EMPTY, NESTED AND DYNAMIC GROUPS

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Groups with no members, groups inside other groups, dynamic groups with their rules and whether they're paused, teams and groups about to expire, role-assignable groups, and blocked accounts still in groups.

Filtered view. Blocked members: 2 of 2 rows, 1 column hidden. Every group: 1 of 15 rows, Kind is Distribution list. The headline figures cover every row.

Empty groups
1
1 older than 30 days

Groups inside groups
3
Deepest: 3 levels

Paused dynamic rules
0
Not adding joiners or removing leavers

Expiring soon
2
1 with nobody to renew

Role-assignable groups
1
1 with a guest

Blocked members
2
2 blocked accounts still in groups

Empty groups 1

Groups with no members at all. Delete the ones nobody needs; a dynamic group here has a rule that matches nobody. Empty groups older than 30 days are flagged.

Flag	Group	Kind	Membership	Email	Created
Low	Group creators	Security group	Assigned	–	10 Jan 2025

Groups inside groups 3

Groups with other groups as members. Everyone in the inner groups gets what the outer group gives, which is easy to miss; 3 or more levels are flagged.

Flag	Group	Kind	Groups inside	Inside of	Levels below	Members
	Finance alerts	Mail-enabled security group	VPN Users	Info	2	2
Low	Info	Distribution list	Finance alerts	–	3	2
	VPN Users	Security group	Group creators	Finance alerts	1	2

Dynamic groups 1

Groups whose members Entra ID works out from a rule (needs Entra ID P1). A paused rule stops adding joiners and removing leavers, so it's flagged.

Group	Kind	Rule	Processing	Members
All Staff	Security group	(user.userType -eq "Member")	Running	2

Expiring soon 2 1 to review

Teams and Microsoft 365 groups the expiration policy will delete within 90 days. One that's used renews itself; otherwise its owners are emailed to renew it, so a group with no owner who can sign in is flagged, as is one due within 30 days. A deleted group can be restored for 30 days.

Flag	Group	Kind	Expires	Days left	Owners	Members
Low	Board	Team	23 Dec 2026	24	Ann Patel	2
Medium	Project Phoenix	Team	15 Jan 2027	47	Robert Hughes	3

Role-assignable groups 1 1 to review

Groups that can be given admin roles, so being a member of one is being an admin. Their owners can add anyone; a guest in one is flagged.

Flag	Group	Kind	Members	Guests	Owners	Created
Medium	Helpdesk admins	Security group	2	1	None	10 Jan 2025

Blocked members 2

Groups that still hold accounts whose sign-in is blocked, usually leavers. Access the group gives is handed back the moment the account is unblocked, and the member counts others see are wrong; blocked accounts in a role-assignable group are flagged higher.

Flag	Kind	Blocked accounts	Blocked	Members
Low	Microsoft 365 group	Robert Hughes	1	12
Low	Team	Robert Hughes	1	3

Every group 1

Every group in the tenant, with its direct members (people, devices, apps and groups).

Group	Kind	Membership	Members	Groups inside	Inside of	Created	Expires
Info	Distribution list	Assigned	2	1	–	10 Jan 2025	–

Members are direct members. Teams and Microsoft 365 groups can't contain other groups. Delete or change groups in the Microsoft Entra admin center (Groups), or in on-premises AD for synced groups; Office Sentry only reads them.

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