

cloudscout.one what's next CW 39

Product: Office app

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What's next to do Major Items

Office Apps: Microsoft 365 Apps Health

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The Microsoft 365 Apps health dashboard helps you optimize and discover and troubleshoot issues with the Office apps in your organization, allowing you to stay up-to-date with confidence.

check before:	08/31/2020
Status:	In development
Created:	09/25/2020
Product:	Office app
Platform:	World tenant, Online
Scope:	Endpoint Management, Administration
Ring:	Preview
Type:	Admin impact, New feature
	Tenant:

Docu to check

Service Description, Working instructions for IT Support

check before:	09/21/2020
Status:	
Created:	09/15/2020
Product:	Azure Active Directory, Exchange, Office app, OneNote, Outlook, SharePoint
Platform:	Online, World tenant
Scope:	Security, User, Administration
Ring:	

Updated September 22, 2020: We have updated this post to ensure it is displaying as intended.

Office has introduced a modern and OAuth based authentication mechanism in Office 2016 and Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise Win32 clients. Modern auth has been the default way of authentication in Office apps since the release of Office 365 ProPlus, more than 4 years ago. We however allowed customers to override this behavior by setting a regkey EnableADAL to 0 so that they could continue to use the legacy form of authentication against Microsoft 365 resources like SharePoint. This legacy form of authentication was powered by a library called IDCRL. It should be noted that the legacy form of authentication for Exchange Online is basic auth, which is different from IDCRL.

Our data suggests that less than 1% of commercial/organization users have overridden the default setting and are still using IDCRL for authentication purposes in Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise. Modern auth is a more secure way of signing-in. It also allows additional security features like AAD conditional access using multi-factor authentication and device compliance and policies around them.

We are going to remove support for IDCRL library in newer builds of Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise so that applications like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote will always use modern authentication with Microsoft 365 resources. This change will not impact Outlook, which uses basic authentication to communicate with Exchange when the EnableADAL regkey is set to 0.

Key points:

Major: Retirement

Timing:

Starting with Current Channel of Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise version 2010

Semi-Annual Enterprise Channel (Preview) starting version 2102 in March 2021

Semi-Annual Enterprise Channel in July 2021.

Action: No action, this is for awareness

	Type:	User impact	Tenant:
Docu to check	Service Description, Automation / Scripts, Working instructions for IT Support, User Knowledge base		
MS Preparations	There is nothing you need to do as this notice is for awareness.		
MS How does it affect me	When the change is implemented, users may see a sign-in prompt on each impacted device. Note: this affects only newer builds of Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise and does NOT impact Office 2016 and 2019 perpetual products.		

Reminder: Change in Process to Contact Microsoft Defender ATP Support**MC222822**

As originally announced in MC218778 (July '20) the process for opening support cases for Microsoft Defender ATP has changed with the availability of the new support widget. We completed rolling out the change in mid-September. Additionally, we wanted to provide additional guidance on which roles are needed to submit a Support request.

check before:

10/01/2020

Status:

Created:

09/25/2020

Product:

Defender, Office app

Platform:

World tenant, Online, Web

Scope:

Administration, AI, Security

Ring:

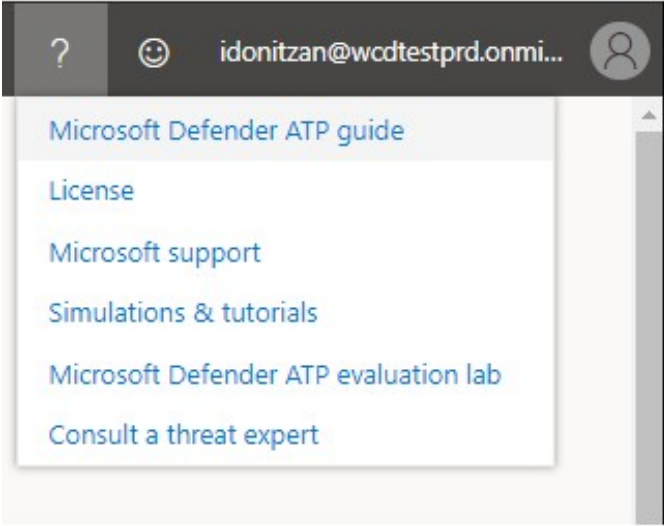
Type:

