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Copilot readiness and resiliency with M365 Backup and Archive

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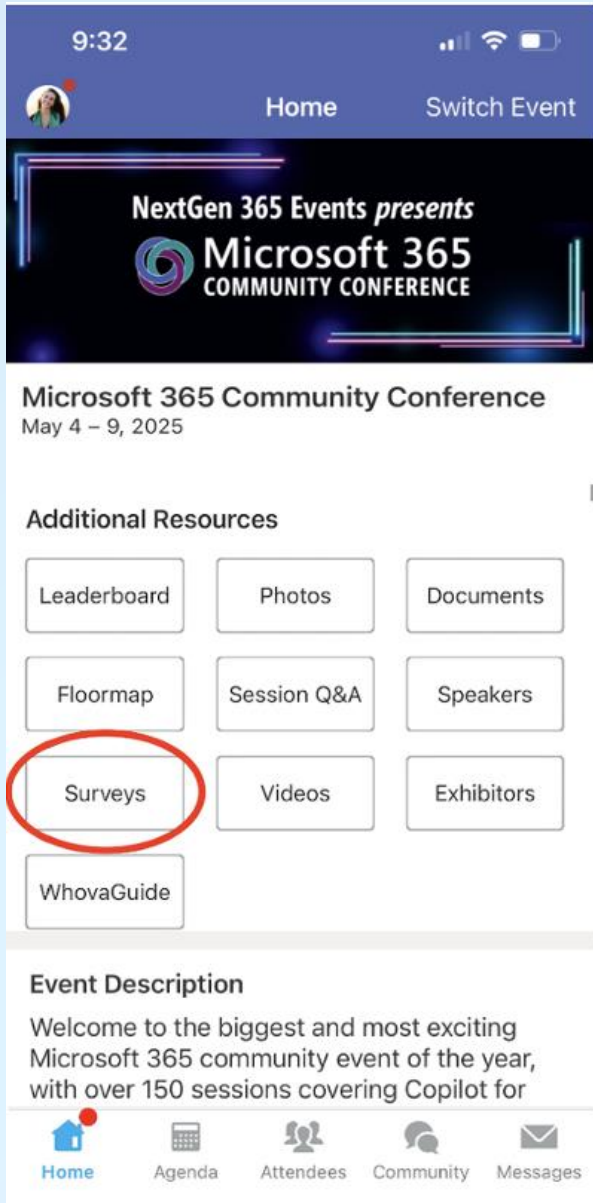


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- ➔ Event documents



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- Click Session Feedback.
- Scroll down to find this session title.
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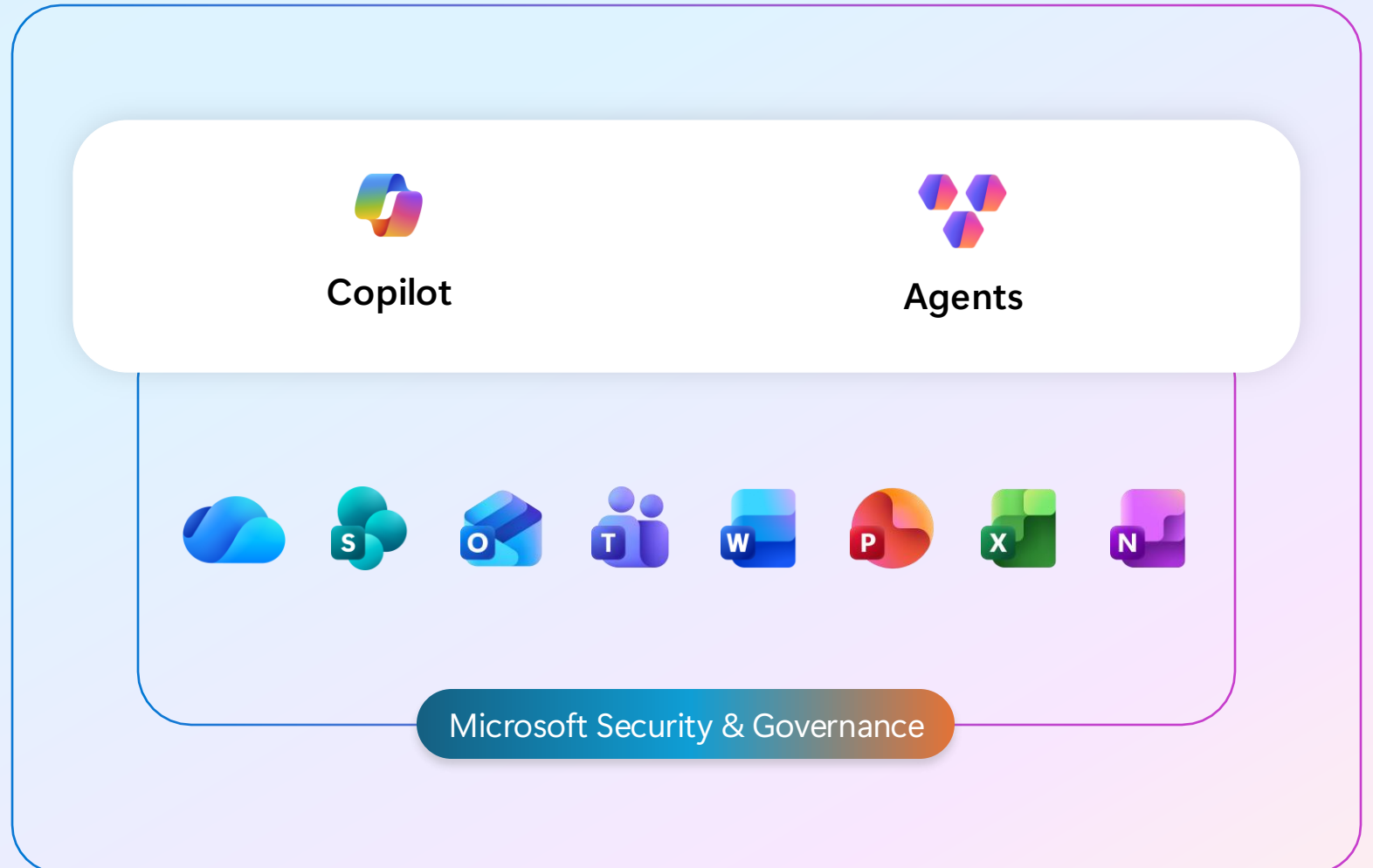
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Copilot is built on Microsoft 365 data

- Brings together signals from your files, email, meetings, and chats so responses span across your work
- Respects already-existing user permissions, Security Group assignments, sensitivity labels, and Data Loss Prevention (DLP) policies
- Includes rich metadata that further describe patterns of action, activity, collaboration.



