

# Exchange Hybrid – Full Migration and Coexistence

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# Agenda



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**“Implementing Exchange  
Hybrid is simple.”**

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# Introduction

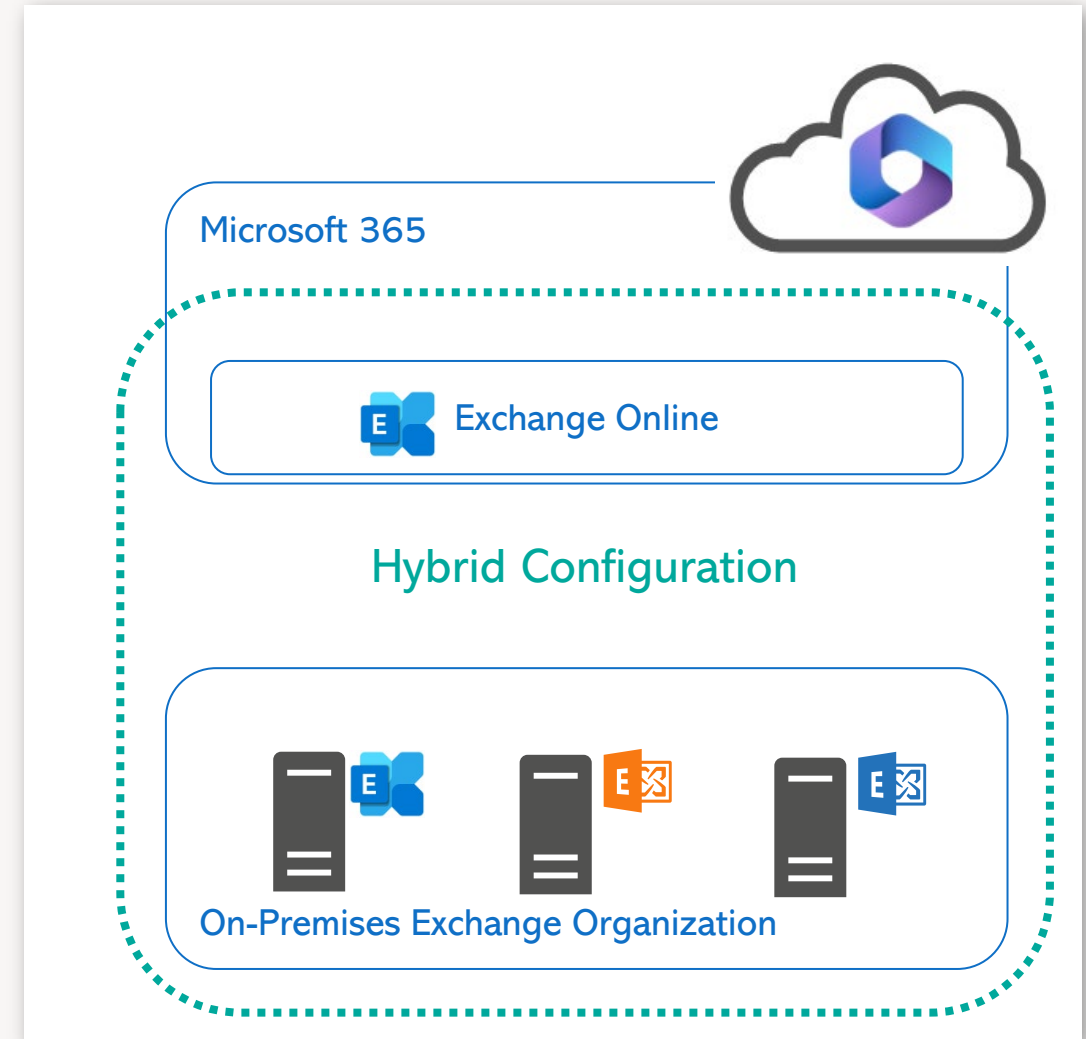
Not all companies can implement a cloud-only operation with Exchange Online. Sometimes a so-called Exchange Hybrid operation is necessary to conduct a smooth mailbox migration or to establish a continuous hybrid operation.

But what is Exchange Hybrid anyway?



