



Microsoft to acquire Secure Islands, a leader in data protection technology

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Furthering Microsoft's investments in security technology, I am pleased to announce today that Microsoft has signed an agreement to acquire [Secure Islands](#), an innovator in advanced information protection solutions.

This acquisition accelerates our ability to help customers secure their business data no matter where it is stored – across on-premises systems, Microsoft cloud services like Azure and Office 365, third-party services, and any Windows, iOS or Android device.

Businesses continue to face challenges protecting their data in a world where information travels beyond the boundary of the corporate network and across many devices outside company control. To work effectively, organizations must share information with partners, vendors and customers. These realities make it more critical than ever to have solutions that prevent data loss and track information regardless of where it resides.

Based in Israel, Secure Islands provides powerful data classification, protection and loss prevention technologies for virtually any type of file, which allows customers to apply data protection to more applications. Global customers, such as UBS, OSRAM, Vodafone and Credit Suisse, use and trust Secure Islands to protect data at each stage of the information lifecycle – from creation to sharing.

Secure Islands' technology enhances the data protection capabilities available today with Azure Rights Management Service, Microsoft's cloud-based information protection solution. The company has long been a close Microsoft partner and built its solutions using our rights management technology. Secure Islands will continue to sell its existing solutions and support its customers.

After completing this acquisition, we will integrate Secure Islands' technology into Azure Rights Management Service to provide a flexible architecture able to meet the most rigorous protection and compliance requirements. These new capabilities, combined with the data classification in Windows and Office 365, will provide our customers with the industry's most comprehensive data protection solution.

We look forward to welcoming the Secure Islands team to Microsoft and to the new innovations we will provide to customers. Secure Islands CEO Aki Eldar also posted a blog today, [here](#).

The closing of this acquisition is subject to regulatory approval.

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Today marks an incredibly exciting milestone for our company. We have reached an agreement to be acquired by Microsoft.

When Yuval and I founded Secure Islands nine years ago, we shared one vision: to provide customers with the most efficient and reliable solution for information protection and control. In those days, it was still a nascent market for technology like ours, but we knew the customer need was there. Together, with our team of “marathon runners”, we have been thrilled to see our solutions adopted by some of the most prestigious companies around the world.

By joining Microsoft, we will be able to extend and expand our vision. Microsoft has been a long time partner and its leadership in enterprise IT, its resources and global reach will help us innovate and deliver new information protection capabilities to both our current and new customer base.

We would like to thank you – our customers, partners, investors and employees – for the support, hard work and talent that you have shared with us along the journey.

You can read the Microsoft blog announcing the news here, too. The closing of this acquisition is subject to regulatory approval.

Aki Eldar,

CEO