



PROTECTING YOUR EMAIL ENVIRONMENT USING EXCHANGE ONLINE PROTECTION & MICROSOFT DEFENDER FOR OFFICE

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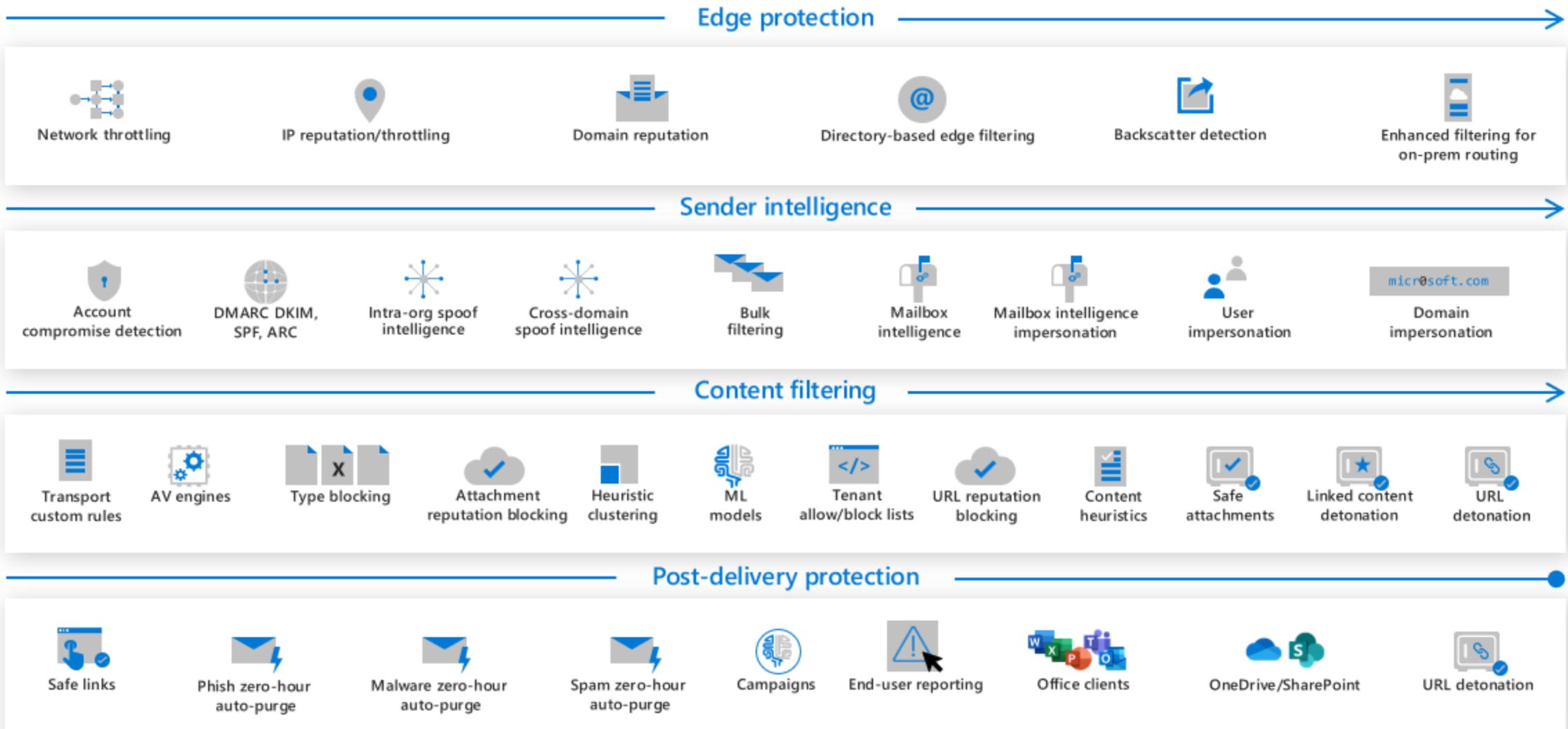


SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and support

Spam effectiveness SLA	> 99%
False positive ratio SLA	< 1:250.000
Virus detection and blocking SLA	100% of known viruses
Monthly uptime SLA	99,999%

Microsoft Defender for Office 365 protection stack



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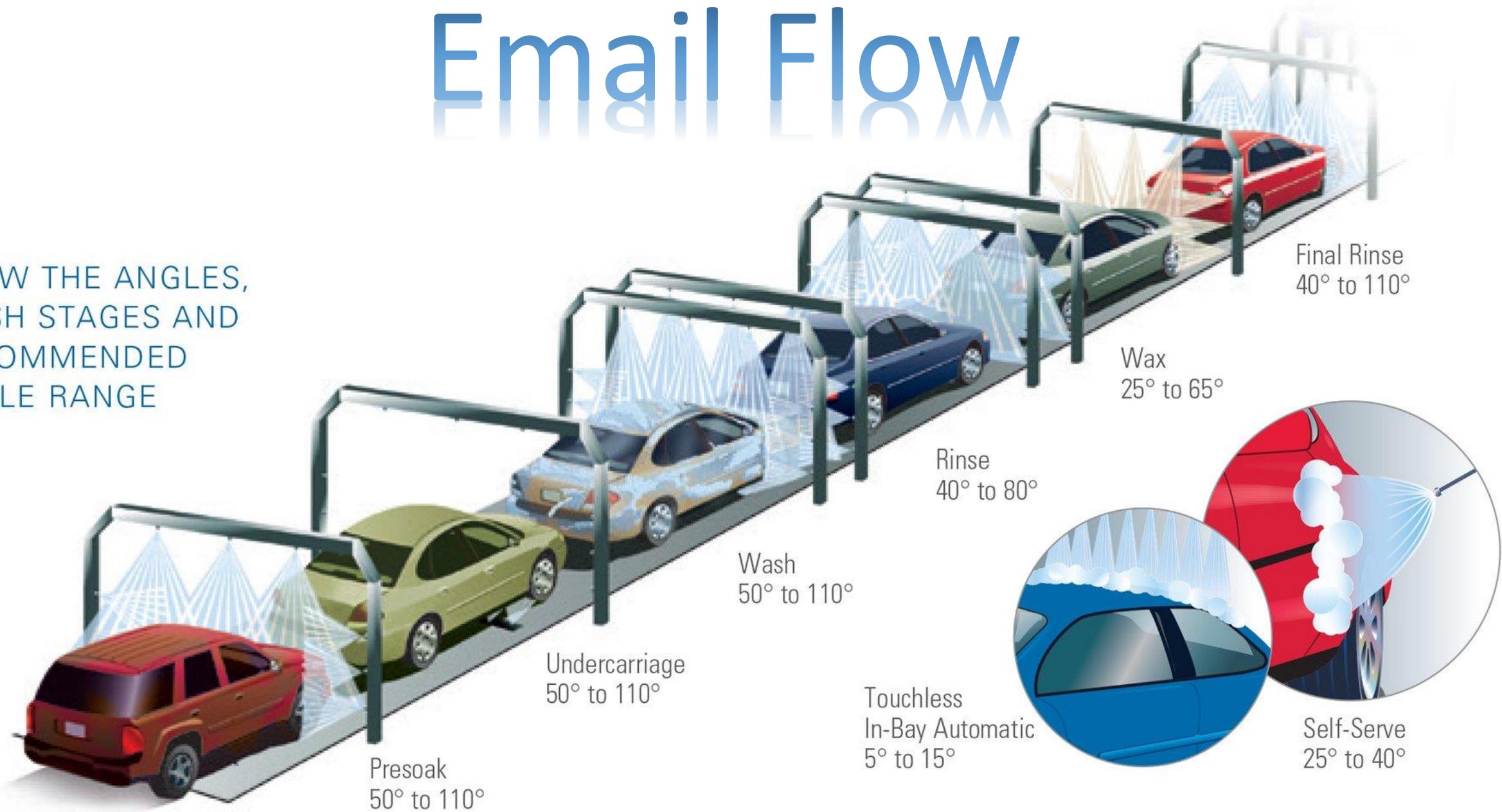


