



# INSUFFICIENT LOGGING & MONITORING

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# Overview

# A10-Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

◀ A9-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

What's Next for Developers ▶

! Exploitability    ⚠ Prevalence     i Detectability    ! Technical

- **Threat Agents/Attack Vectors:** Exploitation of insufficient logging and monitoring is the bedrock of nearly every major incident. Attackers rely on the lack of monitoring and timely response to achieve their goals without being detected.
- **Security Weakness:** This issue is included in the Top 10 based on an [industry survey](#). One strategy for determining if you have sufficient monitoring is to examine the logs following penetration testing. The testers' actions should be recorded sufficiently to understand what damages they may have inflicted.
- **Impacts:** Most successful attacks start with vulnerability probing. Allowing such probes to continue can raise the likelihood of successful exploit to nearly 100%. In 2016, identifying a breach took an [average of 191 days](#) – plenty of time for damage to be inflicted.

## Is the Application Vulnerable?

Insufficient logging, detection, monitoring and active response occurs any time:

- Auditable events, such as logins, failed logins, and high-value transactions are not logged.
- Warnings and errors generate no, inadequate, or unclear log messages.
- Logs of applications and APIs are not monitored for suspicious activity.
- Logs are only stored locally.
- Appropriate alerting thresholds and response escalation processes are not in place or effective.
- Penetration testing and scans by **DAST** tools (such as **OWASP ZAP**) do not trigger alerts.
- The application is unable to detect, escalate, or alert for active attacks in real time or near real time.

You are vulnerable to information leakage if you make logging and alerting events visible to a user or an attacker (see [A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure](#)).

## How to Prevent

As per the risk of the data stored or processed by the application:

- Ensure all login, access control failures, and server-side input validation failures can be logged with sufficient user context to identify suspicious or malicious accounts, and held for sufficient time to allow delayed forensic analysis.
- Ensure that logs are generated in a format that can be easily consumed by a centralized log management solutions.
- Ensure high-value transactions have an audit trail with integrity controls to prevent tampering or deletion, such as append-only database tables or similar.
- Establish effective monitoring and alerting such that suspicious activities are detected and responded to in a timely fashion.
- Establish or adopt an incident response and recovery plan, such as [NIST 800-61 rev 2](#) or later.

There are commercial and open source application protection frameworks such as [OWASP AppSensor](#), web application firewalls such as ModSecurity with the [OWASP ModSecurity Core Rule Set](#), and log correlation software with custom dashboards and alerting.

## **API10:2019 Insufficient Logging & Monitoring**

Insufficient logging and monitoring, coupled with missing or ineffective integration with incident response, allows attackers to further attack systems, maintain persistence, pivot to more systems to tamper with, extract, or destroy data. Most breach studies demonstrate the time to detect a breach is over 200 days, typically detected by external parties rather than internal processes or monitoring.

