

PUBLIC STATEMENT

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Important Security Update

At Mimecast, we prioritize the security of our customers, and our commitment to being transparent with them, above all else. These two principles have guided our rapid response to the recent security incident, as well as this update and the customer and partner guidance we are providing today via directed actions in the Administration Console and the Mimecast Community.

As we previously shared, when Microsoft informed us about the compromise of a Mimecast-issued certificate used to authenticate a subset of Mimecast's products, we advised affected customers to break and re-establish their connections with newly issued keys. The vast majority of these customers have taken this action, and Microsoft has now disabled use of the former connection keys for all affected Mimecast customers.

We also launched an internal investigation, supported by leading third-party forensics experts, and we are coordinating our activities with law enforcement. Our investigation has now confirmed that this incident is related to the SolarWinds Orion software compromise and was perpetrated by the same sophisticated threat actor.

Our investigation also showed that the threat actor accessed, and potentially exfiltrated, certain encrypted service account credentials created by customers hosted in the United States and the United Kingdom. These credentials establish connections from Mimecast tenants to on-premise and cloud services, which include LDAP, Azure Active Directory, Exchange Web Services, POP3 journaling, and SMTP-authenticated delivery routes.

Although we are not aware that any of the encrypted credentials have been decrypted or misused, we are advising customers hosted in the United States and United Kingdom to take precautionary steps to reset their credentials.

We have taken actions to isolate and remediate the identified threat, which we believe to be effective. We continue to examine and closely monitor our environment. We will continue to communicate updates directly to our customers if warranted, and, where appropriate, these will be disclosed here on the Mimecast Blog. While we are committed to transparency and sharing insights with our customers, there may be limits to the details we can provide at this time while elements of the investigation into this threat actor remain ongoing.

Recent threat intelligence reports have described the campaign of attacks waged by this threat actor. It is clear that this incident is part of a highly sophisticated large-scale attack and is focused on specific types of information and organizations.

Now more than ever, transparency and cooperation within the security community are essential to an effective response. We expect that additional organizations will learn or share that they were affected by the threat actor behind the SolarWinds Orion software compromise. We have benefited from the expertise shared by others facing this threat, and we are committed to doing the same, based on our own experience, to create a more secure and resilient community.

Protecting our customers will always be our company's top priority.

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