



SOLUTION BRIEF (Fortra)

How Fortra's Data Classification Suite and Microsoft Purview Information Protection Work Together

Customers with Microsoft E3 and E5 licenses have access to a variety of data protection capabilities through Microsoft Purview Information Protection (MIP). Within the Microsoft Purview governance portal, customers have the ability to categorize data assets by assigning unique tags or classes (sensitivity labels) to that data, providing a basic level of data classification. However, there are often occasions where users find they require additional enhancement.

Why would I need to enhance the Microsoft Purview data classification capabilities?

There are times where organizations need more granular, or far reaching, classification capabilities. For example:



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How Fortra's Data Classification Suite (DCS) enhances Microsoft Purview

Sensitivity labels are just one piece of the MIP ecosystem, however, sensitivity labels are often responsible for driving a lot more of an organization's security solutions, as well as adding the necessary context to data.

Adding DCS into your security portfolio brings enhanced labeling and metadata capabilities to the simple labeling capabilities of MIP. You can now map Microsoft sensitivity labels to DCS fields and values, meaning DCS users can process documents and emails from Microsoft users. Our MIP Classification Adapter provides the interface between Microsoft labels and DCS.

Solving data classification challenges using DCS

While simple labeling may be all your organization needs, we know there may be occasions where you need more. Listed below are some of the common use cases users face with MIP sensitivity labels, and how bringing DCS into the mix can solve these:

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USE CASE	SOLUTION
Most users suffice with simple labels provided by MIP, but a significant number need more nuanced labels	DCS for Windows provides nuanced DCS labels that can be mapped to MIP labels for the downstream users
Customers have tried MIP and find the capabilities lack in significant areas	DCS for Windows will understand the previously set MIP labels and map to the equivalent DCS label providing a seamless migration path.
One part of the business is using MIP but regulatory or infrastructure obligations mean MIP cannot be used elsewhere	DCS for Windows provides DCS labels that can be mapped to MIP labels for the other users. This assumes the controlled environments necessarily have access to the MIP tenant.
The organization wants to use nuanced labels but also protect which content can be uploaded to Teams channels, a capability which is provided by MIP.	DCS for Windows will set an equivalent MIP label to the selected DCS label. This will enable MIP to block content to Teams channels based on the MIP label

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