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Email Flow

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WASH STAGES AND
RECOMMENDED
ANGLE RANGE



PHASE 1: CONNECTION FILTERING

- Checks for sender reputation
- Blocks most of the bad mail
- Can be found under Anti-spam policies



Connection filter policy (Default)

● Always on | Priority Lowest

Always allow messages from the following IP addresses or address range:

Always block messages from the following IP addresses or address range:

Turn on safe list



Office 365 Anti-Spam IP Delist Portal

Display language: English (United States)

If you're trying to send mail to an Office 365 recipient and the mail has been rejected because of your sending IP address, follow these steps to submit a delisting request.

Senders are responsible for making sure that their mail from this IP address isn't abusive or malicious.

[Learn More](#)

IP Delisting

Step 1: Send verification

Step 2: Confirm email address

3. Delist IP

Step 1: Provide your email address and the IP address you want to delist so they can be verified.

Email address

IP address

Enter the characters you see

[New](#) | [Audio](#)

[Submit](#)

- Visit <https://sender.office.com>

- Fingers crossed



PHASE 2: ANTI MALWARE

- Prevents:
 - Broad attacks
 - Volume based attacks
 - Known attacks
- Cannot be disabled
- Zero-day Malware protection -> MDO

PHASE 3: POLICY FILTERING

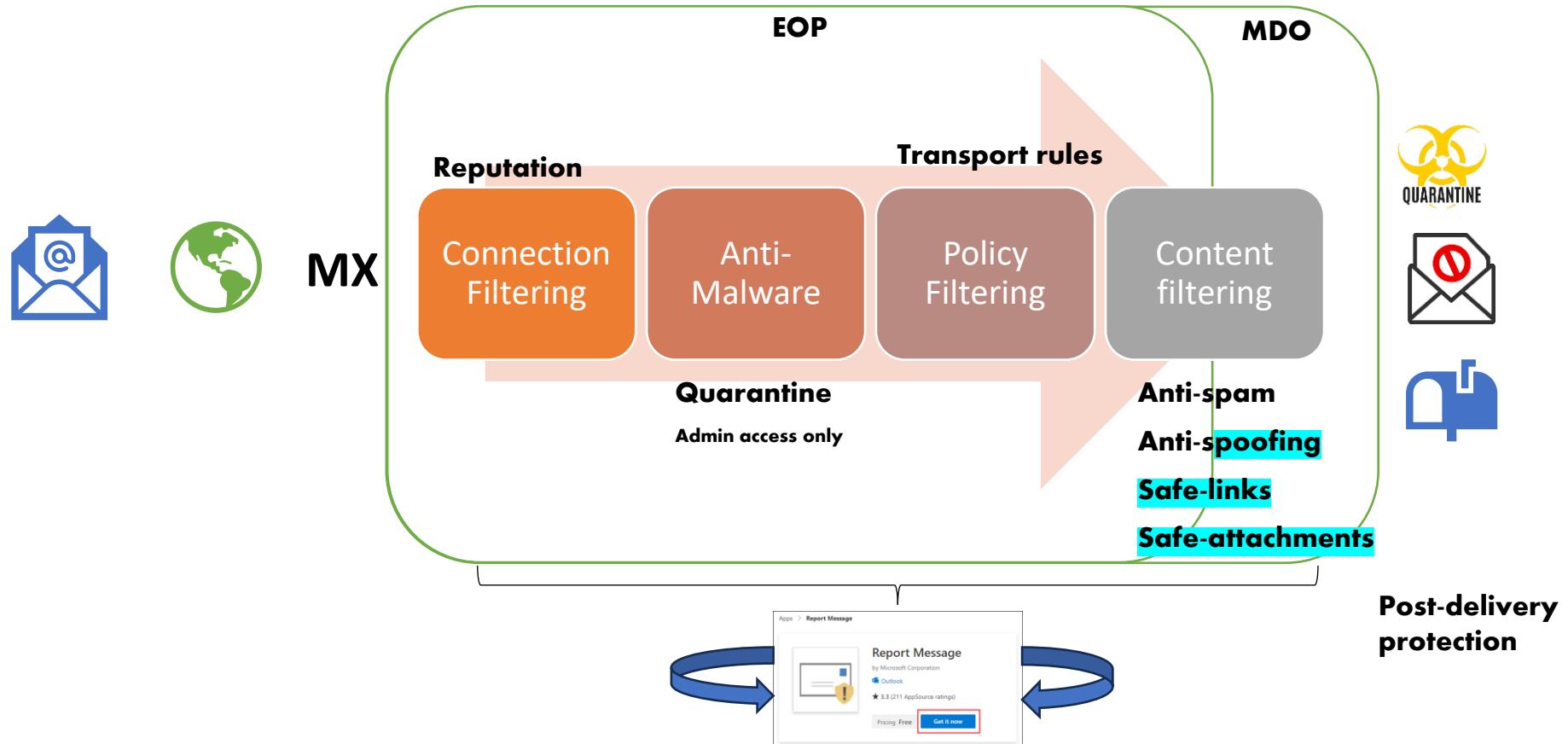
- Mail flow rules a.k.a. transport rules
- Use them to whitelist and not the default methods like Safe Senders/Safe Domains in Anti-Spam policies, tenant allow or connection filters.

