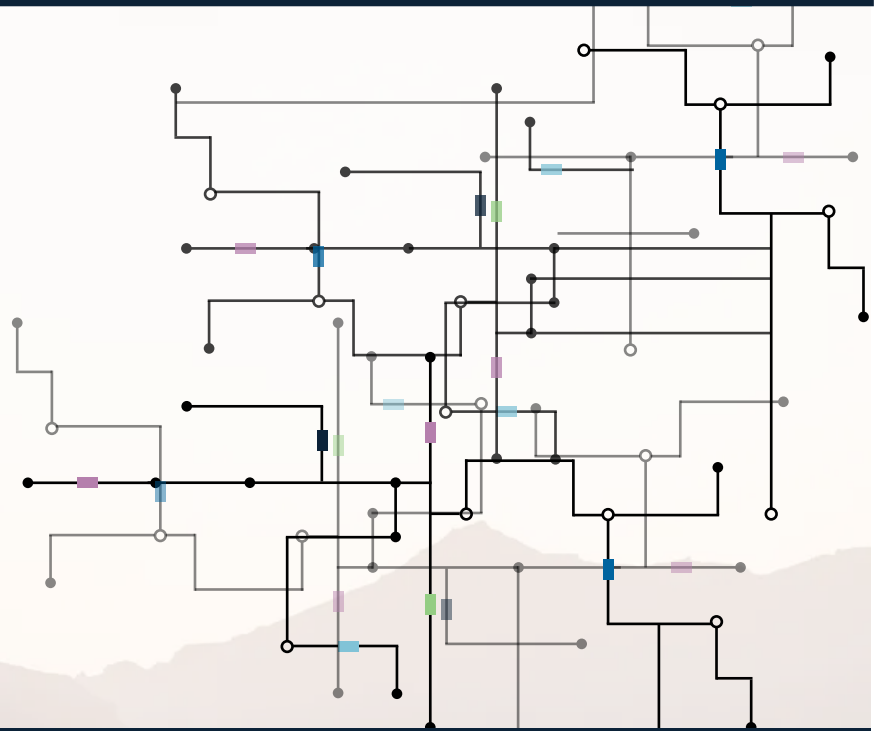
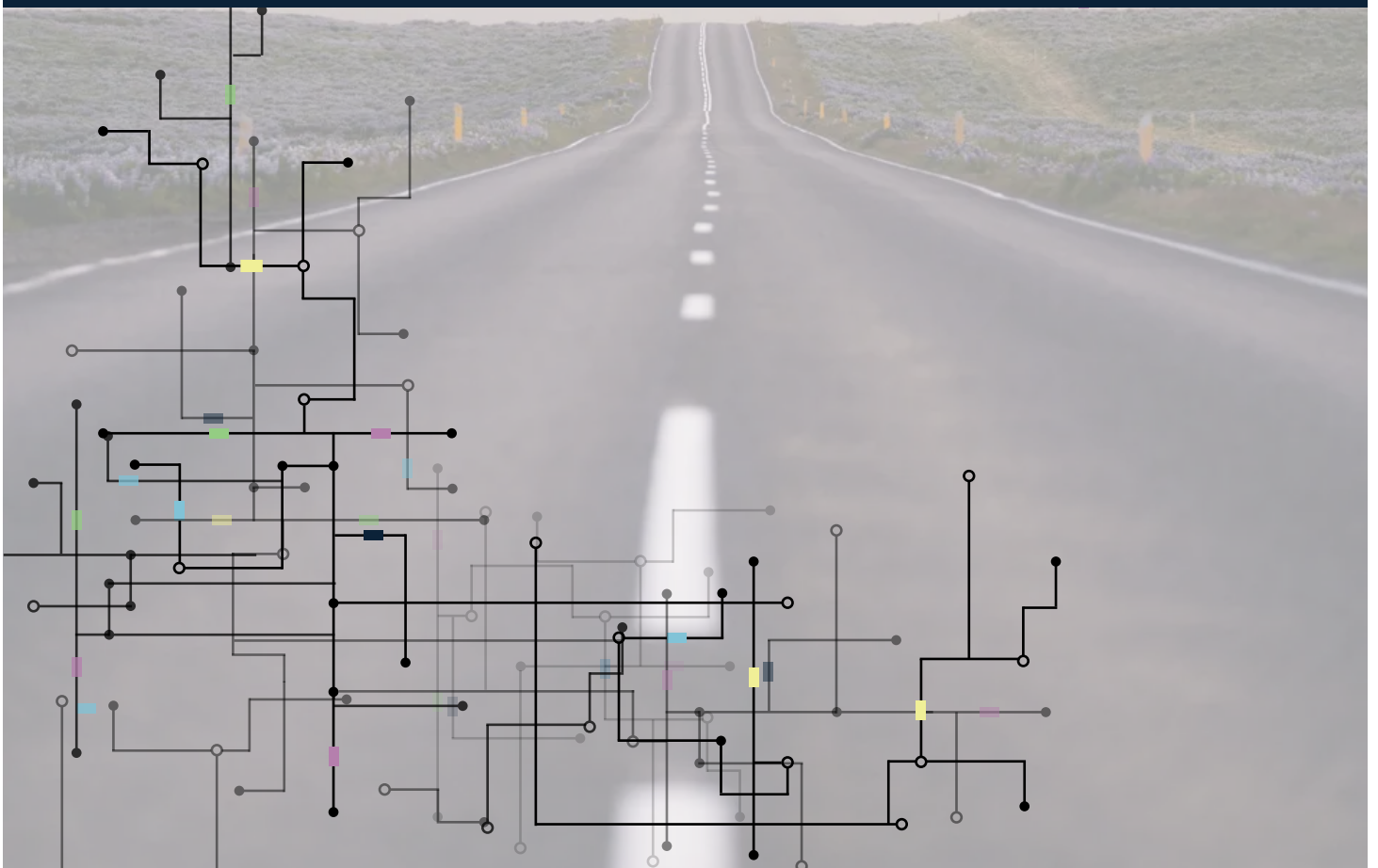


