



Anatomy of a Cloud Hack

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Who's this guy?

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Why am I here?

- **Data breaches involving cloud-based infrastructure have become increasingly common**
- **We will provide a brief overview of several recent breaches**
- **Following that, we'll analyze the different attacks, scenarios, and vulnerabilities that contributed to these breaches**
- **This analysis is not exhaustive but highlights some noteworthy issues**



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case studies



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Leaking Secrets!!

- **4x** increase in hardcoded secret in last 4 years.
- In 2023, **12.8M** secrets were detected → **28%** increase from 2022.
- **18%** of the keys belong to the Cloud service providers.
- **90%** of exposed valid secrets remain active for at **least five day**.
- New Attack Vector: Open AI API keys → **1212x** increase in 2023



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Reference: <https://www.gitguardian.com/files/the-state-of-secrets-sprawl-report-2024>

Microsoft AI Researchers Data Leaked

- **38TB** of sensitive data leaked.
- Due to **Misconfigured Shared Access Signature (SAS)** token.
- Allowed **unrestricted public access** to an Azure Storage account.
- **Type of data:** Private Keys, Secrets and MS Teams messages.
- **Permissions Available on SAS Token:** Read, Delete and Modify



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Reference: <https://www.wiz.io/blog/38-terabytes-of-private-data-accidentally-exposed-by-microsoft-ai-researchers>

Microsoft Blob Storage Misconfiguration

- SOC Radar scans for **misconfigured** buckets, storage, apps, etc.
- Found an Azure Blob Storage which was accidentally **left public**.
- Misconfigured storage belongs to the **Microsoft cloud** service provider
- Storage containing **Microsoft's client data**
- **2.4TB** data with **65k** entities, **133k** project files and **548k** users and many more.
- **Data Includes:** SOW Documents, Invoices, Signed Customer Documents, etc.

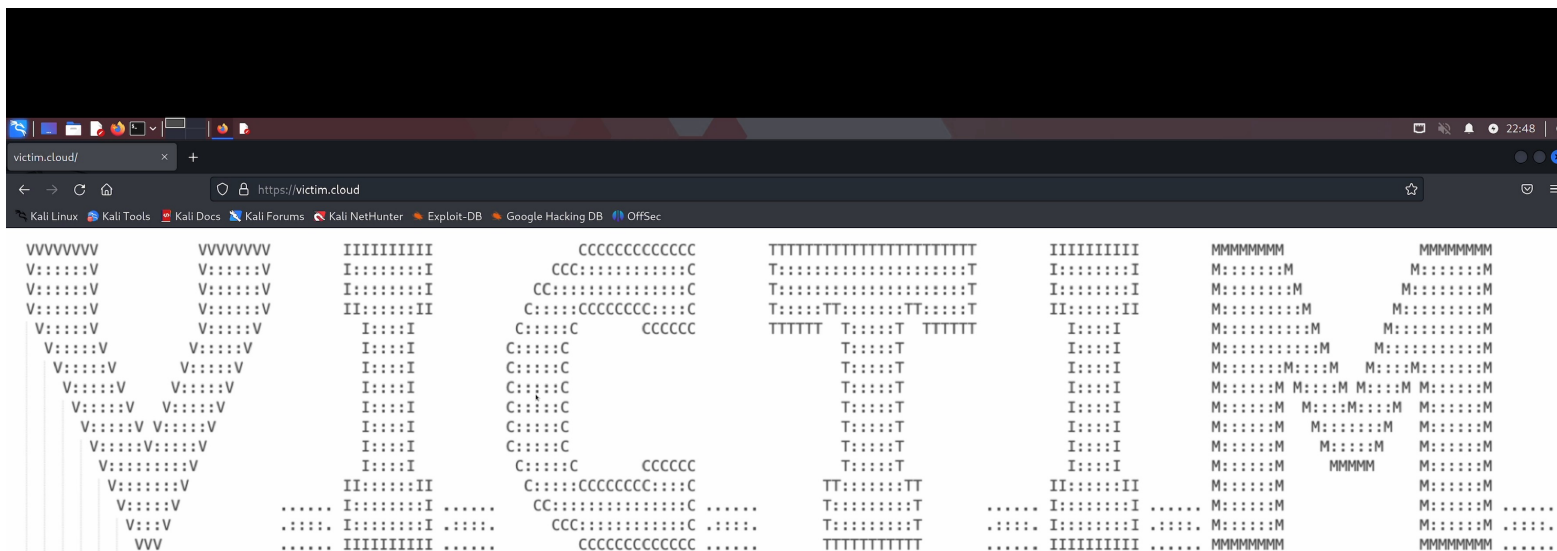


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Reference: <https://socradar.io/details-on-the-largest-b2b-leak-bluebleed/>