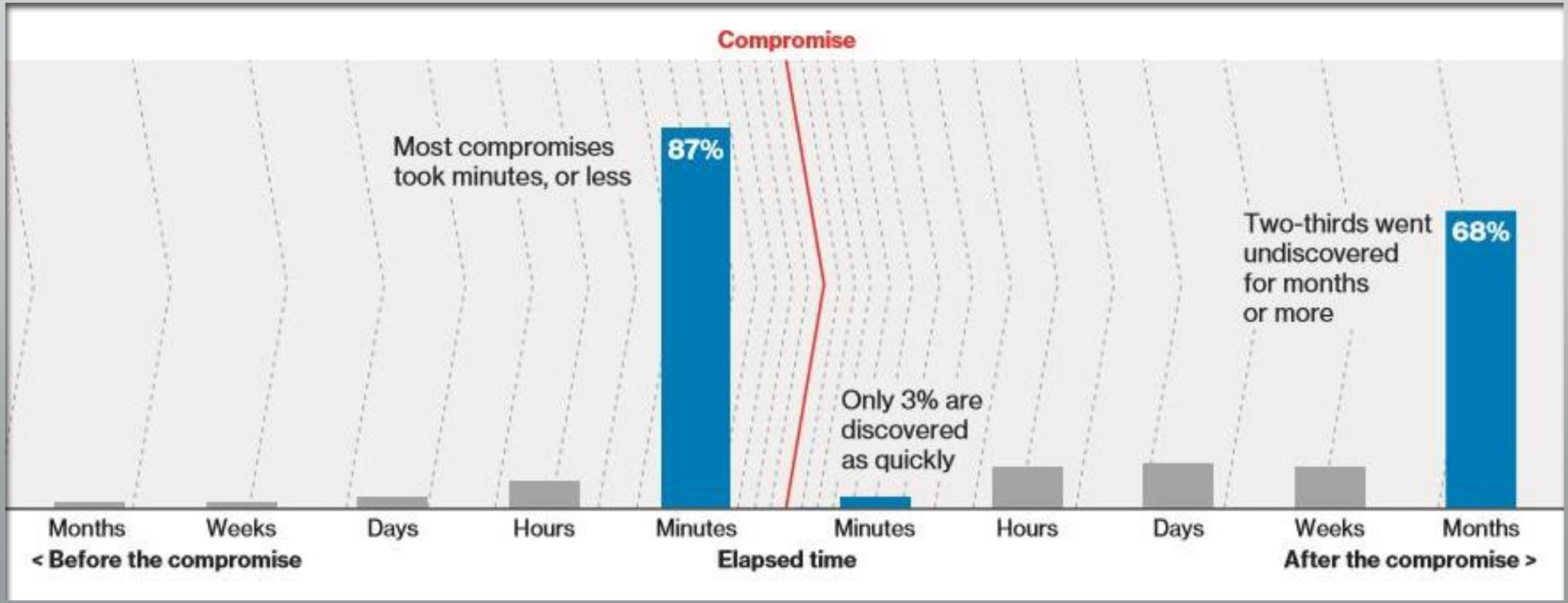


Key Concepts

# Four Pillars

- Log
  - The right information in the right place
- Monitor
  - Automate, but also manual review periodically
- Alert
  - Beware alert fatigue
- Respond
  - If tuned properly, every alert warrants a response

# Dwell Time



“The faster the data breach can be identified and contained, the lower the costs.”

\* 2018 Verizon Data Breach Incident Report

“In this year’s study, organizations were able to reduce the days to identify the data breach from an average of approximately 201 in 2016 to 191 days and the average days to contain the data breach from 70 to 66 days. We attribute these improvements to investments in such enabling security technologies as security analytics, SIEM, enterprise wide encryption and threat intelligence sharing platforms.”

- Average breach size: 25,575 records
- Average cost per record: \$150
- $\$150 \times 25,575 = \$3,836,250$



Examples

# Example: Marriott

- Dwell Time  $\geq 4$  years
  - **July 2014:** Hackers penetrate Starwood systems
  - **September 23, 2016:** Marriott officially completes acquisition of Starwood
