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## Integrating NoSpamProxy

- into Office 365
- into Microsoft Azure
- as an on-premises solution

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# Introduction

Since version 10, NoSpamProxy® can be fully integrated into Microsoft Office 365. This manual describes the configuration steps for NoSpamProxy and Microsoft 365 as well as for the server environment used.

The described configuration also applies to the use of NoSpamProxy as an on-premises solution and in Microsoft Azure.



**NOTE:** The specific configuration steps for use in Microsoft Azure are described below **Necessary configurations for the operation in Microsoft Azure.**

# Enabling Office 365 as a relay host

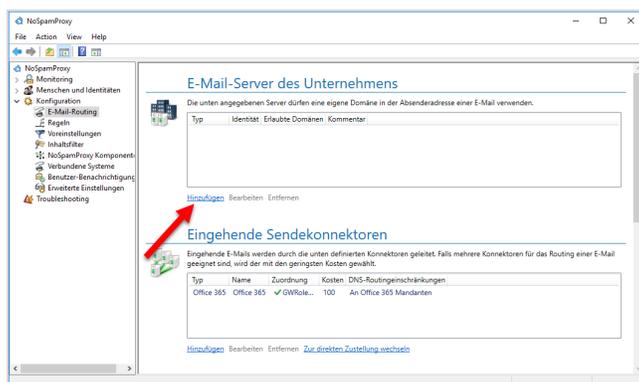
In this step, you allow Microsoft 365 to be used as a relay host in the NoSpamProxy® configuration so that emails can be sent from Microsoft 365 to external communication partners through NoSpamProxy.

Without this configuration, NoSpamProxy will evaluate and reject emails as relay abuse attempts.

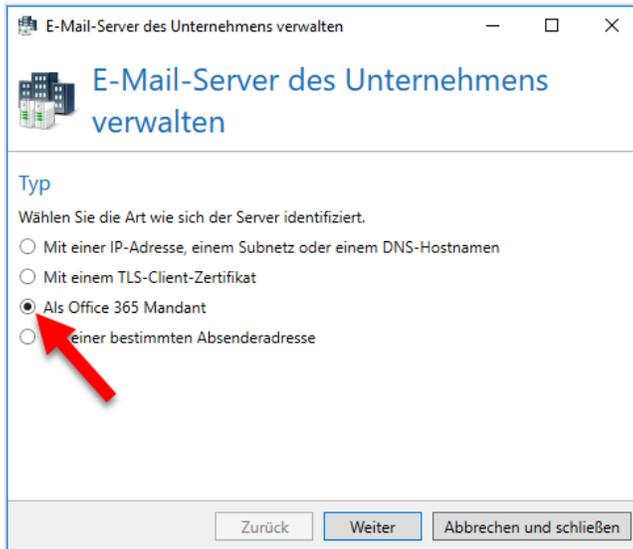


**NOTE:** Make sure that you have set up at least one corporate domain before you start the configuration.

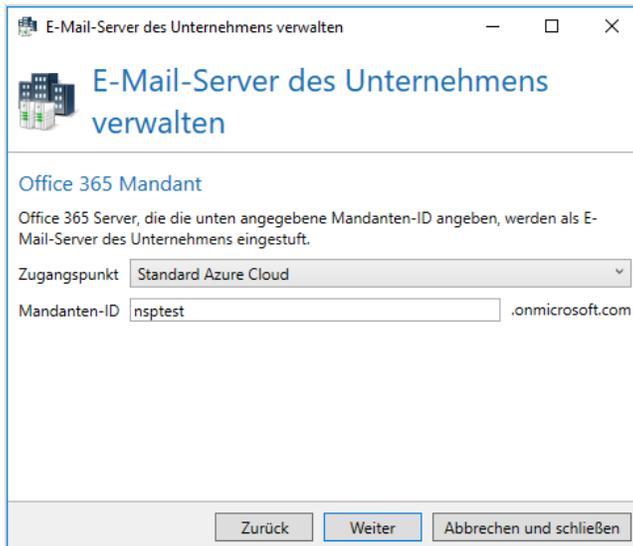
1. In the NoSpamProxy Command Center, go to **Configuration > Email Routing** and click **Add**.



2. Select the **As Office 365 tenant** type, and then click **Next**.



3. Under **Endpoint**, make the appropriate selection for your organisational environment.
4. Enter your tenant ID. Make sure that you enter the name of the ID (not the ID in hexadecimal notation).
5. Click **Next**.



6. At **Assigned company domains**, select the domains that you have stored in Microsoft 365 and that will appear in the sender address for outbound emails.



