



Rethink your security strategy

Global disruption is exacerbating security challenges

Recent global disruption has dramatically changed the cybersecurity landscape. Many organizations have had to implement new, unfamiliar operating models and quickly deploy technologies that support their new working environments. This has opened new vulnerabilities across platforms and systems that attackers are exploiting. For many organizations, their risk posture has fundamentally been altered. Now is an ideal time to rethink your security strategy.

Avanade can help protect your organization so that you can build a resilient and scalable operation that's fit for a flexible future. We have helped clients of all sizes – including scaling remote connectivity and access for 200,000 employees for a large retail bank, and the implementation of a Microsoft 365-powered secure modern workplace for a global manufacturer.

Be ready for whatever comes next

We anticipate that organizations will go through three waves of change – respond, reset and renew. Taking the right **security steps** during these phases will help to protect the core operations of your business so that you can build a resilient and scalable operation that's fit for a flexible future.

Respond

Many organizations are beginning to emerge from this first phase after the global pandemic. During this time, the focus has been on ensuring business continuity by enabling employees to work and maintaining

Security Step

Adapt to maintain business continuity by updating Modern Workplace, Cloud and Digital Identity platforms.

Reset

Already we are seeing many of our clients move beyond the respond phase to adopt a reset mindset, to manage through an economic slowdown as a lighter-weight and more agile business.

Security Step

Prioritize and plan how to address identified risks with comprehensive assessments roadmaps.

Renew

Over the course of the coming 12-18 months, we expect organizations will increasingly shift their attention to how they can renew and position themselves for the future.

Security Step

Enable new, secure business models and continually adapt to changing conditions with extended M365 security and enhanced identity and cloud solutions.

Take the next step

If, like many of our clients, you have had to rapidly scale remote working, a good place to start is one of our security assessments or workshops. Depending on your needs, you can pick one, or take a combination.

In each assessment and workshop, we will work with you to understand your business drivers, existing infrastructure, and processes to come up with a holistic assessment of your security landscape and risks. From here we create a roadmap to help you realize your security vision over the long term.

We offer the following three assessments and workshops:

Microsoft 365 Security assessment and workshop

Assesses your Microsoft 365 environment to identify gaps and remediation areas. This includes:

- A comprehensive **analysis and roadmap** based on your organization's security controls and business requirements.
- An enhanced **Secure Score** report and dashboard, benchmarked against industry standards.
- A focus on **quick wins** and the creation of a future security roadmap strategy.

Identity Infrastructure and Process Assessment

To help you build a modern digital identity strategy. This includes:

- Evaluating your infrastructure to identify areas of improvement, **modernize your identity and authentication** strategy.
- Focus is on building **capabilities and governance** across Identity & Access management, Identity governance and Privileged access management.
- The assessment sets a course where clients **can realize a secure identity perimeter** while enhancing the user experience and enabling collaboration without boundaries.

Cloud Security Assessment

To help you understand and enhance your cloud security infrastructure. This includes:

- An assessment of your **cloud security posture**, incorporating best practice recommendations from Microsoft on Azure, as well as framework alignment with CIS best practices.
- Begins with an assessment and **proof-of-concept** based on key challenge areas, including selection of cloud, on-prem or hybrid technologies.
- Outcomes include proposals highlighting approaches to **address and identifying quick wins** through to strategic re-work.

Who we work with

Stellar security unlocks full workplace potential

Challenge: The client sought to construct a future-ready digital workplace and introduce a state-of-the-art employee experience and establish a secure foundation.

Solution: The implementation of a Microsoft 365-powered secure modern workplace featured a wide range of solutions, from secure cloud services through to a mobile workplace and best-of-breed collaboration.

Results: The organization is now seeing a wide variety of compelling business results from the project:

- **Security:** Two key security principles – “Identity as control plane” and “zero trust” – are fully supported.
- **Productivity:** Employees can leverage the same workplace experience across various secure device types remotely.
- **Efficiency:** Secure evergreen workplace platforms have helped the client achieve a faster time to market and IT delivery efficiency.
- **Employee experience:** Employees can now collaborate more easily and make better business decisions.

Why Avanade?

At Avanade, we're the experts at helping you secure your Microsoft and hybrid IT ecosystems. Our security services provide a holistic approach through advisory, implementation and managed services.

Recognized as the Microsoft 20/20 Security Advisory Partner of the Year, we provide proven methodologies, deep expertise and leading-edge technology. As a managed security provider, we can also augment your security team and provide the 24/7 monitoring of events and ongoing operational support to help you stay ahead of security risks.

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