



# Get enterprise-grade global data location controls with Multi-Geo

Control where each user's Office 365 data is stored

Increasingly, governments, third-party regulators, and corporate compliance requirements are enacting data residency guidelines to address privacy issues. These guidelines restrict the free flow of information across borders and require that organizations' data is stored within defined boundaries.

With more such requirements cropping up, multinational businesses are challenged with balancing between digitally transforming their organizations with the cloud and addressing their global data residency needs. This often means that they are stuck managing on-premises datacenters or can offer the promise of the cloud only to a fraction of their employees. Neither is an elegant solution, as each creates employee and data silos that stifle teamwork and innovation. Furthermore, managing multiple platforms is not easy and is a strain on IT resources and infrastructure costs.

Multi-Geo Capabilities in Office 365 addresses these concerns and makes it easy for organizations with global data residency requirements to adopt Office 365. Multi-Geo enables a single Office 365 tenant to span across multiple Office 365 datacenter geographies and gives you the ability to store Office 365 data at rest, on a per-user basis, in your chosen geography.

Multi-Geo is now available for Exchange Online and OneDrive for Business. With Multi-Geo, customers can choose in which Geo each user's mailbox contents (email body, calendar entries, and the content of email attachments) and OneDrive uploaded files are stored at rest. Microsoft is also working on making Multi-Geo enabled for SharePoint Online and Office 365 Groups soon, and is exploring Multi-Geo for other Office 365 workloads.

## Why get Multi-Geo?

### Granular data storage controls

Support your global data residency needs by storing each user's data in desired Office 365 datacenter geographies. Microsoft commits to provide in-Geo data residency, business continuity, and disaster recovery for your core customer data.

### Collaboration across your global organization

Migrate from on-premises data silos into a single Office 365 tenant, and enable a unified communication and collaboration experience across your global organization. Your users are now connected to the people and content that matter most, regardless of where they work.

### Simplified IT management

Use powerful Office 365 admin tools to easily move user data between Geos to suit your business needs. Get reports on where each user's data is stored. Tailor sharing, security, and compliance policies separately for each Geo—all from a familiar admin experience.

# Available Geos



**Available Geos:** Australia, Asia-Pacific, Canada, European Union, India, Japan, Korea, United Kingdom, United States

● Microsoft Office 365 datacenter locations. Learn more at [aka.ms/datamaps](https://aka.ms/datamaps)

## Get started with Multi-Geo



1. Enable your Office 365 tenant with Multi-Geo Capabilities\*



2. Choose and add Satellite Geos to your Office 365 tenant



3. Pick Satellite Geos for users and move their Mailboxes and OneDrive files



4. Report user data location and address global data residency needs

\* Multi-Geo is currently available to customers with a minimum of 2,500 Office 365 services subscriptions. Please talk to your Microsoft representative for details.

## See how organizations use Multi-Geo



"In addition to meeting the data residency requirements for some of our large corporate clients here in Australia, Multi-Geo allows our business to take advantage of the same productivity features as our global colleagues. Being part of one global Office 365 tenant also streamlines intra-region staff transfers, reducing operational overhead and providing a much better experience for staff relocation."

- Mark Miller, Chief Information Officer, Dimension Data Australia



"We now have as many people outside the US as in it, and although the GDPR doesn't mandate a particular Geo for data residency, our clients are hypersensitive about data privacy issues, so we prefer to get in front of it. Our lifeblood includes data, which is personal information about people, and with Multi-Geo, we're able to proactively address client concerns about data residency."

- Bryan Ackermann, Chief Information Officer, Korn Ferry



"We mapped out the global geographies of employee groups and reporting hierarchies, and considered the legislation around privacy in different countries—something that Microsoft is addressing today with Multi-Geo Capabilities in Office 365."

- George Katsouris, Global IT VP, Operations and Services, Coty

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