# What is Exchange Hybrid?

- Trusted relationship between an on-premises Exchange Organization and Exchange Online
- Hybrid connections for mail flow (SMTP), and service access (HTTPS) for Exchange hybrid functionality
- Hybrid Configuration Wizard (HCW) activates and configures the hybrid mode of operation



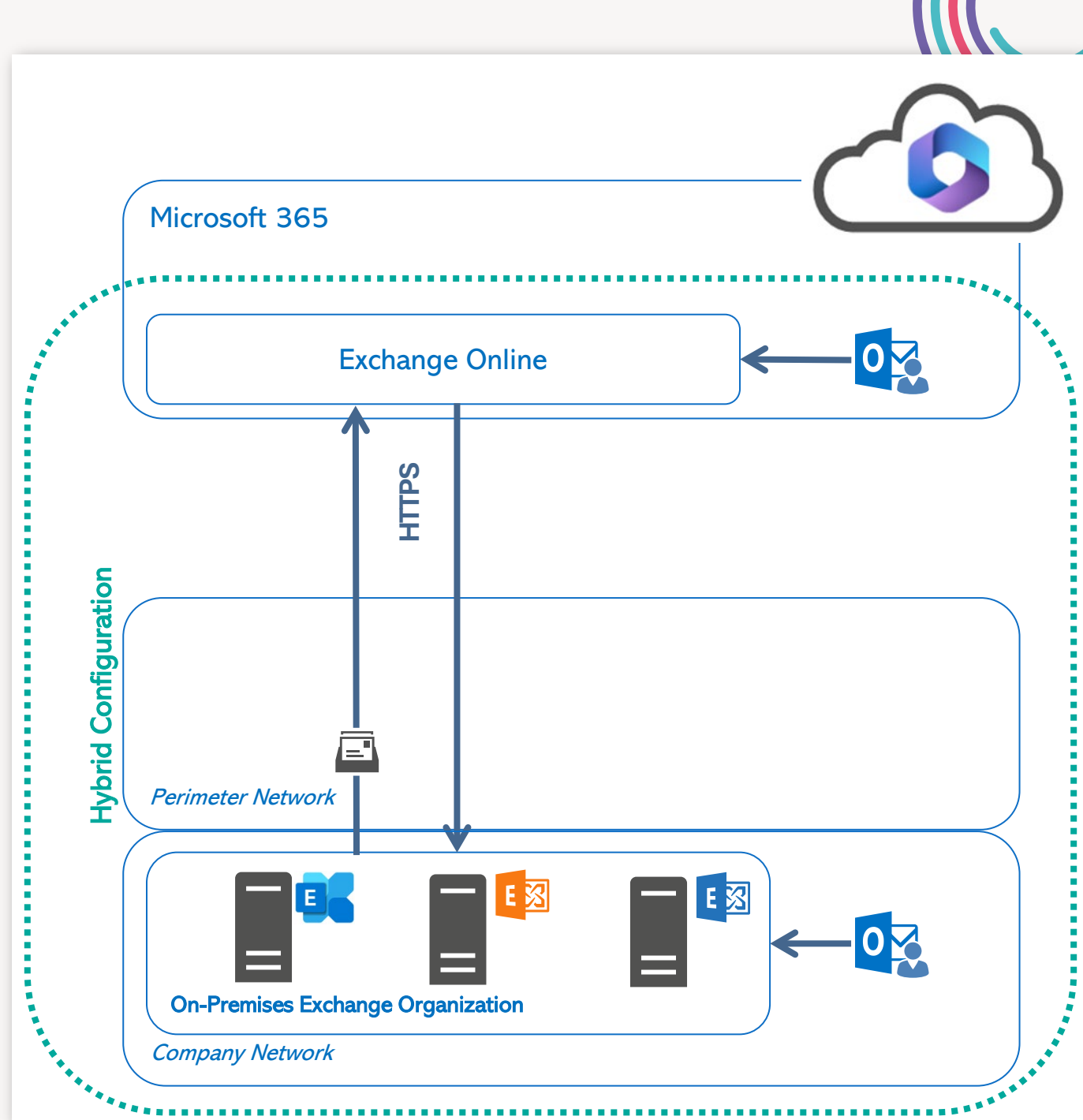


**Why all the  
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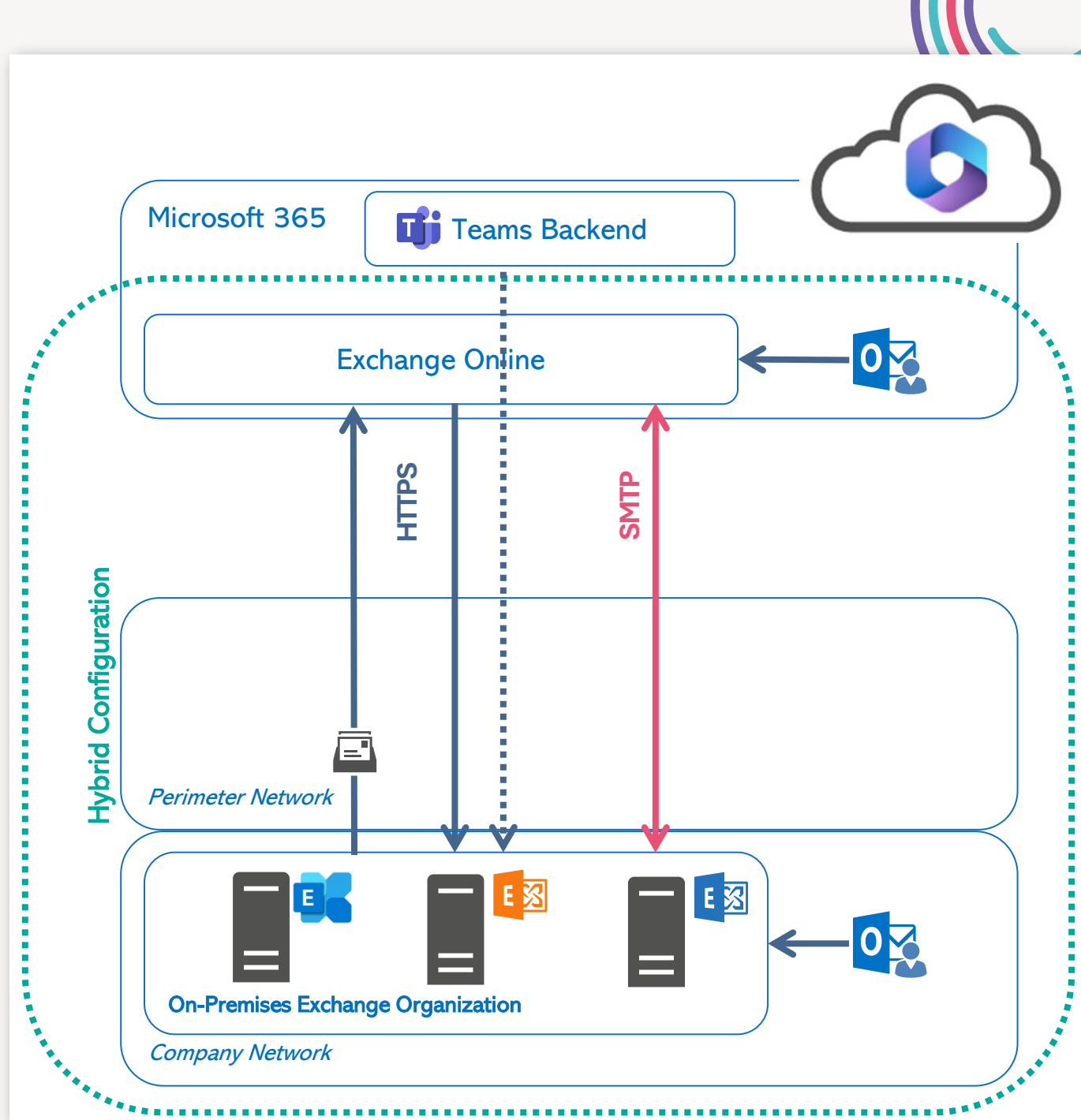
# Why Do You Need It?

