

THE INSIGHTS



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Welcome to your February update

We know it's difficult to keep up with the number of changes and releases that come from Microsoft.

That's why every month, we highlight the latest updates that are important to your business.

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MICROSOFT COPILOT

Copilot for 365 now available for general sale

Commercial customers with the following licences can now buy Copilot through their CSP (Focus Group):

- 365 E3/E5
- Office 365 E3/E5
- 365 Business Premium

There is no minimum seat requirement. However, customers must have a product license of one of the prerequisite base SKUs (above) for each seat of Copilot for Microsoft 365 they purchase.

Strong data governance policies are the key to success when deploying AI

You already know all the ways AI can alleviate daily, repetitive and time-consuming tasks. And while Copilot represents the introduction of AI for every user (instead of the already anointed technical teams), it's not something that should be deployed without careful consideration.

Without first assessing your internal access policies and user group assignments, users may be able to inadvertently access, process and share sensitive information through a simple Copilot command.

Insider threat is a real risk, but can be mitigated by designing and deploying Zero Trust policies that can govern your Microsoft estate. A more critical threat, however, is the risk of a user being compromised and a bad actor being able to access sensitive information at speed with AI.

Copilot will be a powerhouse tool for bad actors that could leverage Copilot prompts to get what they need, or use that as a social engineering tactic to move laterally throughout an organisation.

Microsoft Copilot Dashboard for Viva Insights

The Microsoft Copilot dashboard helps organisations maximise the value of Copilot.

Controlled by your global admins, the dashboard provides actionable insights to help with AI readiness, deployment, adoption and ongoing success.



Successfully deploying AI requires careful planning to ensure that your security and governance policies are as ready for deployment as your users are.

Want to start getting ready for Copilot? [Book a free consultation with our cloud and security team](#) to start preparing your organisation for the secure and successful use of AI.

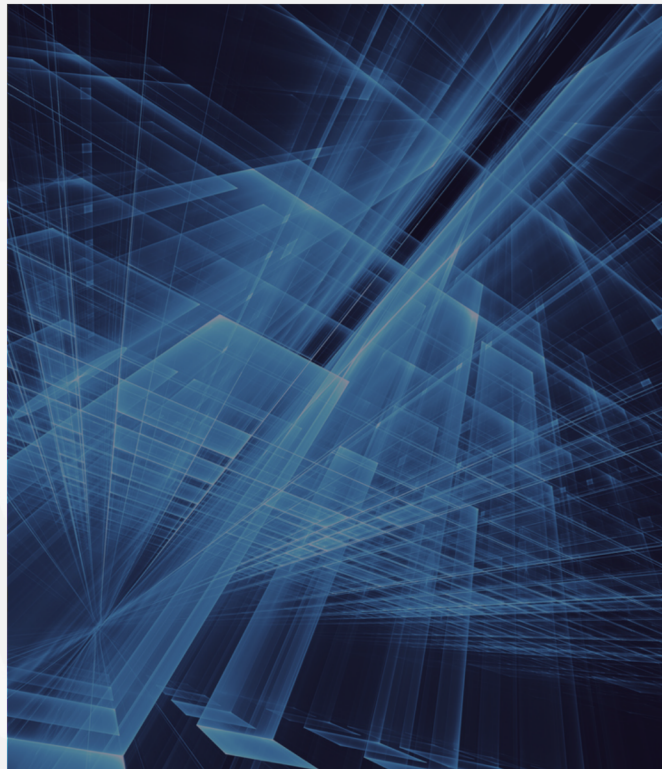
Licence pricing launched for Not for Profit customers

Microsoft recently announced the new NCE prices for NFP customers, and while annual pricing has stayed the same, monthly recurring contracts have gone up by 20% in line with commercial prices.

If your organisation doesn't renew before July 2024, Microsoft will automatically renew your licences over the annual term, and you might not be getting the best deal for your operation.