**NOTE:** If you do not find all domains here, you must add the missing domains under **Identities > Corporate Domains > Corporate Domains**. This is also possible at a later date.

7. Click **Next**.
8. Enter a comment if necessary and then click **Finish**.

The email server has been created.

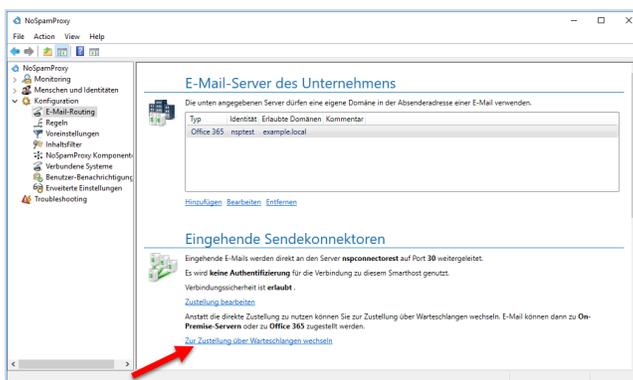
# Setting up forwarding to Microsoft 365



**NOTE:** A TLS certificate issued by a Microsoft trusted root certification authority is required to set up the forwarding to Microsoft 365. You can find an up-to-date list of familiar CAs at <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/security/trusted-root/participants-list>.

In this step, you configure NoSpamProxy® so that all inbound emails are forwarded to Microsoft 365. To do this, you must edit the corresponding send connectors.

1. Go to **Configuration > Email routing**.
2. Under **Inbound send connectors**, click **Switch to queued delivery**.

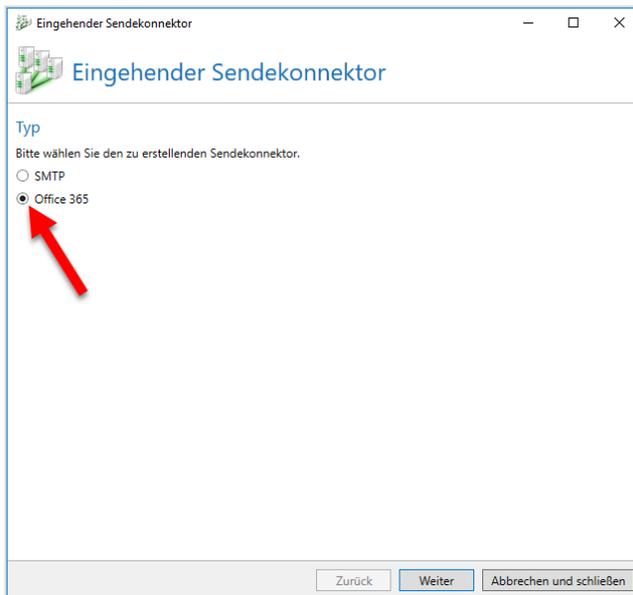


3. In the **Change delivery** dialog, select **Replace delivery**.

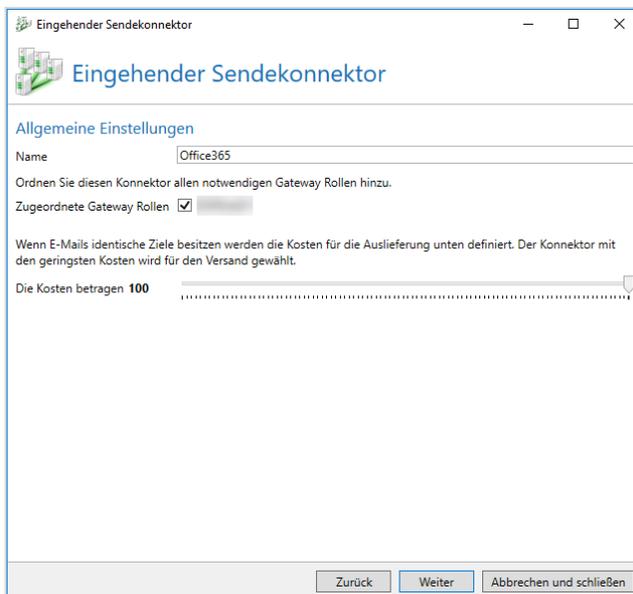


**NOTE:** From version 13 on, this step is no longer necessary, since direct delivery is no longer supported from this version on.

