

SharePoint for Higher Education



Orchestry and SharePoint Storage for **Higher Education**

Streamlining Storage Management with Orchestry
for Microsoft 365's New EDU Limits



Adjustments in Microsoft 365's Educational Storage Limits and the Role of Orchestra

Orchestra, a platform designed to streamline Microsoft 365 management, is well-equipped to assist educational institutions in adapting to the forthcoming changes in Microsoft 365 for Education. These updates, announced on August 1, 2023, and originally set to commence in February 2024 for Microsoft A1 and extend to other plans in August 2024, involve alterations to storage limits and the discontinuation of the Office A1 Plus program.

While the announcement received pushback from the industry which caused delays in the rollout, Microsoft is beginning to enforce the changes in 2025. The revised educational storage plan introduces a “pooled storage” model. This model allocates 100TB of storage per tenant, which can be distributed across SharePoint, OneDrive, and Exchange as needed. This approach offers flexibility in managing resources but also necessitates careful planning and management to optimize storage utilization and compliance with the new limits.



The Impact of Pooled Storage

The transition to pooled storage in Microsoft 365 for Education is set to create a substantial impact on educational institutions. This new system consolidates storage quotas for SharePoint, OneDrive, and Exchange into a single shared pool. While this model simplifies management, it also accelerates the consumption of storage space and may reduce the effective storage available per user.

Under the pooled storage model, as all services draw from the same quota, there's a higher likelihood of rapid storage use. This is particularly challenging in environments with high data creation and sharing activities, such as universities and research institutions. The quick depletion of storage could lead to the necessity for additional storage purchases, impacting budgetary allocations.

What This Means for Educational Institutions

The changes to Microsoft 365 and Office 365 for educational institutions herald significant adjustments to how storage is managed in the first rollout phase, with additional changes coming in 2025 or at the next contract renewal. Some key changes and their implications:

- Each free A1 user will be limited to a maximum 100GB of OneDrive storage within your tenant's 100TB pool. Prior to this, Office 365 A1 free users would have had a 1TB storage limit by default
- No additional storage for free A1 licenses post-rollout or your next renewal
- Each paid A3 user will receive an additional 50GB of pooled storage
- Each paid A5 user will receive an additional 100GB of pooled storage
- You can purchase additional storage in increments of 10TB (\$300 USD estimated retail/month)

Preparing for the upcoming changes in Microsoft and cloud storage strategies is crucial. This evolution will significantly impact how your organization manages its digital storage, so it's important to proactively plan and prepare the impacted users for these changes.



