

Essential 8 Checklist — DingoSec

Application control

- Allowlist approved executables and scripts
- Block macros from the internet

Patch applications

- Patch within 48 hours for critical vulns
- Remove unsupported software

Configure Microsoft Office macro settings

- Disable macros by default
- Only allow signed macros from trusted locations

User application hardening

- Disable Flash, ads, and Java in browsers
- Block unsigned ActiveX controls

Restrict administrative privileges

- Use dedicated admin accounts
- Review admin group membership monthly

Patch operating systems

- Enforce automatic updates
- Maintain supported OS versions

Multi-factor authentication

- Enforce MFA for all remote and privileged access
- Prefer phishing-resistant methods where possible

Regular backups

- Daily backups, offline copies, and restore testing