



## Behind the license: The real-life value we get from Microsoft 365 E5

When it comes to balancing enterprise-grade security, operational simplicity and long-term value, Microsoft 365 E5 stands out as the clear choice: offering a unified platform that empowers both IT leaders and business strategists alike.







## E5's new importance in the modern cyber security landscape

In today's threat landscape, where phishing, ransomware and AI-driven attacks are escalating, security isn't just an IT concern. It's a business imperative.

Microsoft 365 E5 is built with this reality in mind, offering a deeply integrated suite of tools that protect users, data and systems. From risk-based conditional access to Defender for Cloud Apps that automatically flags unsanctioned AI tools, it empowers teams to stay ahead of threats without adding complexity. For organisations aiming to meet standards like ISO or Cyber Essentials, E5 provides the foundation to not just comply, but to compete.

That's why we use E5 within Infinity Group. It gives us the confidence, consistency and control to operate securely at scale.



"We need to be secure ourselves in order to serve our clients properly. Without these tools, we wouldn't be able to get the accreditations we need."

– Tristan, CTO at Infinity Group



# E5 features that deliver us value

Microsoft 365 E5 is a tightly integrated ecosystem that simplifies IT management while raising the bar on security and productivity. Compared to E3 or Business Premium, it unlocks a suite of advanced tools that would otherwise require separate licenses or third-party solutions.

Here's how we're using it internally:

## Security & identity

- **Azure AD P2:** Enables risk-based conditional access and Privileged Identity Management, including Just-in-Time access, so we can tightly control who has access to what and for how long
- **Defender for Endpoint & Office 365:** Protects devices and communications from malware, phishing and advanced threats

## AI readiness

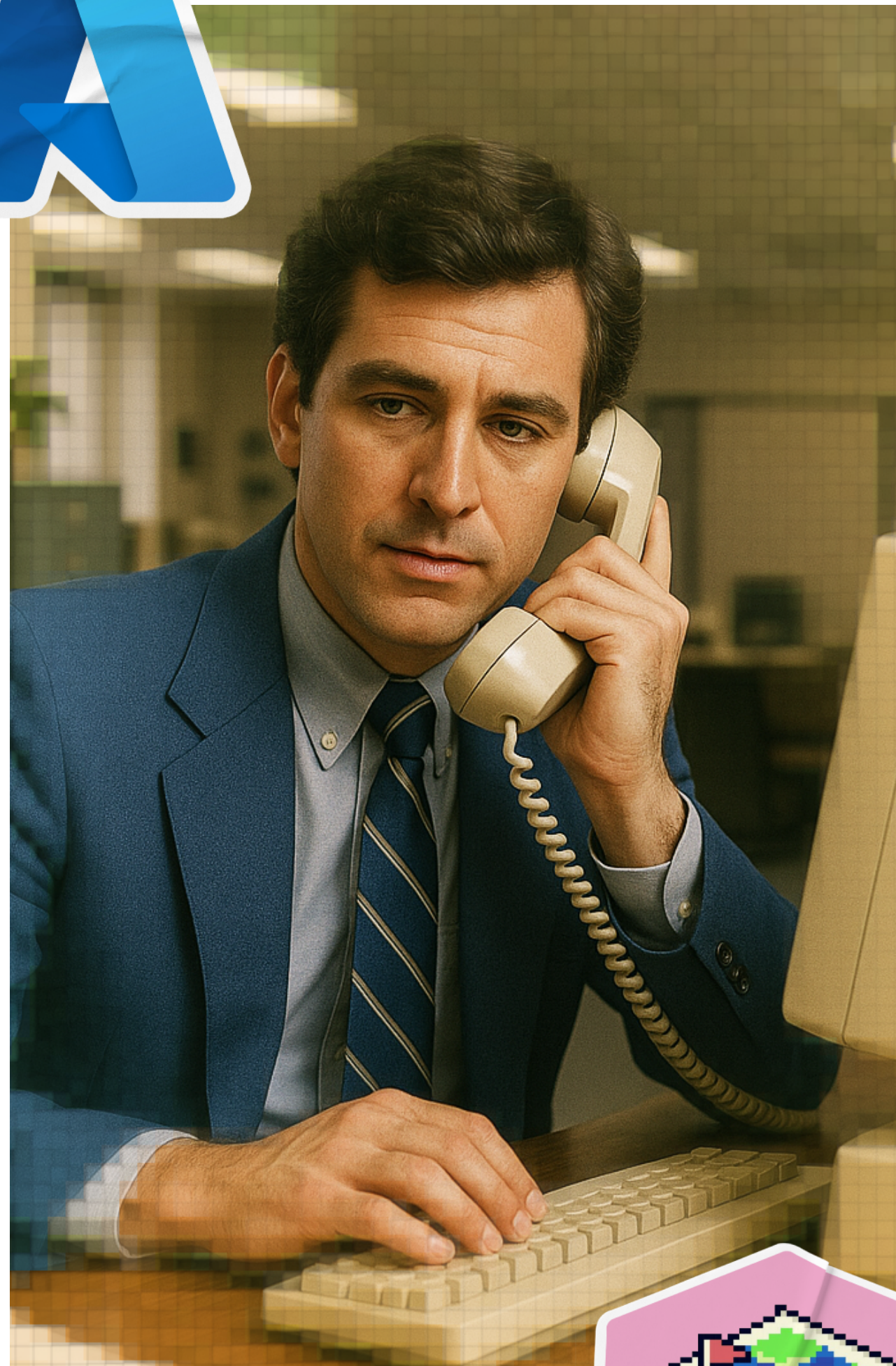
- **Defender for Cloud Apps:** Actively identifies and blocks unsanctioned AI tools based on risk scoring, giving us visibility and control over emerging AI risks to keep our environment secure and compliant

