

3 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MOVING YOUR EMAIL TO MICROSOFT OFFICE 365

Move to the Cloud

As organizations realize the benefits of moving business applications and services to the cloud, one of the first to move is email service. It is no surprise that businesses of all sizes are increasingly adopting Microsoft Office 365. In addition, organizations are also evaluating a cloud based email security solution to supplement the native security features of O365.





By 2020, 50[®] of organizations will rely on non-Microsoft security tools¹ 95[°] of transitioning or new customers are looking for cloud-based email security²

1. Gartner report: How to Enhance the Security of Office 365 2. Gartner report: Market Guide for Secure Email Gateways







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Choosing the Right Office 365 Plan

Once organizations decide to move their email service to Office 365, they are faced with the task of picking the right Exchange Online plan that delivers business value.



Filling in the Gaps

As you layer add-on subscription services to meet all your on-premises use cases (e.g., advanced threat protection), the cost savings of moving to the cloud can quickly evaporate.

3 Things to Consider







Advanced Threat Protection

Spear Phishing Ransomware Business Email Compromise Email Fraud

DLP and Compliance

Industry Regulations Government Mandates Data Leakage

Email Continuity

Outages Maintenance Downtimes



Advanced Threat Protection

- Office 365 offers Exchange Online Protection (EOP), which includes antispam and anti-malware
- But to stop ransomware, targeted phishing attacks and business email compromise (BEC), you need advanced threat protection features

Office 365 Advanced Threat Protection (ATP) service is included only in top-tier plans (EOP 5 and higher). Lower-tier plans are required to purchase ATP as an add-on service at additional cost.





DLP Compliance

- Email is critical to business, and often includes sensitive data, such as deal information, corporate IP, sales/ customer data and more
- Government mandates and industry regulations make it necessary for organizations to ensure their email communications adhere to compliancy standards
- IT admins must reconsider data leakage and compliance concerns in their cloud email servers

Microsoft Office 365 plans include data loss prevention (DLP) and compliance features in the premium plans for enterprises, but the business plans for SMBs may provide only a limited capability, creating a potential security and legal gap.





Email Continuity

- With a move to Office 365, some IT admins may neglect the need for business continuity planning required for onpremises infrastructure
- All cloud services are prone to outages, just as on-premises appliances. Should Exchange Online go down, it will be immediately apparent to your endusers
- Office 365 email downtime is more than a nuisance. It can lead to new security risks, as users turn to personal email to stay productive

Microsoft offers service-level agreements of 99.9%, but Office 365 does experience outages. When it does, customers are awarded some form of credit. But what about lost productivity and the potential business impact due to loss of sales? SMBs can rarely justify such an impact to their business.





Making Economic Sense Layering on required services for security, compliance and

Layering on required services for security, compliance and continuity can quickly become expensive for organizations. It can make Office 365 a less lucrative prospect, with little savings or significant additional expense due to hidden costs.

Conclusion

Email continues to be the #1 threat vector for business. Over 90% of data breaches start with an email, underscoring the need for organizations to invest in security best practices and capabilities.

Robust email security requires a multi-layered approach, combining multiple solutions to best protect against constantly evolving threats.

SonicWall's Hosted Email Security (HES) can help you realize the cost savings of adopting Microsoft Office 365 while offering bestin-class advanced threat protection, DLP & compliance and email continuity.

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