



A 3-phase approach to modernizing email security with Proofpoint

Secure. Strategize. Strengthen.



Many enterprise organizations know that they need to move beyond their legacy secure email gateway (SEG). However, operational realities—like contract timing, IT capacity, or M&A complexity—make an immediate transition impractical.

Proofpoint enables you to strengthen protection now without committing to a full replacement on Day One. This isn't a traditional migration. You don't have to do complex policy mirroring, large-scale change management exercises, or user retraining all at once.

It's a planned evolution that's aligned to your readiness.

Rapid protection designed for your organization's maturity

Organizations looking to move beyond a legacy SEG face a common challenge: getting email threats under control quickly, defining their ideal security architecture, and migrating on a timeline that works for them, not their contracts.

Proofpoint addresses this by starting with immediate protection. Our API-based email security deploys in minutes, learning your environment in days so that your security baseline improves within the first week.

You also gain visibility into phishing, business email compromise (BEC), and credential-based threats. This helps you to understand what your current controls may be missing and define a stronger, multilayered approach. All of this happens without forcing architectural change, so you can plan your transition deliberately.

A clear, supported 3-step path

Proofpoint email security can be deployed in three easy steps.

Step 1: Deploy API-based protection to stop email threats immediately

Integrate quickly with no MX changes or mail-flow disruption. Gain immediate detection, post-delivery remediation, and insight into what your current gateway may be missing.

Step 2: Define your multilayered protection strategy

Work with your stakeholders on defining what defense-in-depth means for your organization. Many enterprises align to Gartner's multilayered email security framework, incorporating controls such as DMARC, SEG, integrated cloud email security (ICES), and account takeover (ATO) protection. API deployment allows you to begin strengthening these layers immediately without disrupting your infrastructure.

Step 3: Strengthen your coverage with an SEG and proactive expertise

When you're ready, transition your mail flow to Proofpoint SEG so that protection is extended across your perimeter as well as internal mail. Beyond deployment, Proofpoint experts can help you to continuously strengthen your posture through:

- Threat hunting and intelligence-led analysis
- Proactive configuration optimization
- Contextualized threat briefings
- Targeted research on threats that impact your organization

The result

Broader coverage, deeper defense, and a measurable step forward in security maturity.



Built for enterprise readiness

- No rushed cutovers
- No pressure to rip-and-replace
- No blind architectural commitments
- Guided support from API deployment through SEG maturity

Ready to evaluate Proofpoint in your environment?

See what your current gateway may be missing, without changing your mail flow. Contact your account team to evaluate Proofpoint email protection via API alongside your existing SEG.

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