### Governing Al with Microsoft 365 March 2025



#### **Assumptions**

- The license of choice is Business Premium.
- Services like Exchange Online have been configured to best practices.
- The focus for good AI security should be on data item security.
- Data item compliance policies will require consultation with customer.



- Al simply uses data it can access, but those access settings are not part of Al.
- Al integrates with services like EntralD, Purview, SharePoint, etc. so you need to get those right first.
- AI will NOT uncover data that it doesn't have access to, it simply makes that data easier to surface.

### Start with search

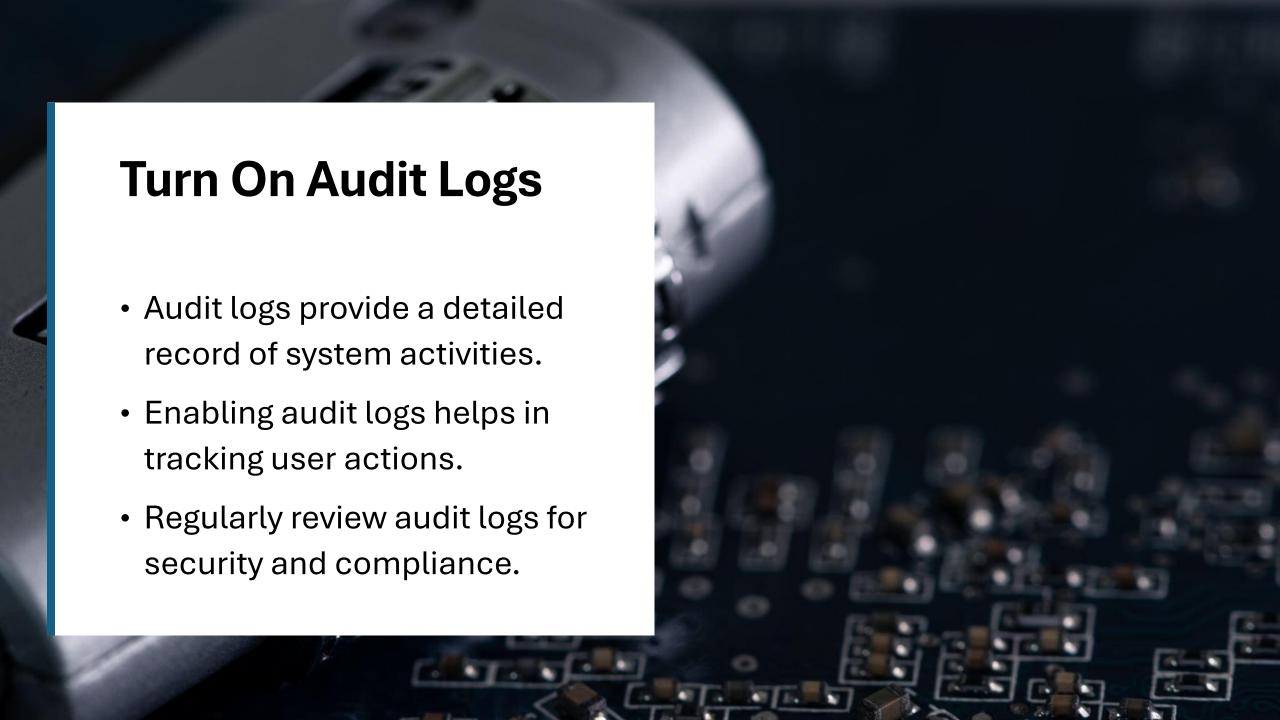


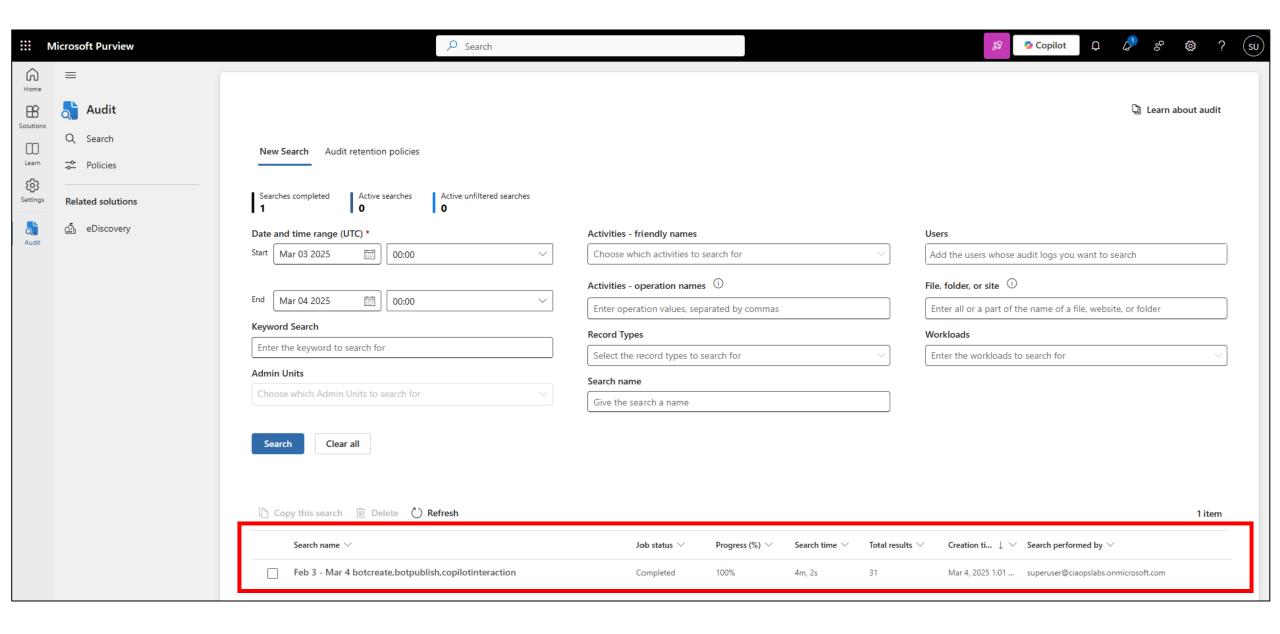
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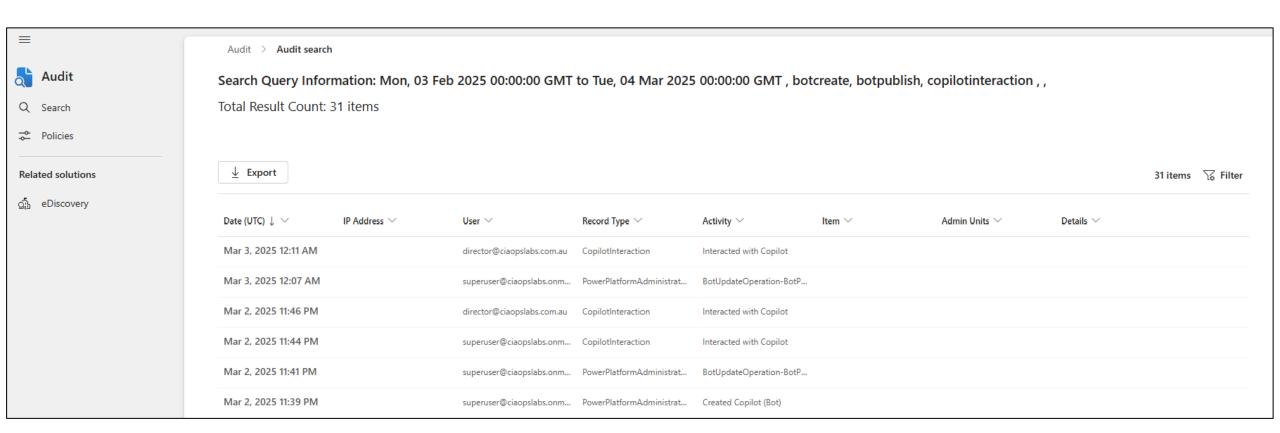
### Try these search terms