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Roadmap To Microsoft 365 Enterprise Plans



Microsoft is not known for its easy to understand licensing, and the same is true when it comes to their Microsoft 365 plans. You're looking for a complete software package and probably excited to get everything in one place. But that excitement is easily disrupted by the confusion around all the Microsoft Enterprise plans available.

We get it. It's confusing.

Having spent many years helping customers get the most from Microsoft and make smart software purchasing decisions. If you want to get started on your new Microsoft 365 plan today, you will want to be able to pick one that can suit the needs of your specific organization.

At [MetrixData 360](#), with many years of experience going toe-to-toe against Microsoft, we pride ourselves in being educators in helping our client's make smart software purchasing decisions. So, let's take a look at the various Microsoft 365 plans that are available, and which is right for you.

What is Microsoft 365?

Microsoft 365 is the platform on which a collection of separate products can be placed and accessed in a single location. [The products that can be housed on Microsoft 365 include:](#)

Creation Tools: Word, Power Point, Excel, Publisher, OneNote, Flow, To-Do, PowerApps

Communication Tools: Outlook, Exchange, Microsoft Teams, Kaizala

Collaboration Tools: Delve, Yammer, Sharepoint, Sway

Data Analysis: Power BI

Data Storage: OneDrive

[Back in July of 2020](#), Microsoft announced that updates would be made to the Enterprise plans concerning Teams, offering a new Phone System, Audio Conferencing, and Domestic Calling Plans. However, before its launch, [Microsoft recently announced that this new update](#) has been placed on hold indefinitely, only vaguely blaming the rapidly evolving marketing conditions for this decision.

Comparing Microsoft 365 Enterprise Plans

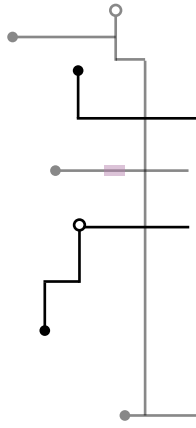
While there are a large variety of plans for single users, for non-profit organizations, academia, and government, today we'll just be looking at the Enterprise plans.

The one thing all the enterprise plans have in common is that they are built for large industries. This includes industries where there are more than 300+ users where complex levels of productivity, communication and collaboration are needed.

Of all the enterprise plans listed below, [there are a few commonalities](#) that you'll find amongst all the plans, including:

- Enterprise emails with customizable email domain addresses
- Around the clock support from Microsoft
- Guaranteed uptime and SLA

There are three enterprise editions that large companies can pick from: E1, E3 and E5. So, let's take a look at each.



