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Searching Microsoft 365 with Purview

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1. Log in to Microsoft Purview

Visit https://purview.microsoft.com and sign in using your organization's Microsoft 365 credentials. Avoid using personal accounts.

2. Navigate to eDiscovery

From the Main Menu in center of the screen, click 'View all solutions'. Select 'eDiscovery', then click on 'Cases'.

3. Create a New Case

Click 'Create Case'. Provide a unique Case Name and a brief Description (e.g., 'DSAR'). Click 'Create the case'.

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4. Create a Search Within the Case

Inside your case, click 'Create Search'. Use the same name and description as the case for consistency.

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5. Define Search Conditions

Choose your Data Sources: either looking at specific mail boxes (Add Sources Button) or add all mailboxes (Add Whole Company Sources Button)

On Condition Builder add search terms in 'Enter a keyword or phase and then press Enter. Repeat for additional keywords'. For example: A persons full name press Enter and their full address press enter etc.

You can add search conditions to narrow a search and return a more refined set of results. Each condition adds a clause to the search query that is created. For example: look for information between certain dates.

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6. Run the Search

Review the search settings (and edit if necessary). Then submit by pressing Run Query, make sure Statistics box is checked, then click the 'Run Query' at the bottom. The search may take some time.

7. Review Search Results

After the search is completed, review the Summary Report. Preview items or rerun the search if necessary.

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8. Export the Search Results

Click 'Export'. Enter the same name and description used for the Case. Configure settings accordingly.



9. Monitor the Export Process

Click 'Process Manager'. Monitor until the export status shows 'Completed' this may take some time.

10. Download the Export

Ensure browser pop-ups are enabled. Click 'Download', save the file, and move it to your desired storage location.

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Final Notes

Ensure consistent naming across Case, Search, and Export for easier tracking. This process supports DSAR compliance by locating and exporting relevant subject data efficiently from Microsoft 365.