- Customer address
- Company acquisitions
- Confidential
- Secret
- Payroll

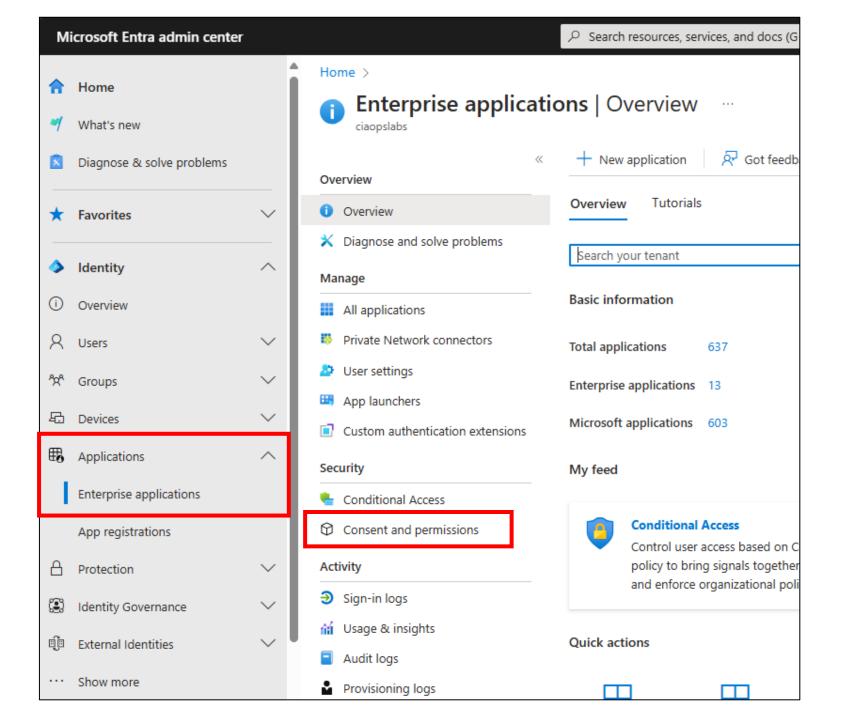






### **Protecting Identities**

- Enable two-factor authentication wherever possible.
- Implement Conditional Access control.
- Perform an inventory of users and devices
- Control consent and permissions.

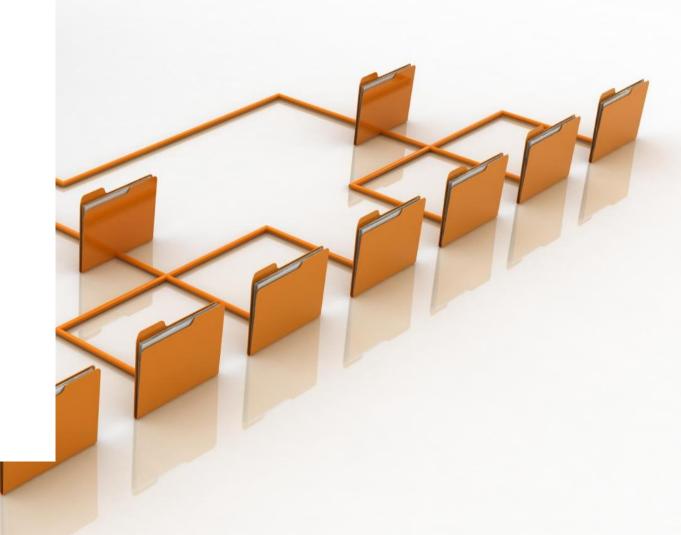


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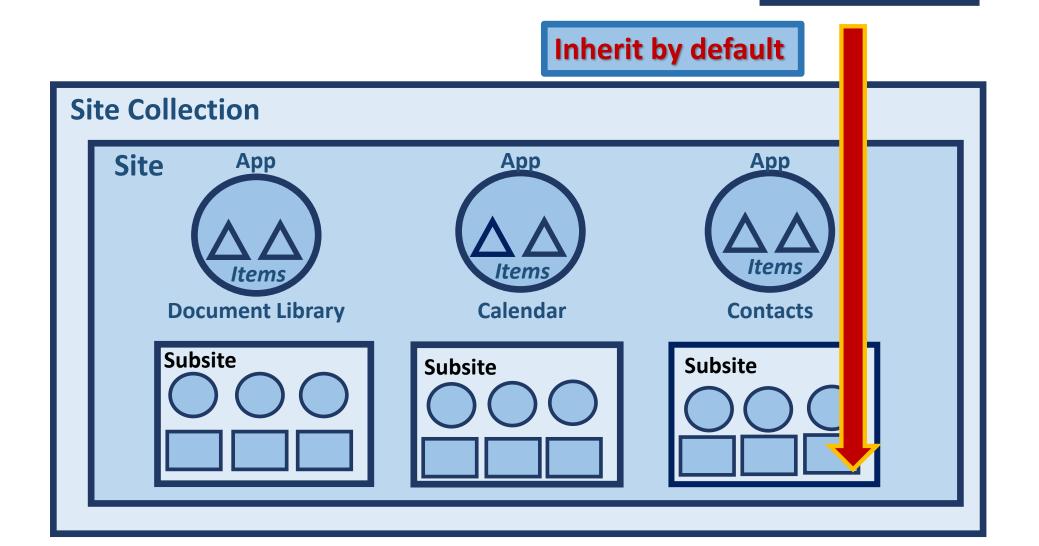
#### **Structure Data**