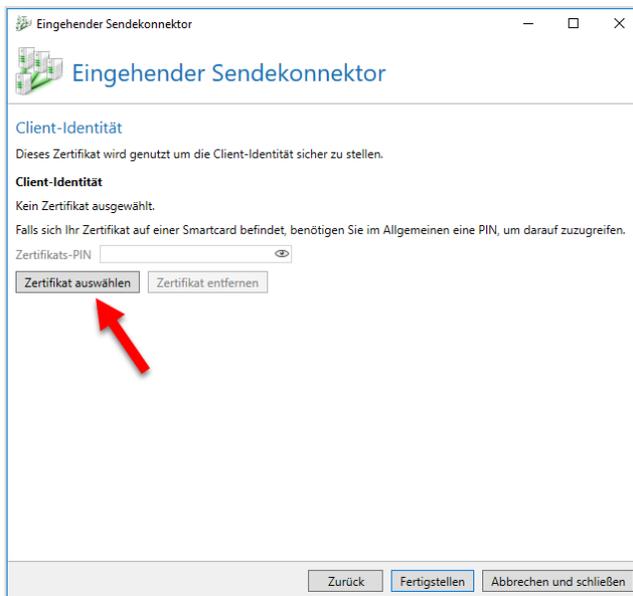
4. In the dialog box that appears, select **Office 365** and click **Next**.



5. Type any name for the inbound send connector, and then select the Gateway Role(s) that you want to process emails to Office 365.
6. Click **Next**.



7. Click **Select certificate** to specify a client identity certificate that NoSpamProxy can use to authenticate to the Office 365 server.



8. In the following dialog box, select the TLS certificate that you have previously applied for from a root CA trusted by Microsoft, and then click **Select and close**.
9. Click **Select and close**.
10. Click **Finish** in the following dialog box.
11. Under **Receive connectors**, open the receive connector in use and switch to the **Connection security** tab.
12. Select either the certificate provided by NoSpamProxy or the certificate you requested previously.
13. Click **Select and close**, then **Save and Close**.

The configuration for NoSpamProxy is now complete.

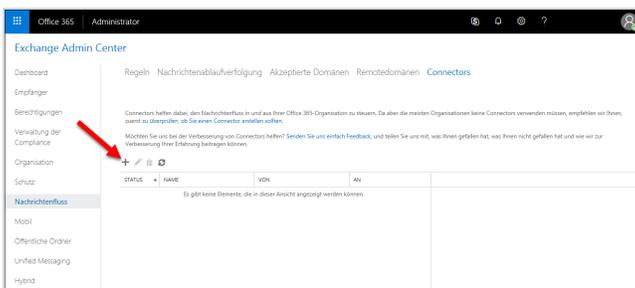
# Configuring Microsoft 365

In this step, you configure the Office 365 client not to deliver outbound emails directly to the recipient server, but to NoSpamProxy® first. To do this, log on to your Office 365 client at <https://outlook.office365.com/ecp>.



**NOTE:** Use a user with administrative rights to log on.

1. In the Exchange Admin Center, go to **Mail flow > Connectors**; then click the **plus sign**. The wizard for creating a new connector opens.



2. On the first page, in the field **From**, select **Office 365**; in the field **To**, select **Partner Organization**.
3. Click **Next**. This setting sends outgoing e-mail from the Office 365 client to NoSpamProxy.
4. On the following page, enter any name for the connector.
5. Enter a description if required and click **Next**.
6. On the following page, select the option **Only when I have a transport rule set up that redirects messages to this connector**.

## 7. Click **Next**.

https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/OutboundConnector.aspx?ConnectorType=OnPremises

Neuer Connector

Wann möchten Sie diesen Connector verwenden?

Nur, wenn ich eine Transportregel eingerichtet habe, die Nachrichten an diesen Connector umleitet

Nur, wenn E-Mails an diese Domänen in Ihrer Organisation gesendet werden

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## 8. Specify the name or IP address of the server (smart host) where the Gateway Role is installed, then click **Save**.

https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/OutboundConnector.aspx?ConnectorType=OnPremises

smarthost hinzufügen

Geben Sie den vollqualifizierten Domänennamen (FQDN) des Smarthosts oder eine IPv4-Adresse an.  
Beispiel: „myhost.contoso.com“ oder „192.168.3.2“

nsp-cloudonly.cloudapp.net

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**NOTE:** When entering the host name, note that Microsoft 365 considers the MX records before the A records when resolving. If an MX record exists for the entered host name in addition to an A record, the connector will fall back on the MX record.

- In the following dialog box, enable the option **Always use Transport Layer Security (TLS) to secure the connection (recommended)**. In the dialog box below, select **Any digital certificate, including self-signed certificates** and click **Next**.

https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/OutboundConnector.aspx?ConnectorType=OnPremises

Neuer Connector

Wie sollte Office 365 eine Verbindung mit Ihrem E-Mail-Server herstellen?