PHASE 4: CONTENT FILTERING

Messages are identified as spam, high confidence spam, phishing, high confidence phishing, or bulk (anti-spam policies) or spoofing (spoof settings in anti-phishing policies).

- Anti-spam
- Anti-spoofing
- Safe Links*
- Safe Attachments*

Email flow with EOP and MDO



Skip policy processing

Policies & rules > Threat policies > Advanced delivery

Advanced delivery

Specify dedicated mailboxes that are used by security teams to collect and analyze unfiltered messages (both good and bad). Email sent to these mailboxes is delivered unfiltered. [Learn more](#)

SecOps mailbox Phishing simulation

 Edit  Refresh

Display name	Email
Security Operations	secops@vansurksum.com

Microsoft Defender for Office

- (Soon to be) renamed to Microsoft 365 Defender XDR for Office 365
- Protects from Zero-day malware, phish and business email compromise (BEC)
- Safe attachments
 - Also for SPO, OneDrive, Teams)
- Safe Links
- Advanced phishing protection
- Real-time detections

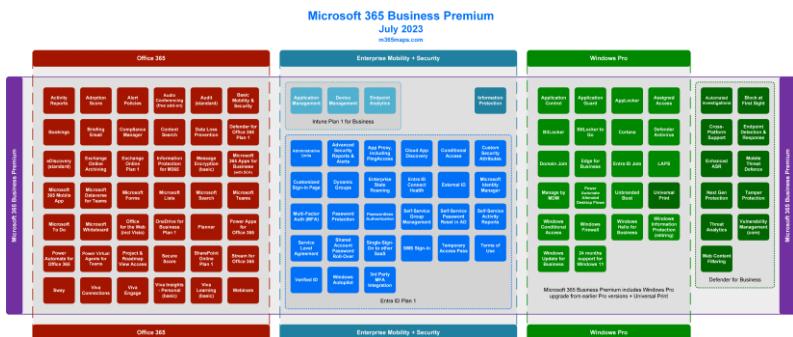


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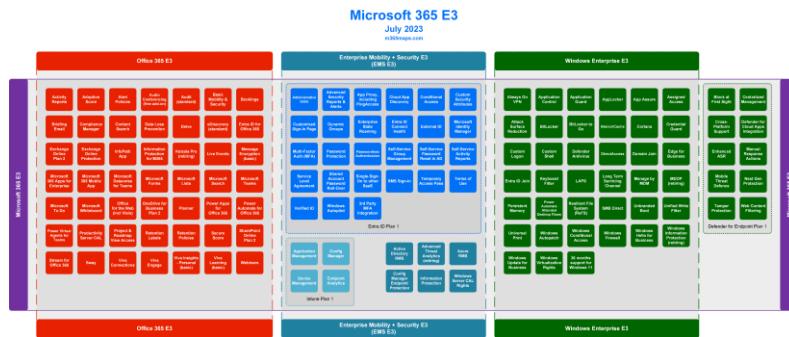
Protection level	Description
EOP	Prevents broad, volume-based, known attacks.
Defender for Office 365 P1	Protects email and collaboration from zero-day malware, phish, and business email compromise.
Defender for Office 365 P2	Adds post-breach investigation, hunting, and response, as well as automation, and simulation (for training).

Part of suite licensing

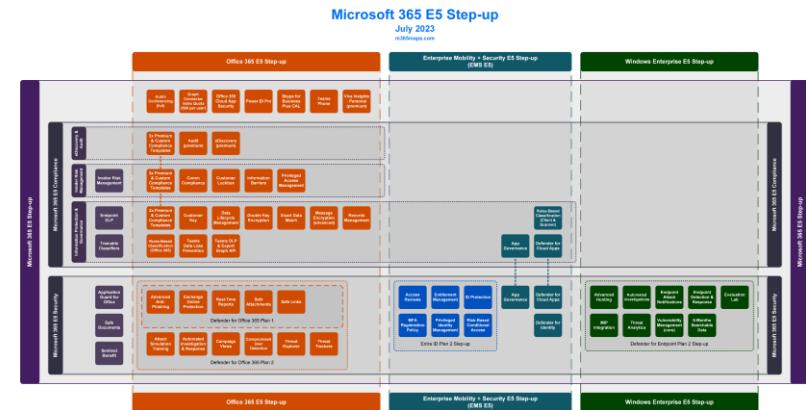
M365 Business Premium includes MDO P1



M365 E3 **doesn't** include MDO



M365 E5 includes MDO P2



Safe Attachments

Global settings



Use this page to protect your organization from malicious content in email attachments and files in SharePoint, OneDrive, and Microsoft Teams.