- Organize data into structured silos for security.
- Best practice is wide not deep.
- Apply permissions from highest level first.
- Restructure to avoid complex permissions.



#### Permissions basics

Security boundary

















Inheritance

Grant

Modify

Check

#### Home

Notebook

Documents

Recent

Calendar

SharePoint Online Permission Report

Site Contents

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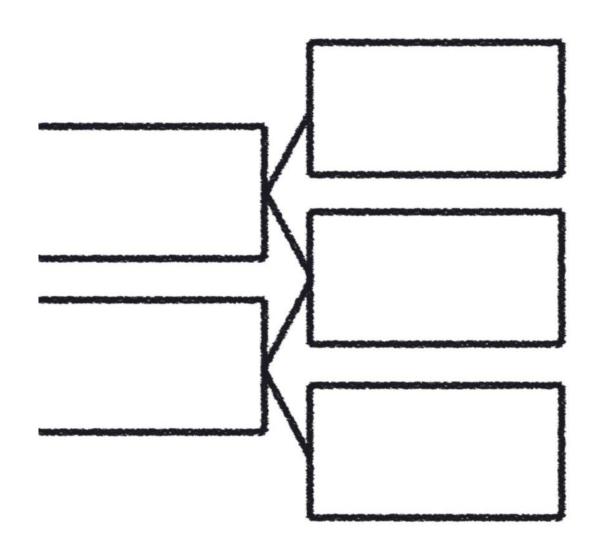
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	☐ Hierarchy Managers	SharePoint Group	Manage Hierarchy
	Records Center Web Service Submitters for records	SharePoint Group	Records Center Web Service Submitters
	☐ Restricted Readers	SharePoint Group	Restricted Read

### Permission Basics

- Very similar to file based permissions
- Can assign permissions to most things in SharePoint, right down to the item level
- Can assign an individual user rights at a location
- Better practice is to assign rights to SharePoint groups and add users to these groups
- Can share information with anyone with an email
- The default option is to allow sharing

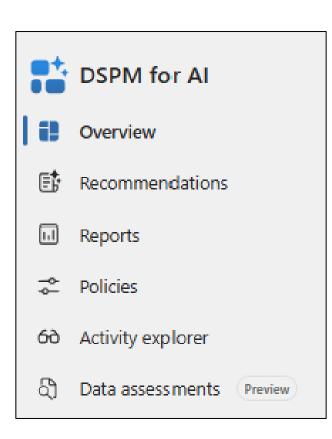
### Microsoft Purview helps with data compliance

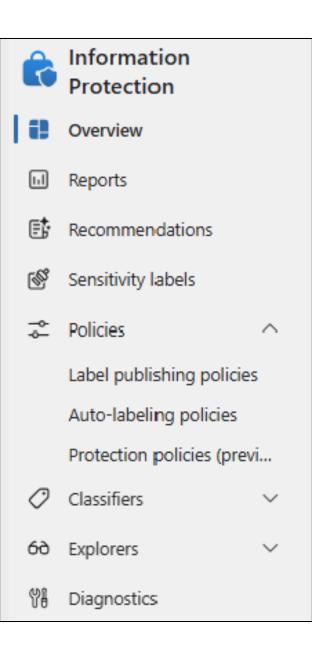
- Microsoft Purview simplifies data governance and compliance tasks.
- It provides a unified location to manage data protection policies.
- Some features may require a more powerful license, but the basics are there.