Admin impact

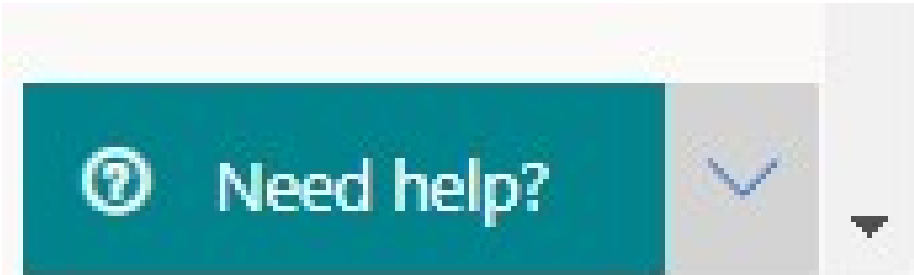
Tenant:

Links	MC218778
Pictures in MC	http://img-prod-cms-rt-microsoft-com.akamaized.net/cms/api/am/imageFileData/RE4C7AI?ver=7a1f http://img-prod-cms-rt-microsoft-com.akamaized.net/cms/api/am/imageFileData/RE4CcKo?ver=ec6a http://img-prod-cms-rt-microsoft-com.akamaized.net/cms/api/am/imageFileData/RE4C7AL?ver=ff03 http://img-prod-cms-rt-microsoft-com.akamaized.net/cms/api/am/imageFileData/RE4ChUH?ver=7379
Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support, Service Description
Linked Item Details	MC218778 Title : Microsoft Defender ATP support case submission experience
MS Preperations	<p>You may consider updating your training and documentation as appropriate.</p> <p>For more information on which roles have permission see, "https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/users-groups-roles/directory-assign-admin-roles#security-administrator-permissions" Security Administrator permissions. Roles that include the action "microsoft.office365.supportTickets/allEntities/allTasks" can submit a case.</p> <p>For general information on admin roles, see "https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/admin/add-users/about-admin-roles?view=o365-worldwide" About admin roles.</p>
MS How does it affect me	<p>Administrators can use this widget to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find solutions to common problems Submit a support case to the Microsoft support team <p>Note: At a minimum, one must have the Service Support Administrator OR Helpdesk Administrator role in order to open a case.</p> <p>Accessing the new support widget can be done in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clicking on the question mark on the top right of the portal and then clicking on "Microsoft support" Clicking on the "Need help?" button in the bottom right of the Microsoft Defender Security Center: <p>In the widget you will be offered two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find solutions to common problems Open a service request <p>The "find solutions to common problems" option includes articles that might be related to the question you may ask. Just start typing the question in the search box and articles related to your search will be surfaced.</p> <p>In case the suggested articles are not sufficient, you can open a service request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open a service request <p>This option is available by clicking the icon that looks like a headset.</p> <p>You will then get the following page to submit your support case</p> <p>On this page, you fill in a title and description for the issue you are facing, as well as a phone number and email address where we may reach you. You may also include up to five attachments that are relevant to the issue in order to provide additional context for the support case. Finally, you select your time zone and an alternative language, if applicable. The request will be sent to Microsoft Support Team. We will respond to your service request shortly.</p>

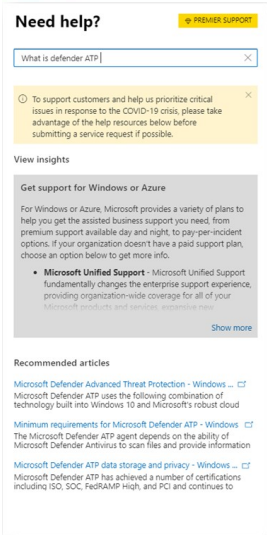
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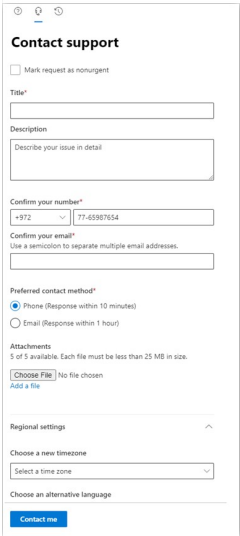
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Updated September 18, 2020: We have updated the title to more accurately reflect the state of the change. Additionally, we have provided more details about the timeline. We apologize for any confusion. Thank you for your feedback.

