

Azure AD, Graph and Exchange Online: A powerful combination

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What is illicit consent?

“In an illicit consent grant attack, the attacker creates an Azure-registered application that requests access to data such as contact information, email, or documents. The attacker then tricks an end user into granting that application consent to access their data either through a phishing attack, or by injecting illicit code into a trusted website. After the illicit application has been granted consent, it has account-level access to data without the need for an organizational account. Normal remediation steps, like resetting passwords for breached accounts or requiring Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on accounts, are not effective against this type of attack, since these are third-party applications and are external to the organization.”

Credit: Microsoft

Tenant settings

Protecting

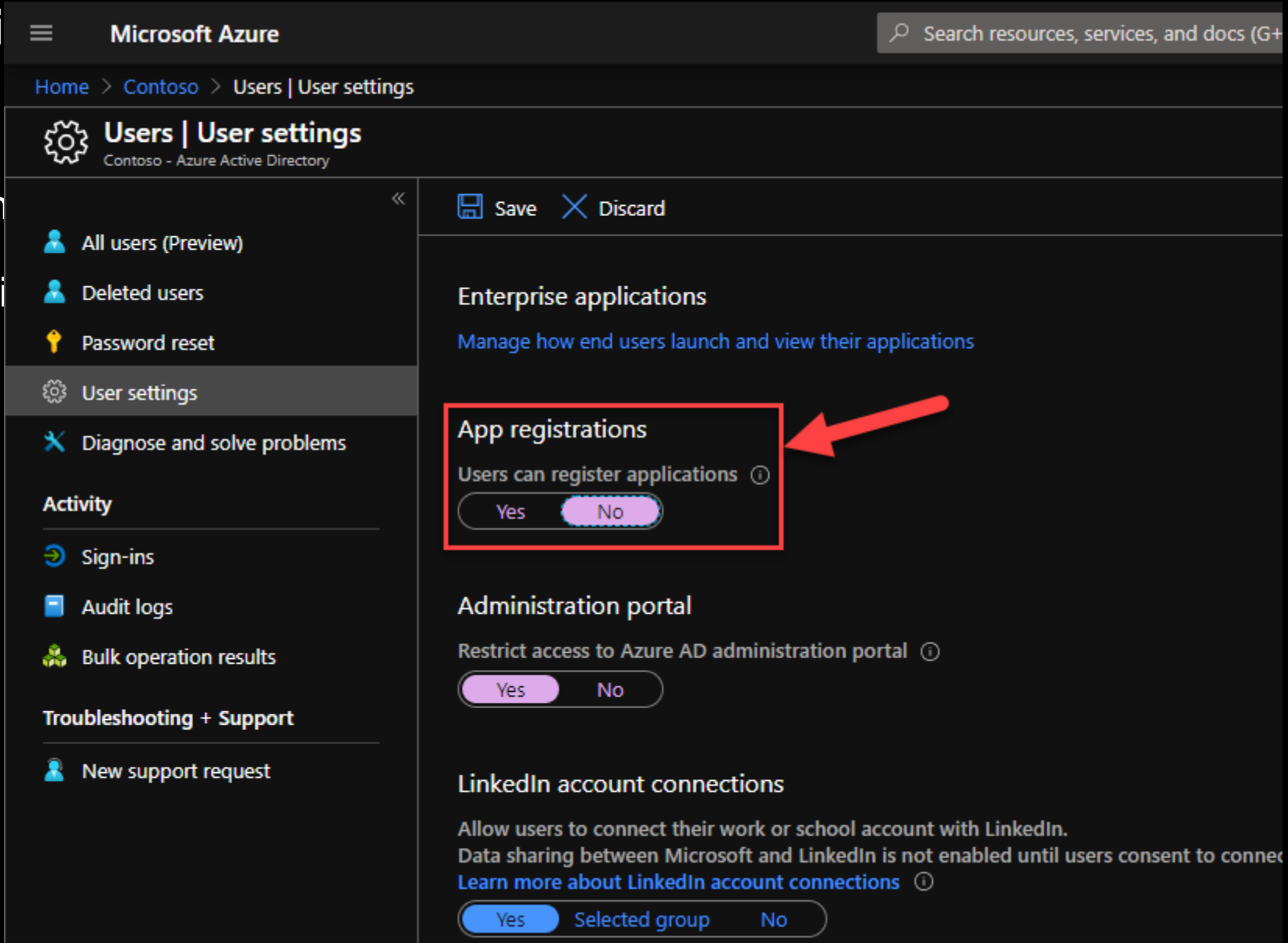
- Disable
- Disable

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface for managing tenant settings. The top navigation bar shows the Microsoft Azure logo and a search bar. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Home > Contoso > Enterprise applications | User settings. The main heading is "Enterprise applications | User settings" for "Contoso - Azure Active Directory". Below this, there are "Save" and "Discard" buttons. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with sections: Overview (with links to Overview and Diagnose and solve problems), Manage (with links to All applications, Application proxy, and User settings), and Security (with a link to Conditional Access). The "User settings" section is currently selected. The main content area shows the "Enterprise applications" settings. The first setting is "Users can consent to apps accessing company data on their behalf", which is currently set to "No". Below this is a note: "Note: When set to 'No', users may still be able to connect their work or school accounts with LinkedIn. You can manage connections in User Settings." The second setting, "Users can consent to apps accessing company data for the groups they own", is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to the "No" option. This setting has three options: "Yes", "No", and "Limited". The third setting is "Users can add gallery apps to their Access Panel", which is currently set to "No".

Tenant settings

Configuration h

- Disable ability