Demo: Misconfigured SAS URL



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Enumeration



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Types of Cloud Services



Enumeration

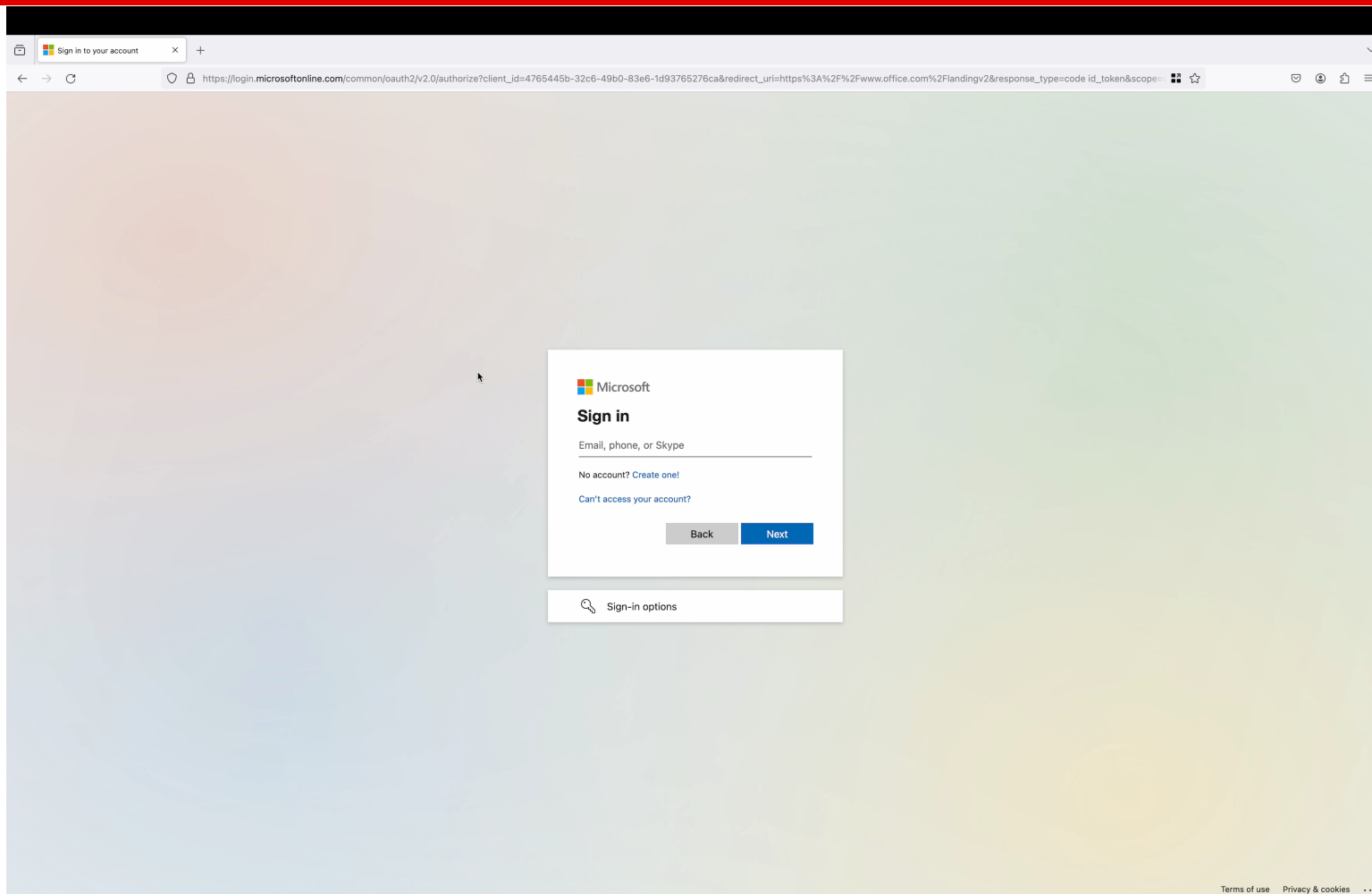
- **DNS Enumeration**
- **Secret Hunt**
- **Subdomain Enumeration**
- **Misconfigured Storage**
- **Username Enumeration**



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Username Enumeration





Entering Into Cloud



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Shared Responsibility Matrix

Responsibilities	On Prem	IaaS	CaaS	PaaS	FaaS	SaaS
All Things Client Side	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant
Data (Transit and Cloud)	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant
Identity & Access Management	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant
Functional Logic	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Provider
Applications	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Provider	Provider
Runtime	Tenant	Tenant	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider
MiddleWare	Tenant	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider
OS	Tenant	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider
Virtualization	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider
Load Balancing	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider
Networking	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider
Servers	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider
Physical Security	Tenant	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider	Provider

Ways Of Gaining Initial Foothold!!

