EMPTY, NESTED AND DYNAMIC GROUPS

# Northwind Traders

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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.** Expiring soon: 2 of 2 rows, 1 column hidden. Every group: 1 of 15 rows, Membership is Synced from AD. 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 | Expires | Days left | Owners | Members |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | Board | 23 Dec 2026 | 24 | Ann Patel | 2 |
| Medium | Project Phoenix | 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 | Group | Kind | Blocked accounts | Blocked | Members |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | Marketing | Microsoft 365 group | Robert Hughes | 1 | 12 |
| Low | Project Phoenix | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VPN Users | Security group | Synced from AD | 2 | 1 | Finance alerts | 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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