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# AvePoint & Microsoft: Multi-Cloud Agentic AI Governance

AI agents are opening new opportunities for business innovation, and organizations are looking for solutions that help them confidently govern multi-cloud environments as usage grows. Microsoft and AvePoint offer complementary capabilities that work together to support responsible, well-managed agent deployment at scale.

## Microsoft Agent 365

Provides native controls to publish and manage agents within Microsoft 365, including third-party agents registered through Entra ID. It leverages the strength of Microsoft Purview—such as data classification, encryption enforcement, and DLP—to help organizations secure and monitor how agents interact with sensitive information.

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## AvePoint Confidence Platform

Extends these capabilities across multi-cloud environments with operational governance, granular controls, and automated lifecycle actions. With visibility into sensitive data discovery, access risk, and agents across Microsoft 365 and Google Cloud, AvePoint reduces unmonitored agent risk and ensures consistent governance of workspaces, permissions, content, and agent behavior within a unified framework

## Setting The New Standard for Agent Control

Together, Microsoft and AvePoint deliver a coordinated approach to agentic AI governance: Microsoft provides the foundational security, identity, and compliance infrastructure, while AvePoint adds multi-cloud operationalization, proactive DSPM, and scaled governance to help organizations adopt and manage agentic AI with confidence.

# AI Governance that Goes Further – Together

Get the best of Microsoft's deep integration and AvePoint's multi-cloud oversight and governance framework. Ensure your agents run efficiently, securely, and deliver maximum business value without introducing risk or chaos.

| Capability | Agent 365 | Confidence Platform |
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| Agent activity reporting | 30 days (Preview) | Up to 3 years |
| Inventory of Copilot Studio Lite (Agent Builder), Copilot Studio, and SharePoint agents | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| Inventory of unpublished Copilot Studio agents | No | **Yes** |
| Inventory of non-Microsoft 365 agents | Supports manual agent registration | Yes, with automatic registration supporting Google's Vertex AI (preview) with more sources to come |
| Ownerless agent identification | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| Lifecycle management with re-certification and metadata capture for business context | No | **Yes** |
| Agent creator reporting | No | **Yes** |
| Estimation of time savings | **Yes** | No |
| Management of agent publishing | **Yes** | No |
| Pay-as-you-go usage reporting and licensing recommendations to optimize cost and value | No | **Yes** |
| Agent exposure to unlabeled sensitive data | No | **Yes** |

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# Expanded Use Cases

| Use Cases | Microsoft | AvePoint |
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| Inventory and Shadow AI | Provides visibility into registered agents and agent activity created and published through Microsoft 365 and associated Entra ID environments. | Extends visibility by aggregating agent inventory and activity across multiple tenants, clouds, and platforms—including Microsoft and non-Microsoft agent sources—to support broader shadow AI awareness. |
| Cost Management & ROI | Helps estimate productivity gains from agent usage and applies policy controls to manage connector usage and data sharing within Microsoft 365. | Adds operational insight across pay-as-you-go and licensed usage, helping organizations understand cost drivers, optimize usage patterns, and align agent activity with business outcomes across environments. |
| Data Quality | Applies Microsoft Purview retention, labeling, and deletion controls to govern data accessed and acted upon by agents. | Extends data governance by identifying redundant, outdated, or low-value content across Microsoft 365, helping reduce cost, risk, and AI exposure at scale. |
| Sprawl & Lifecycle Management | Supports lifecycle governance through agent ownership, publishing controls, and administrative oversight within Microsoft 365. | Adds centralized lifecycle visibility across agents, sites, users, and workloads—helping organizations identify inactive or orphaned agents and apply governance consistently across tenants and platforms. |
| Risk Management | Uses identity risk signals and protection insights to help detect and mitigate potential user- and agent-related risks. | Extends risk context by correlating agent activity with data sensitivity, exposure, and usage patterns, enabling targeted remediation where risk exposure is highest. |
| Data Security & Policy Enforcement | Enforces built-in security controls such as sensitivity labels, encryption, and DLP policies across Microsoft 365 content. | Adds contextual governance and flexibility by applying policies across multi-tenant and multi-cloud environments, supporting consistent enforcement without blocking agent creation. |

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