Restore a deleted Office 365 Group

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In this article

If you've deleted a group, it will be retained for 30 days by default. This 30-day period is considered a "soft-delete" because you can still restore the group. After 30 days, the group and its associated contents are permanently deleted and cannot be restored.

When a group is restored, the following content is restored:

- Azure Active Directory (AD) Office 365 groups object, properties, and members.
- Group's e-mail addresses.
- Exchange Online shared Inbox and calendar.
- SharePoint Online team site and files.
- OneNote notebook
- Planner
- Teams
- Yammer group and group content (If the Office 365 group was created from Yammer)

Restore a group that you own by using Outlook

If you are the owner of an Office 365 group, you can restore the group yourself in Outlook by following these steps:

1. On the [deleted groups page](#), select the **Manage groups** option under the **Groups** node, and then choose **Deleted**.
2. Click on the **Restore** tab next to the group you want to restore.

If the deleted group doesn't appear here, contact an administrator.

Restore a group in the Microsoft 365 admin center

If you are a global administrator or a groups administrator, you can restore a deleted group in the Microsoft 365 admin center:

1. Go to the [admin center](#).
2. Expand **Groups**, and then click **Deleted groups**.
3. Select the group that you want to restore, and then click **Restore group**.

Permanently delete an Office 365 group

Sometimes you may want to permanently purge a group without waiting for the 30 day soft-deletion period to expire. To do that, start PowerShell and run this command to get the object ID of the group:

```
Get-AzureADMSDeletedGroup
```

Take note of the object ID of the group, or groups, that you want to permanently delete.

Caution

Purging the group removes the group and its data forever.

To purge the group run this command in PowerShell:

```
Remove-AzureADMSDeletedDirectoryObject -Id <objectId>
```

To confirm that the group has been successfully purged, run the *Get-AzureADMSDeletedGroup* cmdlet again to confirm that the group no longer appears on the list of soft-deleted groups. In some cases it may take as long as 24 hours for the group and all of its data to be permanently deleted.