  - **September 7, 2018:** Accenture, a contractor managing the Starwood database for Marriott, becomes aware of the breach due to an alert regarding an unusual SQL query
  - **November 2018:** Investigators find that a hacker has been present since at least July 2014\*
- DB monitoring tool triggered alert on admin account querying for number of rows in a table
  - Not a normal query => anomaly

\* <https://resources.infosecinstitute.com/lessons-learned-the-marriott-breach/>

- Yahoo: 3 billion
- Marriott: 383 million
- Adult Friend Finder: 412 million
- eBay: 145 million
- Equifax: 147 million
- Heartland: 134 million
- Target: 110 million
- TJX: 94 million
- Uber: 57 million users / 600k drivers
- JP Morgan Chase: 76 million



Best practices



Application

Traces  
Events

Traces  
Events

Events  
Exceptions



Regular Activity  
Short lived  
No alerts

Elevated Permissions  
Long lived  
Some alerts

Security Concerns  
Exceptions  
Alert always



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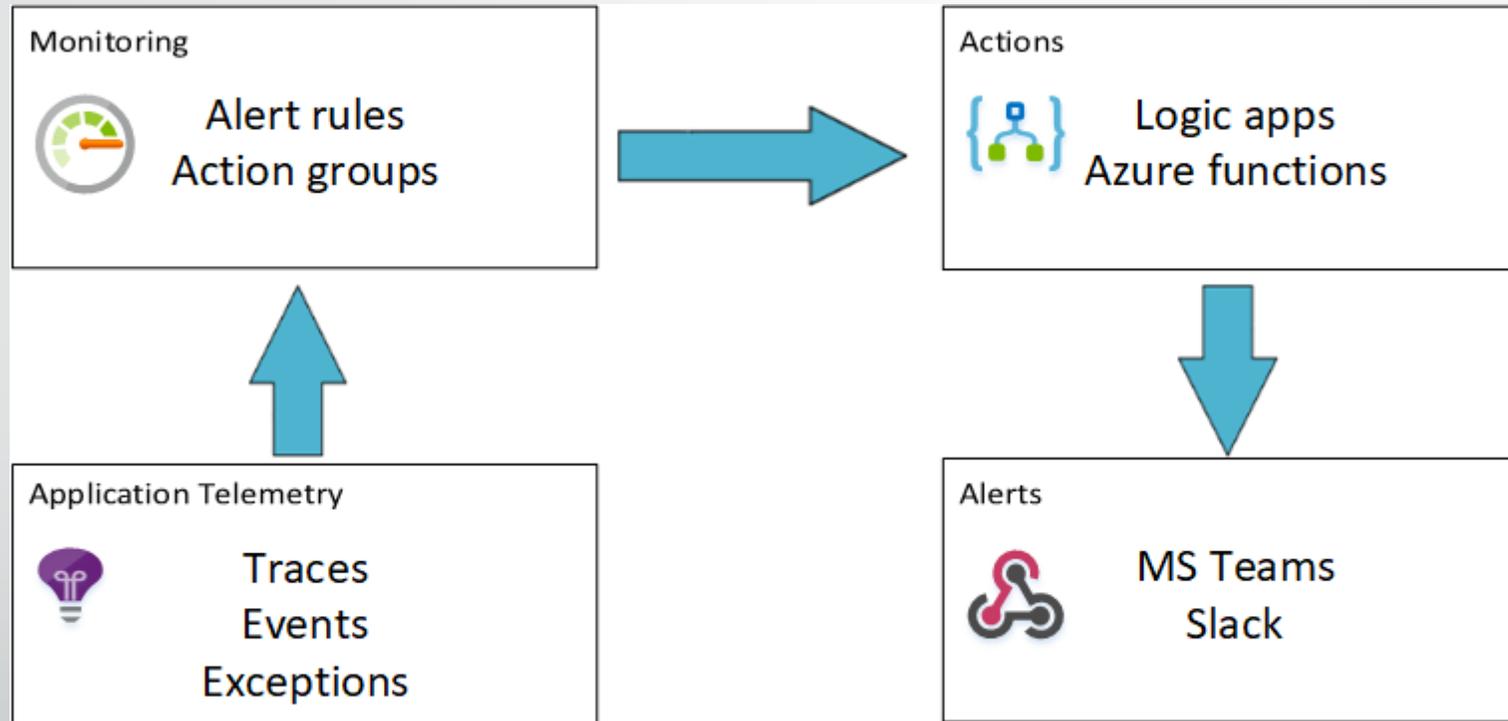
30 – 90 days