Available now

SharePoint Advanced Management (SAM)

Copilot native governance capabilities

Today's Topics

REASONING LAYER

SharePoint Admin Agent

GROUNDING LAYER

RELEVANCE

READINESS

RESILIENCE

Content Management Assessment

Catalog Management (Customize content structure)

Inactive Site policy

Agent Insights

Data Access Governance

Sites/files permissioned to "specific user"
Permission state report (Sites, ODBs, Files)
Everyone Except External Users File and Folder deepdive

Backup

Storage Management
(Archive & Active)

Site Access Review

Restricted Content Discovery (RCD)

Agents and Sites
Site admin delegation

Site Lifecycle Policies

Site Attestation Policy
Customizable Email
Target policy on specific sites
Site Ownership Policy

AI Driven Semantic Site Matching
(Licensing TBD)

Restricted Access Control (RAC)

Sites, OneDrive
Site admin delegation

Recent Admin Actions

Block download policies

Sites, Files, Teams

Change history

Enterprise application insights

Extend SharePoint Permission
Sensitivity labels support



Scale & Prepare the M365 Storage that Powers your AI



Save and curate with
M365 Archive



Streamline and
simplify with **pay-as-
you-go storage**



Ensure cyber
resiliency with
M365 Backup



SharePoint Admin Agent Storage Skills help you every step of the way

Microsoft 365 Archive & SharePoint Storage

The right storage for the best Copilot experiences

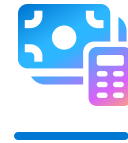
Archive inactive SharePoint content (and save \$\$)



Improve Copilot results by removing outdated content from Copilot search



Maintain data compliance, security, rich metadata, and search



Reduce overall storage costs while better managing inactive content

Maintain key capabilities with archived content



Standard storage
Active collaboration

Move to
Archive



Microsoft 365 Archive
Low-cost maintenance

Fast tiering

Intact metadata

Searchable

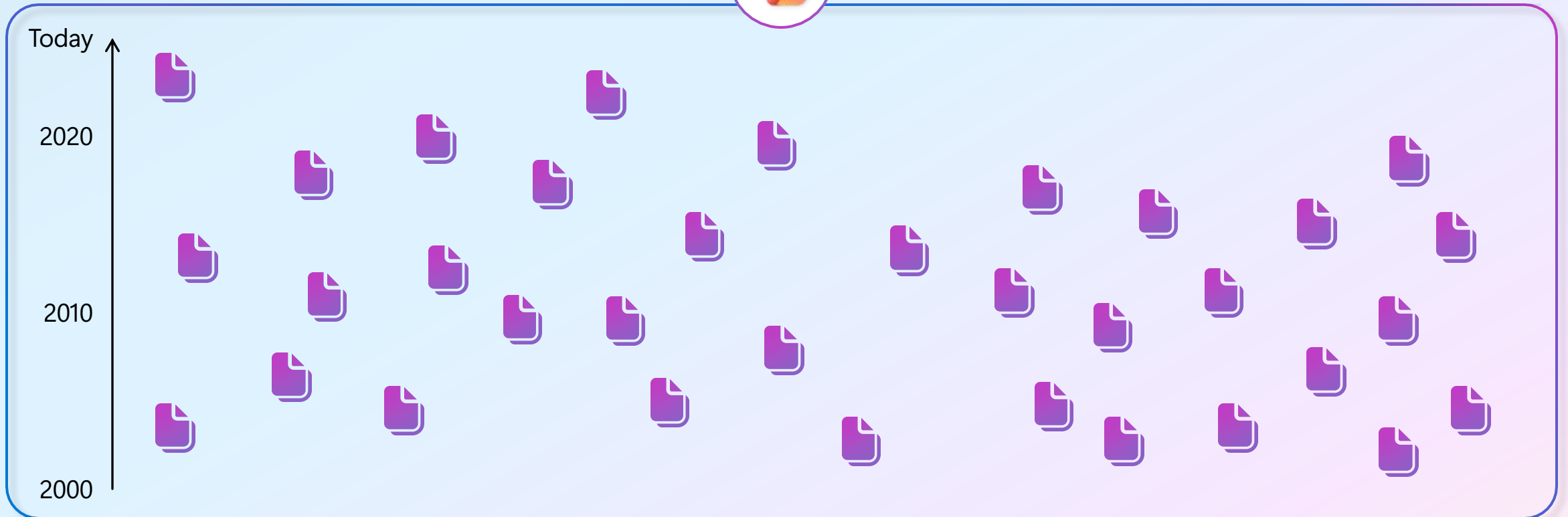
Single security and compliance
domain

Microsoft 365 Copilot management
optimization

Scenario: Using Archive to focus insights



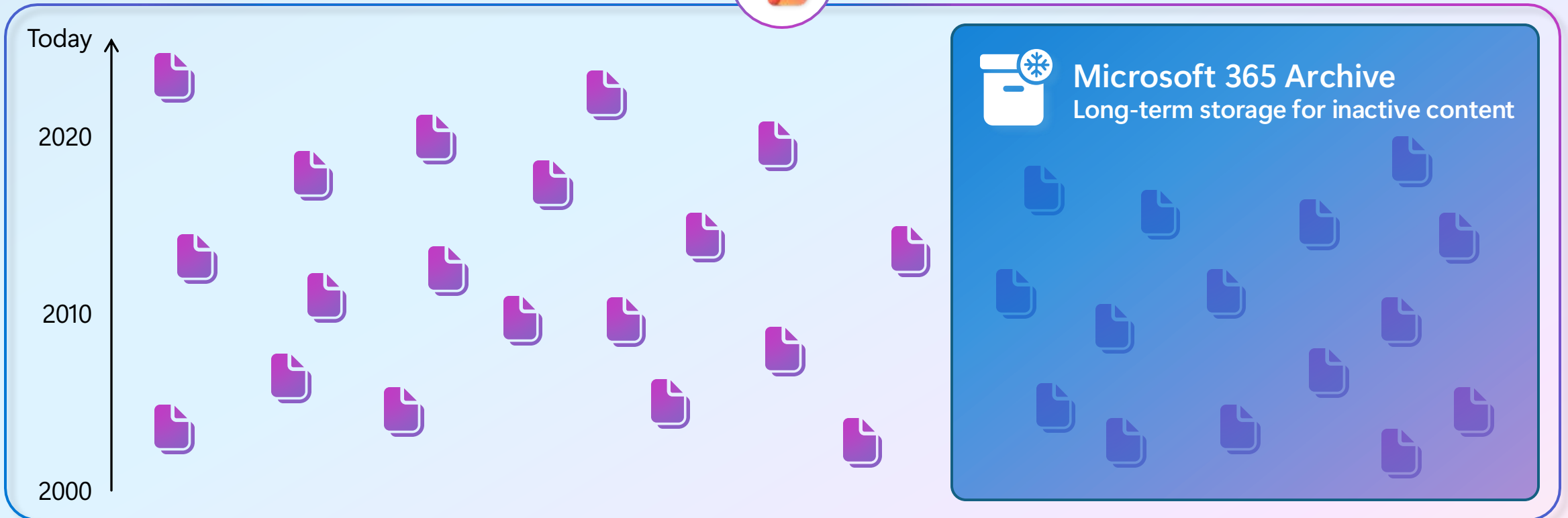
Copilot queries all active content



Stay focused on your most relevant data



Microsoft 365 Copilot queries all active content



Archive is SharePoint Cold Tier for Consolidated Mgmt

| | SharePoint standard storage tier | Microsoft 365 Archive tier |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Search | ✓ | ✓ |
| eDiscoverable | ✓ | ✓ |
| Honors retention policies | ✓ | ✓ |
| Sensitivity labels and access permissions | ✓ | ✓ |
| Microsoft 365 security | ✓ | ✓ |
| Metadata | ✓ | ✓ |
| Legal holds | ✓ | ✓ |
| Instantly readable | ✓ | 24-hour delay |