Immer TLS (Transport Layer Security) zum Sichern der Verbindung verwenden (empfohlen)  
Verbindung nur herstellen, wenn das Zertifikat des E-Mail-Servers des Empfängers dieses Kriterium erfüllt

Alle digitalen Zertifikate, einschließlich selbstsignierter Zertifikate

Nur von einer vertrauenswürdigen Zertifizierungsstelle (CA) ausgestellt

Unter der Antragstellername oder der alternative Antragstellername (SAN) stimmt mit diesem Domännennamen überein:  
Beispiel: \*.contoso.com oder \*.contoso.com

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- Check the summary of your information for accuracy and click **Next**.

11. In the following dialog, enter one or more email addresses that you want to

Neuer Connector

Diesen Connector überprüfen

Wir überprüfen diesen Connector für Sie, um sicherzustellen, dass er wie erwartet funktioniert, aber Sie müssen zuerst mindestens eine E-Mail-Adresse angeben, damit wir eine Testnachricht senden können.

Geben Sie eine E-Mail-Adresse für ein aktives Postfach an, das sich auf Ihrem E-Mail-Server befindet. Wenn Ihre Organisation über mehrere Domänen verfügt, können Sie mehrere Adressen hinzufügen.

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test@netatwork.de

Zurück Überprüfen Abbrechen

use to verify this connector.

12. Click **Validate**.

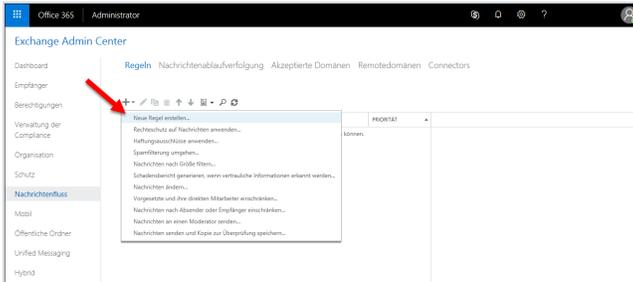


**NOTE:** One or more test messages are now sent. You will receive a check result after the check is completed. The test message usually fails; you can ignore this at first.

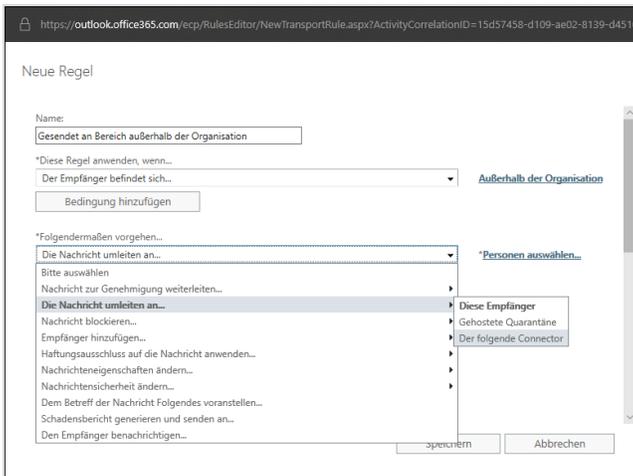
13. Click **Save** to close the dialog.

# Creating the transport rule

1. From the Office 365 management interface, go to **Mail Flow > Rules**.
2. Click the **plus sign**.



3. Select **Create a new rule**. The wizard for creating a new transport rule opens.



4. Enter any name for the rule.
5. Under **Apply this rule if**, set the following options:
  - **The recipient is located and**
  - **Outside the organization.**
6. Under **Do the following**, select **Use the following connector**.

7. Then specify the previously created connector and click **OK**.



**NOTE:** If you can only select **persons** at this point, click **More options**. There you can select the option **Use the following connector** under **Redirect the message to**. You can then use the connector you created earlier.

8. Click **Save**.

# Using NoSpamProxy in Microsoft 365 with Exchange Online

If you use NoSpamProxy® in Microsoft 365 in conjunction with Exchange Online, you must make additional settings in your tenant to ensure spam prevention.

## I Step 1: Creating an inbound connector for the domain \*

To stop the delivery of unwanted emails from the Internet, create an inbound connector. This connector allows for the domain \* only emails from specific IP addresses, i.e. your own email server or NoSpamProxy. A corresponding partner connector is required for this.

