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**Australian Government**  
**Digital Transformation Agency**

### About the Digital Transformation Agency

Provides strategic and policy leadership and investment advice and oversight, to drive government digital transformation that delivers benefits for all Australians.

At oobe we work with clients not customers. What does this mean? We believe in more than just a team of consultants; we roll up our sleeves and partner with people who want to create lasting efficiencies for their teams and their businesses so that they can spend more time on the fun stuff.

The Australian Digital Transformation Authority (DTA) are one of these clients.

DTA engaged with oobe over 18 months ago to develop the first round of Protected Utility Blueprints for Microsoft 365. The Protected Utility helps agencies quickly adopt Microsoft 365 capability in a consistent and secure manner, enhancing collaboration and business operations.

The Blueprint is a combination of designs, configuration guides and security documentation for a secure modern desktop for government and critical infrastructure organisations based on Microsoft 365. The first iteration was launched in March 2020.

Having deployed Microsoft 365 and Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD) for thousands of users throughout Australia, across both public and private sectors, we've learned a few things along the way. DTA recently reengaged oobe to maintain the blueprints which saw the oobe team uplift the pattern to include the popular AVD service.

The latest Blueprint was published early October 2021 by the DTA via GitHub. Further details can be found at <https://desktop.gov.au>

### About the Protected Utility blueprint

The blueprint contains guidance for best practice deployment. It incorporates advice from:

- **The Australian Government Information Security Manual (ISM)**
- **Microsoft**
- **The ACSC Essential Eight**
- **ACSC hardening guidelines for Microsoft Windows 10 and iOS.**