- Exchange Coexistence
  - Free/Busy Lookups, Mail Tips, Profile Pictures, etc.
- Migration
  - Native migration of mailboxes to and from Exchange Online
  - Seamless public folder migration to Exchange Online
- Transition from an On-Premises Exchange Organization to Exchange Online
  - Optimal migration experience for end users



# Why Do You Need It?

- Centralized mail flow for use of on-premises email solutions with user mailboxes in Exchange Online
- Microsoft Teams with on-premises mailboxes (calendar access)





# Other Reasons For Exchange Hybrid

- Centralized mail flow for use of on-premises email solutions with user mailboxes in Exchange Online
  - Gateway-based S/MIME decryption/encryption, email disclaimer, archiving, journaling, etc.
- Hybrid mail flow providing email relay functionality for on-premises legacy applications and hardware devices with
  - No direct access to the internet
  - No support for TLS protocols 1.0 or 1.1
  - No support for SMTPAUTH user authentication
  - No support for POP3 and IMAP4 modern authentication



**SOME MORE  
DETAILS**

# **Classic or Modern?**



# Two Variants – Up To Three Operating Modes

Hybrid Modes

Classic

Modern

Express

Minimal

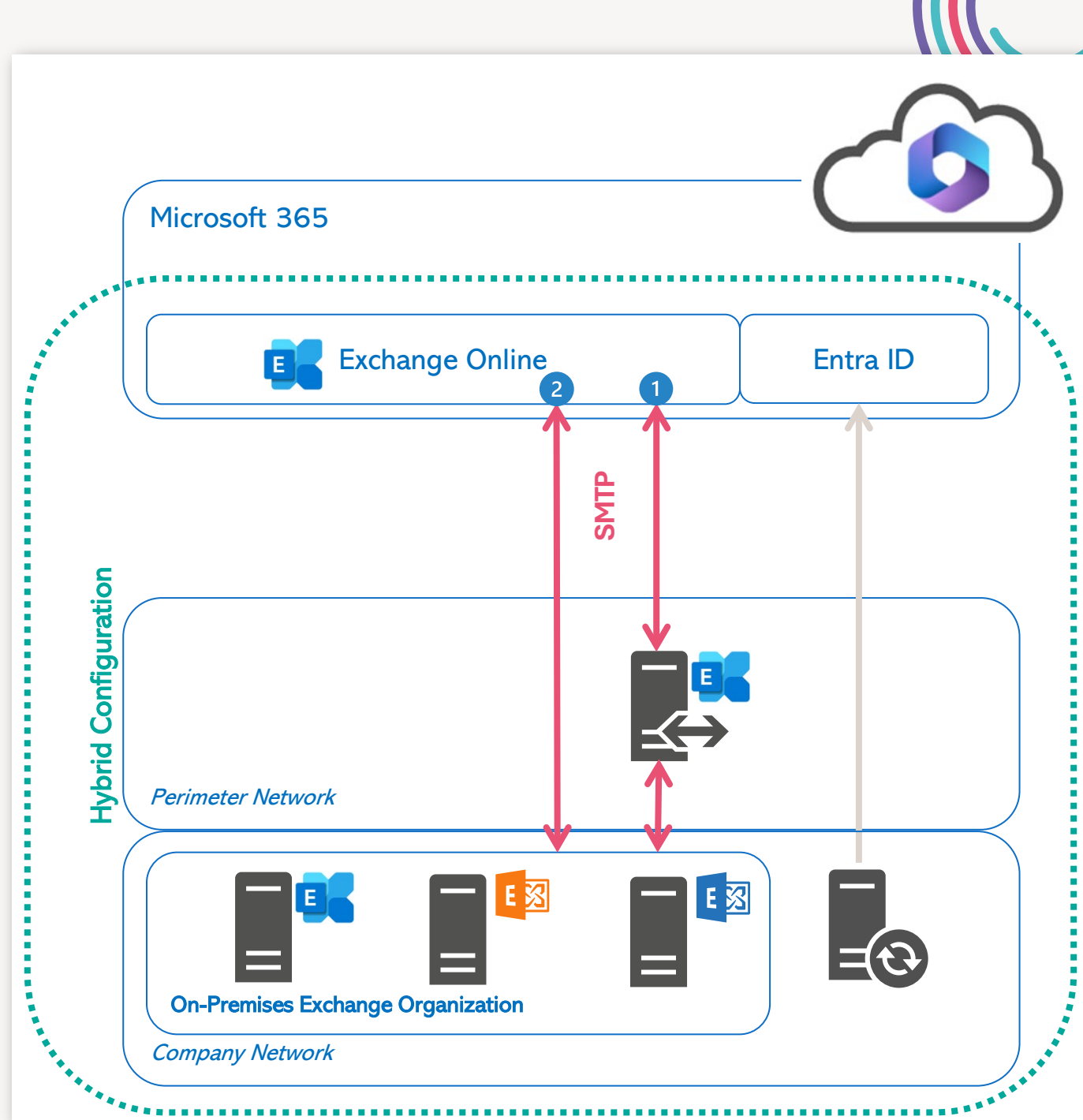
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# Classic Full Hybrid