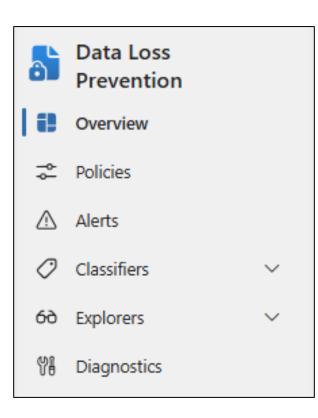


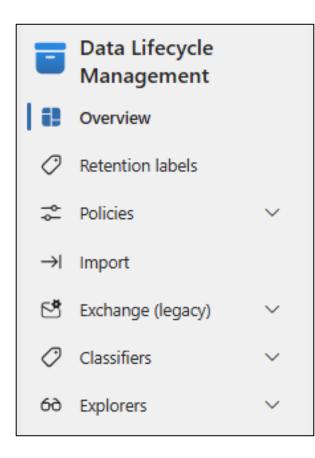


#### Solutions Explore all $\rightarrow$ Audit Communication Compliance Compliance alerts Compliance Manager Data Catalog Data Lifecycle Management Data Loss Prevention Data Security Posture Management (preview) DSPM for Al eDiscovery Information Barriers Information Protection Insider Risk Management Records Management



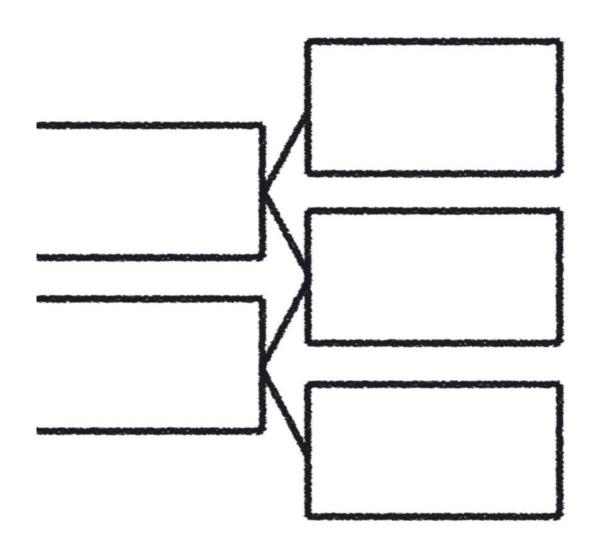




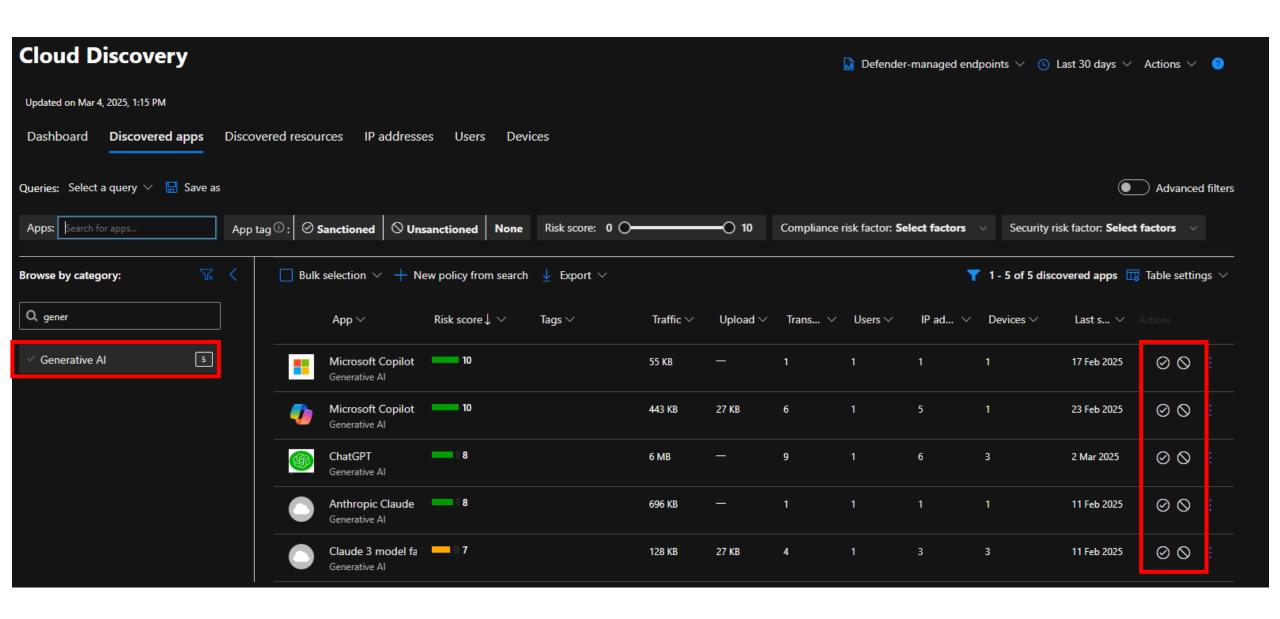


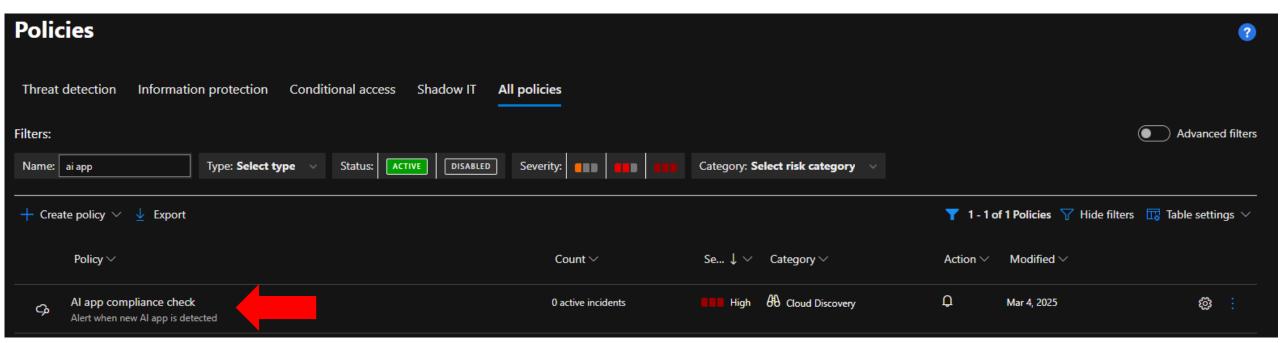
### Security portal has a number of handy tools

- Defender for Cloud can monitor and block AI usage.
- Defender for Endpoint can utilize web blocking on URLs.
