

Renaming Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) to Microsoft Entra ID

What

Microsoft has announced the renaming of Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) to Microsoft Entra ID. This name change aims to unify the Microsoft Entra product family, reflect the progression to modern multicloud identity security, and simplify secure access experiences.

When/Why

The name change is part of Microsoft's effort to streamline its identity and access management offerings. By renaming Azure AD to Microsoft Entra ID, Microsoft intends to provide a consistent identity security experience across its product lineup. This change aligns with the company's strategy to enhance secure access for education organizations, corporations, state and local government, and other customers.

How

No action is required from users who are currently using Azure AD or deploying it in their organizations. The service will continue to function without interruption, and all existing deployments, configurations, and integrations will remain unaffected.

Users can still access the familiar capabilities of Azure AD through the Azure portal, Microsoft 365 admin center, and the Microsoft Entra admin center. All features, capabilities, licensing, terms, service-level agreements, product certifications, support, and pricing will remain the same.

The new name for standalone offers will be Microsoft Entra ID Free, Microsoft Entra ID P1, and Microsoft Entra ID P2. However, the capabilities included in the current Azure AD plans will not change. Microsoft Entra ID will continue to be included in Microsoft 365 licensing plans, such as Microsoft 365 E3 and Microsoft 365 E5. More details on pricing and inclusions can be found on the [pricing and free trials page](#).

The renaming does not impact the following:

- Microsoft Authentication Library (MSAL)
- Microsoft Graph
- Microsoft Graph PowerShell
- Windows Server Active Directory
- Active Directory Federation Services (AD FS) and Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS)
- Azure Active Directory B2C
- Any deprecated or retired functionality, feature, or service of Azure AD

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