Microsoft Office 365 opens new opportunities to be more creative, productive, collaborative and always connected. For many companies, Office 365 is the first cloud service embraced across their organization. While adoption of Office 365 drives higher levels of innovation and competitive advantage, securing your Office 365 environment is essential to protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of intellectual, customer, and personal information stored in the cloud.

Organizations must constantly ask:
• Is our information secure in the Office 365 environment?
• Who has access, both internally and externally?
• What if unauthorized users compromise account credentials?
• How can we detect ransomware and other malware in Office 365?
• What do we need to do to maintain compliance and data privacy policies?

Cloud by its very nature can be more secure because of the shared security model. As in the case of Office 365, it is a shared security responsibility between the customer and Microsoft.

In a shared security model, the customer is responsible for assessing their security posture and putting in place security controls that can help offset the risk of being breached. Microsoft offers security services and controls to improve overall security in areas of identity & access management, threat detection & response, and data protection. The first step in determining which Microsoft security services and controls to implement is to conduct an Office 365 security assessment.

OFFICE 365 SECURITY ASSESSMENT

SoftwareONE's Office 365 Security Assessment is a structured engagement helping customers understand their current security posture, identify gaps, and prioritize a roadmap for security controls that will reduce the risk of being breached.

SoftwareONE security consultants will work closely with customers to understand their security objectives. After interviews and a detailed analysis, SoftwareONE will provide recommendations to balance security and productivity needs. SoftwareONE can then work with customers to plan, prioritize and implement the strategy and roadmap to close any Office 365 security gaps.
OFFICE 365 SECURITY ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

SoftwareONE’s Office 365 Security Assessment is a three-step process with the end goal of providing an actionable Office 365 security roadmap based on your security objectives and requirements.

Understand cloud security objectives and requirements
Gain an understanding of the customers business requirements and how they drive security objectives and requirements

Office 365 security readiness
Provide guidance, recommendations and best practices on how to successfully implement Office 365 security features

Create an Office 365 security roadmap
Provide a prioritized and actionable Office 365 security roadmap based on customer security objectives and requirements

During the assessment, SoftwareONE security consultants will work with you to complete an assessment questionnaire to better understand your security posture as it relates to people, process and technology. Additionally, a security analytics tool is used to quickly assess your current security settings and behaviors based on features that have been enabled within your Office 365 environment. The questionnaire responses and the results of the security analytics tool provide the basis for SoftwareONE consultants to develop the prioritized strategy and roadmap.

OFFICE 365 SECURE SCORE

Office 365 Secure Score is a Microsoft security analytics tool. Secure Score provides security insights and takes into account what security controls of Office 365 have been enabled. Additionally, the score can be used to benchmark an organization against others. SoftwareONE uses results of Secure Score to provide guidance on Office 365 features that will improve your security posture. The tool helps increase understanding and awareness of the Office 365 security features and how they can be leveraged to improve your overall Secure Score results. SoftwareONE can help perform periodic re-assessments using the Secure Score tool and make adjustments to your Office 365 environment to continue improving your security posture.

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