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface for the 'Contoso' tenant. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Contoso, and Users | User settings. The main content area is titled 'Users | User settings' and includes a search bar. The left sidebar also lists various settings categories: All users (Preview), Deleted users, Password reset, User settings (selected), Diagnose and solve problems, Activity, Sign-ins, Audit logs, Bulk operation results, Troubleshooting + Support, and New support request. The main content area displays three settings: Enterprise applications, App registrations, and Administration portal. The 'App registrations' setting is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. It is currently set to 'No'.

Microsoft Azure

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Home > Contoso > Users | User settings

Users | User settings
Contoso - Azure Active Directory

Save Discard

Enterprise applications
Manage how end users launch and view their applications

App registrations
Users can register applications ⓘ
Yes No

Administration portal
Restrict access to Azure AD administration portal ⓘ
Yes No

LinkedIn account connections
Allow users to connect their work or school account with LinkedIn.
Data sharing between Microsoft and LinkedIn is not enabled until users consent to connect.
[Learn more about LinkedIn account connections](#) ⓘ
Yes Selected group No

Tenant settings

Configure

- Allow

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[Home](#) > [Contoso](#) > [Enterprise applications](#) > [Consent and permissions](#)

Consent and permissions | Permission classifications

Manage

User consent settings


Permission classifications

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+ Add permissions

Classify permissions

Choose which permissions are classified as "low risk". [Learn more](#)

API used	Permissions	Description
<div><div></div><div><p>Get started by adding the most used permissions.</p><p>The following permissions are the most requested application permissions with low-risk access. Get started managing consent and permissions for all users by adding these delegated permissions with only one click. Learn more</p><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> User.Read - sign in and read user profile</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> offline_access - maintain access to data that users have given it access to</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> openid - sign users in</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> profile - view user's basic profile</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> email - view user's email address</div></div><div><div>Yes, add selected permissions</div><div>No, I'll add permissions</div></div></div></div>		

