

cloudscout.one what's next CW 39

Product: Microsoft 365 admin center

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What's next to do Major Items

Microsoft 365 admin center: Microsoft 365 Priority Accounts		67145
		check before: 08/31/2020
		Status: Rolling out
		Created: 09/25/2020
		Product: Exchange, Microsoft 365 admin center
		Platform: Online, World tenant
		Scope: Administration, Compliance, Licensing
		Ring: General Availability
		Type: New feature, Admin impact
		Tenant:
Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support	
More Info URL	https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/admin/setup/priority-accounts?view=o365-worldwide	

As originally announced in MC200104 (January '20) we will be retiring legacy eDiscovery tools soon.

When this will happen

There are several key dates for this retirement and we're now approaching the October 1, 2020 milestone.

In-Place eDiscovery and Holds in the Exchange admin center (EAC)

July 1, 2020: You won't be able to create new searches and holds, but you can still run, edit, and delete existing searches at your own risk.

Microsoft Support will no longer provide assistance for In-Place eDiscovery Holds in the EAC.

October 1, 2020: The In-Place eDiscovery Holds functionality in the EAC will be placed in a read-only mode. This means you'll only be able to remove existing searches and holds.

*-MailboxSearch cmdlets

July 1, 2020: You won't be able to use the New-MailboxSearch cmdlet to create new In-Place eDiscovery searches and In-Place Holds, but you can still use the other cmdlets to run, edit, and delete existing searches and holds at your own risk. Microsoft Support will no longer provide assistance for these types of searches and holds.

October 1, 2020: As previously stated, the In-Place eDiscovery Holds functionality in the EAC will be placed in a read-only mode. This also means that you won't be able to use the New-MailboxSearch, Start-MailboxSearch, or Set-MailboxSearch cmdlets. You'll only be able to get and remove existing searches and holds.

For more information, please see "<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/compliance/legacy-ediscovery-retirement?view=o365-worldwide>" Retirement of legacy eDiscovery tools.

check before:

10/01/2020

Status:

Created:

09/23/2020

Product:

eDiscovery, Exchange,
Microsoft 365 admin center,
Microsoft Compliance center

Platform:

Online, World tenant

Scope:

Administration, Compliance,
Security, User

Ring:

Type:

Tenant:

Effects for Operations

additions from MC200104:
Automatic assignments via Exchange / PowerShell of legal hold might break.

Recommendations

additions from MC200104:
Check your processes and tool, which set legal hold and eDiscovery functions and features, due to the retirement of Exchange Admin Center In-Place eDiscovery Holds, supporting cmdlets and EWS.

Links MC200104

Description

additions from MC200104:
Microsoft plans maasive changes to the eDiscovery and legal hold features.

Docu to check Working instructions for IT Support, Service Description, Automation / Scripts

Linked Item Details MC200104 Title : (Updated) Retirement of Exchange Admin Center In-Place eDiscovery and Holds
MC200104 Url : <https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/compliance/legacy-ediscovery-retirement>
MC200104 Info Url : <https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/compliance/overview-ediscovery-20>

More Info URL <https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/compliance/legacy-ediscovery-retirement>

MS Preperations Migrate all usage to Microsoft 365 eDiscovery or appropriate alternatives. These are described at: "<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/compliance/legacy-ediscovery-retirement>" Retirement of legacy eDiscovery tools. If you're interested in migrating existing In-Place eDiscovery searches and holds to the Microsoft 365 compliance center, please see "<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/compliance/migrate-legacy-ediscovery-searches-and-holds?view=o365-worldwide>" Migrate legacy eDiscovery searches and holds to the Microsoft 365 compliance center.

MS How does it affect me Any holds created by using In-Place eDiscovery Holds in the EAC (or by using the corresponding cmdlet) will continue to preserve data. In-Place eDiscovery searches and holds can be removed at any time.

Updated September 18, 2020: We have updated the title to more accurately reflect the state of the change. Additionally, we have provided more details about the timeline. We apologize for any confusion. Thank you for your feedback.

In January, we released Office Scripts, a feature that enables users to automate their repetitive tasks in Excel Online, for public preview. We are now transitioning from public preview to making Office Scripts available by default for your organization.