75%

SharePoint Storage Discount*

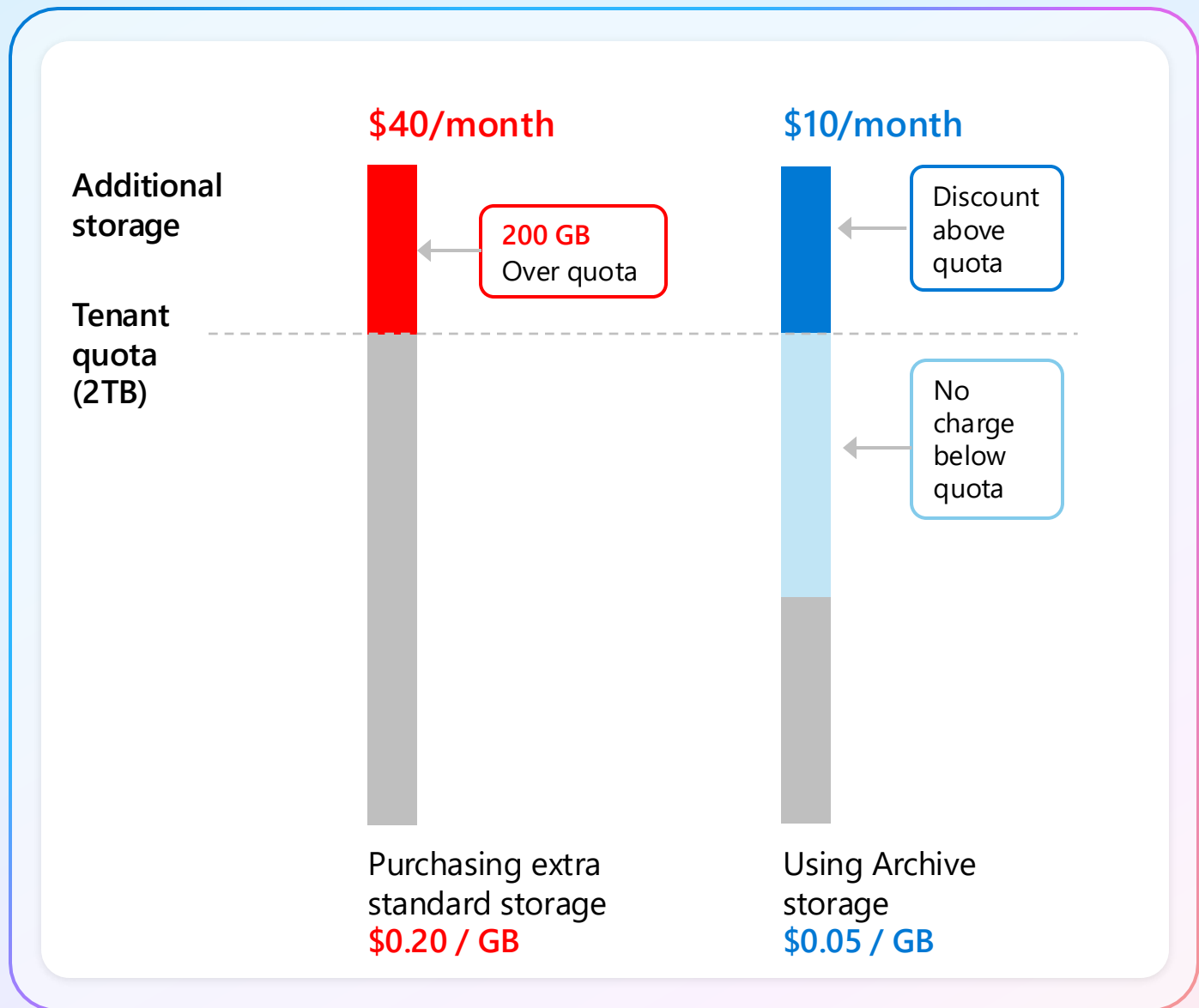
No reactivation fee
for SharePoint

No Commitment
with PAYG Billing

*Compared to list price

Archive Strictly Saves you Money

Archived storage is only charged when you exceed your tenant quota



Site level Archive Use Cases

Site-level archiving (GA)

Ideal for the well-structured site lifecycles

- Archiving complete inactive sites
- Projects or yearly reports

aka.ms/M365Archive

File-level archiving – In Public Preview Now!

File-level archiving (Public Preview)

Ideal for cold data on active sites

- With cold and active files intermixed
- Removes more specific content from the Copilot

aka.ms/M365Archive/Manage-FLA

Flexibility and Precision

Site-level archiving (GA)

File-level archiving (Public Preview)

Retention policy integration in Private Preview today

Microsoft Purview Search Copilot

Data lifecycle management > Create retention policy

- Name
- Administrative Units
- Type
- Retention settings**
- Finish

Decide if you want to retain, archive, or delete content

A new archive option is available for SharePoint. You can move items to a low-cost, compliant Microsoft 365 archive while your existing retention and deletion policies stay in place. Archived files can be reactivated at any time. This is a pay-as-you-go capability, you will be charged based on the amount you archive. Learn more about pay-as-you-go billing

Retain items for a specific period
Items will be retained for the period you choose.

Retain items for a specific period

7 years

Start the retention period based on

When items were created

Archive retained items in secure and compliant Microsoft 365 Archive to reduce cost **Pay-as-you-go**

Archive after

7 years

Start the archive period based on

When items were created

At the end of the retention period


Delete items automatically

Do nothing

Retain items forever
Items will be retained forever, even if users delete them.

Only delete items when they reach a certain age
Items won't be retained, but when they reach the age you choose, we'll delete them from where they're stored.