Protect files in SharePoint, OneDrive, and Microsoft Teams

If a file in any SharePoint, OneDrive, or Microsoft Teams library is identified as malicious, Safe Attachments will prevent users from opening and downloading the file. [Learn more](#)

Turn on Defender for Office 365 for SharePoint, OneDrive, and Microsoft Teams



Help people stay safe when trusting a file to open outside Protected View in Office applications.

Before a user is allowed to trust a file opened in a supported version of Office, the file will be verified by Microsoft Defender for Endpoint. [Learn more about Safe Documents](#).

Turn on Safe Documents for Office clients. Only available with *Microsoft 365 E5* or *Microsoft 365 E5 Security* license. [Learn more about how Microsoft handles your data](#).



Allow people to click through Protected View even if Safe Documents identified the file as malicious



Save

Cancel

Safe Attachments unknown malware response

Select the action for unknown malware in attachments. [Learn more](#)

Warning

- **Monitor** and **Block** actions might cause a significant delay in message delivery. [Learn more](#)
- **Dynamic Delivery** is only available for recipients with hosted mailboxes.
- For **Block** or **Dynamic Delivery**, messages with detected attachments are quarantined and can be released only by an admin.

- Off - Attachments will not be scanned by Safe Attachments.
- Monitor - Deliver the message if malware is detected and track scanning results.
- Block - Block current and future messages and attachments with detected malware.
- Dynamic Delivery (Preview messages) - Immediately deliver the message without attachments. Reattach files after scanning is complete.