Key points

Microsoft 365 "<https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=searchterms=61687>" Roadmap ID 61687

Timing: The admin control is available now

Targeted release admin control enforcement has begun

Standard release admin control enforcement begins October 1, 2020

Roll-out: tenant level

Control type: admin control (available now)

Action: Standard release, review and assess by October 1, 2020

check before:	10/01/2020
Status:	Rolling out
Created:	08/29/2020
Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center, Office app
Platform:	Online, Web, World tenant
Scope:	Administration, User
Ring:	Preview, Targeted Release

Type:	Admin impact, Feature update, User impact	Tenant:
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Links

61687

Pictures in MC

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Docu to check

Service Description, Automation / Scripts, Working instructions for IT Support, User Knowledge base

Linked Item Details

61687 Title : Excel: Office Scripts for task and workflow automation in Excel

61687 Description: In January, we released Office Scripts, a feature that enables users to automate their repetitive tasks in Excel Online, for public preview. The feature will now be available by default to all M365 Enterprise, Business, and EDU SKUs that have access to the O365 desktop apps.

61687 Url : <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/introduction-to-office-scripts-in-excel-9f8e283d-adb8-4f13-a75b-a81c6baf163a>

MS Preperations

This feature ships default On. If you would like to disable this feature, you need to act by October 1, 2020.

If you would like to "https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/admin/manage/manage-office-scripts-settings" manage how Office Scripts is used in your organization, go to the M365 admin center, select Settings > Org settings. Then, select Office Scripts to view the Office Scripts admin controls. These controls will be available on August 31, 2020.

To block Office Scripts use in your tenant, deselect 'Let users automate their tasks in Office on the web'. This will hide the Automate tab for everyone in your tenant.

This feature is on by default. Should you disable and then wish to enable the feature, select 'Let users automate their tasks in Office on the web'. The global admin can choose to either allow all users access or create a specific group of users who have access to Office Scripts.

Once the 'Let users with access to Office Scripts share their scripts with others in the organization' checkbox is selected, the global admin can also choose whether or not a user can share scripts within an organization. No external sharing is allowed.

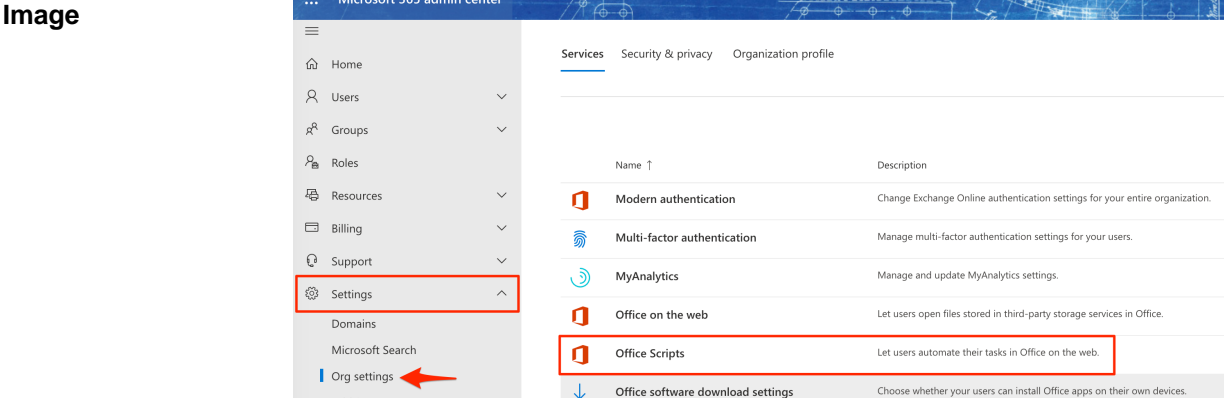
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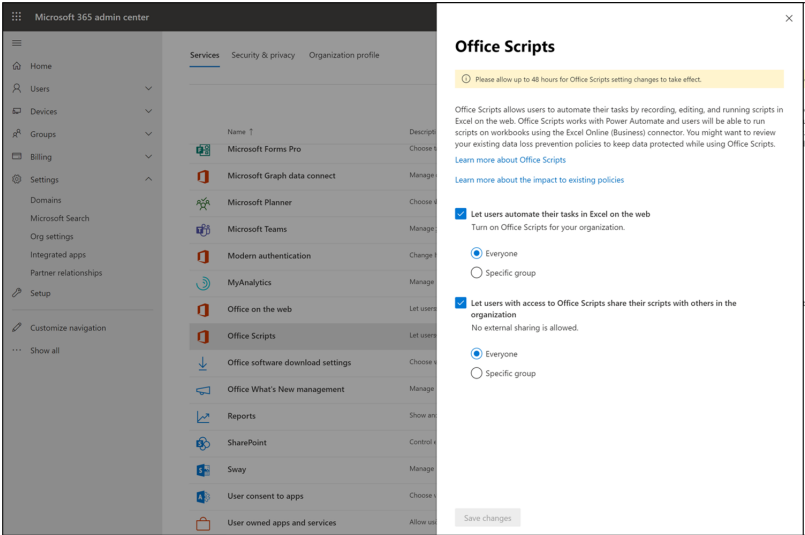
If your organization is not currently opted-in to the Office Scripts public preview experience, these controls will only affect Targeted Release users until the change is released to the rest of the organization.

