

Baseline Licenses in the Server and Cloud Enrollment

This brief applies to the Server and Cloud Enrollment only.

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Summary

The Server and Cloud Enrollment (SCE) is an enrollment under the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement that allows highly committed customers to standardize broadly on one or more of the four server and cloud technologies from Microsoft. In exchange for making an installed base-wide commitment to a SCE component, you receive a range of benefits, including new cloud-optimized licensing options, simplified license management and the best pricing and terms.

What's New in This Brief

This is a brand new brief that clarifies the requirements for the installed base-wide commitment in the SCE.

Details

The SCE's Installed Base-Wide Commitment

To enroll in an SCE, an installed base-wide commitment, or monetary commitment in the case of Microsoft Azure, is required to one or more of the following four SCE components.

- Core Infrastructure
- Application Platform
- Developer Platform
- Microsoft Azure

Baseline Licenses in the Server and Cloud Enrollment

To determine your installed base for the SCE component that you wish to purchase you will need to identify:

- All existing baseline licenses deployed with continuous Software Assurance across all your existing licensing agreements and enrollments
- All baseline licenses deployed (in use) without continuous Software Assurance
- And any licenses you would like to add at the signing of your SCE

Next, you will need to ensure you have full Software Assurance coverage on all these licenses. Licenses with Software Assurance simply renew as Software Assurance only in the SCE.

For deployments that are currently licensed with licenses without Software Assurance, you, have two options.

- You can add subscription SKUs to license these workloads
- You can add new License + Software Assurance SKUs at signing for these workloads

Identifying Existing Baseline Licenses

The SCE definition of existing baseline licenses refers to all Microsoft license agreements “under which any Affiliate in the Enterprise uses the selected Server and Tools Products,” and a Server and Tools Product is defined as any “Product identified as such in the Product Selection Form.” Product licenses under which the Enterprise has the right to allow unaffiliated third parties to access and use Server and Tools Products are excluded.

Per the SCE contract, when ordering a Server and Tools Product, you must identify all Existing Baseline Licenses for at least one Server and Tools Product Family. “Product Family” refers to the “Products designated as a Product Family on the Product Selection Form.” For any Product Family chosen, you must make an installed base-wide commitment to the Products listed as part of that Product Family in the SCE’s Product Selection Form. In addition, some Product Families have minimum order requirements.

Products not listed as part of a Product Family on the Product Selection Form are not considered part of the Product Family and any licenses for these products are not considered existing baseline licenses and do not form part of the installed base-wide commitment. Product licenses obtained through OEMs, retail channels, or any Microsoft license agreements, and which are equivalent to the licenses for products listed on the Product Selection Form of the SCE, and are in use, are considered existing baseline licenses.

Perpetual Licenses that meet the criteria for any existing baseline licenses, but are not identified as existing baseline licenses at the start of the Enrollment cannot be used during the term of the Enrollment, as they will have been excluded from the installed base-wide commitment.

Identifying New Baseline Licenses

New baseline licenses refers to licenses for Server and Tools Products ordered under the SCE in excess of existing baseline licenses.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I purchase devices with SQL embedded. Do these SQL licenses need to be covered under my SCE?

No, these are not considered existing baseline licenses. Products that include SQL embedded do not allow for SQL to be used independently and do not need to be licensed under your SCE.

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2. I have licenses for old development tools (i.e., Visual FoxPro); do I need to buy new licenses under the SCE?

You do not need to bring these licenses into your SCE. Products that are not equivalent to the products listed on the Product Selection Form do not need to be brought into the SCE. If you would like to license a newer version of the development tools, you can purchase a subscription, or a license with Software Assurance.

3. I have licenses for Windows Server that I acquired as part of a purchase of OEM hardware. Do I need to include these licenses in my SCE?

Yes, these are considered baseline licenses and must be included in the installed base-wide commitment if selecting the Core Infrastructure component of the SCE. If you are unsure which edition you currently have, you can run an inventory tool that will report the edition.

4. I have licenses for Visual Studio Premium, but without MSDN. Do I need to include these licenses in the SCE?

Yes, Visual Studio Premium without MSDN and with MSDN are considered the same Visual Studio Premium product. The benefits of MSDN do not make this a distinct product (that is, Visual Studio Premium is still the product being considered for coverage). Licenses for Visual Studio products without MSDN that are in use and that are available on the SCE Product Selection Form with MSDN are considered existing baseline licenses.

5. I have licenses I purchased from an independent software vendor. Do I need to include these licenses in the SCE?

No, these are not considered existing baseline licenses as the licenses do not come from Microsoft, they come from the independent software vendor.

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