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. Empty groups: 1 of 1 rows, Created: older than 90 days. Expiring soon: 2 of 2 rows, 1 column hidden. Every group: 1 of 15 rows, Group is VPN Users. 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	Days left	Owners	Members
Low	Board	Team	24	Annabel Fraser	2
Medium	Project Phoenix	Team	47	Bobby Marsh	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	Bobby Marsh	1	8
Low	Project Phoenix	Team	Bobby Marsh	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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