Learn more: "https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/admin/manage/manage-office-scripts-settings" Manage Office Scripts settings

MS How does it affect me

"https://support.microsoft.com/office/introduction-to-office-scripts-in-excel-9f8e283d-adb8-4f13-a75b-a81c6baf163a" Office Scripts is an automation platform in Excel Online that allows users in your organization to create and record scripts to automate their repetitive workflows. With this change, the feature will be available by default for your organization unless you take action.





	check before:	10/02/2020
Microsoft is updating our license overallocation process to:	Status:	
Improve the customer experience when executing specific license transition scenarios (like a step-up order or a seat reduction), and	Created:	09/26/2020
Avoid unintended license consumption.	Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center
Our updated license overallocation process permits a customer to temporarily have more licenses assigned to users relative to the number of licenses currently owned.	Platform:	World tenant, Online
Overallocation permits the customer to manage the transitioning of user license assignments to align with their new license types and counts while ensuring existing users have uninterrupted access to their services.	Scope:	Administration, Licensing
This updated process also supports automatic adjusts of overallocations on a periodic basis, eventually aligning with what the customer now owns.	Ring:	
A simple sample scenario:		
A customer currently has an E3 subscription for 300 seats. After November 2, 2020, all customers on an Enterprise Agreement will be limited to assigning up to 300 users to an E3 license.		
The customer subsequently places a “Step-up” order for 100 seats of E5.		
The customer now owns 200 E3 seats and 100 E5 seats.		
Prior to any overallocation process, up to 100 existing E3 users could have lost access to the service (100 more E3 licenses are assigned relative to the 200 now owned), even though 100 E5 licenses are now available.		
Under the original overallocation logic, there was a fixed amount of overallocation to ensure no user would lose services, however this did not adequately protect customers from overconsumption.		
With our updated overallocation logic, 100 E3 seats are automatically provided (matching what had been allocated), to ensure all existing E3 users will maintain access to their Microsoft 365 services. Additionally, as the customer transitions users, periodic adjustments are also made. e.g.:		
The customer subsequently transitions 75 users from E3 to E5.		
When a “periodic check” occurs, our logic recognizes the license transitions that have taken place and adjusts the overallocation down to 25 (from 100).		
Customers remain responsible for their license consumption, therefore the 100 E3 users should be transitioned to E5 as soon as possible to align assignments with what the customer owns now.		
Assuming the customer completed their license transitions to E5, when the next “periodic check” occurs, the remaining 25 seat overallocation will now be adjusted down to 0.		
	Type:	Tenant:
	Admin impact, User impact	

Docu to check	Automation / Scripts, Working instructions for IT Support, Service Description
MS Preperations	<p>If you only assign licenses using the Microsoft 365 admin center User Interface, this message is for awareness only.</p> <p>If you utilize license assignment workflow automation (e.g. via PowerShell scripting) AND your automation logic permitted assigning more licenses than owned, you will need to update the automation logic to avoid an overallocation.</p> <p>To avoid potential process failure, update Automation logic before November 2, 2020.</p> <p>Note that already licensed users will not see any loss or impact to their service.</p> <p>If you utilize Group Based Licensing, you should periodically verify your available licenses are adequate for group membership counts.</p> <p>If you anticipate having an insufficient number of licenses to meet your needs, you may be able to place a license reservation on the "https://www.microsoft.com/Licensing/servicecenter/default.aspx" Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center.</p> <p>You may also want to contact your account team, reseller or partner, who can address questions and place orders on your behalf.</p> <p>Additional Information:</p> <p>Our updated license overallocation process only applies to the following license transition scenarios: step-up transitions, intentional true downs, returns and credit scenarios.</p> <p>To learn more about licensing, including License Reservations and how to make a License Reservation, please visit the "https://docs.microsoft.com/licensing/license-faq" Licensing FAQ.</p> <p>Microsoft values feedback and questions from our customers. Please feel free to reach out to your account team, reseller or partner for more information. You may also provide feedback or questions via Message Center.</p>
MS How does it affect me	<p>Our updated license overallocation logic has been enabled for all Enterprise Agreement customers.</p> <p>For customers who have not transacted a qualifying license transition order, any existing (fixed value) overallocation will be reset to zero starting November 2, 2020.</p> <p>Note that existing licensed users will not see any disruption in their service.</p>



