# **ACTIVE DIRECTORY GUARDIAN**

AUTOMATE ATO PREVENTION AND REMEDIATE COMPROMISED IDENTITIES WITHIN 5 MINUTES

## THE PROBLEM

Your employee's Active Directory (AD) credentials could be exposed in many ways: third-party breaches, malware infections, or successful phishing attacks. More concerning, exposed credentials tied to their personal identity – beyond your organization's visibility – can also be used by criminals to gain access into your corporate network. Protect your enterprise by automatically scanning and remediating all exposed credentials tied to employee identities to prevent targeted attacks.

### **PRODUCT OVERVIEW**

**SpyCloud Active Directory Guardian** amplifies your identity protection efforts to safeguard employee identities by checking AD credentials against billions of recaptured darknet assets to see if any of your corporate logins are available to cybercriminals – automatically remediating exposed passwords within five minutes

from discovery. Using the world's largest repository of recaptured identity data and SpyCloud's proprietary IDLink analytics, Active Directory Guardian also prevents employees from choosing weak or exposed Active Directory passwords that overlap across their personal and professional identities. As new incidents occur, you can automatically reset exposed passwords and disable high-risk employee accounts – keeping your corporate assets secure.

### **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**

## Holistic Identity Matching **•**

with IDLink analytics uncover hidden exposures linked to breaches, malware infections, and successful phishing attacks

#### Stay Ahead of Criminals

with rapid remediation of newly compromised Active Directory accounts to prevent criminals from targeted employee ATO attacks

## Prevent Password Reuse 🗉

by detecting exposed credentials used by employees in corporate and personal accounts, with privacy by design

## **KNOW MORE. DO LESS.**

#### WITH SPYCLOUD HOLISTIC IDENTITY MATCHING

Scan AD with IDLink analytics to find hidden exposures within your workforce, some of which are outside your visibility. Automatically detect exposed credentials and reset within 5 minutes.



Find up to 14x more passwords per user

## HOW IT WORKS .

SpyCloud Active Directory Guardian includes two components that can be implemented together or separately: a browser-based application that installs as a service and runs locally, and a password filter that runs on your domain controllers.

### **MULTIPLE SCANNING OPTIONS**

#### **AUTOMATIC SCANS**

Automatically look for exact matches of exposed Active Directory credentials in SpyCloud's database, for around the clock ATO protection.

#### **DEEPER DAILY SCANS**

Configure rules for timing and scans that match your workforce's behavior, combining fuzzy variations (checking **1,000 common variations** of employee credentials), password-only matches, banned passwords, shared passwords, and compromised passwords found by IDLink analytics shared between your employee's personal and professional identities.

#### **REMEDIATION OPTIONS**

Decide when and how to remediate based on a scan criteria and inform your AD users utilizing our SMTP functionality. Minimize employee disruption by automating workflows and improving employee password hygiene.

## **KNOW MORE WITH IDLINK ANALYTICS**

Seamlessly built into Active Directory Guardian, SpyCloud's proprietary IDLink analytics expand your ATO prevention strategy by exposing the overlap of your employee's personal and professional identity, scanning for hidden credentials in the hands of criminals. IDLink looks for connections on everything that makes up a digital identity – from matching emails, to usernames, passwords, and more – and returns compromised credentials that match your employee's AD password.

IDLink scans can find up to 14x more passwords per user – compared to exact matches.

Active Directory Guardian uses native Microsoft calls to replicate data related to users in your AD environment including NTLM hashes of your AD passwords.



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Active Directory Guardian pulls exposed credentials matching your SpyCloud watchlist domain via the SpyCloud API and runs analytics locally.



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Active Directory Guardian checks your AD users' passwords, including "fuzzy" variations, to ensure they haven't been exposed from third-party breaches, malware, or successful phishing attacks.



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Scanning with IDLink automatically returns any compromised passwords found in SpyCloud's database that are correlated to your employee's holistic identity.



