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The Policy Refactoring ([#2365](#)) introduced a bug where bypass policies were contributing only their condition to `one_condition_matches` instead of their complete expression (condition AND policies).

This caused bypass policies to incorrectly satisfy the "at least one policy applies" requirement when their condition evaluates to true but their authorization checks fail.

For example, with these policies:

```
bypass always(), do: authorize_if(actor_attribute_equals(:is_admin, true))
policy action_type(:read), do: authorize_if(always())
```


The final authorization decision is: `one_condition_matches` AND `all_policies_match`

When a bypass condition is true but bypass policies fail, and subsequent policies have non-matching conditions:

- `one_condition_matches = cond_expr (bypass condition) = true`
(bug - should check if bypass actually authorizes)
- `all_policies_match = (complete_expr OR NOT cond_expr) for each policy`
- For non-matching policies: `(false OR NOT false) = true` (policies don't apply)
- Final: `true AND true = true` (incorrectly authorized)

The bypass condition alone satisfies "at least one policy applies" even though the bypass fails to authorize.

The fix ensures bypass policies contribute their complete expression (condition AND policies) to `one_condition_matches`.

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```

@@ -49,26 +49,25 @@ defmodule Ash.Policy.Policy do
 49 49     {policy, cond_expr, complete_expr}
 50 50     end)
 51 51     |> List.foldr({false, true}, fn
 52 -     {%{bypass?: true}, cond_expr, complete_expr}, {one_condition_matches,
        true} ->
 52 +     {%{bypass?: true}, _cond_expr, complete_expr}, {one_condition_matches,
        true} ->
 53 53     {
 54 -     b(cond_expr or one_condition_matches),
 55 -     # Bypass can't relay to the next bypass if there is none
 54 +     b(complete_expr or one_condition_matches),
 56 55     complete_expr
 57 56     }
 58 57
 59 58     {%FieldPolicy{bypass?: true}, true, complete_expr},
 60 59     {one_condition_matches, all_policies_match} ->
 61 60     {
 62 -     # FieldPolicy Conditions are set to true by default and therefore
 63 -     # have to be ignore to not change the meaning of the
 64 -     # one_condition_matches condition
 65 61     one_condition_matches,
 66 62     b(complete_expr or all_policies_match)
 67 63     }
 68 64
 69 -     {%{bypass?: true}, cond_expr, complete_expr}, {one_condition_matches,
        all_policies_match} ->
 65 +     {%{bypass?: true}, _cond_expr, complete_expr},
 66 +     {one_condition_matches, all_policies_match} ->
 70 67     {

```

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71 -         b(cond_expr or one_condition_matches),
68 +         # Bypass should only contribute to "at least one policy applies" if it
        actually authorizes.
69 +         # Use complete_expr (condition AND policies) not just condition.
70 +         b(complete_expr or one_condition_matches),
72 71         b(complete_expr or all_policies_match)
73 72     }
74 73

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test/policy/policy_test.exs

```

@@ -912,4 +912,62 @@ defmodule Ash.Test.Policy.Policy do
912 912         """
913 913         end
914 914         end
915 +
916 +     describe "bypass policy with always-true condition" do
917 +         test "denies when bypass condition is true but bypass policies fail" do
918 +             # Scenario: non-admin user performs create action with these policies:
919 +             #
920 +             #   bypass always() do
921 +             #     authorize_if actor_attribute_equals(:is_admin, true)
922 +             #   end
923 +             #
924 +             #   policy action_type(:read) do
925 +             #     authorize_if always()
926 +             #   end
927 +             #
928 +             # Before fix: Used bypass condition (always) for one_condition_matches
929 +             #   → one_condition_matches = true (bypass condition matched)
930 +             #   → all_policies_match = true (no applicable policy)
931 +             #   → Final: true AND true = true (WRONG! - incorrectly authorized)
932 +             #
933 +             # After fix: Use bypass complete_expr (always AND is_admin) for
934 +             #   one_condition_matches
935 +             #   → one_condition_matches = false (bypass failed to authorize)
936 +             #   → all_policies_match = true (no applicable policy)
937 +             #   → Final: false AND true = false (CORRECT! - properly denied)
938 +             #
939 +             policies = [

```

```
939 +     # bypass always(), do: authorize_if(actor_attribute_equals(:is_admin,
      true))
940 +     %Ash.Policy.Policy{
941 +       bypass?: true,
942 +       condition: [{Ash.Policy.Check.Static, result: true}],
943 +       policies: [
944 +         %Ash.Policy.Check{
945 +           type: :authorize_if,
946 +           check: {Ash.Policy.Check.Static, result: false},
947 +           check_module: Ash.Policy.Check.Static,
948 +           check_opts: [result: false]
949 +         }
950 +       ]
951 +     },
952 +     # policy action_type(:read) do: authorize_if(always())
953 +     %Ash.Policy.Policy{
954 +       bypass?: false,
955 +       condition: [{Ash.Policy.Check.Static, result: false}],
956 +       policies: [
957 +         %Ash.Policy.Check{
958 +           type: :authorize_if,
959 +           check: {Ash.Policy.Check.Static, result: true},
960 +           check_module: Ash.Policy.Check.Static,
961 +           check_opts: [result: true]
962 +         }
963 +       ]
964 +     }
965 +   ]
966 +
967 +   expression = Ash.Policy.Policy.expression(policies, %{})
968 +
969 +   # Should deny: bypass failed and no policy condition matched
970 +   assert expression == false
971 + end
972 + end
```

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915 973 end
```

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