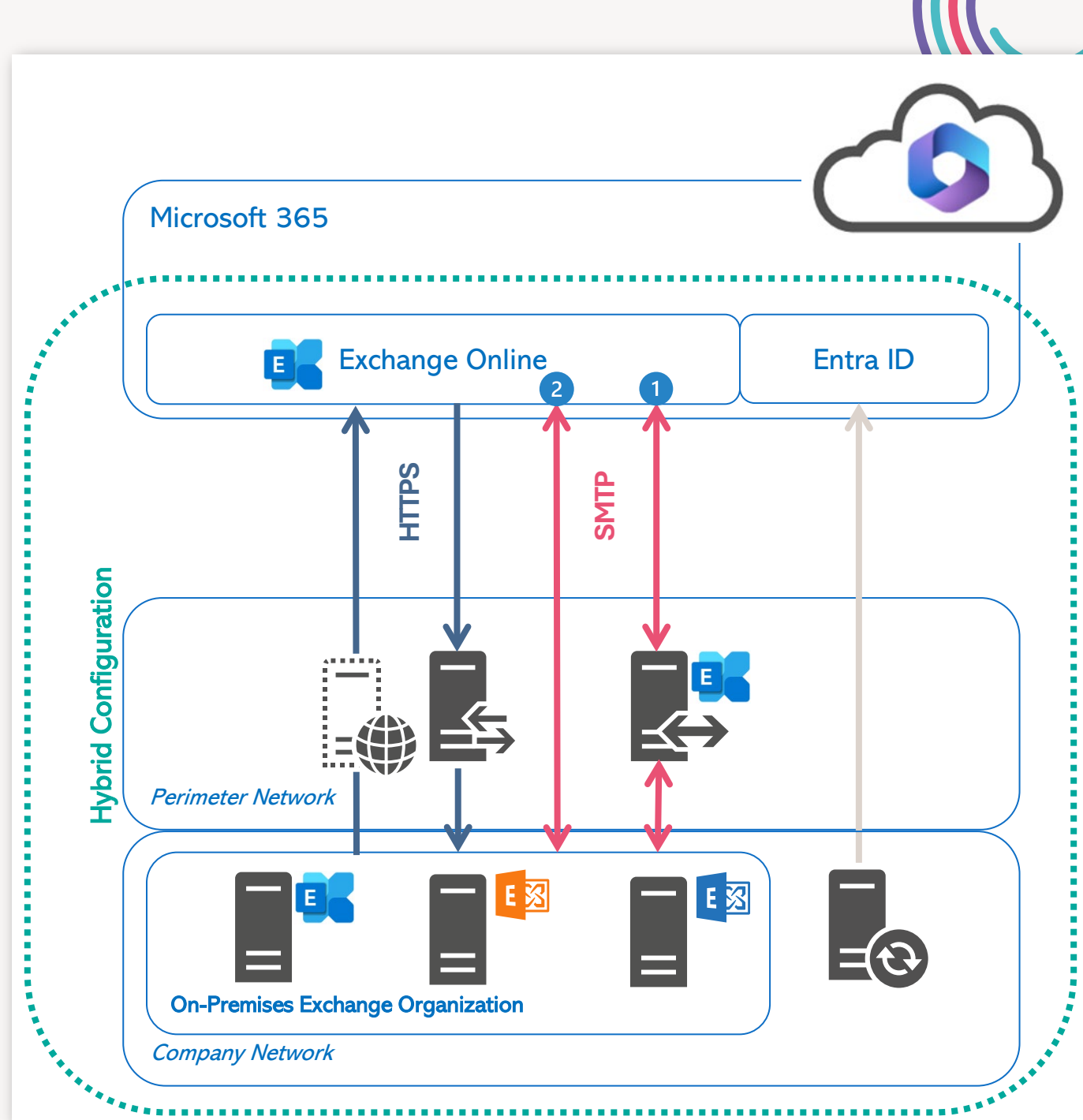
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  - Exchange Hybrid option enabled
- SMTP Connection between On-Premises and Exchange Online
  - Separate hostname for inbound SMTP connectivity (e.g., smtp365.company.com)
  - Additional public IP address
  - TLS certificate for hostname
  - Edge Transport Role in perimeter network (1)
  - Alternatively, direct inbound connection (2)