Quarantine policy

AdminOnlyAccessPolicy



Permission to release quarantined messages will be ignored for messages with malware detected and we will fall back to release request instead

Redirect messages with detected attachments

Enable redirect only supports the Monitor action. [Learn more](#)

Enable redirect

Send messages that contain monitored attachments to the specified email address.

secops@itgration.nl

Safe Attachments

- It routes all messages and attachments that do not have a virus/malware signature (= Zero day) to a special environment
- Uses machine learning and analysis techniques to detect malicious intent.
- Basically, Microsoft quickly spins on a Virtual Machine and executes the content carefully watching for suspicious activity.

- You can exclude specific messages from being checked by ATP Safe Links policy, by creating a transport rule which sets the **X-MS-Exchange-Organization-SkipSafeAttachmentProcessing** header to the value **1**.

Safe Links

- If you enable ATP Safe Links, URLs in emails are rewritten to include https://*.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url= in front of the original URL.
- Use <https://www.o365atp.com/> to decode URLs
- Test using: <http://www.spamlink.contoso.com>
- Be careful with long URLs (>2048 characters)
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URL & click protection settings

Set your Safe Links URL and click protection settings for this policy. [Learn more.](#)

Email

- On: Safe Links checks a list of known, malicious links when users click links in email. URLs are rewritten by default.
- Apply Safe Links to email messages sent within the organization
- Apply real-time URL scanning for suspicious links and links that point to files
- Wait for URL scanning to complete before delivering the message
- Do not rewrite URLs, do checks via Safe Links API only.

Do not rewrite the following URLs in email (0)

[Manage 0 URLs](#)

Teams

- On: Safe Links checks a list of known, malicious links when users click links in Microsoft Teams. URLs are not rewritten.

Office 365 Apps

- On: Safe Links checks a list of known, malicious links when users click links in Microsoft Office apps. URLs are not rewritten.

Click protection settings

- Track user clicks
- Let users click through to the original URL
- Display the organization branding on notification and warning pages



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Safe Links

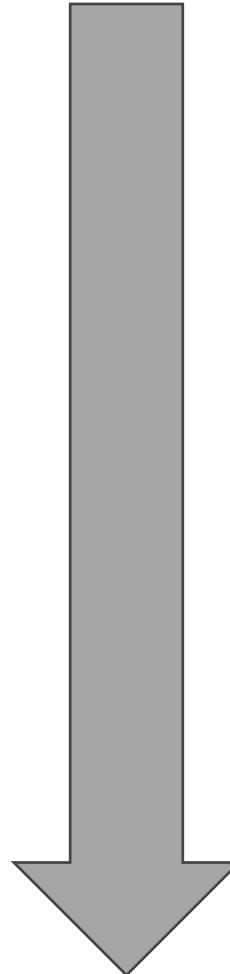
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Order

1. Malware | CAT:MALW
2. High-confidence Phish | CAT:PHSH
3. Phishing | CAT:PHSH
4. High-confidence SPAM | CAT:HSPM
5. Spoofing | CAT:SPOOF
6. User Impersonation* | CAT:UIMP
7. Domain Impersonation* | CAT: DIMP
8. Mailbox Intelligence* | CAT:GIMP
9. SPAM | CAT:SPM
10. Bulk |CAT:BULK



* MDO

Priority

- **First:** Preset Security Policies
 - Standard
 - Strict
- **Second:** Custom policies
 - Lowest priority wins
- **Always last:** Built-in policies

Only the first hit policy gets applied

Policies & rules > Threat policies > Preset security policies

Built-in protection



Built-in Microsoft Office 365 security applied to all users in your organization to protect against malicious links and attachments.

- ✓ Additional machine learning models
- ✓ More aggressive detonation evaluation
- ✓ Visual indication in the experience

Note: Built-in protection is enabled only for paid Microsoft Defender for Office 365 tenants.