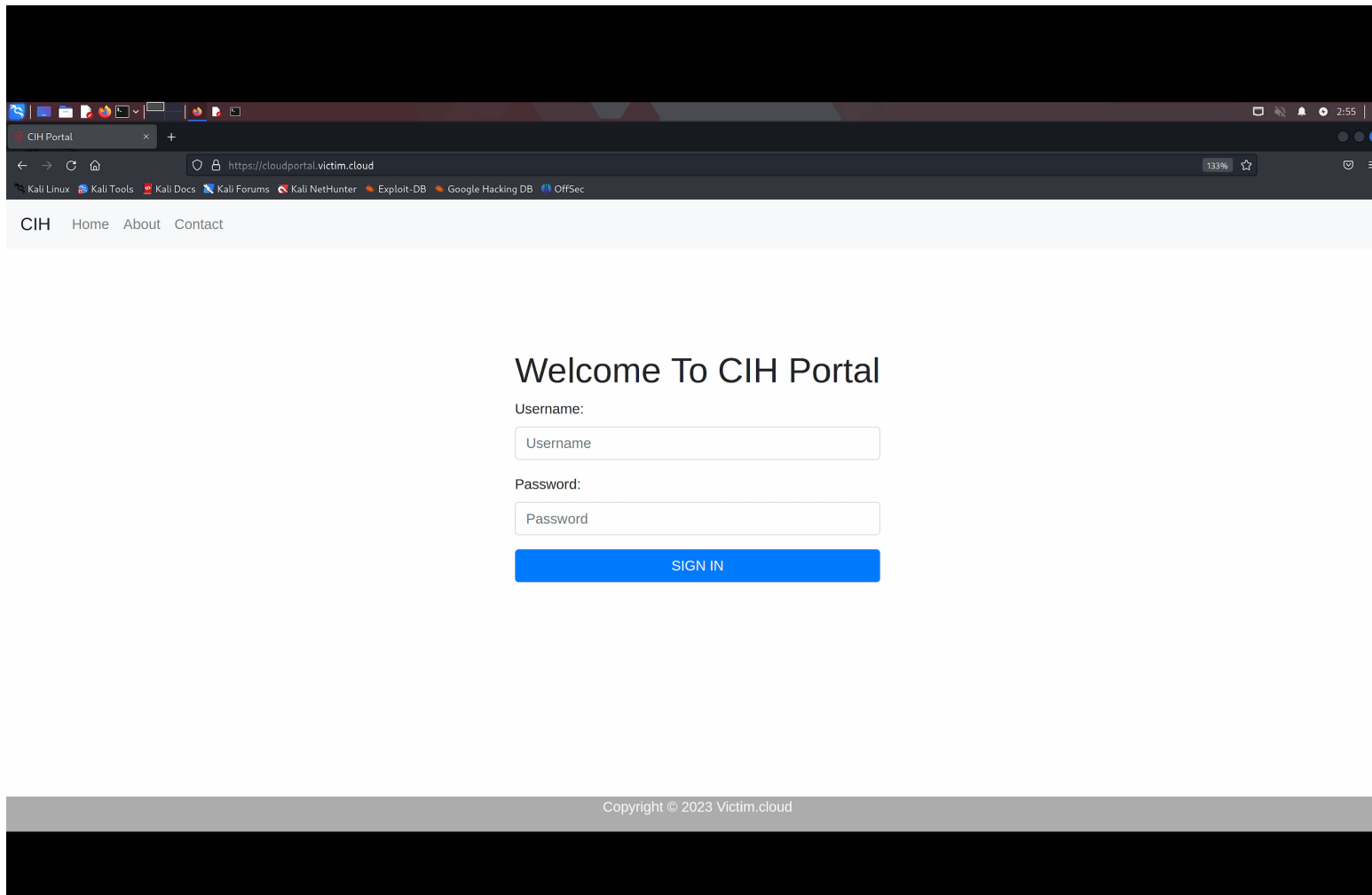
- **Leaked Tokens**
- **Remote Code Execution**
- **Server-Side Request Forgery (Less likely)**
- **Path/Directory Traversal**
- **Exposed Services**



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Azure Initial Foothold via App Service