Tenant settings

Configuration for

- Allow only a

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation links. The main heading is 'Consent and permissions | User consent settings'. On the left, a sidebar shows 'Manage' with options for 'User consent settings' (selected) and 'Permission classifications'. The main content area has a 'Save' button and a 'Discard' button. Below these, there's a description of user consent and three radio button options: 'Do not allow user consent', 'Allow user consent for apps from verified publishers, for selected permissions (Recommended)' (which is selected), and 'Allow user consent for apps'. A link indicates '3 permissions classified as low impact'. At the bottom, there's a section for 'Group owner consent for apps accessing data' with three radio button options: 'Do not allow group owner consent', 'Allow group owner consent for selected group owners' (selected), and 'Allow group owner consent for all group owners'. A list of groups is shown below, with 'sg-IT' highlighted. A red callout box with the text 'allow this group to consent for their owned groups' has an arrow pointing to the 'sg-IT' group in the list.

Microsoft Azure

Home > Contoso > Enterprise applications >

Consent and permissions | User consent settings

Save Discard

Manage

- User consent settings
- Permission classifications

When a user grants consent to an application, the user can sign in and the application may be granted access to the organization's data. [Learn more about consent and permissions](#)

User consent for applications
Configure whether users are allowed to consent for applications to access your organization's data. [Learn more](#)

☐ Do not allow user consent
An administrator will be required for all apps.

☒ Allow user consent for apps from verified publishers, for selected permissions (Recommended)
All users can consent for permissions classified as "low impact", for apps from verified publishers or apps registered in this organization.

3 permissions classified as low impact

☐ Allow user consent for apps
All users can consent for any app to access the organization's data.

Group owner consent for apps accessing data
Configure whether group owners are allowed to consent for applications to access your organization's data for the groups they own. [Learn more](#)

☐ Do not allow group owner consent
Group owners cannot allow applications to access data for the groups they own.

☒ Allow group owner consent for selected group owners
Only selected group owners can allow applications to access data for the groups they own.

☐ Allow group owner consent for all group owners
All group owners can allow applications to access data for the groups they own.

Group

sg-IT

allow this group to consent for their owned groups

Conditional Access

- By default conditional access policies are created for all cloud apps or actions.
- Best way of creating conditional access policies is to create a policy for a specific cloud app or action.

Note: Conditional access policies are created for all cloud apps or actions.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface for creating a new conditional access policy. The left pane shows the 'New' configuration page with sections for Name, Assignments, Conditions, and Access controls. The 'Name' section is highlighted with a green box containing the text 'Restrict custom app'. The 'Assignments' section shows 'Users and groups' and 'Cloud apps or actions' with '0' selected. The 'Conditions' section shows '0 conditions selected'. The 'Access controls' section shows 'Grant' and 'Session' with '0 controls selected'. The right pane shows the 'Cloud apps or actions' selection dialog. The 'Select' dialog has a search bar with the AppID '50faa161-156e-4920-8949-e76b2b139695' entered. Below the search bar, there is a list of cloud apps, with 'My demo app' (AppID: 50faa161-156e-4920-8949-e76b2b139695) selected. A red arrow points from a red box labeled 'search AppID' to the search bar. The 'Selected items' section at the bottom of the dialog shows 'None'.













missions!

filter for OAuth app anomaly

NAME	TYPE	STATUS	SEVERITY	CATEGORY
Policy name...	OAuth app anomaly detection policy	<div>ACTIVE</div> <div>DISABLED</div>	<div> </div> <div> </div> <div> </div>	Select risk category...

Control → Policies

1 - 3 of 3 Policies

Policy	Count	Severity ▾	Category	Action
 Malicious OAuth app consent This policy uses Microsoft Threat Intelligence to scan OAuth apps connected t...	0 open alerts		 Threat detection	
 Misleading publisher name for an OAuth app This policy scans the OAuth apps connected to your environment and triggers...	0 open alerts		 Threat detection	
 Misleading OAuth app name This policy scans the OAuth apps connected to your environment and triggers...	0 open alerts		 Threat detection	