Add exclusions (Not recommended)

Standard protection



A baseline protection profile that protects against spam, phishing, and malware threats.

- ✓ Balanced actions for malicious content
- ✓ Balanced handling of bulk content
- ✓ Attachment and link protection with Safe Links and Safe Attachments

Standard protection is off

Manage protection settings

Strict protection



A more aggressive protection profile for selected users, such as high value targets or priority users.

- ✓ More aggressive actions on malicious mail
- ✓ Tighter controls over bulk senders
- ✓ More aggressive machine learning

Strict protection is off

Manage protection settings

STRICT VERSUS STANDARD

KEN STRICT

LV 0

V-Skill

I - QUICK STEP

V-TRIGGER

I - HEAT RUSH

SFV

LV 32



65 LP
Rank 1117

OFFENSIVE



Bustling Side Street

STANDARD RYU

LV 0

V-Skill

I - MIND'S EYE

V-TRIGGER

I - DENJIN RENKI

Capcom

LV 16



0 LP
Rank 1268

BALANCED



Recommended settings

[Microsoft recommendations for EOP and Defender for Office 365 security settings](#)

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/security/office-365-security/recommended-settings-for-eop-and-office365?view=o365-worldwide>



ORCA



```
Administrator: Windows Power X + 
PS C:\> get-orcareport
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Microsoft Defender for Office 365 Recommended



Configuration Analyzer Report

Version 2.8.1

This report details any tenant configuration changes recommended within your tenant.



Info Recommendation OK



Configuration analyzer

The Configuration analyzer can help identify issues in your current configuration, and help improve your policies for better security. [Learn more.](#)

[Standard recommendations](#)
[Strict recommendations](#)
[Configuration drift analysis and history](#)

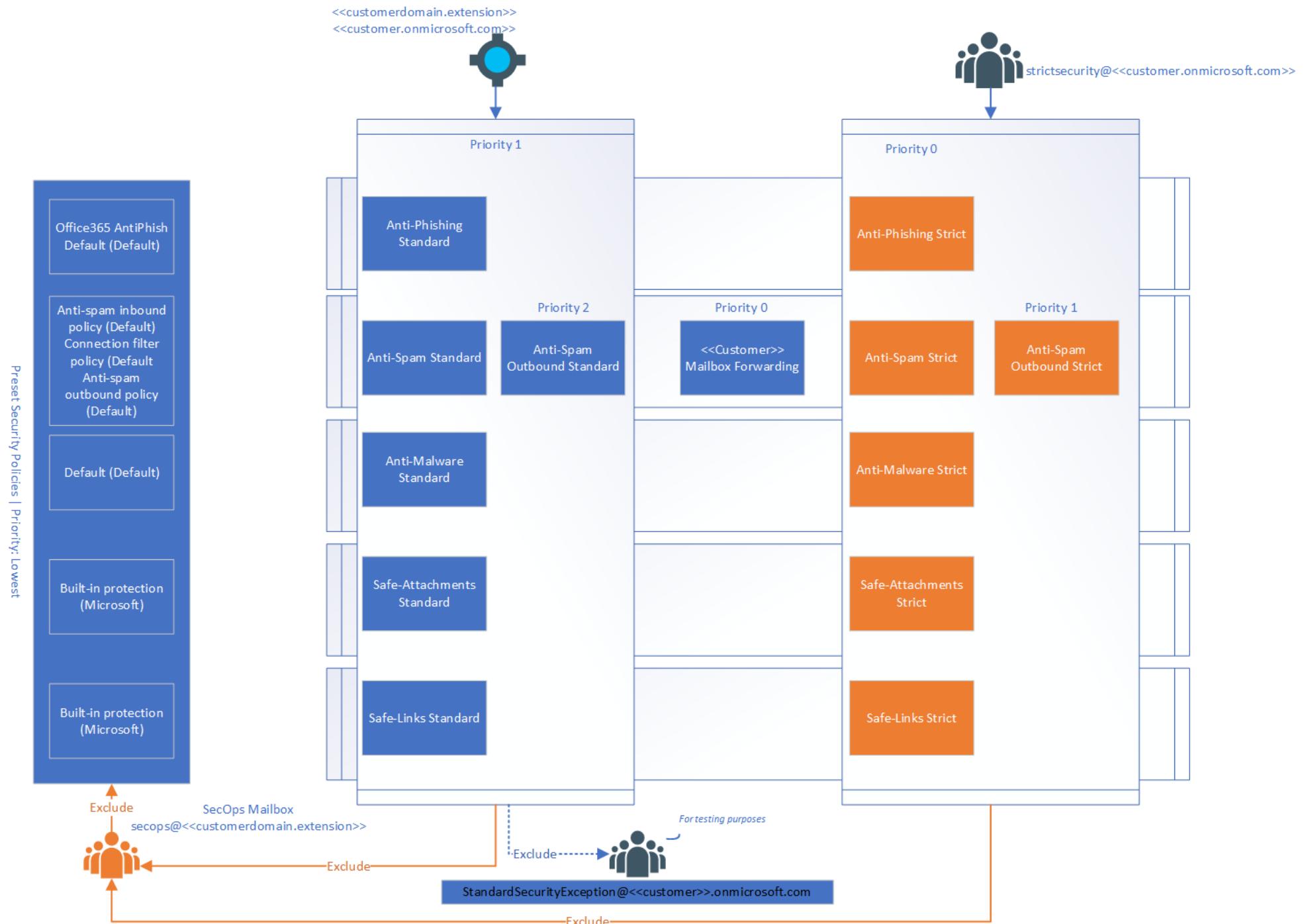
Anti-spam	Anti-phishing	Safe Links
3	21	7



31 items



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Outgoing email

- Outbound SPAM policies
- Email Authentication



Requirements for all senders

Starting February 1, 2024, all senders who send email to Gmail accounts must meet the requirements in this section.