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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<http://img-prod-cms-rt-microsoft-com.akamaized.net/cms/api/am/imageFileData/RE4Dz9s?ver=8c35>

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.

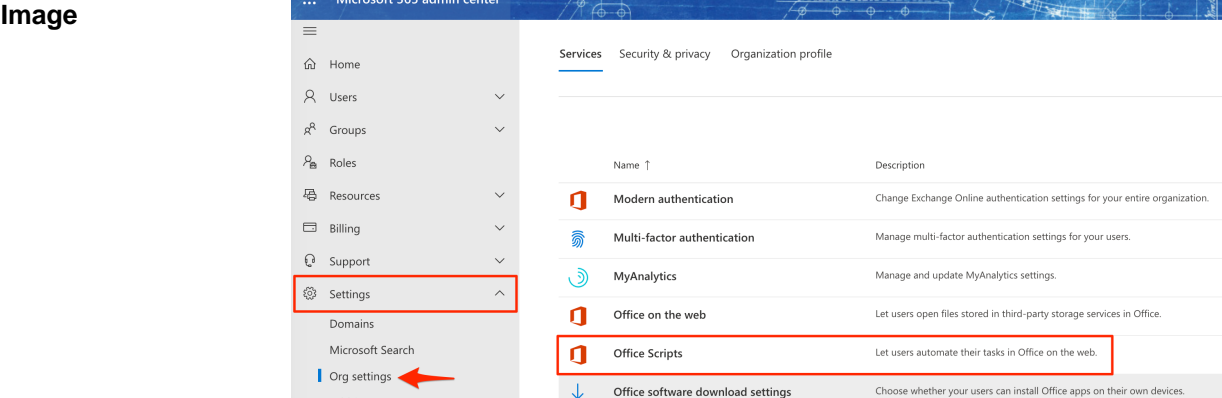
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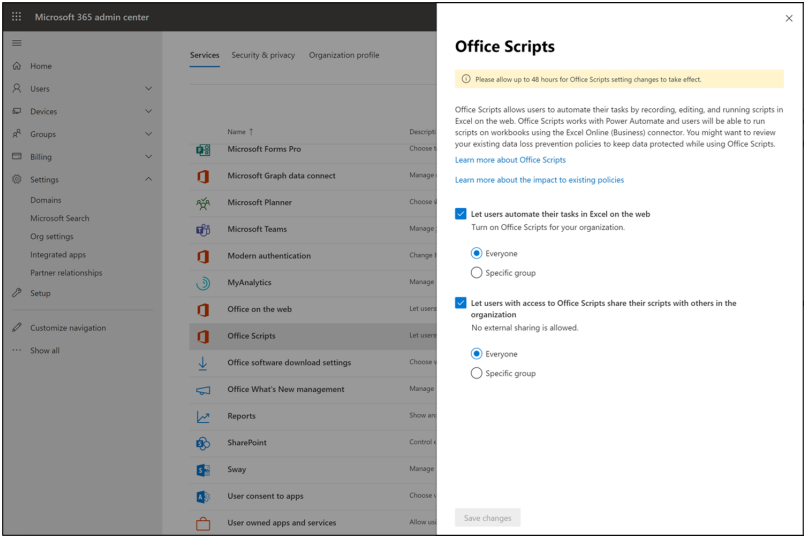
If your organization is not currently opted-in to the Office Scripts public preview experience, these controls will only affect Targeted Release users until the change is released to the rest of the organization.

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.