We're offering a free Rapid Licence Assessment for NFP customers who want to understand their current licence utilisation and make an informed decision on how and when to move over to NCE. [Fill in this form to book your assessment.](#)



Intune audit logs will expire after one year

Beginning in April 2024, [Intune audit logs](#) will only be retained for up to one year to align with the [documented retention period](#).

If you need to retain your audit logs for more than a year, in line with your internal policies, you can export your logs from the admin centre.



If you need to securely store your audit logs outside of Intune, [talk to our security experts about the best options for your operation.](#)

Block users from joining externally hosted Teams meetings

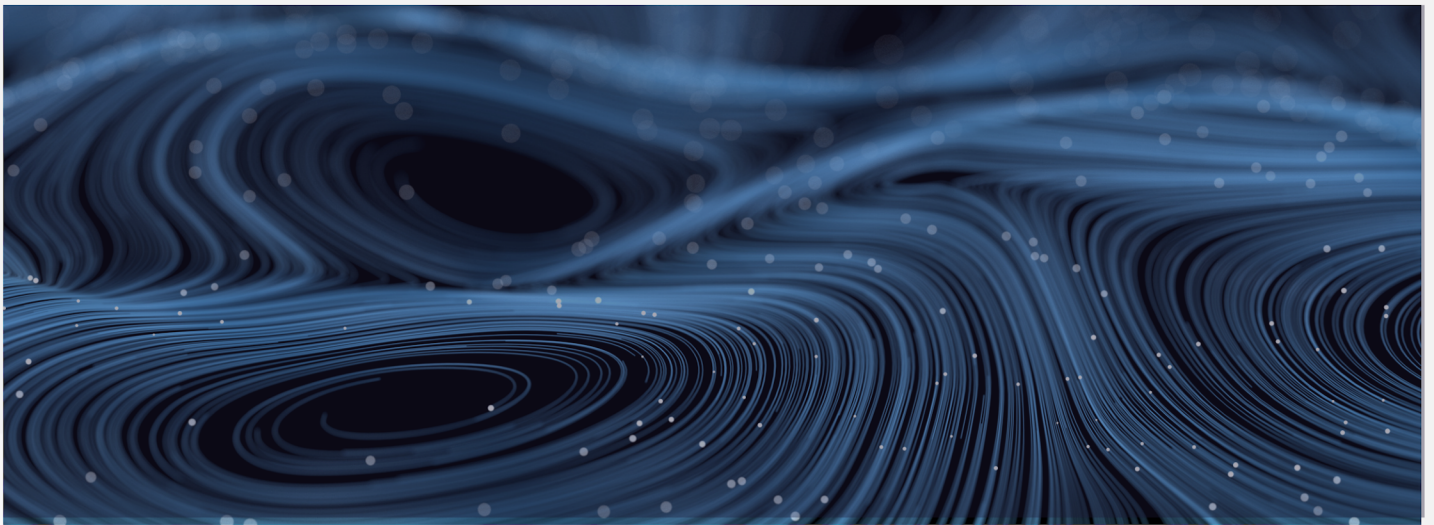
Currently, Teams users can join any externally hosted Teams meetings. Whether they join these externally hosted meetings anonymously or with their signed-in work credentials is determined by the external access configuration set by the tenant admins.

After this capability is launched, admins will be able to regulate whether or not the users can join externally hosted meetings while using the Teams desktop app or web client.

This new functionality adds a layer of protection for your organisation but also promotes collaboration by allowing admins to explicitly dictate which third parties are deemed 'trusted' for externally hosted meetings. This will be generally available by the end of March 2024.



To further explore secure external collaboration for your organisation, book a [free consultation](#) with our security experts.



Additional resources

- On-demand webinar: [Zero Trust with Microsoft](#)
- [Enhanced Incident Response with Microsoft Sentinel](#)
- [The Pace of Cloud Modernisation](#)
- Microsoft Azure [Infrastructure Migration Assessment](#)