



Beyond the GDPR

How to respond to ongoing and ever-changing
regulatory requirements

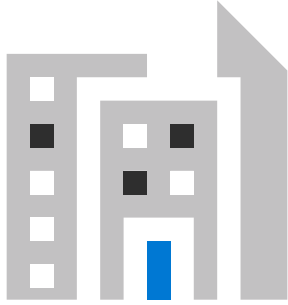


Introduction

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is just one example of new compliance requirements in the digital age, but the regulatory landscape only continues to change. Globalization, increasing business complexity, and waves of new or revised laws and standards combine to make regulatory compliance a moving target.

Microsoft has a long history of helping our customers comply with complex regulations. With a global datacenter footprint, an industry-leading certified compliance portfolio, and services architected to be highly secure by design, Microsoft cloud services help make compliance more manageable with a simplified and complete approach to the governance of data and data policies.

Microsoft is always ready to answer questions and help business leaders and other professionals better understand—and meet—their compliance obligations, for the GDPR and beyond.



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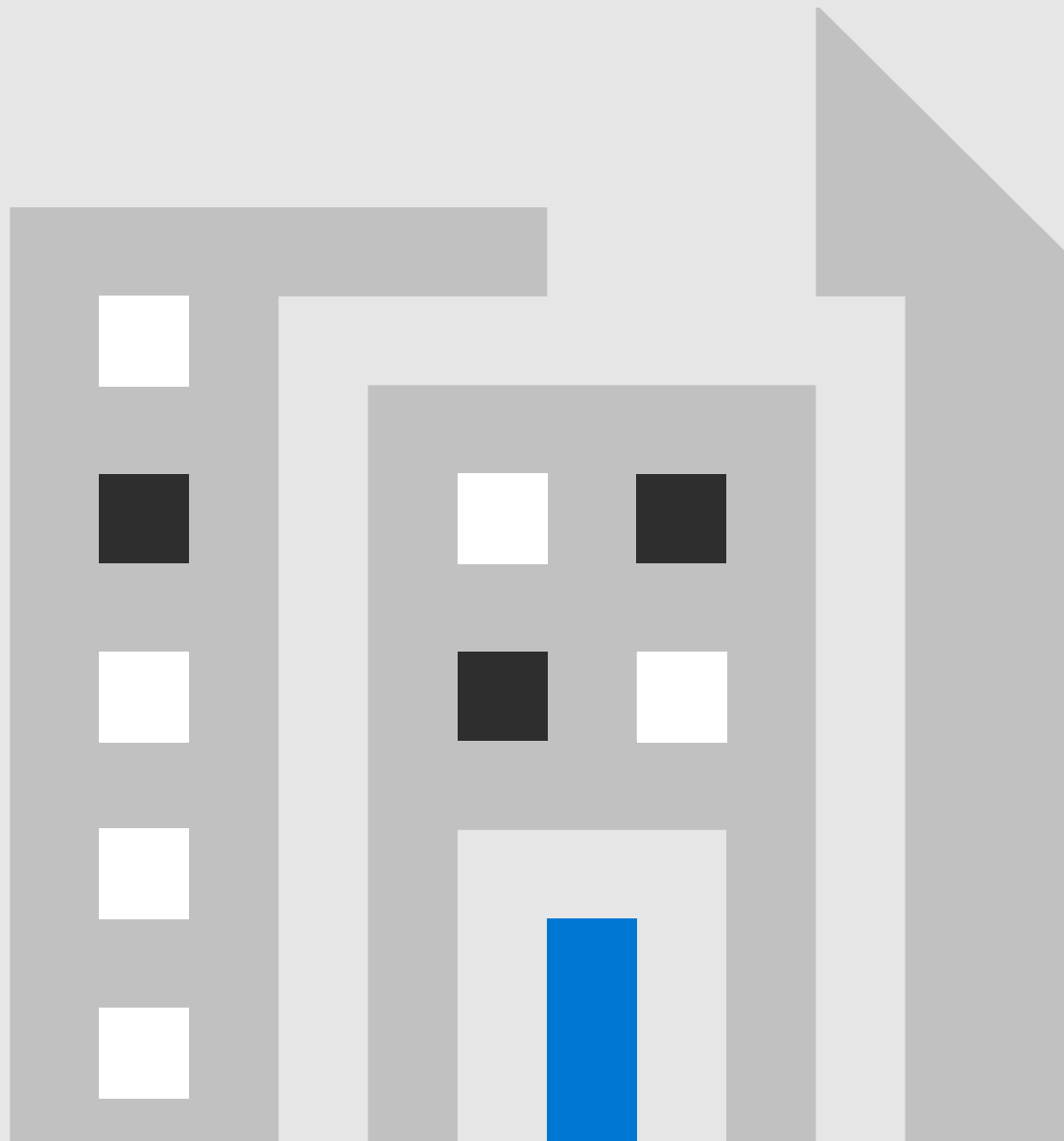
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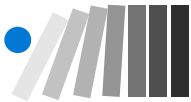




“I want to understand requirements and stay up-to-date with new developments.”

Given the hundreds of compliance laws and standards worldwide—and hundreds of thousands of individual compliance mandates—the first step in understanding which regulations apply to your business is getting the right facts

We are committed to providing your legal and compliance teams with a comprehensive landscape of information designed to help you understand and verify the compliance requirements of your organization’s cloud deployments, as well as information about when a particular regulation will be enforced. Our in-depth resources range from documents related to security, compliance, and privacy, to FedRAMP, ISO, SOC audit reports, data protection white papers, penetration test and security assessment reports, and more.

