IDENTITY DIRECTORY EGRESS

What Can A Valid Session Observe Without Anyone Noticing?

Security teams watch what identity can do. Almost nobody watches what it can see.

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WHAT SECURITY TEAMS WATCH

The write side. Heavily instrumented.

Account Creation

Privilege Escalation

Role Changes

Permission Assignment

Every one of these gets an approval workflow, an alert, or a confirmation step.

WHAT OFTEN GOES UNNOTICED

The read side. Almost entirely ungoverned.

Directory Enumeration

Bulk Reads

Relationship Mapping

Identity Intelligence Collection

Same API. Same permission model. No rate boundary on volume.

THE ASSUMPTION

Writes Are Dangerous. Reads Are Safe.

That held for twenty years — because a compromised account browsing a handful of records was a privacy problem, not a control-plane problem.

THE REALITY

Reads At Scale
Can Become Reconnaissance.

A full directory export isn't an employee list. It's admin groups, service accounts, org hierarchy, naming conventions — a labeled map of the control plane, collected in one legitimate-looking request.

ARCHITECT'S QUESTION

What Can A Valid Session Observe Without Scrutiny?

Not whether the session is authenticated. Whether anything distinguishes a routine query from a full-tenant export — in volume, not just permission.

Visibility and control are not the same property.

An identity platform can be tightly governed for change and left almost entirely ungoverned for observation.

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