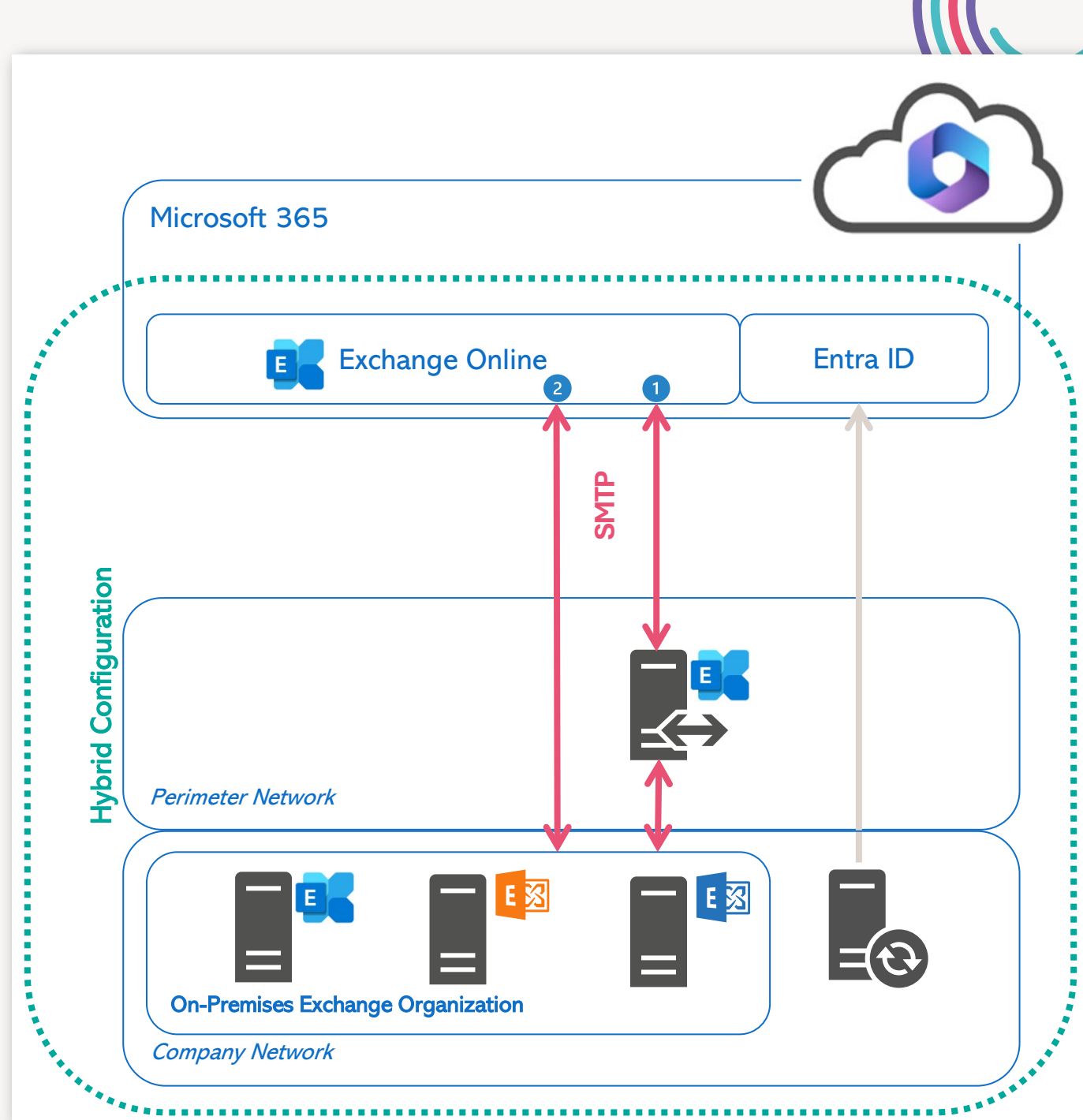
# Classic Full Hybrid

- Inbound HTTPS connection to Client Access Service
  - Internal Exchange Servers published using reverse proxy servers
  - Requires additional public IP address