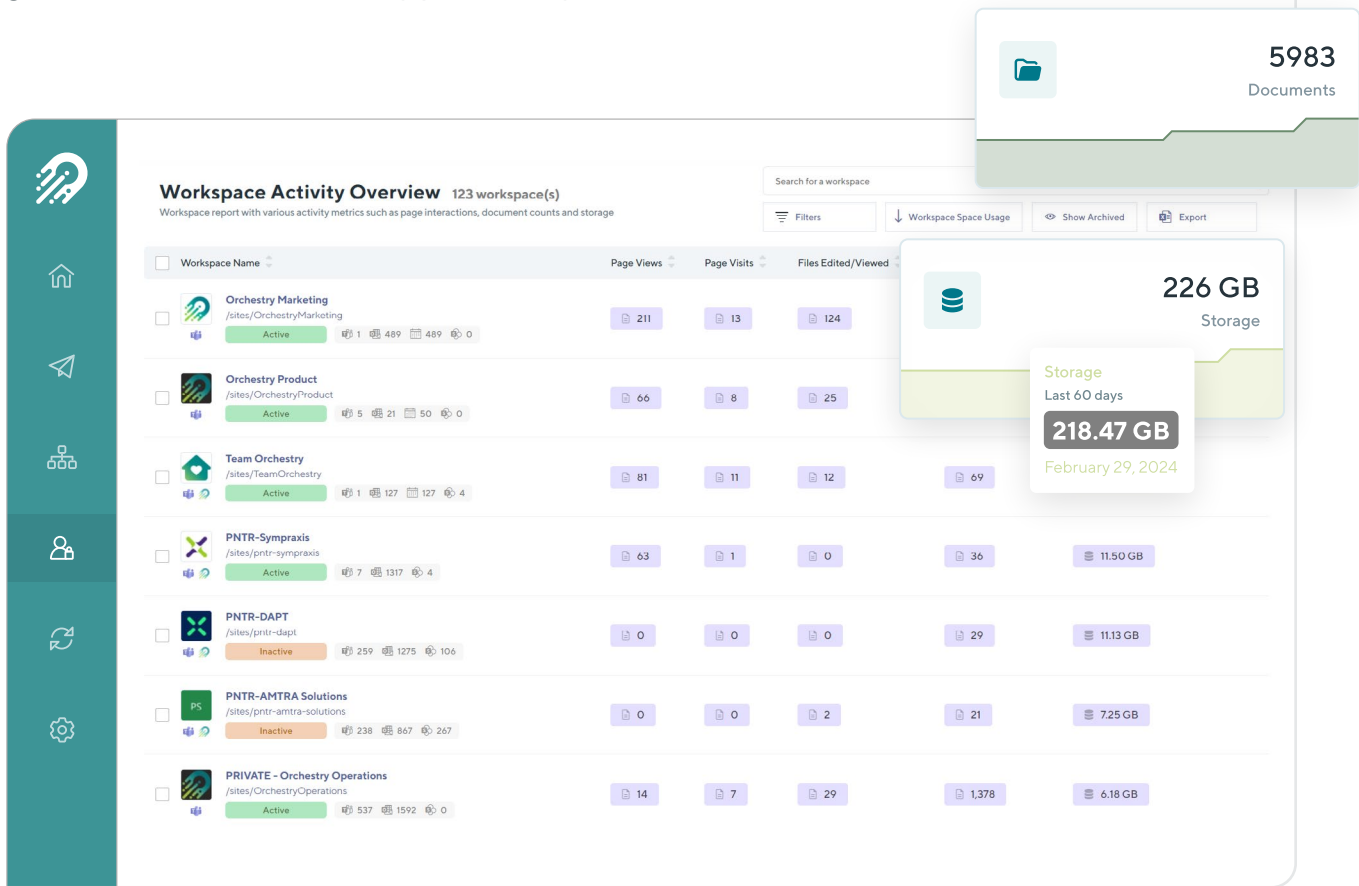
How can Orchestra Help?

Orchestra is a comprehensive platform that offers robust reporting, management, and automation capabilities for handling storage and other aspects of Microsoft 365.



Identify SharePoint sites with significant storage consumption

Orchestra's **Workspace Insights** offers an in-depth look at **SharePoint storage management**, presenting a clear picture of high storage sites, number of documents, periods of inactivity, and trends in storage growth, features not inherently provided by Microsoft 365.



How can Orchestra Help?



Enable Workspace Owners to manage and archive content effectively

Implement a policy that involves all Workspace Owners in the decision-making process about their content. This streamlined approach allows them to keep, archive, or delete their content on a mass scale, effectively putting content management into their own hands.

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Falcon requested by Archie on September 22, 2023 4:30 PM

Created

September 22, 2023

Created With

Orchestra

Workspace Type

Microsoft Team

Template

Internal Project Workspace

Storage Used

0 Bytes

Sharing Settings

Permission Type

Private

Guest Access

☒ Disabled

SharePoint Sharing

New and existing guests

Metadata

Location

Days Inactive: 182

2 Owners

1 Members

62 Documents

0 Bytes Storage

▲ Policy Triggered

This Workspace has been classified as inactive and has been marked for archival.

Please review the associated Workspace and choose from one of the options below.

