

Email deserves more than Microsoft can give

Unlock the power of Mimecast to enhance security and productivity within the Microsoft 365 ecosystem

Ninety-one percent of attacks still involve email; it remains businesses' favorite workplace productivity tool and hackers' top delivery mechanism. As Microsoft 365 customers leverage the capabilities of this robust productivity suite, security and compliance challenges remain at the forefront. This solution brief delves into why Mimecast is an indispensable companion for Microsoft 365 customers, offering comprehensive email security, continuity, compliance management and productivity enhancements that seamlessly integrate with the Microsoft ecosystem.

Over-consolidation into Microsoft 365 concentrates both cost and technology — but it also concentrates risk. The more organizations depend on M365, the more concentrated the risk becomes. According to the **State of Email Security 2023**, 94% of cybersecurity decision-makers agree the native security offered by Microsoft 365 is not enough to keep businesses secure. Despite a wide range of features on offer from M365, email remains a tool that needs more security.

Organizations should consolidate into the cloud, with Microsoft offering essential functionality and now more security functions, we should be exploring: What can Microsoft do well? What do they not do? And what do they not do well enough? And perhaps most importantly, why do 157 organizations stop depending solely on Microsoft 365 for email and add Mimecast every month?

Reducing risk

Many of today's attacks are designed for Microsoft 365-dependent environments. Relying exclusively on a single vendor to keep your data safe, minimize human error, and identify, prevent and remediate attacks designed for them introduces significant cyber risk given the high rates of attack against Microsoft 365.

Mimecast finds that 1 in 11 emails delivered by M365 E5 alone are malicious. Layering Mimecast with M365 means measurably better efficacy in the top threat vector, and tight API connections means security teams are smarter than a team relying on solely on M365.

Simplifying complexity

Overburdened IT teams often look for ways to reduce tools, and Microsoft 365 E5 is designed to work alone. However, most organizations need more than E5 due to the nature of their businesses, and they often quickly realize additional tools are a necessity. Additional point solutions then drive up both cost and complexity, as well as create even more fatigue among IT staff.

Mimecast's solutions fill critical gaps in M365 E5 either by delivering functionality not included in E5, or by providing layered security to essential protections. Microsoft 365 and Mimecast work well together, particularly with tight API integrations.

Managing cost

Microsoft 365 E5 is costly, and organizations must continue to buy technology to solve the issues that E5 notoriously fails: network security, DMARC, and email security. Full reliance on E5 creates vendor lock-in while M365 will continue to dictate price and withhold essential functions.

With Mimecast, functionality and value are immediately apparent, and cost is negligible compared to E5. When it comes to malicious actors, human error, and full reliance on the most attacked platform, over-consolidation can be dangerous.

Why Mimecast?

Mimecast's multi-layered security solution protects against evolving threats, including phishing, ransomware, and impersonation attacks, providing robust defense for your organization. Ensure uninterrupted email access during Microsoft service outages, preserving productivity and business continuity.

Simplify compliance with industry regulations using Mimecast's granular control, e-discovery tools, and tamper-proof email archiving. Mimecast seamlessly integrates with Microsoft 365, enhancing the user experience and minimizing configuration complexities.

Mimecast Product Suite: Work Protected™

Mimecast integrates smoothly into the Microsoft ecosystem, allowing users to access Mimecast features directly within their familiar Microsoft applications. The Mimecast Product Suite provides granular control over email content, retention policies, access permissions and compliance management. In addition, Mimecast offers real-time scanning, threat emulation and attachment analysis to protect against email-based threats.

Mimecast remains a critical component

Mimecast, when coupled with Microsoft 365, empowers organizations to fully harness the potential of this powerful productivity suite while safeguarding against security threats, ensuring compliance and maintaining email continuity.

Managing risk, not technology

The Mimecast Product Suite: By creating fully integrated systems that integrate seamlessly with Microsoft 365, Mimecast turns email and collaboration protection into the eyes and ears of customers' organizations, transforming security from reactive to proactive.

Email demands the strongest protection

Email remains our primary work surface, so it comes as no surprise that this critical tool continues to be the favorite attack vector for malicious actors — over 90% of cyberattacks originate with email!

As the world's most popular email and collaboration platform, Microsoft 365 is an ideal vehicle for delivering these attacks and an irresistible target for cybercriminals. Despite Microsoft's efforts to secure M365 with an ever-expanding set of security offerings, *unwanted and dangerous email is still getting through.*

- **Advanced Email Security:**
Defend against the most sophisticated email attacks and stay ahead of threats with Mimecast Email Security.
- **Data retention & compliance:**
Simplify compliance, reduce time and cost of e-discovery searches and ensure data is never lost with Mimecast Cloud Archive.
- **Security Awareness Training:**
Make employees a trusted first line of defense and measurably reduce risk with Mimecast Security Awareness Training.
- **DMARC Analyzer:**
When paired with Advanced Email Security, DMARC Analyzer protects your by stopping direct domain spoofing.
- **Collaboration Security:**
Defend against cyberattacks launched through collaboration platforms like Protection for Microsoft Teams within Mimecast Email Security Cloud Integrated.

About Mimecast

Since 2003, Mimecast has stopped bad things from happening to good organizations by enabling them to work protected. We empower more than 40,000 customers to help mitigate risk and manage complexities across a threat landscape driven by malicious cyberattacks, human error, and technology fallibility. Our advanced solutions provide the proactive threat detection, brand protection, awareness training, and data retention capabilities that evolving workplaces need today. Mimecast solutions are designed to transform email and collaboration security into the eyes and ears of organizations worldwide.

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