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1. The cost

The step-up fee to upgrade to E5 licensing from E3 is an extra $25 per user/month. This upgrade will land you enhanced capabilities around telephony, analytics and, most importantly, security and compliance.

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Is E5 worth your investment? Chances are, your enterprise is invested in the Microsoft 365 software suite in one way or another. Microsoft holds over 90% of the global market for office suites with Office 365 being used by over a million companies worldwide.

But, with many different licensing plans to choose from, there are a lot of things to consider. In this article, we’ll cover two of the most well-known licensing plans: Microsoft 365 E3 and E5. There’s a step-up cost for E5 licensing, but are the extra features worth the investment?

Let’s find out.
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4. Additional benefits

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Insight

Microsoft 365 Security and Compliance might be enough reason to invest in an E5 upgrade.
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