Application

Configure “Pub

- End-user ca
- MCAS polici

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

Home > Contoso | App registrations > My demo app | Branding

My demo app | Branding

Search (Ctrl+/) Save Discard

- Overview
- Quickstart
- Integration assistant (preview)
- Manage**
 - Branding
 - Authentication
 - Certificates & secrets
 - Token configuration
 - API permissions
 - Expose an API
 - Owners
 - Roles and administrators (Previ...
 - Manifest
- Support + Troubleshooting
 - Troubleshooting
 - New support request

Name * ⓘ My demo app

Logo

Upload new logo ⓘ Select a file

Home page URL ⓘ https://onedrive.live.com/

Terms of service URL ⓘ e.g. https://myapp.com/termsofservice

Privacy statement URL ⓘ e.g. https://myapp.com/privacystatement

Publisher domain ⓘ M365x182452.onmicrosoft.com [Update domain](#)

The application's consent screen will show 'Unverified'.
[Learn more about publisher domain](#)

Publisher verification (preview)

Associate a verified Microsoft Partner Center (MPN) account with your application. A verified badge will appear in various places, including the application consent screen. [Learn more](#)

MPN ID **Add MPN ID to verify publisher**

The application publisher domain is set to M365x182452.onmicrosoft.com, but onmicrosoft.com publisher domains are not allowed. Please use a custom domain in order to proceed. Note: this domain must be a DNS verified domain on the tenant and match the primary contact domain for your MPN account.

Publisher display name Not provided

Service Principal vs. Application

Service Principal

“To access resources that are secured by an Azure AD tenant, the entity that requires access must be represented by a security principal. This is true for both users (user principal) and applications (service principal).

The security principal defines the access policy and permissions for the user/application in the Azure AD tenant. This enables core features such as authentication of the user/application during sign-in, and authorization during resource access.”

- Configuration:
 - Properties (Enabled, assignment etc.)
 - Owners
 - Users and groups
 - Etc.

