MICROSOFT 365 IDENTITY AND SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Close the gaps in your cloud security

In uncertain times, it's more important than ever to know that your data is secure and protected from potential disruptions. How do you drive enhanced business agility and productivity to better meet market demands in times of shift and change?

Get the big picture for a holistic approach

When you're in the thick of the IT security forest, it's hard to see where you're going. With innumerable data sources, devices, systems, and other variables across the enterprise, it can be challenging to take in the big picture you need for a holistic approach to security. In the face of today's extra challenges, such as increased remote connectivity and the potential for cyberthreats, maneuvering through the IT security forest can become even harder.

Beyond these challenges lies the fact that analyzing your organization's tool stack to determine which tools are being utilized to their fullest can be a multidisciplinary event, involving multiple decision makers within the company (alongside IT). While this may sound like a good thing, the democratization of IT can also increase potential threats.[1] When security decisions are too decentralized, you can wind up with managers across the organization deploying their own solutions that may not pass review, or worse, may open you up to new threats. This could cause your organization to possibly lose some control over security.

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[1] https://www.forbes.com/sites/insights-ibmresiliency/2019/08/14/cyber-resilience-perception-gaps-what-could-go-wrong/#4af6682a18ec

More often than not, organizations have unforeseen gaps from an IT infrastructure perspective. While mobile devices and cloud applications have accelerated workplace productivity, they also create new opportunities for security vulnerabilities due to access and permissions. Managing around those vulnerabilities can be operationally difficult.

In this e-book, we'll talk about breakthrough thinking from PSM and Microsoft that helps you to:

- Ensure your organization's data and IT infrastructure are secure

- Enable remote productivity without compromising on security

- Streamline solutions to gain efficiency and reduce costs

Overcome IT "analysis paralysis"

One of the top priorities in your organization is knowing that your data is secure—regardless of the IT environment. Safeguarding your company's assets in a way that won't slow down your productivity is an integral part of a multi-layered approach, and includes:

- Ensuring that the Microsoft technology you've already deployed is optimized from an identity and security perspective

- Assessing all the functionalities and capabilities within your organization without having the fear of reduced security

- Adopting emerging technologies in a simplified manner that allows for seamless productivity

- Protecting your data via customized guidance on how best to assess and implement current tool stacks

However, while you're trying to protect your data, you're also facing challenges—such as the pressure to modernize IT as a result of emerging threats, increased security scrutiny from modern workplace capabilities, and the need to stay up to date with compliance requirements based on industry. PSM's thought leadership in the arena of enterprise safety, security, and reliability gives you the know-how to help you transform your processes, enabling you to:

- Save time and money by streamlining operational processes that will keep your company secure from external threats

- Eliminate paralysis from the plethora of solutions that overlap in functionalities

- Customize your approach in order to propagate as much value as possible out of your tech investments and the subscriptions you've implemented

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A powerful partnership: PSM Partners + Microsoft have your back

By conducting customized assessments that will help uncover cumbersome business processes and security gaps within device and data management, PSM brings its powerful expertise to the table. With these assessments, organizations can establish confidence in day-to-day processes, knowing that inefficiencies are being recognized and rectified.

When considering data security, years of assessments have shown clearly that you need:

- A customized approach to security and infrastructure assessments

- A cloud-first approach to organizational readiness

- An approach that leverages built-in tools where appropriate and reduces overlap from redundant solutions

- Device and data protection and management via audits and monitoring

- Industry experience (PSM is a Microsoft Gold Partner with proven experience and over 200 customers)

PSM's partnership with Microsoft is a powerhouse of enhanced information-protection capabilities. As the infrastructure gaps in your cloud security close, you will gain the sense of control you need to conduct mission-critical business on a day-to-day basis.

- The Microsoft 365 product suite offers enhanced, intelligent security for a host of processes in the modern workplace, allowing you to manage several processes at once and omitting the need to perform repetitive tasks. This includes managing anti-virus/anti-malware for desktops and servers, anti-spam, compliance-level archiving, e-mail encryption, content filtering, data loss prevention, and data analytics.

- Comprehensive in nature, Microsoft 365 applies its technology across multiple point solution needs. This agility permits you the peace of mind to know that your platforms and processes are synchronized and protected across the board, from fraud detection to compliance to data protection and business continuity.

Stay ahead of your security gaps

Now more than ever, staying ahead of your security weaknesses and managing disruptions are business-critical issues. While thousands of organizations have implemented at least some component of the Microsoft 365 suite (Exchange Online or SharePoint Online, for example), many of them have not yet utilized its numerous, powerful security capabilities.

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Nonetheless, regardless of where you are on your journey, you have all your bases covered with PSM's Microsoft 365 Identity and Security Assessment:

• Know where your weaknesses lie. A review of key data within the organization and how this data is shared internally and externally is the first priority of the assessment.

• Understand overlapping functionalities and reduce unneeded costs with an analysis of the Microsoft 365/Office 365 workloads in use.

• Review your organization's current Active Directory environment (including Azure AD), with a focus on cloud identity functionality, flexibility, and overall stability.

• Understand current remote access and mobile device management (MDM) solutions and best practices, and how to enable remote workers in your organization without compromising on security.

• Assess your organization's messaging and collaboration security, including file collaboration and sharing policies and configuration.

• Understand how your compliance requirements can be met using the tools available in Microsoft 365.

A proven assessment process, customized to meet your needs

PSM will analyze your existing Microsoft 365/Office 365 environment within a robust framework to give you a roadmap that helps you move forward. This is accomplished utilizing Microsoft 365 technologies, PSM's own proprietary automation technologies, and other best-of-breed security solutions for a comprehensive approach. The assessment is customized based on your specific business needs and current configuration.

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Want to know more?

Porcaro Stolarek Mete Partners (PSM) is a swiftly growing force in the IT industry. PSM is the expert when it comes to helping your company achieve flexibility, resiliency, and cost-effectiveness in the face of the dizzying array of modernizing IT trends. PSM's holistic approach to securing your company's data empowers your organization with the business agility it needs to meet ever-growing market demands, especially in today's rapidly changing times.

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