6 months –  
1 year

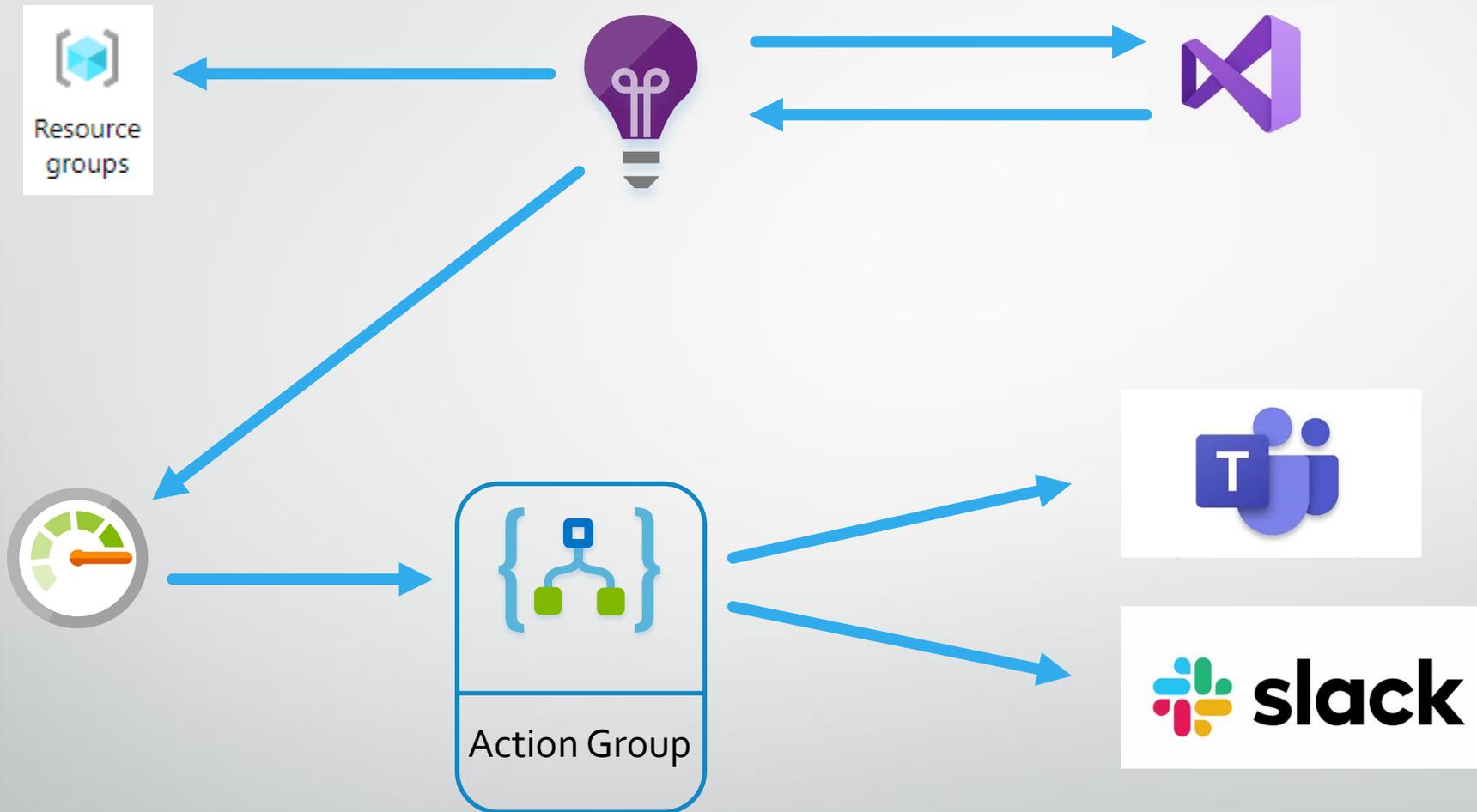
1 year+  
As required



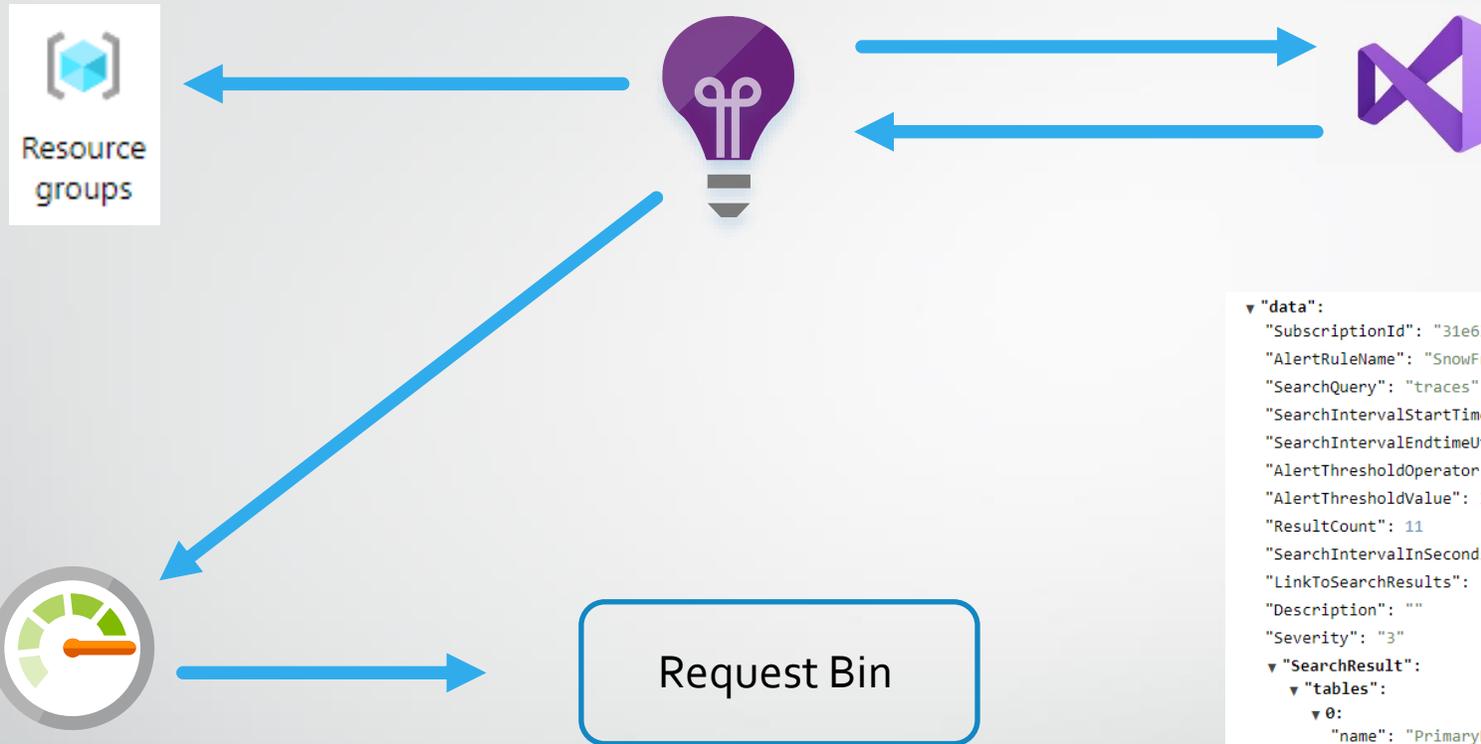
# Azure Organization & Flow



# Design Concept



# Early Dev – Request Bin

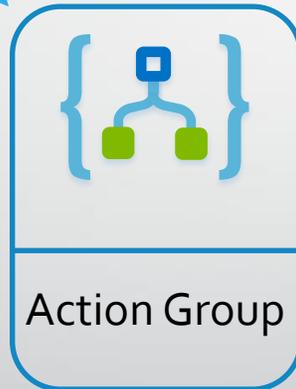


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  "SubscriptionId": "31e631ef-1aaa-473a-8aee-c790bf25413f"
  "AlertRuleName": "SnowFrocDemo"
  "SearchQuery": "traces"
  "SearchIntervalStartTimeUtc": "2020-03-01T02:41:46"
  "SearchIntervalEndTimeUtc": "2020-03-01T02:46:46"
  "AlertThresholdOperator": "Greater Than"
  "AlertThresholdValue": 3
  "ResultCount": 11
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  "LinkToSearchResults": "https://portal.azure.com#@6e51e1ad-c54b-4b39-b598-0ffe9aee"
  "Description": ""
  "Severity": "3"
  ▼ "SearchResult":
    ▼ "tables":
      ▼ 0:
        "name": "PrimaryResult"
        ► "columns": 31 items
        ▼ "rows":
          ► 0: 31 items
          ▼ 1:
            0: "2020-03-01T02:41:48.3310251Z"
            1: "SnowFrocDemo - Trace"
            2: null
            3: "trace"
            4: "{\"AspNetCoreEnvironment\":\"Development\",\"DeveloperMode\":\"true\"}"
            5: null
            6: "GET Home/Index"
            7: "32bd0aa512158f4fb4bf3875abbfe2d6"
            8: "7f8f2b67a12fab46"
            9: ""
```

# Logic App Dev



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# Tools

- Visual Studio 2019
- ASP.NET Core
- Azure Resource Group
- Azure Action Group
- Azure Logic App
- Request Bin
- Application Insights
- Azure Monitor
- Azure Alert
- MS Teams
- Slack
- Postman

- OWASP API Security Top 10
  - <https://owasp.org/www-project-api-security/>
- OWASP Top 10
  - <https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>
- A10-Insufficient Logging & Monitoring