What's next to do normal Items

Microsoft 365 admin center: Network Connectivity in the Microsoft 365 admin center		67153
		check before: 03/31/2020
<p>The Network Connectivity category within Admin Center allows you to see a network assessment that evaluates the impact of your network design on Microsoft 365 user experience in a 0 – 100 scale. This is calculated based on network attributes which have been proven through support cases to affect user experience the most. The network assessment is best evaluated at a specific office location, but an organization wide network assessment is also provided. In addition, specific network insights are provided which identify network design improvements that could be made to align with the published network connectivity principles and improve network performance.</p>	Status:	In development
	Created:	09/26/2020
	Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center
	Platform:	Education, US Instances, World tenant, Online
	Scope:	Administration
	Ring:	Preview
	Type:	Admin impact, New feature
		Tenant:

CAUTION

New item - "Launched"

Microsoft Teams: PSTN usage report in Teams Admin Center

68757

Teams PSTN usage report in the Microsoft Teams admin center gives you an overview of calling and audio conferencing activity in your organization. You can view detailed calling activity for Calling Plans if you use Microsoft as your telephony carrier and for Direct Routing if you use your own telephony carrier.

check before:	05/31/2020
Status:	Launched
Created:	09/22/2020
Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams
Platform:	World tenant, Online
Scope:	Administration, Compliance, Licensing
Ring:	General Availability
Type:	New feature, Admin impact
Tenant:	

Microsoft 365 admin center: New Microsoft 365 admin center multi-tenant management experiences

67130

These experiences are for Microsoft 365 admins that manage multiple tenants. They include a tenant switcher, assessing the health and status of multiple tenants, performing repetitive tasks against multiple tenants, and understanding configuration differences between multiple tenants.

check before:	08/31/2020
Status:	Rolling out
Created:	09/21/2020
Product:	Azure Active Directory, Microsoft 365 admin center
Platform:	World tenant, Web, Online
Scope:	Administration
Ring:	General Availability
Type:	Admin impact, New feature
Tenant:	

The Network connectivity category within the Microsoft 365 admin center allows you to see a network assessment that evaluates the impact of your network design on Microsoft 365 user experience in a 0 – 100 scale. This is calculated based on network attributes which have been proven through support cases to affect user experience the most. The network assessment is best evaluated at a specific office location, but an organization wide network assessment is also provided. In addition, specific network insights are provided which identify network design improvements that could be made to align with the published network connectivity principles and improve network performance.

When this will happen

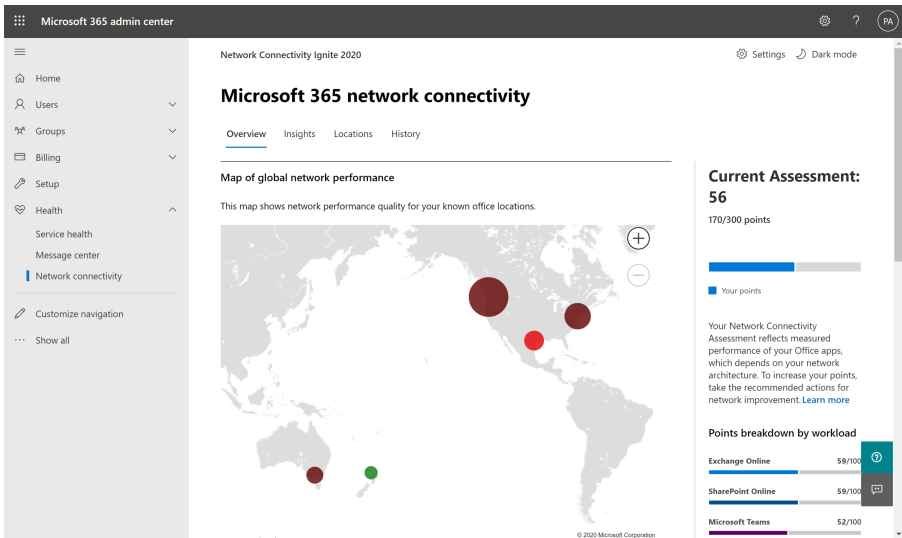
The feature is available in preview now and can be accessed by signing up in the Microsoft 365 admin center. It is planned to be generally available by April 2021.