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If the user's credentials match, you can automatically reset the password through AD.



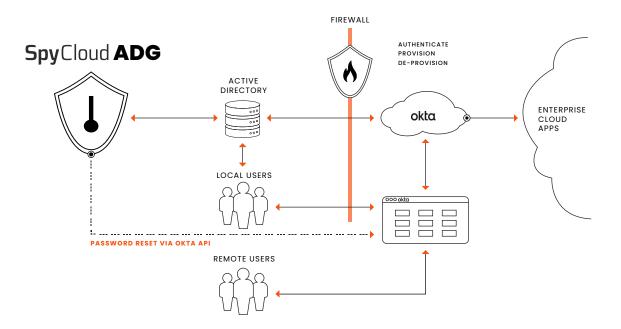
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Other options include disabling the account, alerting the security team, or notifying the user when a password reset is required.



## ACTIVE DIRECTORY GUARDIAN + OKTA REMEDIATION WORKFLOW

**Active Directory Guardian + Okta Remediation Workflow**: This is an example of a customer's environment using Okta with authentication provided by AD. Active Directory Guardian is configured to directly connect to Okta using the Okta API.



## PRODUCT CAPABILITIES

**!** AUTOMATIC SCANNING

Continuously detect any new compromised credentials in SpyCloud's database to remediate exact-match scans within 5 minutes of discovery

BANNED PASSWORDS

Block employees from using specific passwords, such as company name, industry terms, team names, and keywords related to current events

CV CUSTOM REMEDIATION POLICIES

Notify users with custom emails sent from a known internal address, disable user, or reset passwords

✓ NIST COMPLIANCE

Align to NIST password guidelines by preventing employees from setting weak or compromised passwords and automatically filtering out bad passwords AUTOMATED IDENTITY ANALYTICS

Scan with IDLink analytics to identify sharing and reuse of personal and professional passwords to remediate hidden compromise

SCHEDULED SCANNING

Scan at your preferred cadence with reports delivered directly to your inbox to catch exposures or the reuse of compromised passwords

REMEDIATE SHARED PASSWORDS

Gain visibility of internal password reuse via regularly cadenced scans and apply remediation policies to users

### **PASSWORD FILTER**

Secure your employees' passwords from the moment they're created, and monitor them over time for new exposures. Check Active Directory passwords as they are created and reject weak or exposed passwords.

Whenever a user chooses a new Active Directory password, SpyCloud checks the password for:

Repeated characters	Required length
——— Sequential characters	Containing a user login
Banned passwords	——— Matching the minimum threshold
Previously-exposed passwords	

If the Active Directory Guardian password filter detects a match, the risky password is blocked and the user is prompted to make a new selection. Each possible outcome can be ingested into your SIEM for analysis.

### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

SpyCloud Enterprise Protection license with API Key
Active Directory Guardian minimum specs:  Windows 10 or Windows Server 2012 or later, 8GB of ram, 20GB hard drive storage, 2GHz processor
AD Password Filter minimum specs:  Windows Server 2012 or higher with 200MB of disk space available

Using a different directory store? Learn more about our other Identity Guardian offerings including **Entra ID Guardian or Okta Workforce Guardian**.

## **ABOUT SPYCLOUD**

SpyCloud transforms recaptured darknet data to disrupt cybercrime. Its automated identity threat protection solutions leverage advanced analytics to proactively prevent ransomware and account takeover, safeguard employee and consumer accounts, and accelerate cybercrime investigations. SpyCloud's data from breaches, malware-infected devices, and successful phishes also powers many popular dark web monitoring and identity theft protection offerings. Customers include seven of the Fortune 10, along with hundreds of global enterprises, mid-sized companies, and government agencies worldwide. Headquartered in Austin, TX, SpyCloud is home to more than 200 cybersecurity experts whose mission is to protect businesses and consumers from the stolen identity data criminals are using to target them now.

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