- Outbound HTTPS connections to Exchange Online
  - Exchange Server communication to Exchange Online
  - Either direct or using outbound proxy server



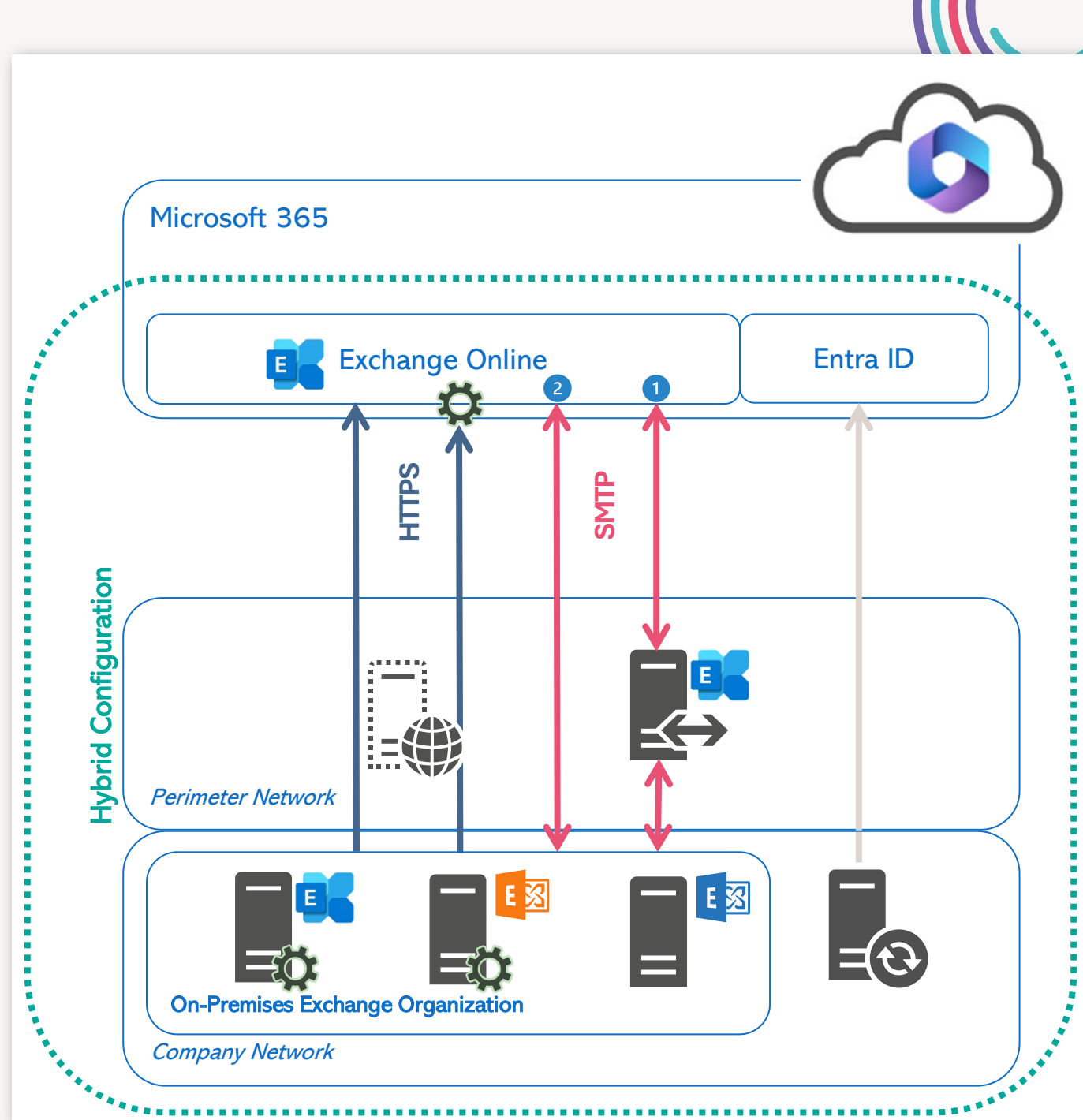
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# Modern Full Hybrid