Back Next



Storage management is getting simpler – and smarter

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PAYG Archive keeps costs low for inactive data

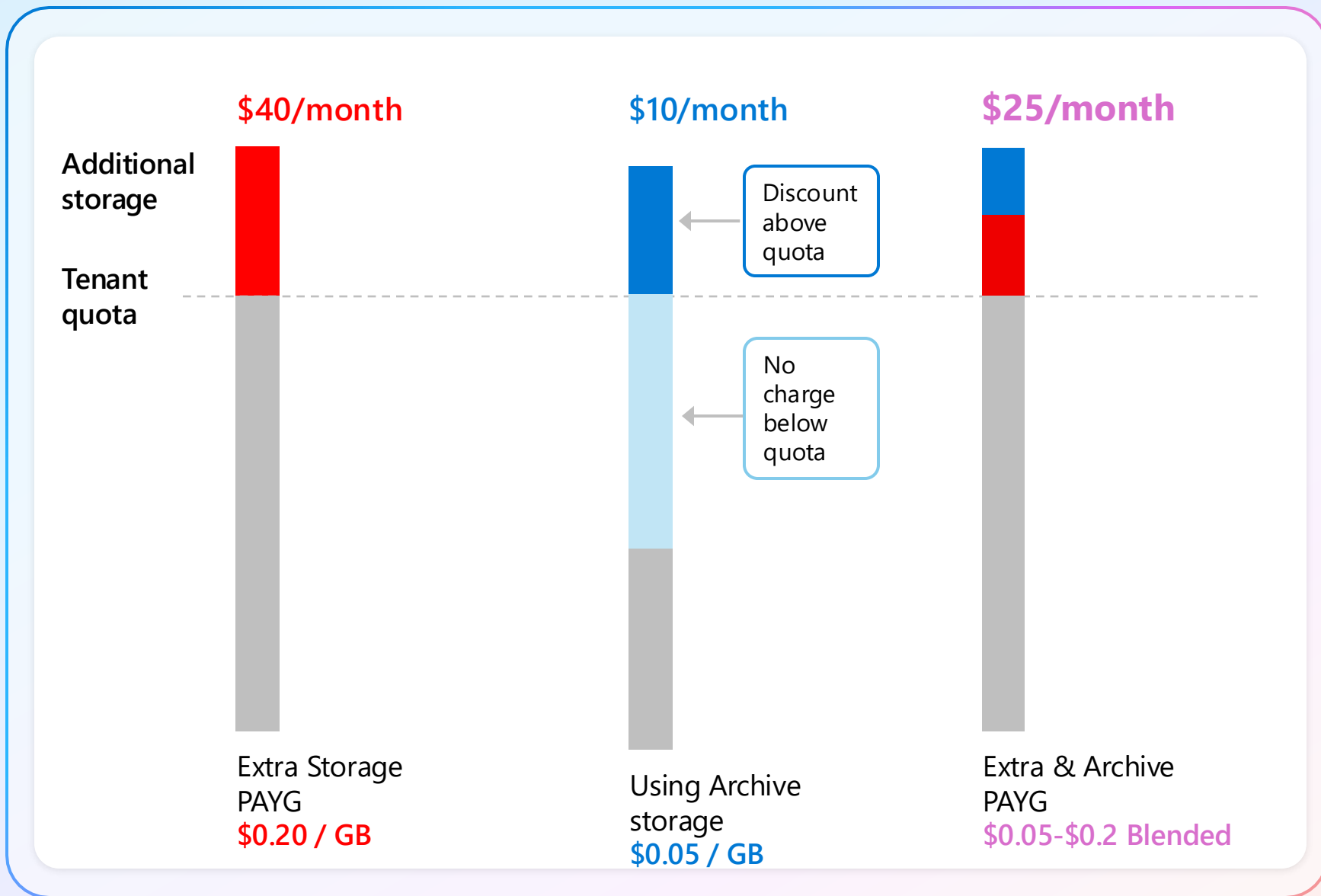
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PAYG SharePoint Extra Storage reduces admin overhead for active storage

SharePoint admin agent makes storage management easy

SharePoint Extra Storage PAYG

Automatically
pay the **lowest**
blended cost
seamlessly



SharePoint Admin Agent provides storage intelligence



Analyze storage usage



Identify content for optimization



Recommend actions to reduce storage

SharePoint admin center

Dark mode

Copilot

Active sites

Use this page to sort and filter sites and change site settings. 2.16 GB used of 13.58 GB

Protect your sites with M365 Backup
Back up and secure your content against ransomware and accidental deletion.

Show sites Show inactive sites Oversharing check

Recent actions Search sites CreatedDate_1

| Site name | URL | Teams |
|-------------------------|--|-------|
| notmcp team | .../sites/notmcp team | - |
| notmcp | .../sites/notmcp | - |
| BDPTrial | .../sites/BDPTrial | - |
| test | .../sites/test | - |
| BlockDownloadMoveToTest | .../sites/BlockDownloadMoveToTest | - |
| sec-group-site | .../sites/sec-group-site | - |
| testauthsecuritygroup | .../sites/testauthsecuritygroup | - |
| testDlp | .../sites/testDlp | - |
| Test23 | .../sites/processautomationapacengi... | 🔗 |
| Deletion Testing 2 | .../sites/DeletionTesting2 | 🔗 |
| racicmsite | .../sites/racicmsite | - |

Find sites
Find sites [created in the last 2 weeks with external sharing on]

Learn admin tasks
How do I [reduce the storage usage of inactive sites?]

Recap
Recap relevant info from across the admin center

Chat history

Ask about managing sites in your organization View prompts

Tenant-wide Version Trimming Private Preview

OneDrive & SharePoint Version
Storage: Tenant-wide Trimming
and What-if Analysis capabilities



Interested in sharing your experience with M365
pay-as-you-go services?



aka.ms/payginterview

Microsoft 365 Backup

Deliver resiliency & business continuity
in an AI era

Autonomous Ransomware is emerging¹

AI Amplified Data-loss

Adaptive attacks

Accidental deletions

Incomplete data

Accelerated Attacks

AI-Powered Exploits

Restore at AI-speed with Microsoft 365 Backup



**Fast
restore**



**Day-Zero
protection**



**ISV/ Native
app controls**

Full tenant
restore in hours¹

Restore data up to

3 TB+

per hour at scale²

1. Based on average-sized tenants

2. [Microsoft internal research, 2025](#)

Tenant-wide, Site level, Granular restore

Microsoft 365 admin center

Search for users, groups, settings, and actions

Microsoft 365 Backup > Create SharePoint backup policy

- Overview
- Set policy scope
- Upload site list
- Review and finish

Creating your SharePoint backup policy

Policy updates typically take around 15 minutes for about 1,000 sites to come into effect. You can view and manage the protected SharePoint sites and their policy status on the policy page.

Done

GCC Availability

Microsoft 365 Backup now available in
Government Community Cloud (GCC) !!!