Pitfall of Default Permissions

- Excessive access to the resources
- If compromised, gives elevated access

RESEARCH

Amplified exposure: How AWS flaws made Amplify IAM roles vulnerable to takeover

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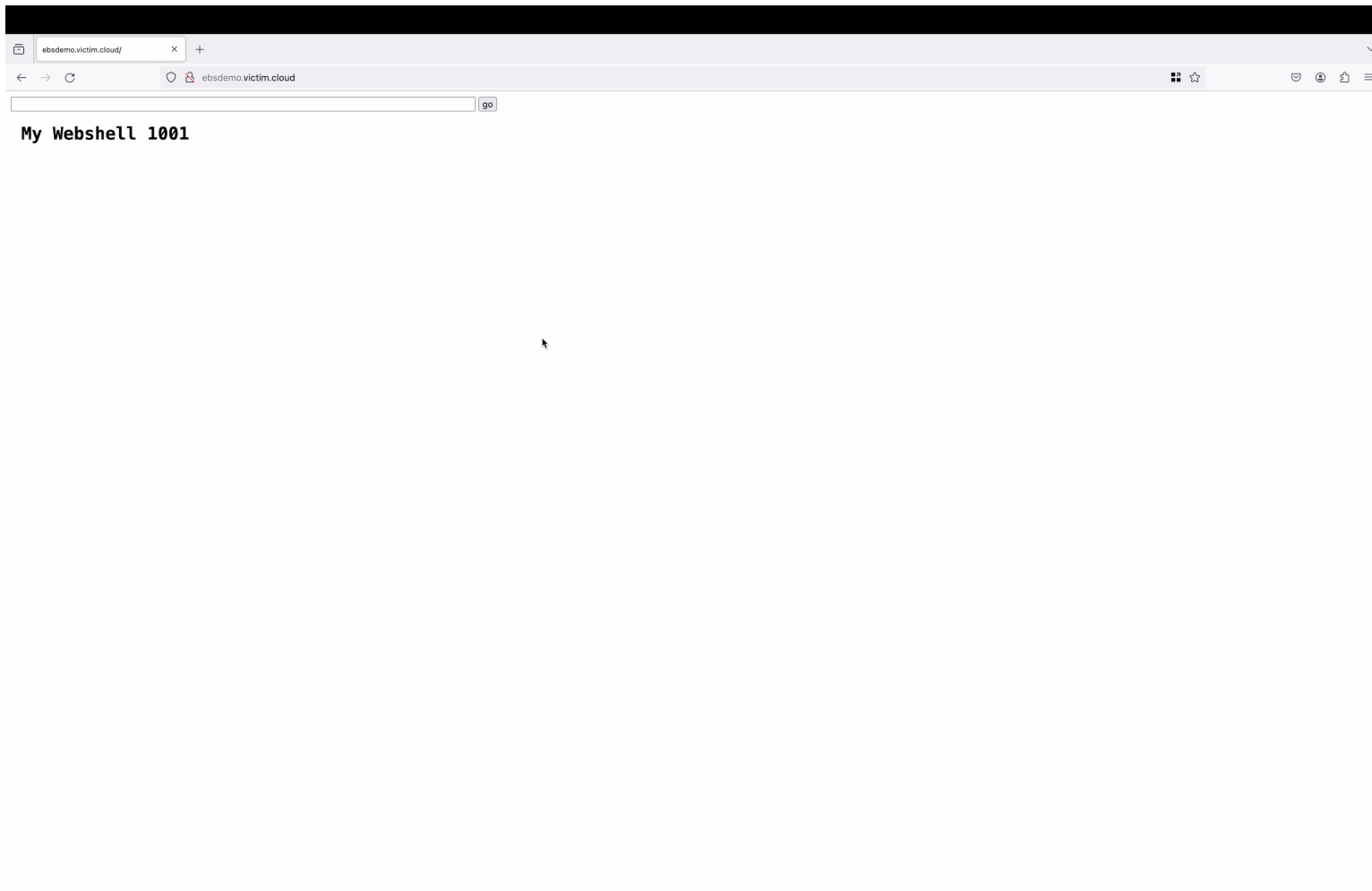


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Reference: <https://securitylabs.datadoghq.com/articles/amplified-exposure-how-aws-flaws-made-amplify-iam-roles-vulnerable-to-takeover/>

RCE on AWS EBS Deployment





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Impact Of Cloud Compromise

- Financial Loss
- Data Loss
- Reputation Loss



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But what could I have done?

- **Protect the Metadata API**
- **Monitor, Log, Alert!**
 - Vendor Native / 3rd Party / Open-source
 - Automatic Remediation
- **Host Security**
- **Audit & Benchmarking**
 - e.g. CIS
 - Environment auditing
 - Image auditing
- **Continuous process!**



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What More You Can Expect?

Azure

- Service Principle
- Azure Dynamic Membership
- Keyvault
- App Service
- Abusing Overly Permissive Permission in Entra ID

AWS

- IAM Shadow Admin Permissions
- Misconfigured Resource Based Policy
- Cross-Account Misconfigured
- AWS ECR & ECS Misconfigurations
- AWS Lambda and API Gateway



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Thank you

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