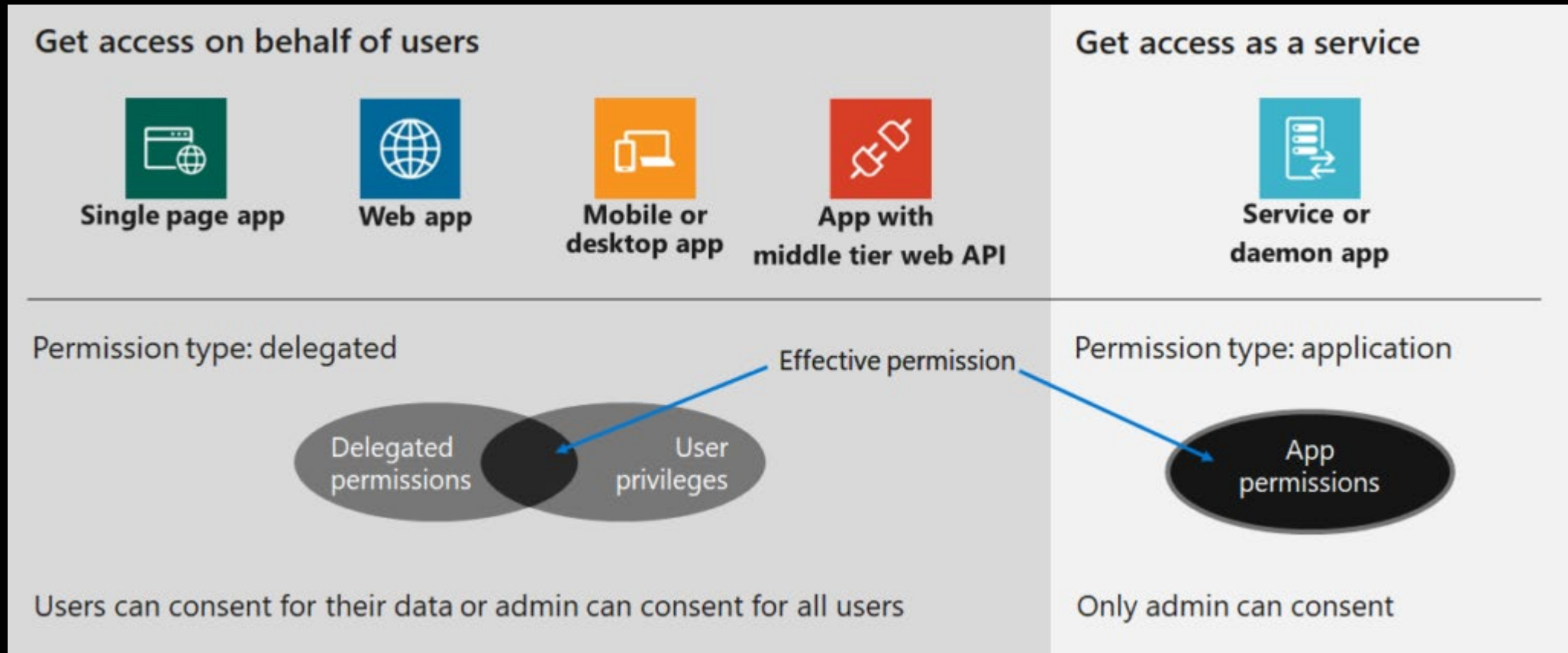
Application

“An Azure AD application is defined by its one and only application object, which resides in the Azure AD tenant where the application was registered, known as the application's "home" tenant. The Microsoft Graph Application entity defines the schema for an application object's properties.”

- Configuration:
 - Branding
 - Authentication
 - API permissions
 - Etc.

Delegated vs. Application permissions

Credit: Microsoft



Delegated vs. Application permissions

Delegated (on behalf of)

Delegated permissions, sometimes called “on behalf of” permissions, require a user context to also be supplied when making the request. In effect an application is making Microsoft Graph requests on behalf of the user. As such, the required permissions will be a combination of 1) what the user has permissions to do and 2) what the application has permissions to do.

The logical intersection of these two results in the effective permissions used when making requests. If the application has been granted permissions (ex. read all user info from Azure AD) that the user has not been granted, then the application will not be able to complete that specific request.

If you are decoding an access token, delegated permissions will show up as “scopes” within the decoded claims. Checking that the access token has the appropriate / expected “scopes” is a good first step to ensure that permissions are assigned and consented.

Application (app-only or “without a user”)

Application permissions, sometimes called app-only or “without a user”, run without a user context. Common examples of this would be a background service or a daemon application. Only the permissions granted to the application will be evaluated when Microsoft Graph request is made.

Typically an Azure AD domain administrator needs to grant consent for the application permissions requested. However, there is a new Azure AD role called Application Administrator that is able to consent to delegated permissions for Azure AD apps, and applications permissions excluding Microsoft Graph and Azure AD Graph. For the purposes of this blog series that may not be suitable given the Microsoft Graph exclusion but it is worth noting for other scenarios. Read more about available roles for Administrator role permissions in Azure Active Directory.

If you are decoding an access token, application permissions will show up as “roles” within the decoded claims. Checking that the access token has the appropriate / expected “roles” is a good first step to ensure that permissions are assigned and consented.

Exchange protocols

Exchange Web Services (EWS)

- Long existing protocol
- Managed API (DLL) for installation
- SOAP requests
- Full functionality (in terms of access and configuration of mailbox)

REST

- Relatively young protocol
- OData 4.0 and JSON for data abstraction
- Optimized for accessing mail, calendar and contacts
- Supports ONLY OAuth for authentication and authorization
- Limited functionality (in terms of access and configuration of mailbox)

Endpoints for Exchange Online

There are different endpoints, which can be used for accessing Exchange objects:

Note: In OAuth terms these are also known as Audience/Resource.

- Microsoft Graph (<https://graph.microsoft.com>)
- Exchange Online (<https://outlook.office365.com>)

These endpoints have different capabilities.