Full Workload Backup

Configure backups for granular scopes

Microsoft 365 admin center

Settings > Microsoft 365 Backup

Microsoft 365 Backup

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Learn more about [Microsoft 365 Backup](#)

SharePoint

Data not backed up

Protect your sites' data from ransomware and accidental deletion by backing them up now.

+ Back up sites

- Specific sites
- All sites

OneDrive

Data not backed up

Protect your accounts' data from ransomware and accidental deletion by backing them up now.

+ Back up accounts

Exchange

Data not backed up

Protect your mailboxes' data from ransomware and accidental deletion by backing them up now.

+ Back up mailboxes

+ Set up policy Refresh

0 items Search by policy name

No backup policies found

Full Workload Backup Policy Demo

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Backup policies Restorations

[+ Set up policy](#) Refresh

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Admin centers: Security, Compliance

Granular Restore

Targeted, precise recovery

The screenshot shows the Microsoft 365 admin center interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "Microsoft 365 admin center" and a search box. Below this, the breadcrumb path "Microsoft 365 Backup > SharePoint restoration" is visible. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with icons for home, user profile, groups, backups, settings, tools, and a "More" option. The main content area is titled "Choose selection method" and contains a list of steps: "Choose selection method" (selected), "Sites to restore", "Search for backups", "Confirm restore points", "Choose destination", and "Review and start restoration". The "Choose selection method" step is expanded to show three radio button options: "Restore specific files or folders" (selected), "Upload a list of sites in a CSV file", and "Select sites individually". A tooltip is displayed over the "Restore specific files or folders" option, providing additional context: "Ideal for restoring daily backups of files or folders. To restore from a specific time on a given day, use the 'Select sites individually' option for a full site restore." At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Next" and "Cancel".

Home > Microsoft 365 Backup

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Microsoft 365 Backup

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 **SharePoint**


| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Active policies | Active restorations |
| 6 (33 sites) | 22 |

[+ Set up policy](#) [Restore](#)

 **OneDrive**

| |
|-----------------|
| Active policies |
| 4 (2 accounts) |

[+ Set up policy](#) [Restore](#)

 **Exchange**

| |
|-----------------|
| Active policies |
| 0 (0 mailboxes) |

[+ Set up policy](#) [Restore](#)

[Backup policies](#) 🕒 Restorations

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Backed up items 35 | Removed items 4 | Items being permanently deleted 0 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|

[+ Set up policy](#) 🔄 Refresh

12 items 🔍 Search by policy name

Filters: Service: All ▾ Status: All ▾ Created by: All ▾ Billing Policy: All ▾



Departmental Billing

Role based and backup management by departments

The screenshot shows the Microsoft 365 admin center interface for Contoso Electronics. The left navigation pane includes sections like Home, Copilot, Agents, Users, Teams & groups, Marketplace, Billing, Your products, Licenses, Bills & payments, Billing accounts, Payment methods, Billing notifications, Pay-as-you-go, Cost Management, Setup, and Customize navigation. The main content area is titled 'Pay-as-you-go' and includes a 'Billing policies' tab and a 'Services' sub-tab. A 'Microsoft 365 Backup' modal window is open, displaying a table of billing policies and their connection status to backup policies.

Microsoft 365 Backup

Details Billing policies Settings

Select billing policies to use with backup policies. Once connected, they can be used to configure backup policies in Microsoft 365 Backup. You must have the owner or contributor role on the Azure subscription associated with the billing policy to see the policy in this list.

| Billing policy name | Connection status | Azure subscription | Resource group |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------|
| Finance Billing Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connected | Backup GA (Prod BAMI test) | Finance |
| Marketing Billing Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Disconnected | Backup GA (Prod BAMI test) | Marketing |
| HR Billing Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Disconnected | Backup GA (Prod BAMI test) | HR-RG |

Save

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Backup Skills in SharePoint Admin Agent

Guided Recovery

Microsoft 365 Copilot
https://m365.cloud.microsoft/chat

M365 Copilot
Chat
Agents
Admin Content Governance
Analyst
All agents
Create agent
Conversations
Pages
Notebooks
Create
Apps

• Site Activity: 4,323 files, Average size 26 MB, 234 edits in last 7 days

Browse available recovery points

Admin Content Governance

Reasoning ^

- > Identifying available recovery points closest to the incident ✓
- > Generating relevant recovery recommendations ✓

Recovery point analysis complete

Based on your incident timeline (data loss noticed: February 12, 2026, afternoon), I've identified the following available recovery points:

- Fast restore point: February 12, 2026 11:45 AM** Recommended Fast
Closest to the incident.
- February 11, 2026 11:30 PM**
Most recent backup before incident day
- February 10, 2026 11:15 PM**
Backup from 2 days prior

