

Software Assurance

SQL Server Deployment Planning Services

Streamline deployment with **SQL Server Deployment Planning Services (SSDPS)**—custom deployment plans to help you launch, expand, or upgrade your SQL Server hybrid cloud solutions.

Plan your deployment

As a Software Assurance customer, you may be eligible for Planning Services days that you can use to plan your SQL Server hybrid cloud deployment. It's simple: access your benefits, select an SSDPS partner or Microsoft Services to help build a custom deployment plan, and Microsoft pays for the engagement. Whether you're creating a business intelligence solution, migrating from Oracle, or upgrading to the latest version of SQL Server, SSDPS can help you start realizing the benefit of your IT investment today.

Choose the offering that's right for you

- **Data Estate Modernization.** Modernize your data estate by upgrading your on-prem data platforms to the latest version of SQL Server or migrating to Azure. You can work with an expert consultant to evaluate your current data infrastructure to determine the best option for modernizing your data estate.
- **Implementing Cloud Scale Analytics.** Drive business insights and analytics to more people in your organization. Cloud Scale Analytics empowers users to easily consume the data and insights that matter most, with the tools they prefer. Azure SQL Data Warehouse and Power BI allows you to make data-driven decisions and take intelligent action, to achieve successful business results.
- **Implementing Globally Distributed Data.** Benefit from global distribution of data, elastic storage, and SLA-backed single-digit millisecond low latency, resulting in an optimized database scale and performance.

SSDPS can help you:

- ✓ Put your IT investment to work
- ✓ Streamline deployment of SQL Server hybrid cloud solutions
- ✓ Experience the high performance, scalability, and security of SQL Server

Work with the best consultants

With SSDPS, you'll work with top Microsoft consulting partners to build your custom deployment plan. Microsoft works with our most qualified partners to deliver SSDPS so you're assured a high quality engagement.

Using Planning Services days

Available in engagements of 5, 10, or 15 days, Planning Services offer a structured yet collaborative consulting experience. The longer engagements allow for a deeper look at a specific technology and provide more in-depth analysis and deployment planning. Your qualified partner can work with you to determine specific components to support your organization's needs and help ensure you understand what can and will be included in your engagement.

As a Microsoft Volume Licensing customer with Software Assurance, your organization receives a certain number of Planning Services days based on your licensing agreement(s). Find out how many Planning Services days your organization is eligible for by going to the [Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center](#) (VLSC). Or, if your organization has a Microsoft Products and Services Agreement (MPSA), go to the [Microsoft Business Center](#) (previously named the Microsoft Volume Licensing Center).

- See the [VLSC Software Assurance Guide](#) for detailed, step-by-step instructions for accessing and using Planning Services.
- Microsoft Products and Services Agreement (MPSA) customers use the [Microsoft Business Center](#)
- To locate a qualified partner, visit the [Planning Services Partner Directory](#) or check with your Microsoft representative.

Planning Services has eight offerings available to help you plan your deployment of Microsoft technologies: Desktop (Office/Microsoft 365 and Windows); Developer Tools; Dynamics; Private Cloud, Management, and Virtualization; Public Cloud and Microsoft Azure; SharePoint; Skype for Business and Exchange; and SQL Server Deployment Planning Services.

Learn more

- Visit [Software Assurance](#) to learn more about [Planning Services](#) and other Software Assurance benefits.
- Your organization's Software Assurance administrator can visit the [Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center](#) or [Microsoft Business Center](#) (MPSA customers) to help you identify your current Software Assurance benefits.
- For detailed eligibility criteria and current benefit program rules, see the [Microsoft Product Terms](#).

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