  - [https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/OWASP\\_Top\\_Ten\\_2017/Top\\_10-2017\\_A10-Insufficient\\_Logging%252526Monitoring](https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/OWASP_Top_Ten_2017/Top_10-2017_A10-Insufficient_Logging%252526Monitoring)
- 2017 Cost of Data Breach Study
  - <https://www.ibm.com/downloads/cas/ZYKLN2E3>
- Message Card playground
  - <https://messagecardplayground.azurewebsites.net/>



How to Guide

# Create Resource Group

Home > Resource groups

## Resource groups

Schneider Electric

+ Add | Edit columns | Refresh | Export to CSV | Assign tags | Feedback

Filter by name... | Subscription == all | Location == all | Add filter

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 records.

<input type="checkbox"/> Name ↑↓	Subscription ↑↓
<input type="checkbox"/> Default-ActivityLogAlerts	Visual Studio Professional Subscription
<input type="checkbox"/> Default-ApplicationInsights-EastUS	Visual Studio Professional Subscription
<input type="checkbox"/> MikeDevResource	Visual Studio Professional Subscription

[Home](#) > Application Insights

## Application Insights

Schneider Electric

[+](#) Add [☰](#) Edit columns [↻](#) Refresh | [🏷️](#) Assign tags

**Subscriptions:** Visual Studio Professional Subscription – Don't see a subscription? [Open Directory](#) + [Subscription settings](#)

Filter by name...

All resource groups [▼](#)

All locations

2 items

Name [↑↓](#)

Type [↑↓](#)

Resource group [↑↓](#)

[💡](#) MikeDev

Application Insights

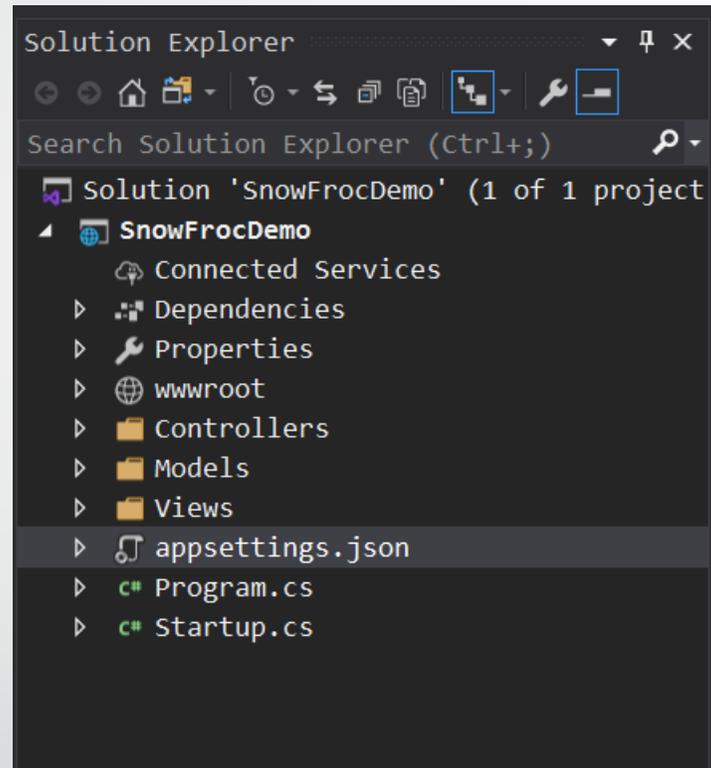
[Default-ApplicationInsights-EastUS](#)

[💡](#) SnowFrocDemo

Application Insights

[MikeDevResource](#)

# Solution explorer before adding app insights



# App settings before adding app insights

