

Software Assurance

Desktop Deployment Planning Services

Desktop Deployment Planning Services (DDPS) provides structured consulting engagements, delivered by qualified Microsoft partners, to help you plan your Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus, Microsoft Office Professional Plus and Windows deployments, reduce ambiguity, and get the most from your technology investment.

Plan your Office and Windows deployment

A benefit for Microsoft Volume Licensing Software Assurance customers, DDPS helps ensure the successful deployment of your Microsoft Office, Microsoft 365 and Windows or Mobility solution while helping to improve productivity across your organization by providing your IT staff with the levels of control, manageability, and security they require. Planning Services are structured engagements tailored to meet the unique needs of your organization. With the expertise of a qualified partner or Microsoft Services, DDPS introduces advanced techniques, processes, and tools to help you plan your next desktop deployment, whether on-premises, in the cloud, or in a hybrid environment.

Choose the offering that's right for you

Desktop Deployment Planning Services engagements help you develop a deployment or migration plan tailored for your organization.

- **FastTrack Deployment Planning for Microsoft 365**
Work with a qualified Microsoft partner to envision a Microsoft 365 solution and discover how Office 365 ProPlus can help you achieve your business objectives. Available as 1- or 3-day strategy envisioning sessions or in-depth 5-, 10-, or 15-day enablement and assessment sessions with recommended guidance and clearly defined next steps.
- **Windows and Office Deployment Planning**
This customizable engagement of 1, 3, 5, 10, or 15 days is designed to help quickly and efficiently plan your Office 365 ProPlus, Office Professional Plus or Windows deployment, upgrade, or migration. Optimized for Windows 10 and Office 365 ProPlus, this engagement will help you better understand the architectural and operational aspects of deploying the next version of Windows and Office 365 ProPlus, while becoming familiar with the new features of each product. This engagement can help you prepare to move to O365 ProPlus, or to plan your migration to the next version of the service. While focused on Microsoft 365, it can also be used to plan an upgrade to the next version of Office on-premises.
- **Mobile Productivity Deployment Planning**
Help customers envision how activating Office applications on their employees' mobile devices will deliver productivity benefits to the business. During either a 1-day or a 3-day workshop, a demo environment will be established to demonstrate the value of add-ins and deliver technical workshops to address customer concerns. Longer engagements of 5, 10, and 15 days will include a Proof of Concept solution.
- **Modern IT Enterprise Security Proof of Concept**
The Modern IT Enterprise Security PoC will provide an enhanced opportunity to evaluate the functionality, user

experience, and deployment of these features to prevent, detect, and respond to cyber attacks, protect intellectual property (IP), and maintain a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

The cloud on your terms

Cloud computing may be on your immediate horizon or in the future. Whether you are planning to move fully online or take one step at a time, your Planning Services partner can help you learn more about the possibilities and practical realities of deploying Microsoft 365. With the FastTrack Deployment Planning for Microsoft 365 engagements, your partner can help you assess enterprise features of Microsoft 365, determine your organization's readiness, and help you design a migration plan that meets your needs.

DDPS can help you:

- ✓ Demystify desktop deployment and realize the value of your Office and Windows investment
- ✓ Validate and improve current deployment plans
- ✓ Experience your desktop deployment through a structured FastTrack Deployment for Microsoft 365 engagement or Windows Proof of Concept
- ✓ Build a customized deployment or migration plan

Sample 5-day engagement:

- Day 0** Customer completes pre-engagement questionnaire
- Day 1** Consultant explains benefits of the most recent release of Office and Windows
- Days 2–3** Consultant interviews customer experts
- Day 4** Consultant compiles findings from interviews
- Day 5** Consultant presents final deployment plan

Using Planning Services days

Available in engagements of 1, 3, 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 have an understanding of what can and will be included in your engagement.

As a Microsoft Volume Licensing customer with Software Assurance, your organization receives a 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.

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- 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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