check before:	10/02/2020
Status:	
Created:	09/26/2020
Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center
Platform:	World tenant, Online
Scope:	Administration
Ring:	

Type:	Admin impact, New feature	Tenant:
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Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support
MS Blog Link	http://aka.ms/netignite
More Info URL	https://docs.microsoft.com/Microsoft-365/Enterprise/office-365-network-mac-perf-overview
MS Preperations	There's nothing you have to do. To get more value from the feature you would need to enable one of the three office location identification methods that are available.
MS How does it affect me	There's no impact to your organization and all of the new reporting is limited to being visible in the Health -> Network connectivity menu in the Microsoft 365 admincenter.

Image



We are making it easier for IT admins to review, manage, and grant consent to app permissions.

This message is associated with Microsoft 365 "https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?rtc=1&filters=&searchterms=67140" Roadmap ID 67140.

When this will happen This feature be available in the Teams admin center the end of September.

check before:10/03/2020

Status:In development

Created:09/26/2020

Product: Azure Active Directory, Graph API, Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams

Platform: Developer, World tenant, Online

Scope: Administration, Developer, Security, IT-Governance

Ring: Preview

Type: Admin impact, New feature, User impact

Tenant:

Links	67140,MC218561
Docu to check	Service Description, Automation / Scripts, Working instructions for IT Support
Linked Item Details	<div>MC218561 Title : (Updated) Introducing resource-specific consent for Microsoft Teams</div> <div>67140 Title : Microsoft Teams: View app permissions and grant admin consent in the Microsoft Teams admin center</div> <div>67140 Description: In Teams admin center global admins will be able to review and grant consent to Graph API permissions registered in Azure Active Directory, on behalf of the entire tenant for the permissions an app is requesting such as reading information stored in a team or sending an email on behalf of users. IT admins will also be able to review resource-specific consent (RSC) permissions for the apps within Teams admin center. With that admins will be able to unblock their users for the third-party apps they have already reviewed and approved to use in their organization.</div>
MS Preperations	Learn more: "https://docs.microsoft.com/MicrosoftTeams/app-permissions-admin-center" View app permissions and grant admin consent in the Microsoft Teams admin center
MS How does it affect me	<div>We are announcing three changes in the Teams admin center:</div> <div>Global admins will be able to review and grant consent to Graph API permissions registered in Azure Active Directory on behalf of the entire tenant for the permissions an app is requesting, such as reading information stored in a team or sending an email on behalf of users. Admins will be able to unblock third-party apps they have already reviewed and approved to use in their organization.</div> <div>In July (MC218561) we released the "https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoftteams/platform/graph-api/rsc/resource-specific-consent" resource-specific consent (RSC) permissions model which granted team owners the ability to consent for an application to access and/or modify a team's data. With this change, IT admins will be able to review the permissions for RSC apps deployed by team owners.</div> <div>IT admins can install apps with team scope to any team in their organization.</div>



Updated September 22, 2020: We have updated the timeline below.
Thank you for your patience. Soon you will be able to use a new Enterprise Content Delivery Network (CDN), Riverbed, should you need a CDN for live events in Microsoft Teams.
When this will happen
We will begin rolling this out in early September and expect the rollout to be complete by late September (previously mid-September).