What's next to do normal Items

Outlook mobile: S/MIME improvements and delegate permissions		MC220427
		check before: 08/21/2020
		Status: varies
		Created: 08/15/2020
		Product: Intune, Office app, Outlook
		Platform: Android, iOS, mobile
		Scope: Administration, Security, User
		Ring: Monthly Channel (Standard)
For Outlook mobile clients, Microsoft is adding automatic signing and automatic message encryption using Secure Multipurpose Internet Mail extensions (S/MIME) as well as providing end user options to extend delegate mailbox permissions.		
These updates are related to Microsoft 365 roadmap IDs		
"https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=searchterms=67271" 67271,		
"https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=searchterms=67272" 67272 (S/MIME) and		
"https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=searchterms=67273" 67273,		
"https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=searchterms=67274" 67274 (delegate permissions).		
When this will happen		
Rollout for auto sign and auto encrypt with S/MIME will begin at the end of August and be complete by the end of September.		
Rollout for delegate mailbox permissions for end users will begin in early September and be complete by the end of September.		
Type: Feature update, User impact		Tenant:

Links	67271,67272,67273,67274
Docu to check	User Knowledge base, Automation / Scripts, User Trainings
Linked Item Details	<p>67271 Title : Outlook for iOS: Automatic signing and encryption</p> <p>67271 Description: User setting to enable all messages to be automatically signed and encrypted using Secure Mobile Internet Mail extensions (S/MIME).</p> <p>67272 Title : Outlook for Android: Automatic signing and encryption</p> <p>67272 Description: User setting to enable all messages to be automatically signed and encrypted using Secure Mobile Internet Mail extensions (S/MIME).</p> <p>67273 Title : Outlook for Android: End user options for Delegate permissions</p> <p>67273 Description: You can extend permissions to have your delegate manage email and calendar events on your behalf by granting permission to read, create, change or delete items in your folders. Colleagues who have delegate permissions can add a Delegate Mailbox account to Outlook for Android.</p> <p>67274 Title : Outlook for iOS: End user options to extend Delegate Permissions</p> <p>67274 Description: You can extend permissions to have your delegate manage email and calendar events on your behalf by granting permission to read, create, change or delete items in your folders. Colleagues who have delegate permissions can add a Delegate Mailbox account to Outlook for iOS.</p>
MS Preperations	<p>The S/MIME user settings ship default Off.</p> <p>Administrators can use their mobile device management solution to require always sign and/or always encrypt with an app configuration policy on devices that are either enrolled or not enrolled. Microsoft Intune will include this option at the at the end of September.</p> <p>You might want to update user documentation and training.</p>
MS How does it affect me	<p>For organizations that use S/MIME for added security for email, this release allows users to set the S/MIME setting to “Always sign” and / or “Always encrypt”.</p> <p>After a user enables this setting, they will no longer have to manually set each email to be signed and encrypted.</p> <p>Valid S/MIME certificates are required to send signed and encrypted emails.</p> <p>Outlook mobile users can now grant delegate inbox permissions from within Outlook for iOS and Android.</p> <p>Users can set a delegate mailbox in order to allow others to take actions on their behalf.</p> <p>This release also adds the ability for users that have been granted folder level permissions from other Outlook endpoints to view those folders in Outlook mobile.</p> <p>These enhancements now complete our offering with shared and delegate mailbox scenarios. Organizations can enable access to another person’s mailbox using FullAccess permissions or users can grant others access to their mailboxes using Delegate permissions.</p>

Office Apps: Security Update Report

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Keeping devices secure, compliant and up to date is a key to a environment secure. To help with that, you can access a new Security compliance report showing you the state of Office devices in your enterprise in relation to the uptake of the latest security patches available.

check before: **09/30/2020**
Status: **In development**
Created: 09/25/2020
Product: Office app
Platform: World tenant, Online
Scope: Security, Endpoint Management
Ring: Preview
Type: New feature, Admin impact
Tenant:

Docu to check Working instructions for IT Support

Office Apps: Device Inventory

68930

The Office Apps Device Inventory is the place to get detailed information on devices using Office apps in your organization.