- Microsoft Graph doesn't have Application permissions for:
 - EWS
 - IMAP
 - EAS
 - Etc.

There are also more feature differences outlined here:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/outlook/rest/compare-graph#feature-differences>

Note: This needs to be taken into consideration, while creating an application architecture!

Endpoints for Exchange Online

[DEPRECATED] Use the Outlook REST API (version 2.0)

11/19/2020 • 11 minutes to read

Applies to: Exchange Online | Office 365 | Hotmail.com | Live.com | MSN.com | Outlook.com | Passport.com

ⓘ Note

Version 2.0 of the Outlook REST API is deprecated.

As announced on November 17, 2020, version 2.0 of the Outlook REST API has been deprecated. The v2.0 REST endpoint will be fully decommissioned in November 2022, and the v2.0 documentation will be removed shortly afterwards. Migrate existing apps to use **Microsoft Graph**. See a [comparison](#) to start your migration.

ⓘ Note

Use **Microsoft Graph** to build richer scenarios for Microsoft 365 services including Outlook. Find out how to [transition to Microsoft Graph-based Outlook REST API](#).

Decoding Access Token

- [ADFS Help JWT Decoder](#)
- <https://jwt.ms/>
- <https://jwt.io/>

Full documentation about claims:

[Microsoft identity platform access tokens](#)

Example JWT.ms

Enter token below (it never leaves your browser):

[illegible]

This token was issued by Azure Active Directory.

Example JWT.ms

Decoded Token	Claims
<pre>{ "typ": "JWT", "nonce": "TcvvhaxFZXV7gsSoQ1D_oqzk8QT7RUUtZ-JV0TMu0R4", "alg": "RS256", "x5t": "CtTuhMJmD5M7DLdzD2v2x3QKSRy", "kid": "CtTuhMJmD5M7DLdzD2v2x3QKSRy" }.{ "aud": "https://outlook.office365.com/", "iss": "https://sts.windows.net/daf0c604-121f-408f-8d25-3c73be0ac489/", "iat": 1590569063, "nbf": 1590569063, "exp": 1590572963, "acct": 0, "acr": "1", "aio": "42dgYPBRFJzicdn9MM96t1ZG2WWFHgsVnbKKDWL198o9Y37w8gIA", "amr": ["pwd"], "app_displayname": "Access Calendar", "appid": "8a7be905-6f5d-4cc2-ae4a-64904fa40867", "appidacr": "0", "enfpolid": [], "family_name": "Gegenwarth", "given_name": "Ingo", "ipaddr": "79.197.50.103", "name": "Ingo Gegenwarth", "oid": "2d26960c-7f17-411f-a804-a345ad0e5339", "puid": "10032000B65B159C", "scp": "Calendars.ReadWrite.Shared EWS.AccessAsUser.All User.Read", "sid": "a0e892b5-9f62-4d40-8389-40e0b0dcab75", "sub": "aP9vgvcePR5xuesi9lnN-I-XYc6NuT1NLQappF573Qk", "tid": "daf0c604-121f-408f-8d25-3c73be0ac489", "unique_name": "ingo@m365x182452.onmicrosoft.com", "upn": "ingo@m365x182452.onmicrosoft.com", "uti": "8twTn1aKPEiao9x-268HAA", "ver": "1.0" }.[Signature]</pre>	