E1

The most basic and cheapest of these plans, the E1 is a rather light version. It includes:

- Microsoft Exchange which allows for email and calendars
- Yammer, which allows for social networking within an organization
- MS Stream for the secure upload, view and sharing of videos
- Content discovery with Delve
- Manage daily tasks of staff with StaffHub and Planner
- Communication, along with team sites like SharePoint
- OneDrive for Business, allowing you up to 1TB cloud storage
- Teams (which has adopted components and functions of Skype for Business)
- Online versions of Office applications such as Word, Powerpoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher

It's important to note that the E1 license does not allow for the installation of applications onto devices such as desktops, phones, or tablets. You will need a strong and constant internet connection in order to access the applications.

Best Suited for Businesses:

With a strong internet connection

Who are on a budget

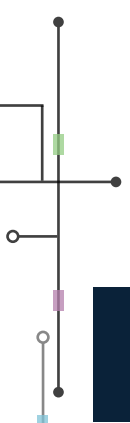
E3

While it supplies significantly more features than the E1, the E3 plan is also significantly more expensive. Each user gets a full license and is also allowed to install the applications onto 5 desktops, 5 smartphones, and 5 tablets.

- What you get for your money includes everything that is a part of the E1, in addition to:
- MS Office Suite including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook, OneDrive for business, Teams, Access, and Publisher
- Cross platform installations allowing you to install office applications on numerous devices, such as Windows, Macs, Androids, tablets and smartphones
- Extra Cloud storage, E1 offers 1TB of cloud storage through OneDrive for business, which usually supplies you with an ample amount of space. With the E3 however, although 1TB is your default setting, increasing to 5 TB or even 25 TB is allowed if needed.
- Data Loss Prevention is available to protect sensitive data and prevent data leaks.
- Data management functions including archiving document level encryption, advanced emailing, access control of emails, rights management, intelligent search, and discovery features.

Best suited for businesses:

Who work spend a lot of time off line



E5

The E5 license is the top tier of the Microsoft enterprise licenses and is the most expensive. E5 is best suited for someone who uses such applications from the time they get into work to the time they leave. While it can get complicated mixing and matching between the different licenses of Microsoft enterprise, it's not advisable that every member of a company to have an E5 license, since companies have members who do not use Microsoft applications daily. The E5 includes everything mentioned in the E3 license, as well as the following features:

- State of the art security, protecting your data from all threats like phishing and malware
- Control to access and encryption key advanced threat protection, threat intelligence and advanced eDiscovery for cyber security and effective insight.
- Analytic tools such as MyAnalytics and Power BI Pro, for visualizing and data analytics.

Best Suited For Business:

Who want top of class features, including security and Power BI Pro

Have a lot of power users with Microsoft, someone who uses Microsoft programs all day, every day.

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Microsoft Firstline Plans

In the wake of COVID-19, [Microsoft has announced its new \(F1\) and updated \(F3\) plans](#) specifically packaged for Firstline Workers, [which Microsoft defined as](#): “people whose primary role function is to work directly with customers or the general public providing services, support and selling products or workers directly involved in the manufacturing and distribution of products or services”. The plans aim to empower them with the resources and tools they need to get their jobs done.

F1

The F1 plan aims to provide a secure and connected foundation for First Line workers. It includes products like Microsoft Teams, SharePoint, Yammer, Stream, and Enterprise Security+Management. As far as pricing is concerned, it is significantly cheaper than E1.

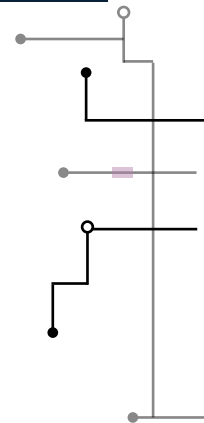
F3

The F3 includes everything in the F1 plan, including additional features to improve productivity and innovation. The price for the F3 sits between the E1 and E3 licenses. [Other features include:](#)

- Around the clock support
- Office applications for both the web and as apps for your devices
- Outlook with 2GB for every user
- 2GB OneDrive for Business storage
- Power Automate
- Active Directory Integration

Best Suited for Businesses:

Can meet the definition of Front Line Workers
Needs only the basics of Microsoft programs.



Pick the Microsoft Enterprise Subscription Plan That's Right for You

With so many options from Microsoft, it can be difficult to tell which plan will provide you with the most value for the least cost.

At MetrixData 360, we have designed a tool specifically equipped in dealing with optimizing value while lowering the cost of your Microsoft subscription plan. For more information you can check out our tool page to read more about our Microsoft 365 analytics Tool.



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