check before: **09/30/2020**
Status: **In development**
Created: 09/25/2020
Product: Office app
Platform: World tenant, Online
Scope: Endpoint Management, Licensing
Ring: Preview
Type: Admin impact, New feature
Tenant:

Docu to check Working instructions for IT Support

check before:

10/01/2020

We have recently updated the "<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/authentication/howto-mfa-mfasettings#remember-multi-factor-authentication>" target="_blank" style="font-family: inherit;">remember Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on a trusted device feature to extend authentication for up to 365 days. You are receiving this email because you are currently using this setting within your tenant. However, you also have Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) Premium licenses, which allow you to use the "<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/conditional-access/howto-conditional-access-session-lifetime#user-sign-in-frequency>" Conditional Access – Sign-in Frequency policy that provides more flexibility for reauthentication settings.

When this will happen The extended duration for remember MFA on a trusted device and the Conditional Access sign-in frequency policy are available now.

Status:

Created:

09/25/2020

Product: Azure Active Directory, Office app

Platform: World tenant, Online

Scope: Administration, Security

Ring:

Type: Admin impact,
Feature update,
User impact

Tenant:

Docu to check

Automation / Scripts, Working instructions for IT Support

MS Preparations

To get started, review our "<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/authentication/concepts-azure-multi-factor-authentication-prompts-session-lifetime>" latest guidance on optimizing the reauthentication experience.

Then review your tenant configuration. If you have enabled more than one setting in your tenant, we recommend using only the Conditional Access policies of

"<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/conditional-access/howto-conditional-access-session-lifetime#user-sign-in-frequency>" user sign-in frequency or

"<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/conditional-access/howto-conditional-access-session-lifetime#persistence-of-browsing-sessions>" persistent browser sessions.

Review "<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/conditional-access/howto-conditional-access-session-lifetime>" Configure authentication session management with Conditional Access

Review "<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/authentication/howto-mfa-mfasettings#remember-multi-factor-authentication>" Remember Multi-Factor Authentication on a trusted device setting

MS How does it affect me

For the optimal user experience, we recommend using "<https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/conditional-access/howto-conditional-access-session-lifetime#user-sign-in-frequency>" Conditional Access sign-in frequency to extend session lifetimes on trusted devices, locations, or low-risk sessions as an alternative to the remember MFA on a trusted device setting. If using remember MFA on a trusted device, be sure to extend the duration to 90 or more days.

Outlook for Mac: Delegation

68820

Delegate Access goes beyond just sharing access to your folders. Delegates are granted additional permissions, such as creating email messages or responding to meeting requests on your behalf.

check before: **10/31/2020**
Status: **In development**
Created: 09/22/2020
Product: Office app, Outlook
Platform: Mac, US Instances, World tenant
Scope: User
Ring: Monthly Channel (Standard)
Type: New feature, User impact
Tenant:

Docu to check User Knowledge base, User Trainings

What's next to do minor Items

PowerPoint: Live Captions and Subtitles in PowerPoint for GCC and GCC-High

66205

Live Captions and Subtitles enables presenters to turn captions or subtitles on in 60+ languages, while presenting in 10+ spoken languages with PowerPoint for Windows 10, macOS, and Web. Note this release is for our GCC and GCC-High tenants, and does not yet include DoD environments.

check before: **08/31/2020**
Status: **In development**
Created: 09/21/2020
Product: Office app, Windows 10
Platform: Developer, US Instances, Windows Desktop
Scope: Developer
Ring: Monthly Channel (Standard)
Type: New feature
Tenant:

Docu to check User Knowledge base

More Info URL <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/present-with-real-time-automatic-captions-or-subtitles-in-powerpoint-68d20e49-aec3-456a-939d-34a79e8ddd5f>

Setup Office App on Monthly Enterprise channel to automatically receive updates from the Office CDN while maintaining control.		check before:	09/30/2020
		Status:	In development
		Created:	09/25/2020
		Product:	Office app
		Platform:	World tenant, Online
		Scope:	Endpoint Management
		Ring:	Preview
Type:		New feature, Admin impact	Tenant:
Docu to check	Working instructions for IT Support, Automation / Scripts		