Decoded Token	Claims	
Claim type	Value	Notes
aud	https://outlook.office365.com/	Identifies the intended recipient of the token. In id_tokens, the audience is your app's Application ID, assigned to your app in the Azure portal. Your app should validate this value, and reject the token if the value does not match.
iss	https://sts.windows.net/daf0c604-121f-408f-8d25-3c73be0ac489/	Identifies the security token service (STS) that constructs and returns the token, and the Azure AD tenant in which the user was authenticated. If the token was issued by the v2.0 endpoint, the URI will end in /v2.0. The GUID that indicates that the user is a consumer user from a Microsoft account is 9188040d-6c67-4c5b-b112-36a304b66dad. Your app should use the GUID portion of the claim to restrict the set of tenants that can sign in to the app, if applicable.
iat	Wed May 27 2020 10:44:23 GMT+0200 (Central European Summer Time)	"Issued At" indicates when the authentication for this token occurred.
nbf	Wed May 27 2020 10:44:23 GMT+0200 (Central European Summer Time)	The "nbf" (not before) claim identifies the time before which the JWT MUST NOT be accepted for processing.
exp	Wed May 27 2020 11:49:23 GMT+0200 (Central European Summer Time)	The "exp" (expiration time) claim identifies the expiration time on or after which the JWT MUST NOT be accepted for processing. It's important to note that a resource may reject the token before this time as well - if for example a change in authentication is required or a token revocation has been detected.
acct	0	
acr	1	The "Authentication context class" claim. A value of "0" indicates the end-user authentication did not meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 29115.
aio	42dgYPBRFJzicdn9MM96t1ZG2WWFHgsVnbKKDWL198o9Y37w8gIA	An internal claim used by Azure AD to record data for token reuse. Should be ignored.
amr	pwd	Identifies how the subject of the token was authenticated. Microsoft identities can authenticate in a variety of ways, which may be relevant to your application. The amr claim is an array that can contain multiple items, such as ["mfa", "rsa", "pwd"], for an authentication that used both a password and the Authenticator app. See the amr claim section in Azure Active Directory access tokens documentation for values.
app_displayname	Access Calendar	
appid	8a7be905-6f5d-4cc2-ae4a-64904fa40867	The application ID of the client using the token. The application can act as itself or on behalf of a user. The application ID typically represents an application object, but it can also represent a service principal object in Azure AD.

**“I acquired an access token.
Now I can access mailboxes
or send-as other users?”**

Working with Exchange Online objects

Delegated permissions:

- Permissions in EXO still needs to be granted (access token is not sufficient):
 - FullAccess
 - Send-As
 - Folder-level permission
 - Etc.

Application permissions:

- OAuth Application permissions \neq ApplicationImpersonation permission (EWS)
- specific headers are still needed to be added:
 - **X-AnchorMailbox** (should meanwhile added in any cases)
 - **ExchangeImpersonation** SOAP

Working with Exchange Online objects

Restrict applications:

- Conditional Access rules (AAD)
- Microsoft Cloud App Security (MCAS)
Note: Only in combination with CA!
- ApplicationAccessPolicy (EXO)
Note: ApplicationAccessPolicy also work with Application permissions!