To create the partner connector in PowerShell, type the following:

```
New-InboundConnector  
  
-Name "AcceptOnlyEMailsFromThisServer<NoSpamProxy>"  
  
-ConnectorType Partner  
  
-SenderDomains *  
  
-RestrictDomainsToCertificate $true  
  
-TlsSenderCertificateName  
<TheCertificatePreviouslyCreatedAndSelected>  
  
-AssociatedAcceptedDomains  
<AllDomainsListedUnderCorporateDomainsAndUsedInTheOffice365Tenant>
```



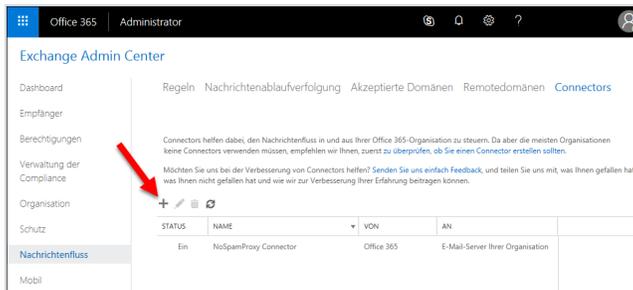
**WARNING:** To ensure spam protection through NoSpamProxy®, you must route all inbound email traffic through NoSpamProxy and address Microsoft 365 exclusively through NoSpamProxy using a dedicated connector. Otherwise, it is possible that the anti-spam functionalities of NoSpamProxy and Exchange Online Protection (EOP) will interfere with each other. We strongly recommend that you make the following setting, otherwise the security and stability of your configuration cannot be guaranteed.



**TIP:** Instead of the IP address, you can also store the certificate of the supplying gateway.

To create the partner connector via the Exchange Control Panel, proceed as follows:

1. Go to **Mail flow > Connectors** and click the **plussign**.



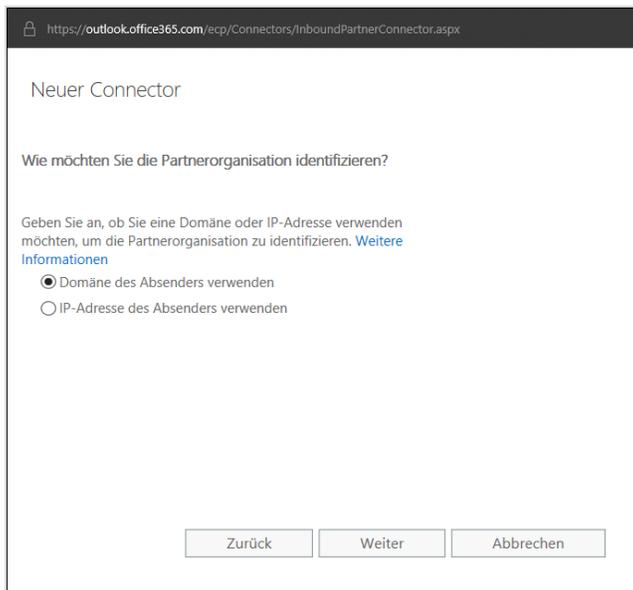
2. In the dialog box, select **Partner organization** and **Office 365**, and then click **Next**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/ConnectorSelection.aspx?ActivityCorrelationID=>. The page title is "Wählen Sie Ihr Nachrichtenübermittlungsszenario aus". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Geben Sie Ihr Nachrichtenübermittlungsszenario an, und wir informieren Sie, ob Sie einen Connector einrichten müssen." followed by a link "Weitere Informationen". There are two dropdown menus: "Von:" with "Partnerorganisation" selected, and "An:" with "Office 365" selected. Below these is a paragraph: "Das Erstellen eines Connectors für dieses Nachrichtenübermittlungsszenario ist optional. Erstellen Sie einen Connector nur, wenn Sie die Sicherheit für die zwischen Ihrer Partnerorganisation oder Ihrem Dienstanbieter und Office 365 gesendeten E-Mails erhöhen möchten. Sie können mehrere Connectors für dieses Szenario erstellen, die alle für jeweils unterschiedliche Partnerorganisationen oder Dienstanbieter gelten." followed by a link "Weitere Informationen". At the bottom are two buttons: "Weiter" and "Abbrechen".

3. In the **New Connector** dialog, enter a name for the connector and add a description if required. Leave the check mark next to **Switch on**. Then click **Next**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/InboundPartnerConnector.aspx>. The page title is "Neuer Connector". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Dieser Connector erzwingt Routing- und Sicherheitseinschränkungen für E-Mails, die von Ihre Partnerorganisation oder Ihrem Dienstanbieter an Office 365 gesendet werden." There are two input fields: "\*Name:" with the text "Eingehender Connector via NoSpamProxy" and "Beschreibung:" which is empty. Below these is a paragraph: "Was möchten Sie nach dem Speichern des Connectors tun?" followed by a checked checkbox "Einschalten". At the bottom are two buttons: "Weiter" and "Abbrechen".

