Secure Posture in Microsoft Defender for Office 365

Staying secure should be easy. Take advantage of simplified configuration guidance and tools that help you identify coverage gaps to get and stay secure. Trust that Microsoft has your security in mind and is working to keep your users safe.

Simplified configuration

Get started on the right foot. Defender for Office 365 provides preset security policies, allowing you to choose to easily configure your environment with our recommended settings. We offer both a standard and a strict version of these recommendations and make it easy to deploy different presets to different groups.

Identifying policy drift

Just as technology has evolved, so have attackers. Over time, the needs of your organization will shift, and it’s important that your configuration stays up to date to keep your users secure. Configuration analyzer lets you compare your configuration to our recommended settings, provides policy guidance whenever you need it, and surfaces legacy configurations you might have overlooked.
Override reports and alerts

Overrides are user level configurations that instruct Office 365 to deliver mail even when the system has determined that the message is suspicious or contains malicious content. While we want to enable organizations to customize their Office 365 environment to meet their needs, we also want to make sure that malicious content like malware or phish doesn’t land in the inbox of users. You can find a report of message overrides in the Threat protection status report, helping your security teams understand why threats may have been delivered to users despite your best efforts to eliminate them. You can also be automatically notified when an override causes a malicious email to be delivered to your users with a variety of default alert policies.

Secure by default

Transport rules are a double-edged sword. While they give admins the ability to ensure delivery of legitimate mail, they can also inadvertently allow delivery of malicious mail. Advanced Delivery in Microsoft Defender for Office 365 ensures that things you want delivered—like phishing simulations or security operations mailboxes—can be delivered, and things you don’t—like high confidence phish—aren’t delivered.

Protection behind the scenes

We’re always looking for ways that we can help make our customers more secure across the entirety of Office 365. Our goal is to offer customers an easy way to be “secure by default”, and we’re constantly adjusting the way Defender for Office 365 protects your environment. This includes things like adding stricter verdicts for high confidence phish, and implementing automated control of email forwarding rules to limit data exfiltration.

Protect all of Office 365 against advanced threats like business email compromise and credential phishing. Automatically investigate and remediate attacks.

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