

GoDaddy Defederation: Empower Your Business with Full Microsoft 365 Control

Microsoft 365 is the backbone of productivity for many businesses, and GoDaddy offers an accessible way to get started with Microsoft 365 subscriptions. However, the convenience of GoDaddy's federated Microsoft 365 environment often comes with trade-offs—most notably limited administrative control and security features.

GoDaddy Defederation is the process that frees your Microsoft 365 tenant from GoDaddy's federation, putting you in the driver's seat. This blog explains why defederation matters, what it involves, and how it benefits your organization.

Understanding the GoDaddy Federated Model

When you buy Microsoft 365 through GoDaddy, your tenant is “federated,” which means GoDaddy retains administrative control over critical elements like user identity, license management, and domain settings. This simplifies setup but restricts what you can manage directly in the Microsoft 365 admin portal.

Federation limits your ability to:

- Configure advanced security policies
- Manage licenses and users granularly
- Integrate third-party applications fully
- Access Microsoft's direct support efficiently

Why Consider GoDaddy Defederation?

1. Regain Administrative Freedom

Once defederated, your IT team or cloud provider has unrestricted access to Microsoft 365's full range of admin tools. This enables:

- Customized Conditional Access and MFA policies
- Role-based access controls for enhanced security
- PowerShell automation for complex user management
- Full control over domain settings and DNS records