4. In the following dialog box, select **Use the sender's domain** and click **Next**.



https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/inboundPartnerConnector.aspx

Neuer Connector

Wie möchten Sie die Partnerorganisation identifizieren?

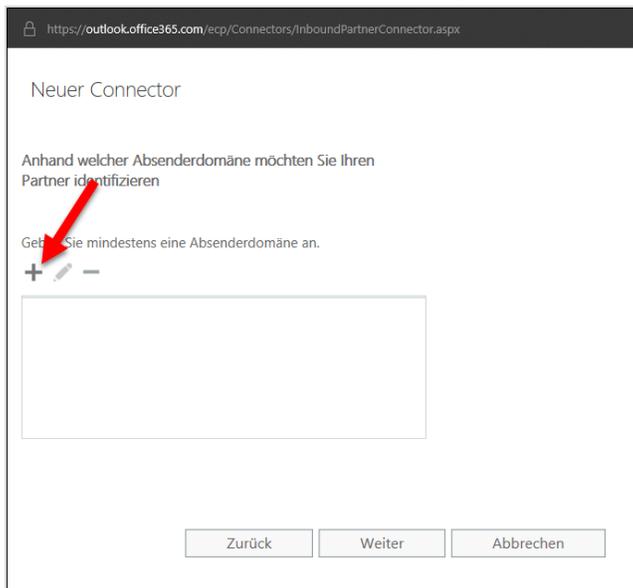
Geben Sie an, ob Sie eine Domäne oder IP-Adresse verwenden möchten, um die Partnerorganisation zu identifizieren. [Weitere Informationen](#)

Domäne des Absenders verwenden

IP-Adresse des Absenders verwenden

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5. Click the **plussign** in the following dialog box.



https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/inboundPartnerConnector.aspx

Neuer Connector

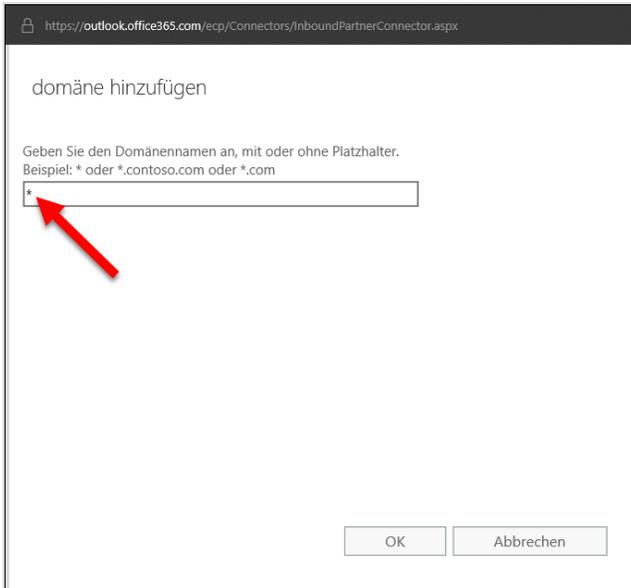
Anhand welcher Absenderdomäne möchten Sie Ihren Partner identifizieren?

Geben Sie mindestens eine Absenderdomäne an.

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Zurück Weiter Abbrechen

6. Enter an asterisk ("\*") as the domain name. Then click **OK** and on the following page **Next**.



https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/InboundPartnerConnector.aspx

domäne hinzufügen

Geben Sie den Domännennamen an, mit oder ohne Platzhalter.  
Beispiel: \* oder \*.contoso.com oder \*.com

OK Abbrechen

7. On the following page, tick the check box **Reject email messages if they aren't sent from within this IP address**. Click **Next**.

https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/InboundPartnerConnector.aspx

### Neuer Connector

Welche Sicherheitseinschränkungen sollen angewendet werden?

E-Mails zurückweisen, wenn sie nicht über TLS gesendet werden

Und anfordern, dass der Antragstellername im Zertifikat, das der Partner verwendet, um sich bei Office 365 zu authentifizieren, mit diesem Domänennamen übereinstimmt

Beispiel: "contoso.com" oder "\*.contoso.com"

E-Mails zurückweisen, wenn sie nicht aus diesem IP-Adressbereich gesendet werden

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8. In the dialogue **Add IP address**, enter the address of the server on which the gateway role is installed. Click **OK**.