Comments

⌚ Renew

This will extend the usage of this Workspace for 180 days

📁 Archive

This will approve the Workspace to be archived

🗑️ Delete

This will delete the Workspace entirely

Submit

Status

Pending Approval

207 days without Team activity

207 days without Group activity

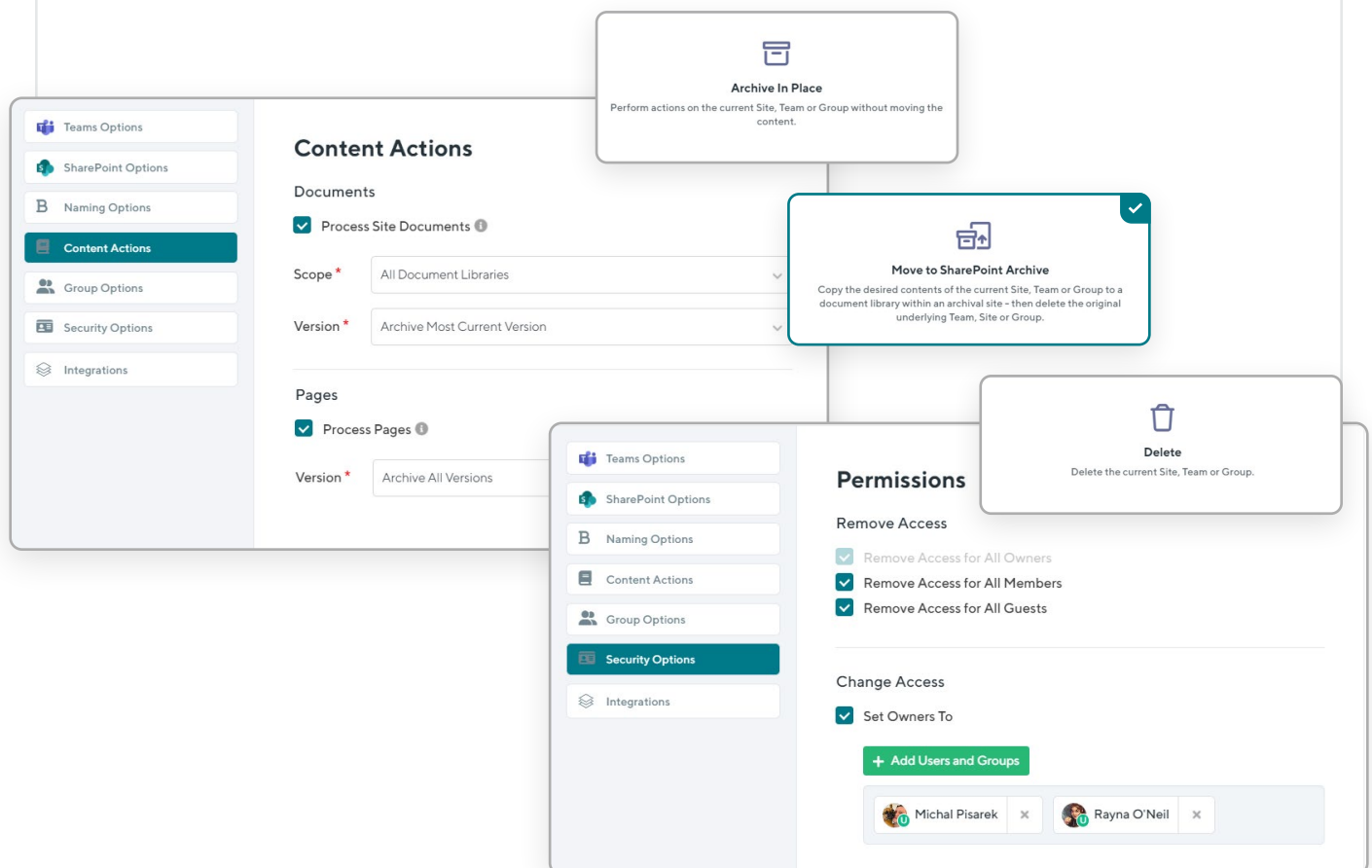
182 days without SharePoint activity

How can Orchestra Help?



Archive Content on Your Own Terms

Orchestra offers several archival choices, including the ability to eliminate earlier versions of content during the archival process. This can free up to 90% of your SharePoint storage allocation, allowing your content to stay within Microsoft 365 without consuming valuable space.



How can Orchestra Help?



Maintain Ongoing Compliance

Control the creation of Teams and SharePoint sites while integrating measures to optimize storage. Orchestra offers a quick solution to limit version histories on any SharePoint site, potentially saving 80% of site storage instantly. This can be coupled with approvals, naming conventions, and diverse security options to enable users effectively without extra storage expenses.



This Workspace has a compliance policy
The compliance policy is set to block deletion.



Marketing

A group to synthesize, analyze, and synchronize our marketing efforts.

Type

Team Site

Last Crawled

April 25, 2022

Storage Used

27.07 MB

Created

March 28, 2022

Sharing Settings

Permission Type

Public

Guest Access

☒ Enabled

SharePoint Sharing

New and Existing Guests

Lifecycle



Status

Active

28

days without Group activity

28

days without SharePoint activity

LAST ACTIVITY

March 28, 2022



Renewal / Archival Policy

Currently no associated renewal / archival policy

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- **Fully secure application** attested by SOC2 Security certification
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