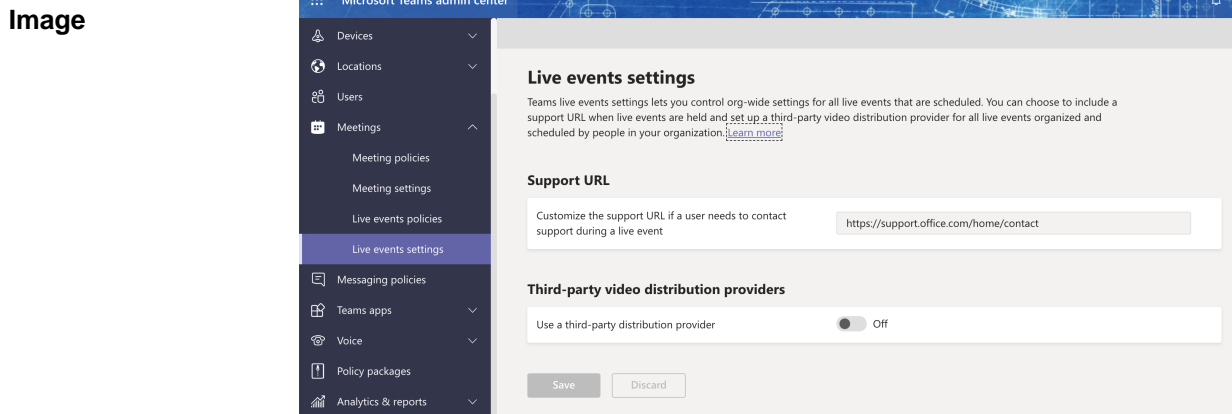
check before: 08/31/2020
Status:
Created: 08/18/2020
Product: Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams
Platform: World tenant, Online
Scope: Administration, Developer
Ring:
Type: Admin impact, Feature update
Tenant:

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Docu to check Working instructions for IT Support

MS Preparations You can select Riverbed via PowerShell, and Riverbed will be an option in the Microsoft Teams admin center.
- Set-CsTeamsMeetingBroadcastConfiguration -AllowSdnProviderForBroadcastMeeting \$True -SdnProviderName riverbed -SdnApiTemplateUrl "{API template URL provided by Riverbed}" -SdnApiToken "{API token GUID provided by Riverbed}"
Microsoft Teams admin center > Meetings > Live events settings
Learn more:
"https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoftteams/teams-live-events/what-are-teams-live-events" What are Microsoft Teams live events?

MS How does it affect me Riverbed, the industry standard in network optimization, will soon support Microsoft 365 customers. You will be able to accelerate Teams traffic to increase workforce productivity. This change gives you another CDN provider that you can use for live events in your tenant. Your current selection should not be impacted by this addition.



		check before:	08/31/2020
		Status:	Launched
		Created:	09/22/2020
		Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams
		Platform:	World tenant, Online
		Scope:	Administration, MDM
		Ring:	General Availability
		Type:	New feature, Admin impact
		Tenant:	
Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support		

Intune: New Endpoint Security Antivirus reports**MC222596**

		check before:	09/29/2020
		Status:	
		Created:	09/22/2020
		Product:	Defender, Intune, Microsoft 365 admin center
		Platform:	World tenant, Online
		Scope:	Administration, MDM, Security
		Ring:	
		Type:	
		Tenant:	
Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support		
More Info URL	https://aka.ms/new-endpoint-security-av-reports		
MS Preperations	Familiarize yourself with the new reports and update your documentation if needed. For more information on reporting, see " https://docs.microsoft.com/mem/intune/fundamentals/reports " Intune reports and " https://docs.microsoft.com/mem/intune/protect/endpoint-security " Manage endpoint security in Microsoft Intune.		
MS How does it affect me	We're adding four new reports for Microsoft Defender Antivirus on Windows 10 in Microsoft Endpoint Manager. These reports include: Two operational reports, Windows 10 unhealthy endpoints and Windows 10 detected malware. In Microsoft Endpoint Manager, select Endpoint security > Antivirus. Two organizational reports, Antivirus agent status and Detected malware. In Microsoft Endpoint Manager, select Reports > Microsoft Defender Antivirus. We encourage you to use these new reports over the legacy Threat Agent Status report which we will be deprecating in the future. Learn more about these reports on the blog: " https://aka.ms/new-endpoint-security-av-reports " https://aka.ms/new-endpoint-security-av-reports		

Exchange: Cross-tenant mailbox migration now available (Public Preview)	67128
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This feature is for customers with multiple tenants. It allows customers to perform self-service tenant-to-tenant mailbox migrations using the New-MigrationBatch PowerShell cmdlet or the Exchange admin center.