```
appsettings.json  SnowFrocDemo
Schema: http://json.schemastore.org/appsettings
1  {
2  "Logging": {
3    "LogLevel": {
4      "Default": "Information",
5      "Microsoft": "Warning",
6      "Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime": "Information"
7    }
8  },
9  "AllowedHosts": "*"
10 }
11
```

Overview

**Connected Services**

Service References

Publish

## Connected Services

Add code and dependencies for one of these services to your application



### Monitoring with Application Insights

Gain visibility into your application using Application Insights right from Visual Studio.



### Cloud Storage with Azure Storage

Store and access data with Azure Storage using blobs, queues, or tables.



### Secure Secrets with Azure Key Vault

Secure your application by moving secrets from source code into an Azure Key Vault



### Microsoft WCF Web Service Reference Provider

Add a WCF web service reference to your project.



### Authentication with Azure Active Directory

Configure Single Sign-On in your application using Azure AD.

[Find more services...](#)

# Application Insights

Gain insights through telemetry, analytics and smart



**Detect**  
and diagnose exceptions and application performance issues



**Monitor**  
websites on Azure, hosted containers, on-premises and with other cloud providers



**Integrate**  
with your DevOps pipeline using Visual Studio, VSTS, GitHub, and web hooks

[Get Started](#)



# Application Insights

## Resource Settings

Sending telemetry to

MikeDev in Default-ApplicationInsights-EastUS >

CodeLens and Diagnostic Tools are reading telemetry from

MikeDev as Mike Triplett. >

Configured 100%

App registered with Application Insights

SDK

Application Insights SDK is not added.

Add SDK



## Application Insights

### Resource Settings

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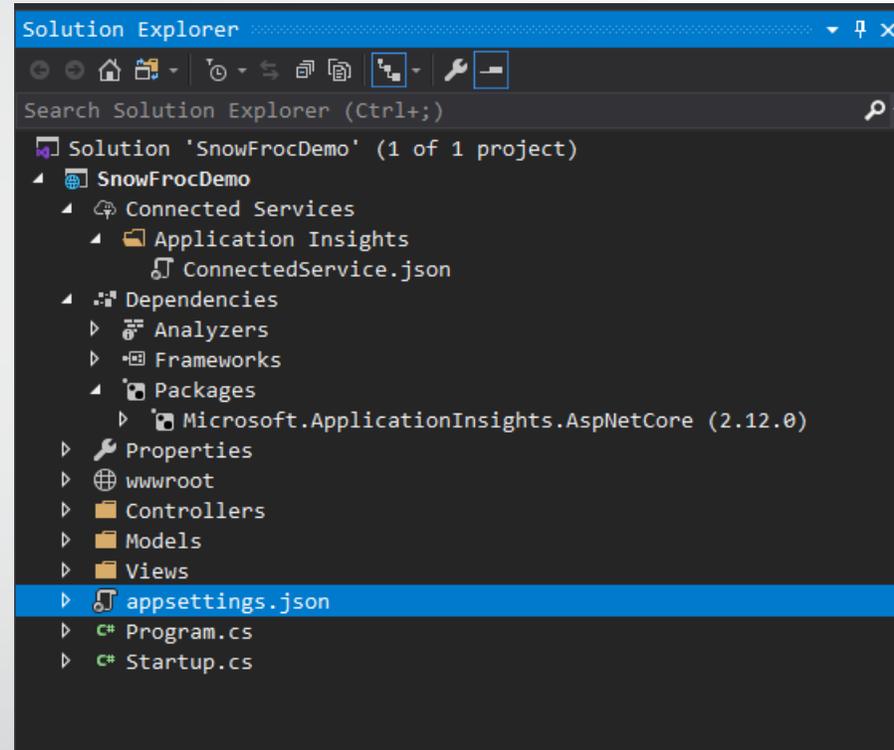
MikeDev as Mike Triplett. >

Configured || 100%

SDK added

App registered with Application Insights

# Solution explorer after adding app insights



# App settings after adding app insights