Explain how backups work

Message Copilot
+ Researcher

Mona Kane

AI-generated content may be incorrect

You're not just buying backup. You're buying the ability to restore



Back up and
restore data fast

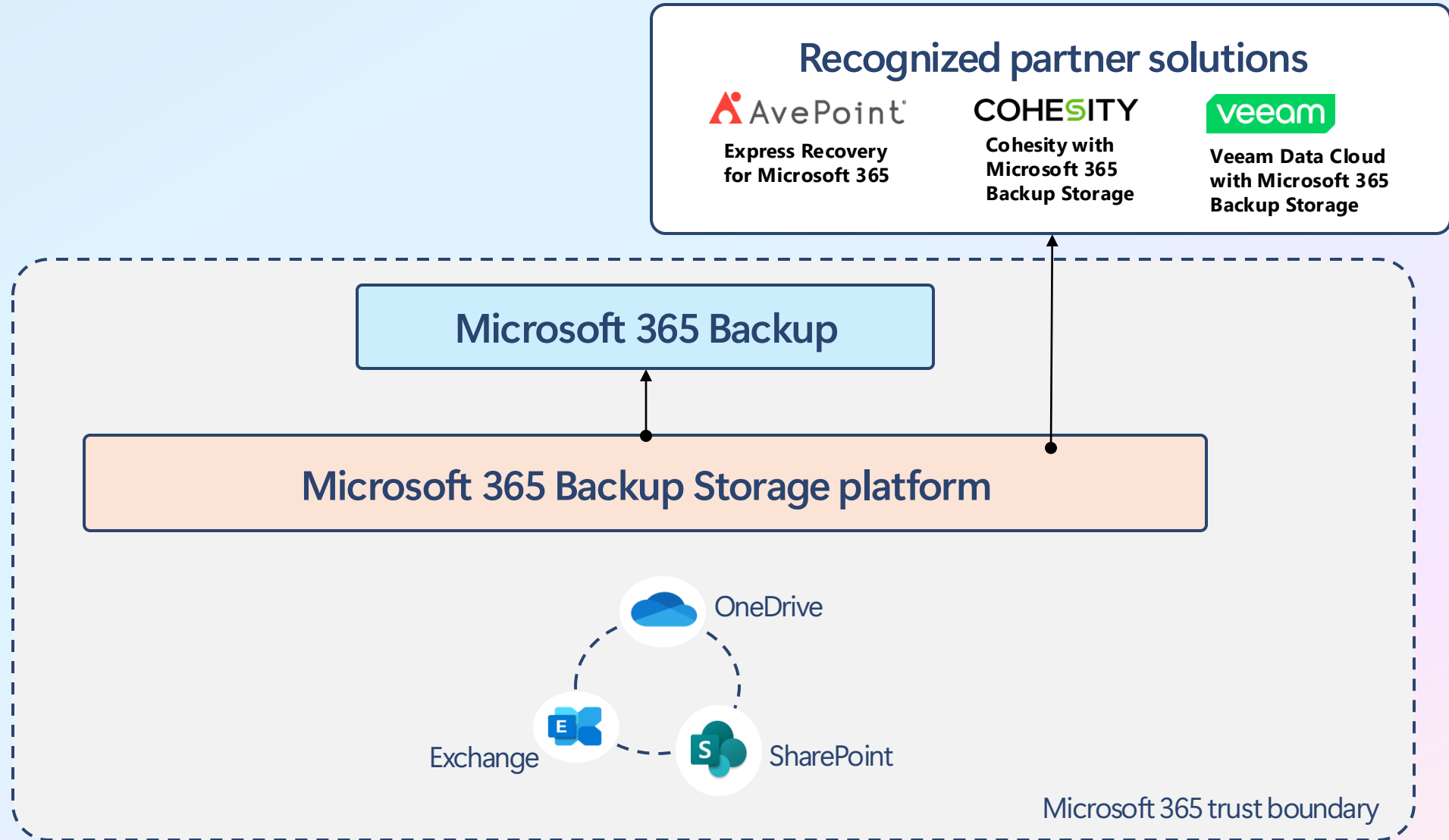


Add resiliency
against cyberattacks



Manage on
your own terms

Need more features and control?



Microsoft strongly recommends against *export-only* solutions

Better Together: AvePoint's Confidence Platform + Microsoft 365 Backup Storage & Archiving

BUSINESS CONTINUITY & DISASTER RECOVERY



Intelligent prioritization of content, critical recovery profiles



Long-term, offline retention for compliance and 3-2-1 protection



Complete coverage within and beyond your M365 ecosystem (Multi-SaaS, Infra, etc.)




Self-service restore of backed-up content enables business continuity at scale





Microsoft


- Rapid backup and restore
- Optimized for large-scale and malware recovery
- Core workload coverage
- Rapid, in-place granular content archiving with eDiscovery, hold & search
- End user access to archived content within a library or SharePoint site

CONTENT LIFECYCLE & STORAGE OPTIMIZATION

Multi-stage, automated Content Lifecycle Rules 

Tenant-wide discovery of ROT and inactive content with flexible optimization actions 

Shared accountability for content lifecycle with data owner disposition decisions 

Rich tenant-wide admin visibility and management of archived content across your M365 tenant(s) 

Data Protection is more than just backup!

✓ 100% of Your Data Protected



FAST RECOVERY
Express Recovery 1-3TB / HR
+ Long Term Retention

5%

Mission Critical
Data loss will halt operations,
damage reputations, or worse.



FLEXIBLE RETENTION
4X Daily Backups
+ Priority Restore

25%

High Value
Active data (contracts, SOPs, creative, etc). Data
loss results in lost revenue, disruption of projects,



FLEXIBLE RETENTION
4X Daily Backups

30%

Low Value
Data loss results in little to no business impact.
Ideal to evaluate for cost optimization and archival.



COMPLETE DATA LIFECYCLE
Archive, Defensibly Destroy, etc.

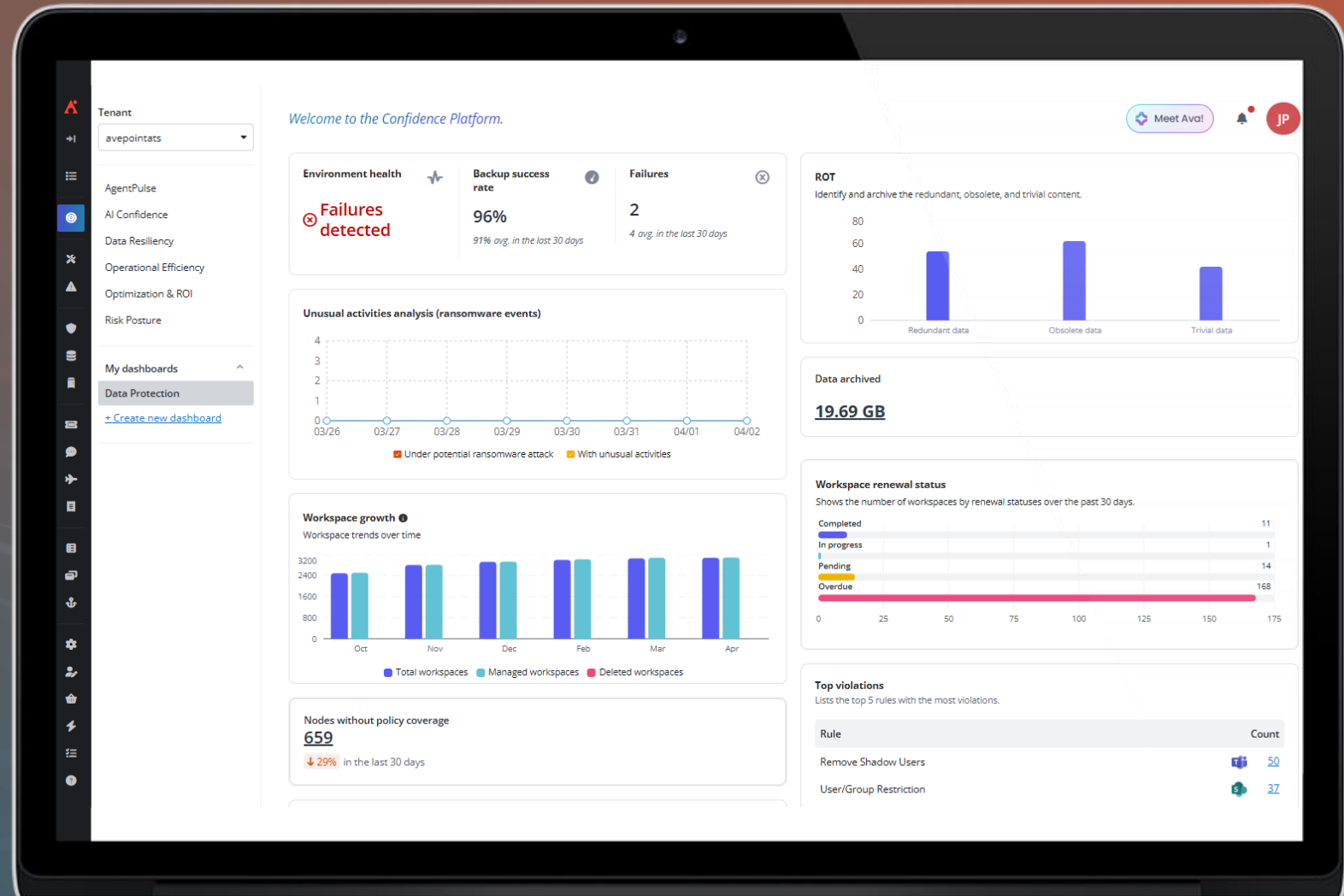
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Inactive and ROT Data
Redundant, obsolete, or trivial data.