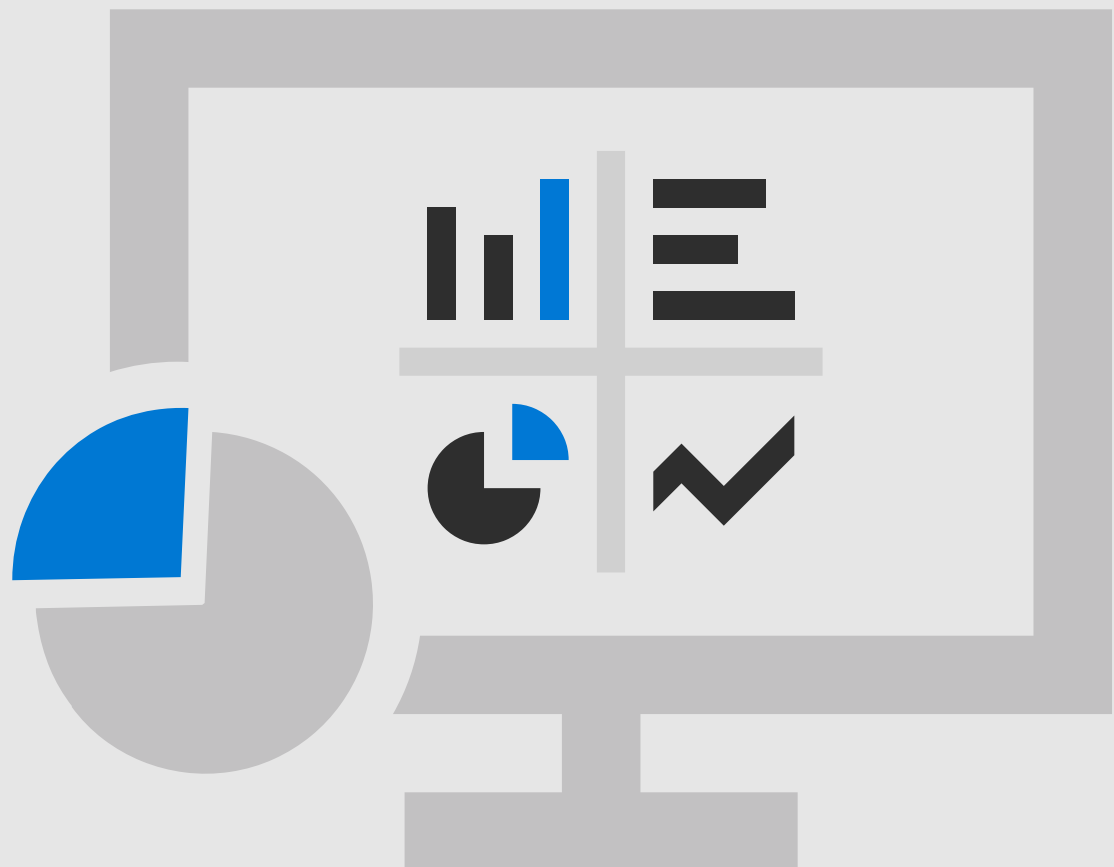


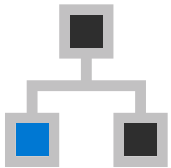
“I want to stay up-to-date on my organization’s level of risk.”

Microsoft [Compliance Manager](#) is a powerful self-service tool to simplify your compliance journey.

Ongoing risk assessments help you understand and manage your compliance posture across the Microsoft Cloud. We can provide actionable insights that help improve data protection capabilities, while simplifying compliance processes with built-in collaboration and audit-ready reporting tools.

**“How do I keep the
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“I need to know which data to save.”

As the amount of electronic data grows exponentially, many organizations are exposing themselves to risk by retaining unnecessary data. For example, many organizations continue to retain the personal information of former employees, which if compromised in a breach could require costly remediation.

We recommend using solutions that rely on machine learning to manage the data that is most valuable to your organization by detecting and auto-classifying sensitive data over many different data types. Your solution should cover not just email but any third-party communication streams, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Bloomberg.



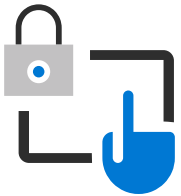
“I want a way to maintain my data automatically.”

Ideally, your compliance processes should be set up to keep only what you need and eliminate any trivial, redundant, or obsolete data. Machine learning can help auto-classify data, but once content is classified, you need a way to efficiently delete or protect it as long as necessary, as well as manage risk and reduce costs while staying compliant.

A solution that uses event-based retention can help, for example by triggering retention or deletion based on common organizational events, such as employee departure or project close. Automated alerts can also help identify data governance risks, whether default alerts (such as “unusual volume of file deletion”) or custom alerts that you set to match certain conditions or thresholds.

“How can I ensure my compliance strategy goes beyond IT?”





“I want to enhance my processes to be more efficient.”

The Microsoft Cloud can enhance compliance processes in any organization by streamlining compliance workflows and empowering cross-team collaboration. Our built-in control management and audit-ready reporting tools enable you to assign, track, and record your compliance activities.

Microsoft solutions can also help you automate your data governance processes, refine your internal privacy standards, and improve your privacy processes. With Microsoft’s integrated approach to compliance, we can often help organizations streamline even further, reducing unnecessary data processing, standardizing contracts with partners and vendors, and improving collaboration between engineering, privacy, and compliance teams.



Next steps

Want to learn how you can embrace the GDPR with the most complete, secure, and intelligent solution for digital work? Check out

[“Accelerate your GDPR Compliance Journey with Microsoft 365.”](#)

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