Important: If you send more than 5,000 messages per day to Gmail accounts, follow the [Requirements for sending 5,000 or more messages per day](#).

- Set up SPF or DKIM email authentication for your domain.
- Ensure that sending domains or IPs have valid forward and reverse DNS records, also referred to as PTR records. [Learn more](#)
- Use a TLS connection for transmitting email. For steps to set up TLS in Google Workspace, visit [Require a secure connection for email](#).
- Keep spam rates reported in [Postmaster Tools](#) below 0.10% and avoid ever reaching a spam rate of 0.30% or higher. [Learn more about spam rates](#).
- Format messages according to the Internet Message Format standard ([RFC 5322](#)).
- Don't impersonate Gmail From: headers. Gmail will begin using a DMARC [quarantine enforcement policy](#), and impersonating Gmail From: headers might impact your email delivery.
- If you regularly forward email, including using mailing lists or inbound gateways, add [ARC headers](#) to outgoing email. ARC headers indicate the message was forwarded and identify you as the forwarder. Mailing list senders should also add a List-id: header, which specifies the mailing list, to outgoing messages.

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Bulk email sending guidelines & tools

- [Email sender guidelines](#)
- [Email sender guidelines FAQ](#)
- [Feedback Loop](#)
- [Postmaster Tools](#)

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Email Authentication



DKIM

SPF

DMARC

Email authentication/validation

- Sender Policy Framework (SPF)
 - [How Sender Policy Framework \(SPF\) prevents spoofing | Microsoft Learn](#)
- Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance (DMARC)
 - Set DMARC policy for parked domains
- DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM)





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SPF, DKIM and DMARC

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**Security Operations Guide for
Defender for Office 365 | Microsoft**
Learn: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/security/office-365-security/mdo-sec-ops-guide?view=o365-worldwide>

Daily, weekly, monthly tasks related to
managing EOP and MDO



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