The AvePoint Confidence Platform

A holistic approach to understanding and protecting your data

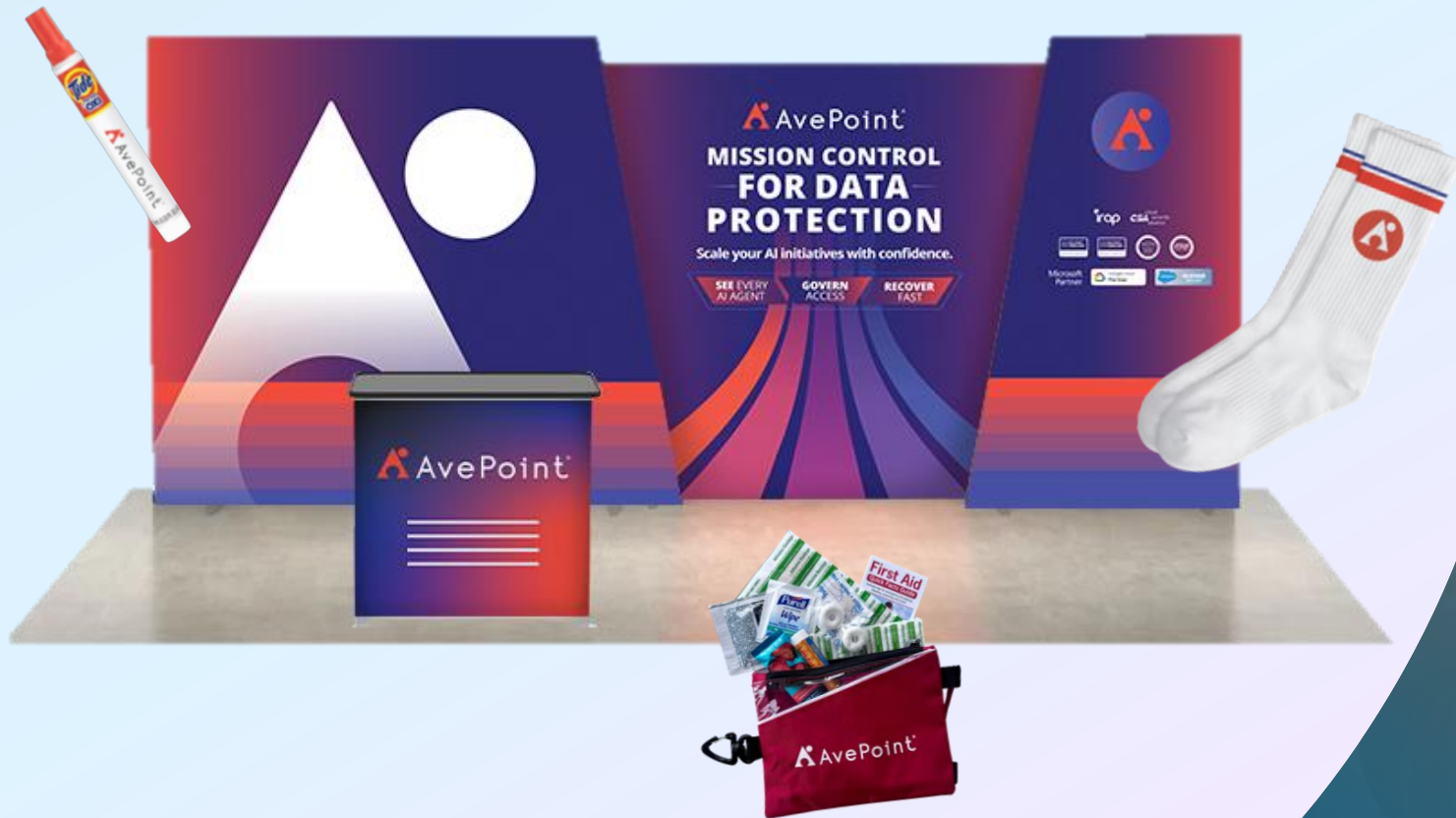
- Data discovery shows where data resides, the volume and composition
- Risk intelligence identifies the sensitive data
- Engagement analytics tell me where the impactful data lives



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Info & Demos



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Marketplace



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Q&A

M365 Backup, Archive, and
SharePoint Agent Storage Skills
Discussion Request



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exciting future ahead.**



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our FastTrack partners

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Deliver value and employee satisfaction with our tools for Microsoft 365 Copilot deployment and adoption. This powerful technology combines the power of large language models (LLMs) with your organization's data – all in the flow of work – to turn your words into one of the most powerful productivity tools on the planet.

Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat and in-app experiences provide real-time intelligent assistance, enabling users to enhance their creativity, productivity, and skills.

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Copilot Success Kit
Our Success Kit empowers you to achieve rapid value with Copilot while enabling your progressive skilling journey with AI tools.
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Copilot Chat and agent starter kit
This new kit includes guidance on IT controls, setup, and resources to help prepare your tenant and enable your users to create and use agents.
[Explore the kit >](#)

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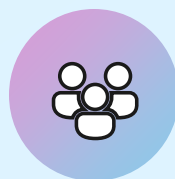
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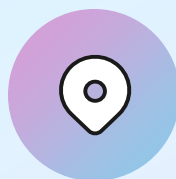
Engage with the best
community in tech...
There's something for
everyone!



Microsoft Tech Community

The community platform for Microsoft 365 –
forums, blogs, and events

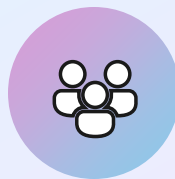
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CommunityDays.org

Find or host a local event in your area
or to match your interests

www.communitydays.org



Microsoft Community on LinkedIn

News, announcements and training delivered to
your news feed

<https://aka.ms/microsoftcommunitylinkedin>



The one stop shop for Microsoft ecosystem community events

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Community Days website interface. At the top left is the logo "Community Days Supporting the Microsoft Community". The main heading reads "Discover Community Events happening across the world." Below this is a search bar and filter section. The filter section includes "WHERE" with options for Global, Country, Region, and Sub Region; "WHEN" set to "Upcoming Events"; and "VIEW AS" set to "Tiles". There are also checkboxes for "Registration Open", "Call for Speakers", "Call for Sponsors", "Hide Paid", and "Hide Others".