check before:	09/30/2020
Status:	Rolling out
Created:	09/22/2020
Product:	Exchange, Microsoft 365 admin center
Platform:	World tenant, Online
Scope:	Administration
Ring:	Preview
Type:	New feature
Tenant:	

Docu to check	Automation / Scripts, Working instructions for IT Support
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Microsoft Teams: Manage Teams displays in Team Admin Center	68754
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We are adding the Teams Display, one more device category that can be now managed within Teams Admin Center.

check before:	09/30/2020
Status:	In development
Created:	09/22/2020
Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams
Platform:	World tenant, Online
Scope:	Administration, MDM
Ring:	General Availability
Type:	New feature, Admin impact
Tenant:	

Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support
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Microsoft 365 Admin center: Microsoft Productivity Score General Availability	66866
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Transform how work gets done with Microsoft Productivity Score. It provides you visibility into how your organization works, insights that identify where you can enable improved experiences so people can reach their goals and actions to update skills and systems so everyone can do their best work.

check before:	09/30/2020
Status:	In development
Created:	09/22/2020
Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center
Platform:	World tenant, Online
Scope:	Administration, Compliance
Ring:	General Availability
Type:	New feature
Tenant:	

Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support
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More Info URL	https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/admin/productivity/productivity-score
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We are introducing new message tags in Microsoft 365 admin center Message center to enable more granular filtering and help you discover relevant messages. The message tags will be visible in the new Tag column in the list view and in the metadata line below the title on the message detail panel. The existing “Data privacy” label will be absorbed into the new tag system.

This message is associated with Microsoft 365 Roadmap ID "https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=&featureid=66469" 66469

When this will happen

We will be rolling this out to Targeted Release in late September. We expect completion of roll out to all customers by the end of October.

check before:

10/03/2020

Status:

In development

Created:

09/26/2020

Product:

Microsoft 365 admin center

Platform:

World tenant, Web, Online

Scope:

Administration

Ring:

General Availability

Type:

Admin impact, New feature

Tenant:

- Links

66469
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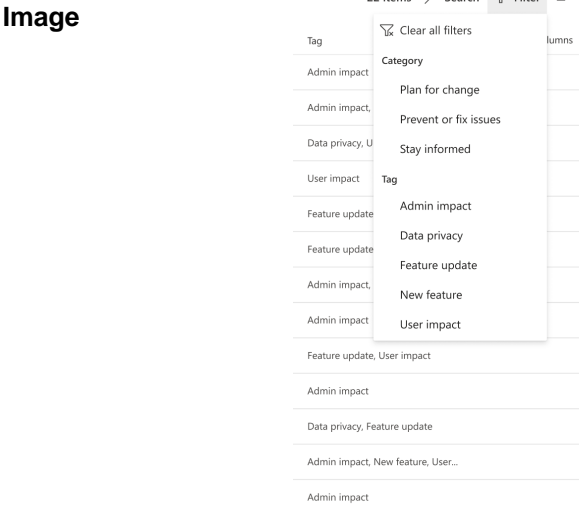
Working instructions for IT Support
- Linked Item Details

66469 Title : Microsoft 365 Admin center: Introducing additional message labels in Admin Center Message Center

66469 Description: We are introducing additional labels in the Message Center to enable more granular filtering of messages. The new labels will include "New feature," "Feature update," "User impact," and "Admin impact."
- MS Preperations

You may want to become familiar with the new tags and incorporate them into your workflow in Message center.
- MS How does it affect me

The new tags include "New feature," "Feature update," "User impact," and "Admin impact." You can use the filter drop-down menu to see all the messages with a specific tag.



		check before:	10/31/2020
Device management automatic alerting provides more efficiency in identifying devices issues by triggering notifications that can be turned into an immediate correction action.		Status:	In development
		Created:	09/22/2020
		Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams
		Platform:	World tenant, Online, mobile
		Scope:	Administration, MDM
		Ring:	General Availability
		Type:	Admin impact, New feature
		Tenant:	
Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support		

		check before:	10/31/2020
Data management capabilities for large event reporting, such as search, filter, pagination, and exporting of the data for better analysis.		Status:	In development
		Created:	09/22/2020
		Product:	Microsoft 365 admin center, Teams
		Platform:	World tenant, Online
		Scope:	Administration, Compliance
		Ring:	General Availability
		Type:	New feature
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