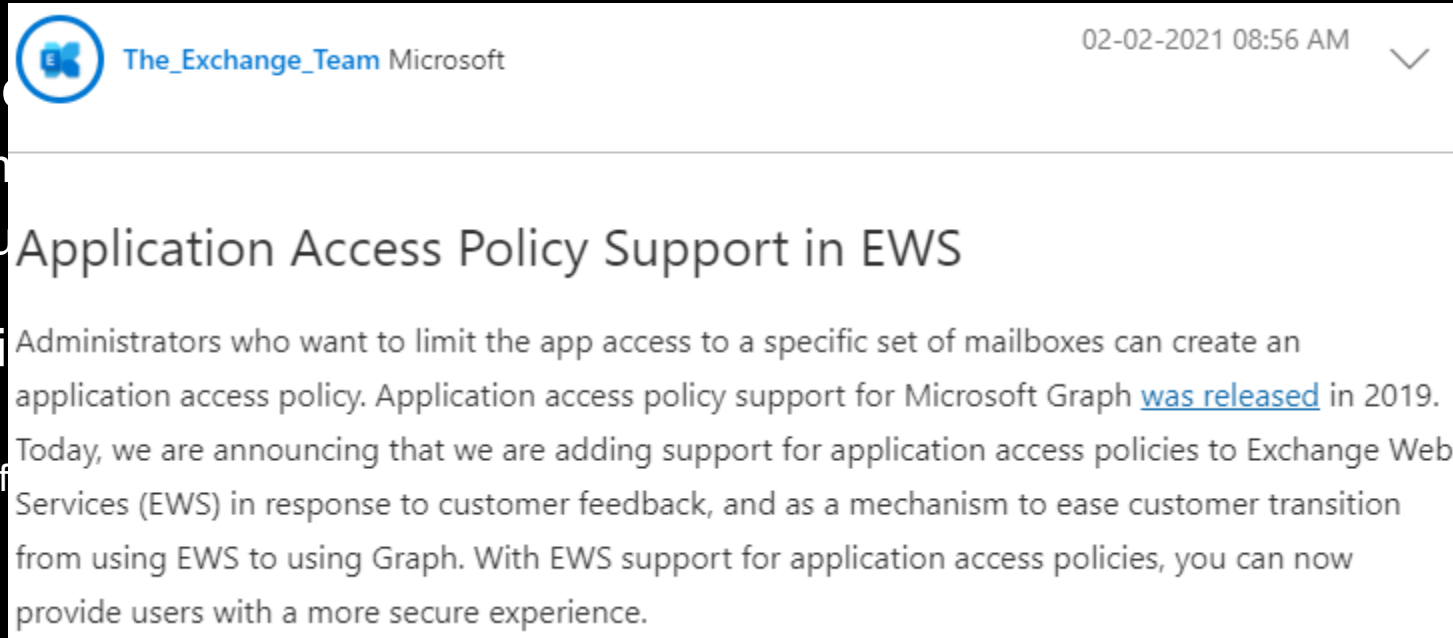
Example:

“We have an HR app, which should be used only for a subset of users.”

Example

Possible solutions:

- Configure Service Principal
 - require assignment
 - assign SPN to user
 - Create Application
 - Restrict access
- Note: Works ONLY for



The screenshot shows a chat interface with a header bar. On the left is a blue circular icon with a white 'E' and a plus sign. To its right is the text 'The_Exchange_Team Microsoft'. On the far right of the header bar is the timestamp '02-02-2021 08:56 AM' and a downward-pointing chevron icon. The main body of the chat message has a title 'Application Access Policy Support in EWS' in bold. Below the title is a paragraph of text: 'Administrators who want to limit the app access to a specific set of mailboxes can create an application access policy. Application access policy support for Microsoft Graph [was released](#) in 2019. Today, we are announcing that we are adding support for application access policies to Exchange Web Services (EWS) in response to customer feedback, and as a mechanism to ease customer transition from using EWS to using Graph. With EWS support for application access policies, you can now provide users with a more secure experience.'

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Tooling

- Postman:
 - Made for API Development
 - Query collection available on GitHub (Azure AD documentation can be found [here!](#))
- Microsoft Graph PowerShell Module
 - Easy to install from repository [PowerShell Gallery](#)
- [MSAL.PS PowerShell module](#)
- [ADAL.PS PowerShell module](#)
- [Get-AccessToken](#)

Appendix

[Managing consent to applications and evaluating consent requests](#)

[Configure how end-users consent to applications](#)

[Detect and Remediate Illicit Consent Grants](#)

[Client Access Rules in Exchange Online](#)

Exchange Online protocols:

- [Exchange Web Services](#)
- [REST](#)
- [Scoping applications in Exchange Online](#)
- [Supported permissions for scoping](#)

[Microsoft Graph Explorer](#)

[Microsoft Graph PowerShell module](#)

OAuth basics:

- [Authentication vs. authorization](#)
- [Application types for Microsoft identity platform](#)
- [Authentication flows and application scenarios](#)

MCAS:

- [Managing risky 3rd party app permissions with Microsoft's CASB](#)
- [Manage OAuth apps](#)

[Compare Graph and Outlook](#)