

Every agent gets its own identity — and a metered bill

Microsoft's Copilot relaunch gives each Autopilot agent a full **Entra Agent ID user account** with a productivity licence: its own email, calendar, OneDrive, Teams access and a seat on the org chart. The technical core is attribution — knowing which account did what.

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Directory identity per agent — a real account, not a borrowed credential

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Copilot surfaces in the rebuild: Home, Code and Autopilot

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Charges before an administrator creates a spending policy

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Autopilot enters private preview at the end of September

What changed

DIMENSION	BEFORE	NOW
Agent identity	A shared service account or borrowed user credentials	Its own Entra Agent ID user account
Mailbox and calendar	Not available to the agent at all	Own email, calendar, OneDrive and Teams — licence and Frontier dependent
Attribution	Actions logged as the service, not the agent	Appears on the org chart as itself
Governance	Platform-level controls only	Entra identity, audit logs, Purview data protection, human-controlled autonomy

WHY IDENTITY IS THE REAL CHANGE

Acting through a shared account makes every agent action indistinguishable from the service's own. A per-agent directory identity fixes three things at once: the agent can be granted a narrow permission set, its actions land in the audit log under its own name, and revoking it is one directory operation instead of an archaeology project. The trade-off arrives the same day — an identity that can hold a mailbox can be phished, needs a policy, and occupies a paid seat.

What to do before the preview reaches you

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Audit the directory for agent identities you already have — Foundry agents have carried their own since the June public preview.
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Set the spending policy first. It is the switch that turns metered billing on, so the ceiling goes in before the capability.
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Decide as policy whether agents get mailboxes — that is a licensing and Frontier question, not a per-team call.
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Write down what the agent may do unattended. Audit logs only help against a boundary someone actually defined.

Sources: The New Stack; WindowsForum; TechJuice; Inside AI News; Forkast. Reporting on the launch notes that mailbox and storage provisioning depends on a separate licensed agent account and Frontier access, and that the feature remains in private preview.