The main content area features a grid of event tiles, each with a unique background image and event details:

- FABRIC DATA DAYS**: Nov 4 - Dec 11, 2025. Location: Your city, Your country, United States. Format: Hybrid. Cost: Free.
- SMARTCLOUD 365 - 2025**: November 25, 2025. Location: Germany. Format: Virtual. Cost: Free.
- DYNUG AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2025**: November 25 - 26, 2025. Location: Oslo, Gardermoen, Norway. Format: Paid. Cost: 1,311.88.
- SHIFT ENTER SUMMIT 2025**: November 26, 2025. Location: Budapest, Hungary. Format: Paid.
- AI COMMUNITY CONFERENCE - TORONTO 2025**: November 28, 2025. Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Format: Free.
- SEASON OF AI - MCP**: November 28, 2025. Location: Gurgaon, Haryana, India. Format: Hybrid. Cost: Free.
- ESPC25**: December 1 - 4, 2025. Location: Dublin, Dublin 1, Ireland. Format: Paid.
- MSREBUILD 2025**: December 2, 2025. Location: Nantes, Pays de la Loire, France. Format: Free.
- TECHBAYANIHAN 2025**: December 3 - 4, 2025. Location: Manila City, National Capital Region, Philippines. Format: Free.

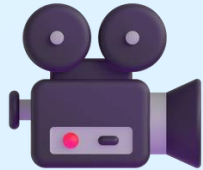
www.communitydays.org



SharePoint at 25 short film: *More than Code*

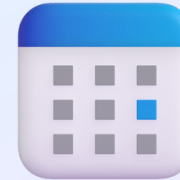
In honor of SharePoint's 25th birthday, *More Than Code* is a short film that explores the people, passion, and innovation behind one of the most transformative platforms in modern work. This film captures the stories of builders, leaders, and community champions who helped shape SharePoint into the knowledge backbone for collaboration, Copilot, and the next generation of agents.

SharePoint is more than code—it's 25 years of connection, innovation and impact.



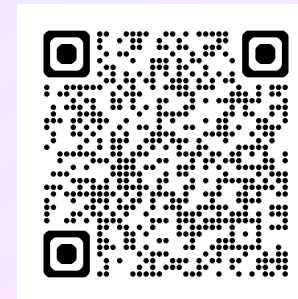
Watch the digital premiere

Stream the documentary online globally in late April and celebrate SharePoint's 25-year journey from anywhere.



Watch the SharePoint at 25 digital event

Prepare for the film with a special digital event featuring insights, stories, and what's next for SharePoint in the era of AI.



Join MGCI – Learn, Share, Grow.

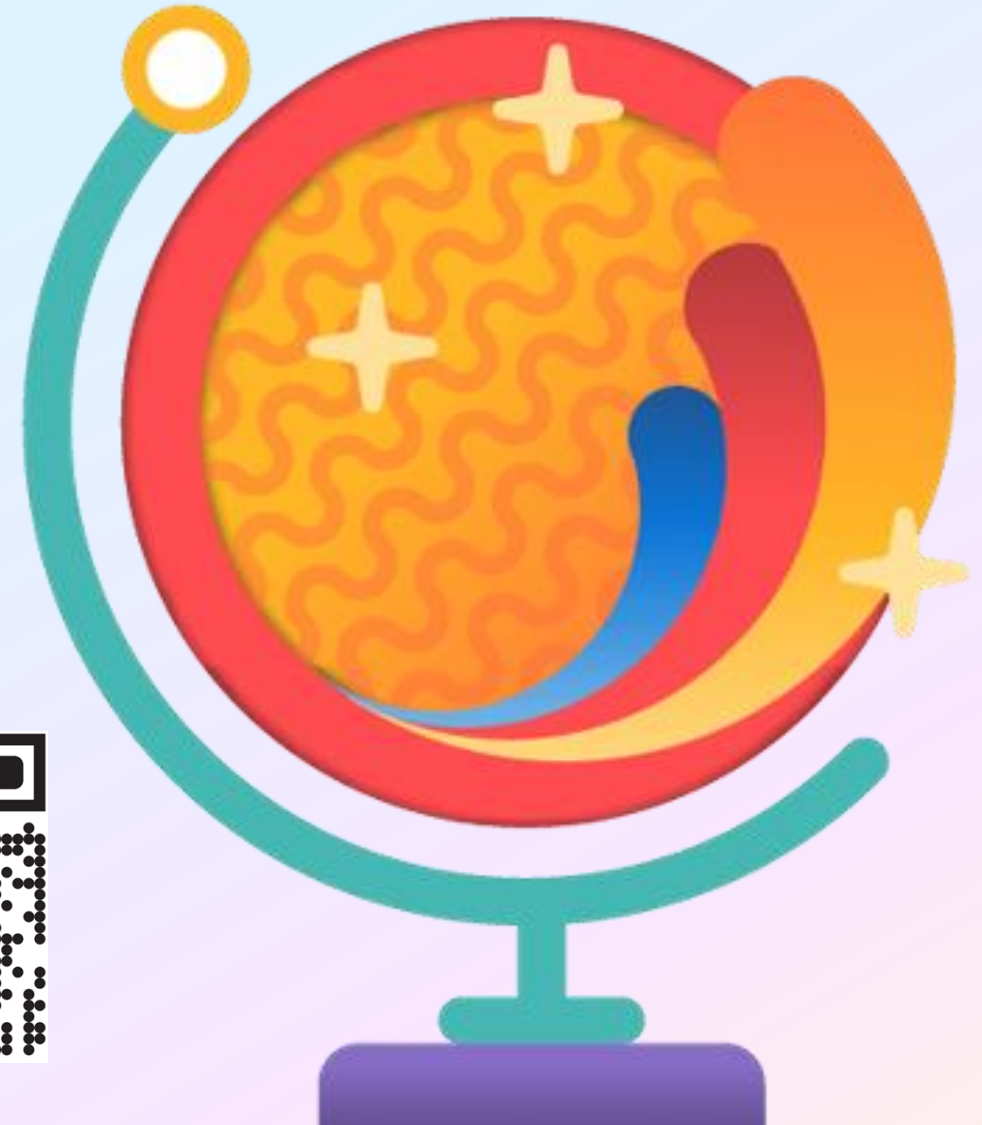
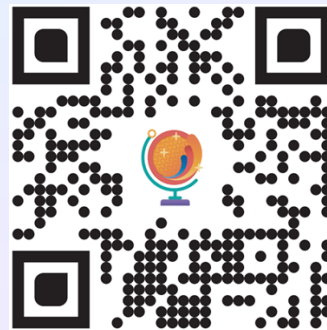
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