

GoDaddy Defederation to Microsoft 365

Defederate to a fully independent Microsoft 365 tenant — no data migration, minimal downtime, full admin control.

GoDaddy defederation moves a GoDaddy-managed Microsoft 365 tenant to a fully Microsoft-managed one, giving you direct access to the admin center and features GoDaddy's layer restricts. It isn't a migration — your mailboxes, files, and accounts stay exactly where they are. Only administrative control changes.

What Defederation Actually Involves

- **Review:** Your current tenant, licensing, and domain naming, including whether to rename a default GoDaddy-generated domain
- **License Setup:** directly with Microsoft or through a Cloud Solution Provider (GoDaddy licenses don't carry over, though this rarely means paying for more than you already have)
- **Remove the Federation:** a matter of minutes, using Microsoft's supported process
- **One Password Reset:** the single visible disruption; mail flow continues without interruption

Once complete, you gain Conditional Access and MFA at scale, Microsoft Defender for Office 365, Microsoft Purview compliance tools, full administrative control, and the ability to add products GoDaddy's layer blocked, like Teams Phone and Copilot.

WHERE GODADDY'S MANAGEMENT LAYER STOPS AND YOUR CONTROL BEGINS

GoDaddy's Microsoft 365 offering is a common, reasonable starting point — quick to set up, easy to manage. But GoDaddy "federates" these accounts under its own management layer, which caps what you can do inside Microsoft 365 as your business grows. Many organizations eventually outgrow the limitations of a GoDaddy-managed Microsoft 365 environment and require direct Microsoft tenant control.

Taking back that control is exactly what Sourcepass MCOE — the dedicated Microsoft practice within Sourcepass — is built to handle. Sourcepass can manage your GoDaddy defederation end to end — assessment, licensing, and execution — as part of our managed services; MCOE goes further, available on its own no matter who supports the rest of your IT, pairing the technical defederation with a five-stage framework: configuring the security and compliance controls GoDaddy's layer kept locked, and setting the tenant up for whatever comes next.

That depth is backed by Microsoft Solutions Partner designations across Security, AI Business Solutions, and Cloud & AI Platforms; two Pax8 Global Microsoft Copilot MVP Awards; and the resources of a top-ranked national managed services provider with 97% client satisfaction.



MCOE ENGAGEMENTS FOR GODADDY DEFEDERATION

Available as a practice or licensing and advisory engagement.
Deliverables and ongoing responsibilities vary based on contracted scope.

Practice Engagement

ASSESS:

UNDERSTAND YOUR TENANT BEFORE ANYTHING CHANGES

Current licensing and domain setup, including whether renaming a default GoDaddy domain makes sense.

SECURE:

UNLOCK AND CONFIGURE YOUR KEY CONTROLS

Conditional Access, MFA at scale, and compliance policies, set up once you have full control.

MODERNIZE:

THE DEFEDERATION ITSELF, HANDLED END TO END

Typically hours, not weeks, with mail flow continuing uninterrupted throughout.

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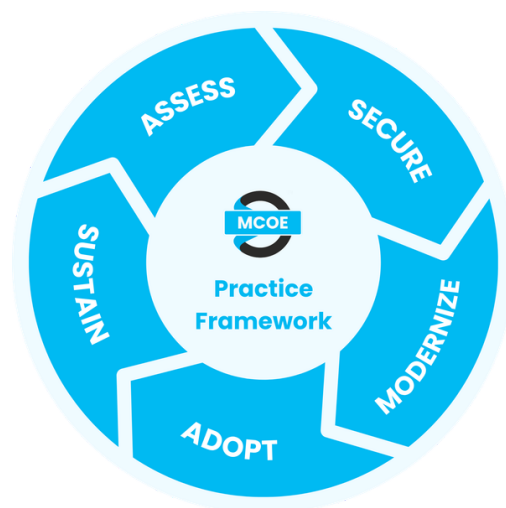
CLEAR COMMUNICATION ON WHAT'S NEW

Straightforward guidance on the admin features now available, so the added control gets used.

SUSTAIN:

SUPPORT AS YOUR INDEPENDENT TENANT EVOLVES

Advisory may be separately scoped; operational support comes through Sourcepass managed services.



LICENSING & ADVISORY ENGAGEMENT

Once your tenant is independent, your IT team can run it however they choose. MCOE can still handle the replacement licensing, and a review of what GoDaddy had you on versus what you actually need.

Business Outcomes

More value from the Microsoft 365 licenses you set up next.

Licensing gets matched directly to what you need instead of what GoDaddy's layer allowed, without the markup a managed reseller layer often carries.

A transition your team barely notices.

Mail flow continues uninterrupted, data stays exactly where it is, and the one visible change is a single password reset.

Security capabilities that were locked, now available.

Conditional Access, MFA at scale, and Purview compliance tools close gaps that existed for as long as GoDaddy controlled the tenant.

Room to add what GoDaddy's layer blocked.

Teams Phone, Copilot, and other Microsoft 365 capabilities become available the moment the tenant is fully yours to configure.

Talk Through Your Defederation



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