```
appsettings.json* Application...Configuration SnowFrocDemo
Schema: http://json.schemastore.org/appsettings
1  {
2  |  "Logging": {
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4  |  |  |  "Default": "Information",
5  |  |  |  "Microsoft": "Warning",
6  |  |  |  "Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime": "Information"
7  |  |  }
8  |  |  },
9  |  |  "AllowedHosts": "*",
10 |  |  "ApplicationInsights": {
11 |  |  |  "InstrumentationKey": "<Your Instrumentaion Key Here"
12 |  |  }
13 |  }
```

# Add logic app

Home > Logic Apps

## Logic Apps

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**+ Add** Edit columns Refresh | Assign tags Enable Disable Delete

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Filter by name... All resource groups All locations

2 items

<input type="checkbox"/> Name ↑↓	Status	Resource group ↑↓
<input type="checkbox"/>  MikeDevExceptions	✓	MikeDevResource
<input type="checkbox"/>  SnowFrocDemo	✓	MikeDevResource

Search (Ctrl+/) <<

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## Monitor your applications and infrastructure

Get full stack visibility, find and fix problems, optimize your performance, and understand customer behavior all in one place. [Learn more](#)



### Monitor & Visualize Metrics

Metrics are numerical values available from Azure Resources helping you understand the health, operation & performance of your systems.

[Explore Metr...](#)



### Query & Analyze Logs

Logs are activity logs, diagnostic logs and telemetry from monitoring solutions; Analytics queries help with troubleshooting & visualizations.

[Search Logs](#)



### Setup Alert & Actions

Alerts notify you of critical conditions and potentially take corrective automated actions based on triggers from metrics or logs.

[Create Alert](#)

## Quick Starts

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# Add logic app to action group

+ New alert rule [Manage alert rules](#) **Manage actions** [View classic alerts](#) [Refresh](#) [Provide feedback](#)

Don't see a subscription? [Open Directory + Subscription settings](#)

Subscription \* ⓘ Visual Studio Professional Subscription  
Resource group ⓘ 2 selected  
Resource ⓘ  
Time range ⓘ Past 24 hours

[Selected subscriptions](#) > [Selected resource groups](#)

### Manage actions

Rules management

[Columns](#) **+ Add action group**

[Action groups](#) [Action rules \(preview\)](#)

Subscription \* ⓘ Visual Studio Professional Subscription  
Resource group \* ⓘ

Search action groups

Action group name	↑↓ Short name	↑↓ Resource group	↑↓ Status	↑↓ Actions
Application Insights Smart Detection	SmartDetect	MikeDevResource	Enabled	2 Email Azure Resource Manager Role(s)
MikeDevExceptions	ExceptionsLA	MikeDevResource	Enabled	1 LogicApp
RequestBin	RequestBin	MikeDevResource	Enabled	1 Webhook

# Create new alert rule

+ New alert rule **Manage alert rules** Manage actions View classic alerts Refresh Provide feedback

Don't see a subscription? [Open Directory + Subscription settings](#)

Subscription \*  Resource group  Resource  Time range

[Selected subscriptions](#) > Selected resource groups

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**Rules**  
Rules management

+ New alert rule Edit columns Manage action groups View classic alerts Refresh Enable Disable Delete

Don't see a subscription? [Open Directory + Subscription settings](#)

Subscription \*  Resource group  Resource type  Resource  Signal type  Status

[Selected subscriptions](#) > Selected resource groups

Displaying 1 - 2 rules out of total 2 rules

Search alert rules based on rule name and condition...

Name	Condition	Status	Target resource	Target Resource Type	Signal type
<input type="checkbox"/> MikeDevExceptions	exceptions	Enabled	MikeDev	Application Insights	Log Search
<input type="checkbox"/> Failure Anomalies - MikeDev	Failure anomalies is detected	Enabled	failure anomalies - mikedev	Application Insights	Smart Detector

## Create rule

Rules management



### \* RESOURCE

HIERARCHY

Select the target(s) that you wish to monitor

Select



### \* CONDITION

No condition defined, click on 'Add' to select a signal and define its logic

Add



### ACTIONS GROUPS (optional)

Action group name

Contain actions

No action group selected

Add

Create

**i** Action rules (preview) allows you to define actions at scale as well as suppress actions. Learn more about this functionality by clicking on this banner [↗](#)

## Select a resource



Select the resource(s) you want to monitor. Available signal types for your selection will show up on the bottom right.

