

# Essential 8 - Cyber Security Solution

Protect your business from known & emerging Cyber Security threats

Cyber threats are constantly evolving and becoming more complex. The traditional approach of relying on antivirus software and firewalls is no longer enough to protect against these threats.

The Essential 8 security framework, developed by the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD), provides a more comprehensive approach, which focuses on eight key mitigation strategies.



## Application control

To control the execution of unauthorised applications / software



## Patching applications

To remediate known security vulnerabilities



## Configure Microsoft Macro Settings

To block untrusted macros and only allow checked macros from trusted locations



## User application hardening

Configure web browsers to block and disable potential malware



## Restrict Admin privileges

To limit powerful access to important business information and systems



## Patch Operating Systems

To remediate known security vulnerabilities



## Multi-Factor Authentication

To protect against unauthorised access



## Daily Backups

To maintain the availability of critical business data

The Essential 8 security framework provides a comprehensive set of mitigation strategies that have been proven to effectively defend against advanced persistent threat (APT) actors. By adopting these strategies, organisations can protect themselves from cyber threats and ensure the security of their sensitive information.

# Essential 8 Features

## 1. Application Control

This strategy ensures that only approved applications are allowed to run on an organisation's systems. This reduces the risk of malware and other malicious software infecting systems and programs.

## 2. Patching Applications

This strategy ensures that all applications are kept up-to-date with the latest security patches to prevent attackers from exploiting known vulnerabilities.

## 3. Configure Microsoft Macro Settings

This strategy helps to prevent macro-based malware attacks by configuring Microsoft Office to disable macros from untrusted sources.

## 4. User Application Hardening

This strategy involves configuring user applications to reduce their attack surface and make them more secure.

## 5. Restrict Admin Privileges

This strategy involves restricting administrative privileges to only those who need them, reducing the risk of attackers using these privileges to compromise systems and steal sensitive information.

## 6. Patch Operating Systems

This strategy ensures that all operating systems are kept up-to-date with the latest security patches to prevent attackers from exploiting known vulnerabilities.

## 7. Multi-Factor Authentication

This strategy involves applying security controls to operating systems to prevent attackers from compromising systems and stealing sensitive information.

## 8. Daily Backups

This strategy helps to maintain the availability of critical business data.

## Benefits

- Heightened data security
- Reduced risk of human error
- Increase operational control
- Cost savings due to reduced risk
- Improved productivity & efficiency



## Why the Essential 8 Is Important

With cyber attackers finding innovative ways to infiltrate systems, organisations that adopt the Essential Eight framework have a better chance of preventing attacks to their businesses.

### Here are a few reasons why Essential Eight is important:



It protects you against 85% of data breaches



It is an effective step in preventing cyber criminals from stealing your money and data.



It gives you a clear understanding of your current defence posture.



It provides you with confidence that your organisation is protected using widely accepted mitigation strategies.



It improves your cybersecurity policies and procedures.



It ensures compliance with business and industry information security requirements.



It helps you achieve compliance with industry standards such as NIST, ISO27001 and PCI.

## Maturity Levels



## How Can New Era Help?



### Audit

All your IT Systems as well as operation procedures will be audited and focused on each of the Essential 8 items to provide your business with a Maturity Level score for each.



### Findings

A document will be created, tailored to the findings of the audit conducted that will highlight any gaps that need to be remediated in order to achieve your desired level of maturity.

Recommendations will be made in that report to bridge those individual gaps.

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