- Outbound HTTPS connections to Exchange Online
  - Exchange Hybrid-Agent Exchange Online to Exchange on-premises communication
  - Exchange Server communication to Exchange Online
  - Install additional Hybrid-Agents for redundancy
  - Communication to Exchange Online either direct or using outbound proxy servers





# The Differences

Classic	Full	Full classic hybrid configuration, Exchange server published to the internet (SMTP/HTTPS) → <b>permanent</b> hybrid operation <b>and Teams</b> access to on-premises
	Minimal	Hybrid configuration, without rich coexistence to migrate all on-premises mailboxes to Exchange Online → <b>temporary</b> hybrid operation for a <b>few weeks / months</b>
	Express	Hybrid configuration, with Azure AD Connect Express settings, to migrate all on-premises mailboxes to Exchange Online → <b>temporary</b> hybrid operation for a <b>few days / weeks</b>
Modern	Full	Full Modern Hybrid configuration, for new hybrid setups based on Hybrid Agent deployment, with reduced hybrid functionality → <b>permanent</b> hybrid operation <b>without Teams</b> access to on-premises
	Minimal	Modern Hybrid configuration, to migrate all on-premises mailboxes to Exchange Online → <b>temporary</b> hybrid operation for a <b>few weeks / months</b>



# Microsoft Teams and Exchange Server



# Why do you need Exchange Hybrid

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- Use Exchange Server 2019 as on-premises 2019 hybrid endpoint
  - Microsoft Teams backend services use AutoDiscover v2 to discover on-premises Exchange Web Services and REST endpoints
  - Client Access Endpoint must be accessible for Microsoft Teams backend services
  - Always install the latest Exchange Server cumulative update
  - In-Place upgrade capability for Exchange Server vNEXT (still announced, and we still pray)
- Use Third-Party TLS-certificate with all required subject alternate names (SAN) for inbound **HTTPS connections**
  - AutoDiscover
  - Exchange namespace → Exchange Virtual Directory's external URL-Settings



# Exchange Hybrid Recommendations

- Use a dedicated Third-Party TLS-certificate for **SMTP connections** when using centralized mail flow
- Enable and configure OAUTH authentication using Hybrid Configuration Wizard
  - Exchange product group provides detailed information on how to configure OAUTH manually
- Publish AutoDiscover DNS resource records for all SMTP domains used for primary email addresses
- Ensure to activate the "Exchange Hybrid" option in Entra ID Connect (aka Azure AD Connect) prior to running Exchange Hybrid Configuration Wizard
  - Without that option activated you'll risk duplicate mailboxes (On-Premises and Exchange Online)

# Summary

Exchange Hybrid is less complicated as it sounds.

Exchange Hybrid suits most requirements for migrating to Exchange Online or for permanent hybrid operation.

Using Microsoft Teams with on-premises mailboxes requires Classic Full Hybrid.





**Any questions?**

# Thank you

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# Resources

- [Exchange Server Hybrid Deployments](#)
- [Hybrid Deployment Prerequisites](#)
- [Hybrid Configuration Wizard FAQs](#)
- [Configuring Teams calendar access for Exchange on-premises mailboxes](#)
- [Configure OAuth authentication between Exchange and Exchange Online organizations](#)
- [Demystifying and troubleshooting hybrid mail flow: when is a message internal?](#)
- [Remote Connectivity Analyzer](#)
- [How Exchange and Microsoft Teams interact](#)
- [Microsoft Teams and on-premises mailboxes](#)