## Data governance

- **Microsoft Purview:** Powers our data classification and labelling strategy. We're rolling out DLP policies that automatically block sensitive data (like passport numbers) from being shared
- **Advanced eDiscovery:** Makes it easier to respond to subject access requests and locate critical data across our environment







## How E5 impacts our daily operations and our strategic vision

The strength of Microsoft 365 E5 lies not just in its features, but in how it meets the needs of both day-to-day IT operations and long-term strategic planning. For our team, that means delivering value at every level, from the server room to the boardroom.

### **The IT manager perspective: day-to-day efficiency**

Rory, our Internal IT Manager, is responsible for keeping systems secure, compliant and running smoothly. For him, E5 is about control, simplicity and peace of mind.

“We’ve built our whole environment around E5. The tools just work together - no extra connectors, no third-party integrations. It’s all in one place, and that makes it easier to manage, monitor and secure.”

E5’s integrated tools reduce the need for external vendors, streamline security policies and make it easier to respond to threats in real time.

### **The CTO perspective: strategic confidence**

For Tristan, our Chief Technology Officer, E5 is a strategic enabler. It supports the company’s growth goals, compliance requirements and architectural vision.

“We want to consolidate our technology in one place. With E5, we configure security once and it applies everywhere, whether it’s Dynamics, Business Central or mobile access.”

E5 is a way to future-proof the business, ensuring the company can scale securely, meet client expectations and maintain the certifications needed to gain trust.



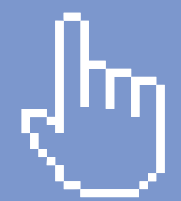
## Is E5 worth the cost?

While E5 may seem like a premium option at first glance, it quickly proves its value when you look at what's included—and what you'd otherwise have to bolt on or buy separately.

With E3, many of the tools we rely on day-to-day simply aren't included. To match the same level of security, compliance, and integration, you'd need to:

- Add multiple Microsoft add-ons (like Defender for Cloud Apps, Azure AD P2, Purview DLP)
- Purchase third-party software for things like antivirus, eDiscovery or telephony
- Manage separate vendor relationships, support contracts and integration overhead

That's not just more expensive, it's more complex, harder to maintain and slower to respond when something goes wrong.



Ready to discover if E5 is the right fit for your business?  
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