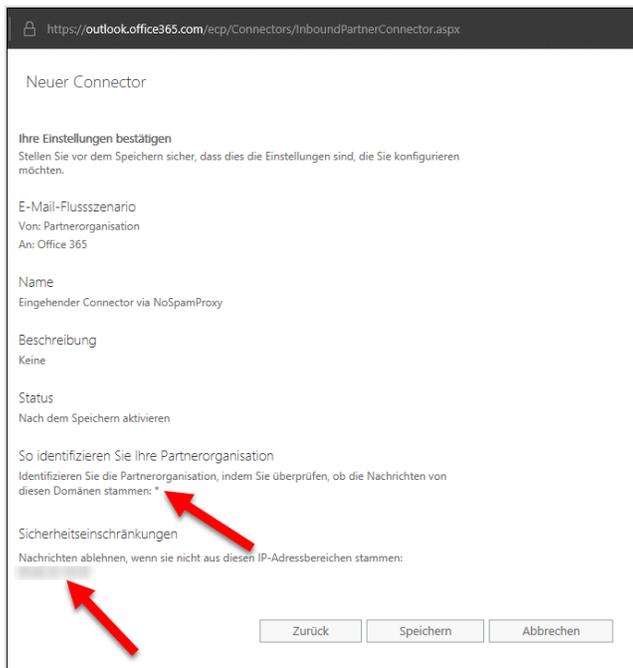
https://outlook.office365.com/ecp/Connectors/InboundPartnerConnector.aspx

### ip-adresse hinzufügen

Geben Sie eine einzelne IP-Adresse oder mehrere IP-Adressen in CIDR-Notation an.  
Beispiel: 10.5.3.2 oder 10.3.1.5/24

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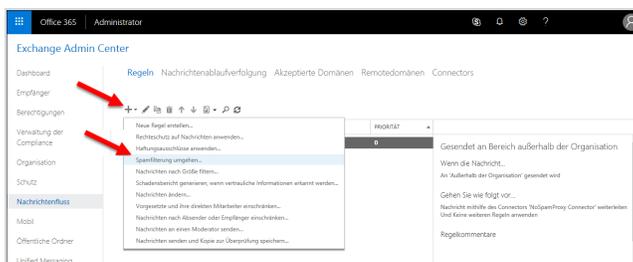
9. Verify that the information in the summary is correct and click **OK**.



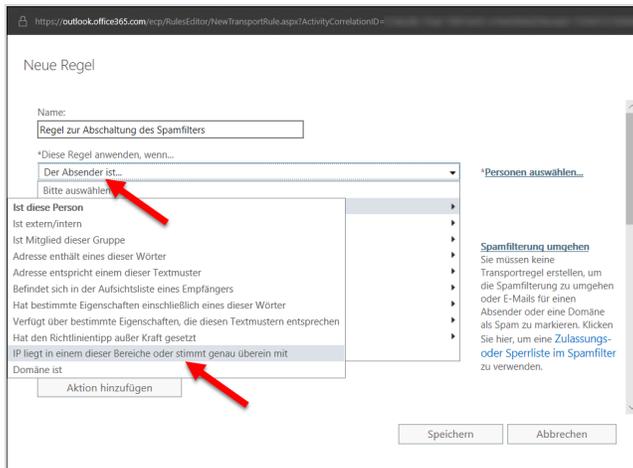
The new connector now appears under **Mail flow > Connectors**.

## Step 2: Creating a transport rule to deactivate the spam filter

1. Go to **Mail flow > Rules**.
2. Click the **plus** sign .
3. Select **Bypass spam filtering** from the drop-down menu.
4. Give the rule a name.



5. Under **Apply this rule if** select if the option **Sender** and then **IP is in any of these ranges or exactly matches**.



6. In the **Specify IP address ranges** dialog, specify the IP address of the server on which the Gateway Role is installed.



7. Click the **plus** sign and then click **OK**.
8. Click **Save**.

The rule is now set up. Spam protection for the use of NoSpamProxy in Microsoft 365 with Exchange Online is ensured.

# Necessary configurations for the operation in Microsoft Azure

## Integrating the TCP proxy



**NOTE:** You must have a valid software maintenance contract to use the TCP Proxy.

It is possible that for cloud-based systems, e.g. Microsoft Azure, port 25 is blocked by the provider. However, port 25 is required for sending emails, and port 25 being blocked prevents NoSpamProxy from operating on such a system.

We offer a solution in the form of our *TCP proxy*. This system can be activated in NoSpamProxy as described below. Each outgoing connection is routed to a routable IPv4 address on the TCP level through the TCP proxy for NoSpamProxy. The emails will be sent from the server via port 443 to the TCP proxy and from there via port 25 to the recipient system.

