as well as approval)
Internal Threat & Anomaly Detection

Detect anomalies in sensitive datasets to protect against internal threats
Today’s Challenges

Whether negligent or malicious, insider threats pose serious security risks to an organization.

53% of organizations confirmed insider risks against their organization in the previous 12 months.

Insider threats from illegal, inappropriate, unauthorized, or unethical behavior are a major issue for companies and easily go undetected until it is too late.

Too much time is spent investigating and ruling out false positives.
**Internal Threat & Anomaly Detection Solution**

- Insider risk management policies are created using **pre-defined templates**
- Alerts are generated by **risk indicators** and displayed in the Alerts dashboard
- New activities that need investigation go through **false alert analysis** using M365 data with Azure Synapse
- Legitimate alerts are assigned a "needs review" status for reviewers to evaluate and triage

**BENEFITS**
- Reduce operational costs by automating data analysis, and minimizing time spent on false threats
- Enable employees to focus on work that matters and make it easier and quicker to close issues
- Minimize exposure to fraud, litigation, or intellectual property theft
Next steps ...

- Learn more about how to ingest M365 data in Azure Synapse (Link)
- Align with your business stakeholders for sponsorship, expectations and budget
- Start with business case to develop scenario/use case and supporting solution design

...how Microsoft can help you

- Request MTC Data & AI Architecture Design Session or Rapid Prototype (optional)
- Work with your DAI CSA to do a pilot/Solution Accelerator (optional)