



Microsoft 365

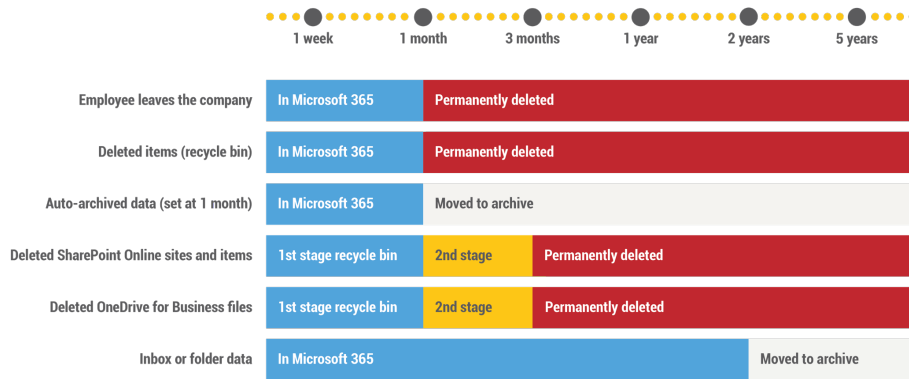
Why do you have to back up Microsoft 365 data?

Because Microsoft recommends it!

“We recommend that you regularly backup Your Content and Data that you store on the Services or store using Third-Party Apps and Services.”

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/servicesagreement/> 6. Service Availability

Microsoft makes sure the Microsoft 365 platform is available through geo-redundancy. Microsoft only offers short-term data availability.



Default settings Microsoft 365, September 2019

Expanding availability

Microsoft 365 does not have a comprehensive backup solution. Once the retention period expires, data will be deleted and cannot be recovered.

Protecting yourself against ransomware attacks

Microsoft expressly states that recovery of Exchange data at a certain point in time is not possible. Keeping a separate copy of the data makes it possible to recover quickly from an attack.

Planning an exit scenario

Planning exit scenarios from the beginning should be the part of every business decision, especially when it comes to your own data.

Avoid dependencies & blackmail

A company that is completely dependent on a single cloud provider is at a great risk. People are even trying to blackmail companies.

Compliance

When users are deleted from Active Directory, all of their data and associated SharePoint pages are deleted. What happens when they are needed for a lawsuit?

Role separation

Nowadays, companies are demanding that roles be kept separate. Doing backups on the production platform creates a single point of failure. It is possible to delete data in Microsoft 365 either accidentally or wilfully.