1. Stop the Gateway Role via the NoSpamProxy console or the Windows services.
2. Open a text editor using administrative rights on the system where the Gateway Role is installed.
3. Open the configuration file "**Gateway Role.config**" from the directory **C:\ProgramData\Net at Work Mail Gateway\Configuration**.
4. Search the file for `<smtpServicePointConfiguration>` and change/add the value

```
isProxyTunnelEnabled="true"  
proxyTunnelAddress="proxy.nospamproxy.com"
```

as attributes . If `<smtpServicePointConfiguration` is not present, search for `<netatwork.nospamproxy.proxyconfiguration` and add

```
<smtpServicePointConfiguration  
isProxyTunnelEnabled="true"  
proxyTunnelAddress="proxy.nospamproxy.com" />
```

directly under this value.

5. Save the file and close the editor.
6. Place the **Root CA certificate** in the Microsoft certificate store in the computer account under **Trusted Root Certification Authorities > Certificates** on the server with the Gateway Role.
7. In the NoSpamProxy Command Center under **Configuration > NoSpamProxy components > Gateway Roles** edit the appropriate gateway role and change the value for **SMTP Server Name** to the value `outboundproxy.nospamproxy.com`.
8. Restart the Gateway Role.
9. Open the **Gateway Role.config** file again and check whether the value was retained at startup.

## I Adjusting the SPF entry

- If the TCP proxy is implemented, it acts as the sending system. Thus, the TCP proxy must also be included in your SPF record. We strongly recommend adding the following entry to your SPF record:

```
include:_spf.proxy.nospamproxy.com
```

## I Gegebenenfalls: Anpassen von Microsoft 365

Falls Sie aus Azure heraus E-Mails an eine eigene Microsoft-365-Instanz schicken, bei der ein Konnektor auf die IP-Adressen gebunden ist, aktualisieren Sie bitte die IP-Adressen passend zum Namen `outboundproxy.nospamproxy.com`. Da bei Microsoft 365 die TLS-Zertifikate gegen die HELO-Domain geprüft werden, ist es nur mit deutlich erhöhtem Aufwand möglich, dies entsprechend umzusetzen. We therefore recommend validation by name.

## I If necessary: Adjust the firewall

- If you specifically block outgoing connections, you should adjust the exception for the TCP proxy so that connections to the **IP network 193.37.132.0/24** are allowed.

## Setting up a static IP address

If you want to run NoSpamProxy or parts of it in a virtual machine in a Microsoft Azure environment, you must have an IP address that is retained even after the machine is restarted. To achieve this, you must set up a static IP address (reserved IP address). Otherwise, it is possible that a different IP address will be assigned after the machine is restarted.



**NOTE:** You make this setting on the Microsoft Azure virtual machine where NoSpamProxy is installed.

1. Open the web [page portal.azure.com](https://portal.azure.com).
2. Under **Home > Virtual Computers**, click the virtual computer where NoSpamProxy is installed.
3. Go to **Network > Network interface > IP configurations** and select the configuration relevant for NoSpamProxy.
4. Enable the **Public IP address** option and then click **Create new**.
5. Enter a name and select the **Static** option.
6. Click **OK**.

The IP address is now displayed under the specified name.



**NOTE:** Also note the instructions on the corresponding [page of the Microsoft Azure documentation](#).

## Customizing the Reverse DNS Entry for the NoSpamProxy Server

1. Go to [portal.nospamproxy.com](https://portal.nospamproxy.com).
2. Go to **Dashboard > Resource Groups > [TheResourceGroupTheVirtualComputerBelongsTo] > [YourVirtualComputer] > Properties**.
3. Enter a name for the public IP address under **DNS name label**.
4. Start the Azure Shell.
5. Enter the following command, replacing the placeholders:

```
az network public-ip update --resource-group  
[ResourceGroup] --name [IPAddressName] --reverse-fqdn  
[FullDNSName] --dns-name [DNSName]
```



**NOTE:** Also note the instructions on the corresponding [page of the Microsoft Azure documentation](#).

# Help and support

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## Knowledge Base

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The [Knowledge Base](#) contains further technical information on various problems.

## Website

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The [NoSpamProxy website](#) contains manuals, white papers, brochures and other information about NoSpamProxy.

## NoSpamProxy Forum

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The [NoSpamProxy forum](#) gives you the opportunity to exchange information with other NoSpamProxy users, get tips and tricks and share them with others.

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The [blog](#) offers technical support, tips on new product versions, suggestions for changes to your configuration, warnings about compatibility problems and much more. The latest news from the blog is also displayed on the start page of the NoSpamProxy Command Center.

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