- Defender for Endpoint can create incidents to be used inside the Microsoft Security stack.



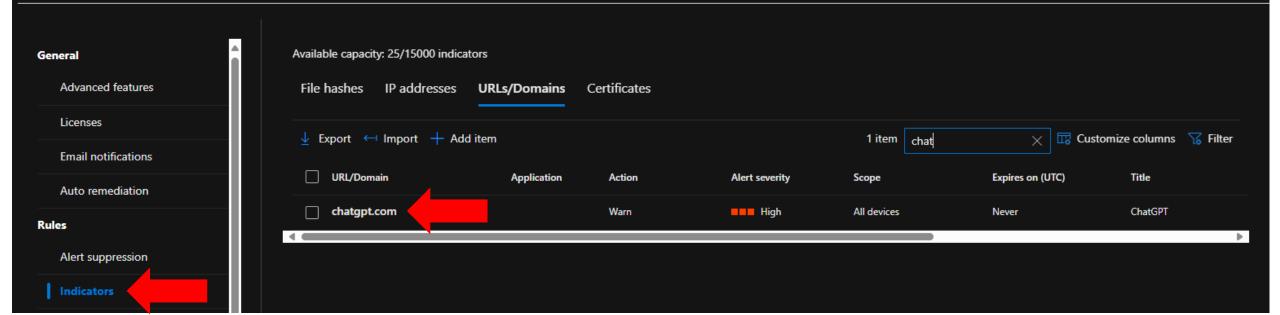






Settings > Endpoints

#### **Endpoints**



### Take aways

- To fully govern AI data usage, you need at least Business Premium or better.
- Al has no individual security or configuration settings; it relies on the services underneath.
- A good data structure makes applying permissions easier.
- Data protection policies like DLP require consultation with customer.
- Microsoft Security has a variety of ways to control data flow.

#### Resources





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