

COMPARISON OF KEY FEATURES

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✓ Feature available
 ✓ Function partially available
 ✗ Feature not available

	HORNETSECURITY	OCC ONLINE COMPLIANCE CENTER
Storage		
storage location	Europe	Germany
unlimited storage space	✓	✓
Reporting		
Job monitoring	✓	✓
Job reporting	✓	✓
Issues monitoring	✓	✓
Notification function / Regular reports	✓	✓
Data sources		
✉ emails, calendars, tasks, contacts	✓	✓
💬 chats, channels	✓	✓
🌐 sites	✓	✓
☁ comprehensive	✓	✓
📅 group plans	✓	✗
👤 personal users, shared teams	✓	✓
Backup		
Configuration options	✓	✓
Filter by file formats	✗	✓
Backup multiple versions of files	✓	✓
Restore		
Selective recovery (files, folders, etc.)	✓	✓
Preview of recoverable files	✓	✓
Restore to original data source	✓	✓
Single Item Recovery	✓	✓
Consideration of authorizations	✗	✓
Consideration of versions	✓	✓
Point-in-Time-Restore	✓	✓
Restore as download PST / ZIP	✓	✓
Security		
Handling labels and AIP-encrypted data	✗	✓
Login with multi-factor authentication	✓	✓
Account Activity Audit	✓	✓
Approval according to the dual control principle	✓	✓
Other Aspects		
Management of inactive teams and SharePoint Online data	✗	✓
Additional module "M365 Archiving" on the same platform	✓	✓

Setup

Both systems are relatively straightforward to set up. With OCC, onboarding is handled directly by connecting to a Microsoft 365 organization, allowing the initial backup to be started within just a few minutes.

Hornetsecurity also offers an efficient initial setup process, with access granted via an administrator account and the required vendor authorization. Both solutions can therefore be deployed quickly, with OCC standing out in particular for how rapidly the first backup can be initiated.

Storage

The main difference between the two solutions in terms of storage lies in data residency. While Hornetsecurity Total Backup stores data in European data centers, Online Compliance Center is hosted in Germany, providing explicit data residency within German borders.

Both solutions offer unlimited cloud storage, eliminating concerns about storage capacity limitations.

Reporting

Both solutions provide reporting capabilities for monitoring backup jobs. Hornetsecurity and OCC regularly provide email notifications on the status of backup jobs.

OCC goes a step further by offering integrated issue monitoring, with errors highlighted directly within the user interface. With Hornetsecurity, monitoring is limited to restore jobs. Notifications about issues are also provided by email, but without a comparably comprehensive real-time overview. However, Hornetsecurity offers highly granular notification settings, allowing administrators to define precisely which events they want to be notified about.

Backup

There are some notable differences between the two solutions when it comes to backup capabilities. Hornetsecurity takes a more automated approach, with backups performed regularly without manual control. Scheduling or manually initiating backup jobs is not supported. In addition, filtering by specific file formats is not available. However, Hornetsecurity supports additional data sources such as Planner and OneNote.

In contrast, OCC provides significantly more granular control over backups, including the ability to individually schedule backup jobs. OCC also allows specific file formats to be selectively excluded from backups.

While Hornetsecurity backs up Teams files and Teams chats, OCC enables comprehensive backup of entire Teams environments, including all channel chats.

Restore

Both solutions allow individual data items to be restored selectively, including entire folders as well as individual files or emails.

However, there are differences when it comes to restoring Microsoft Teams data. With Hornetsecurity, data cannot be restored directly to Microsoft Teams, and chats can only be restored in HTML format. In contrast, OCC supports restoring data directly to Microsoft Teams, including channels.

While both providers support the restoration of different versions, only OCC allows the original permissions to be restored as well.

Security

Both systems implement high security standards. All communication is encrypted by both providers, and stored data is encrypted at rest. In addition, both Hornetsecurity and OCC support two-factor authentication for user login.

When handling particularly sensitive data, both providers offer an optional four-eyes principle, providing an additional layer of security for critical actions such as data deletion. OCC also integrates Microsoft Purview and AIP labels directly into backup and restore processes, enabling additional control, particularly with regard to compliance requirements.

Both solutions also provide account activity auditing capabilities, with Hornetsecurity offering more detailed and comprehensive audit functionality.

Other Aspects

Both solutions offer German-language support with fast response times, as well as knowledge bases, regular updates, and patches.

An important difference concerns corporate ownership and headquarters. Online Compliance Center (OCC) is operated by a German provider based in Germany, while Hornetsecurity is now owned by a U.S. company. As a result, Hornetsecurity is no longer a German-owned company, although support and services continue to be available in German.

Another difference concerns the management of inactive data. OCC enables the targeted management and retention of inactive Microsoft Teams and SharePoint Online data, whereas Hornetsecurity does not offer comparable functionality.

Both providers also offer an additional Microsoft 365 archiving module within their respective platforms.

Licensing

Both solutions offer transparent and straightforward pricing models but differ in their sales structures. While OCC can be purchased directly from the vendor, Hornetsecurity licensing is available exclusively through authorized partners.

Another difference concerns trial options. OCC offers a free trial, allowing prospective customers to evaluate the solution before making a commitment. Hornetsecurity, on the other hand, does not offer a trial option.