Filter by subscription \* ⓘ

Visual Studio Professional Subscripti... ▼

Filter by resource type ⓘ

Application Insights ▼

Filter by location ⓘ

All ▼

Search to filter items...

### Resource

Visual Studio Professional Subscription

default-applicationinsights-eastus

MikeDev

### Create rule

Rules management

#### \* RESOURCE

MikeDev

Edit

#### HIERARCHY

Visual Studio Professional Subscription > Default-ApplicationIn

#### \* CONDITION

No condition defined, click on 'Add' to select a signal and define its logic

Add



#### ACTIONS GROUPS (optional)

Action group name

Contain actions

No action group selected

Add

Create

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#### ALERT DETAILS

Alert rule name \*

Specify alert rule name. Sample: 'Percentage CPU greater than 70'

Description

Specify alert description here...

### Configure signal logic

Choose a signal below and configure the logic on the next screen to define the alert condition.

Signal type

All

Monitor service

All

Displaying 1 - 20 signals out of total 66 signals

Search by signal name

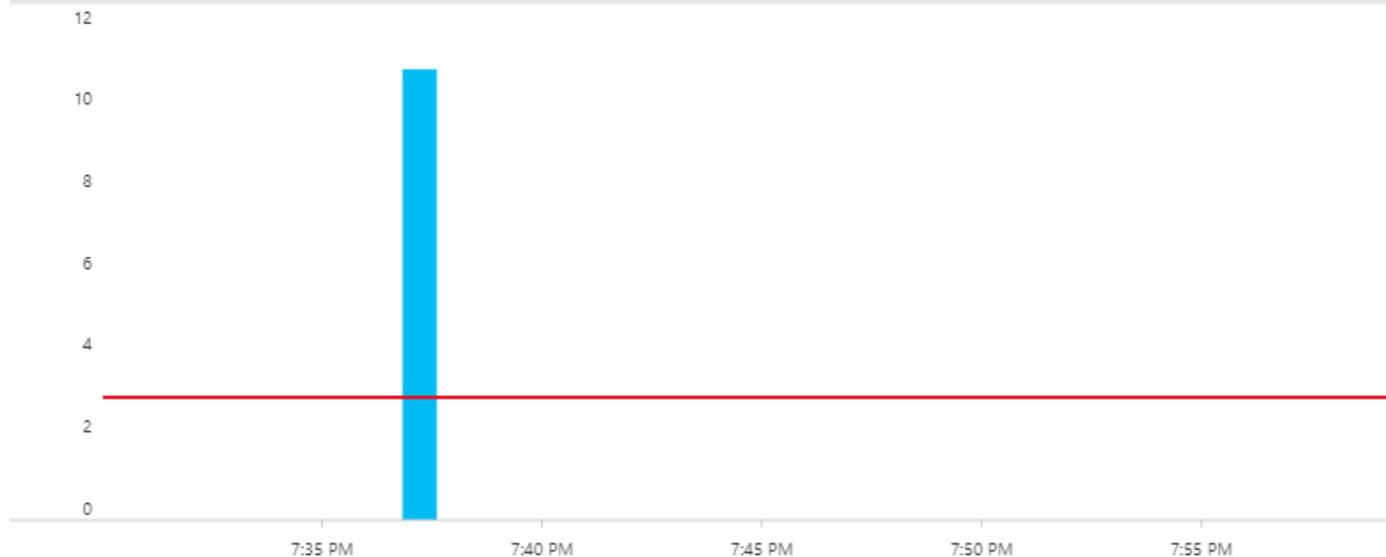
Signal name	Signal type	Monitor service
Custom log search	Log	Application Insights
System.Runtime % Time in GC since last GC	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Gen 2 GC Count	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Exception Count	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Gen 2 Size	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Gen 0 GC Count	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime ThreadPool Queue Length	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Gen 1 Size	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Number of Active Timers	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Hosting Current Requests	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime CPU Usage	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Working Set	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Monitor Lock Contention Count	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime LOH Size	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
System.Runtime Gen 1 GC Count	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Hosting Request Rate	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Hosting Failed Requests	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
HeartbeatState	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...
Duration	Metric	Azure.ApplicationIn...

## Configure signal logic

6 evaluations done in last 30 minutes ⓘ

Time range ⓘ

last 30 minutes ▾



Search query \* ⓘ

customEvents ✓

[View result of query in Azure Monitor - Logs](#) ↗

Query to be executed : `customEvents | count`

For time window : 2/17/2020, 7:47:00 PM - 2/17/2020, 7:52:00 PM

ⓘ It may take in the range of 9 minutes, to have the logs available for provided query [Learn more](#)

Alert logic

Based on ⓘ

Number of results ▾

Operator ⓘ

Greater than ▾

Threshold value \* ⓘ

3 ✓

# Trigger the action group containing the logic app

Home > Monitor - Alerts > Rules > SnowFrocDemo

## SnowFrocDemo

Rules management

Save Discard Disable Delete

**\* RESOURCE** **HIERARCHY**

SnowFrocDemo Visual Studio Professional Subscription > MikeDevResource

**\* CONDITION** **Monthly cost in USD (Estimated)**

Whenever the custom log search is greater than 3 count \$ 1.50

Total \$ 1.50

Add

Azure Alerts are currently limited to either 2 metric, 1 log, or 1 activity log signal per alert rule. To alert on more signals, please create additional alert rules.

**ACTIONS GROUPS (optional)**

Action group name	Contain actions
SnowFrocDemoLogicApp	1 LogicApp
RequestBin	1 Webhook

Add Create

Action rules (preview) allows you to define actions at scale as well as suppress actions. Learn more about this functionality by clicking on this banner

### Select an action group to attach to this alert rule

For metric and log alerts, action groups selected must be in the alert rule's subscription. For activity log alerts, action groups can be selected from subscriptions other than the alert rule's subscription.

Subscription

Visual Studio Professional Subscription

Search to filter items...

Action group name	Contain actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SnowFrocDemoLogicApp	1 LogicApp
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Insights Smart Detection	2 Email Azure Resource Manager Role(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> MikeDevExceptions	1 LogicApp
<input type="checkbox"/> RequestBin	1 Webhook