

Software Assurance

Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services

Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services provide structured consulting engagements to help you evaluate your environment and assess the impact, and plan your Microsoft Skype for Business Server or Microsoft Exchange Server deployment, whether on-premises, in the cloud, or in a hybrid environment.

Plan your Skype for Business and Exchange deployment

A benefit for Microsoft Volume Licensing Software Assurance customers, Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services (S&EDPS) can help you plan a successful deployment, migration, or upgrade to Skype for Business Server 2013 or Exchange Server 2013. Designed to help you assess opportunities for using the latest technology and drive productivity across your organization, these structured consulting engagements can be tailored to meet your unique needs and are delivered by qualified partners or Microsoft Services.

Choose the offering that's right for you

Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services structured planning engagements help you develop a deployment, upgrade, or migration plan to Microsoft Skype for Business and/or Exchange 2013.

- ▶ **Office 365 FastTrack Planning Engagement.** Work with a qualified Microsoft partner to envision an Office 365 solution and discover how the capabilities of Office 365 can help you to achieve your business objectives. Planning engagements are available in either a 3-day strategy envisioning session or an in-depth 10-day enablement and assessment planning engagement with recommended guidance and clearly defined next steps.
- ▶ **Skype for Business Deployment and Upgrade Planning.** This engagement introduces Skype for Business 2013, assessing your environment and identifying opportunities to improve productivity by deploying or upgrading to Skype for Business 2013. Available in 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, and 15-day lengths, with the longer engagements allowing for more in-depth planning.
- ▶ **Exchange Deployment or Upgrade Planning.** A customizable engagement designed to help quickly and efficiently plan your on-premises Exchange Server 2013 deployment, upgrade, or migration by assessing your organizational needs, opportunities, and goals for your IT infrastructure. Available in 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, or 15-day lengths, with the longer engagements allowing for more in-depth planning.
- ▶ **Exchange Online Protection (EOP) Pilot.** This 3-day engagement addresses customer on-premises email protection requirements, EOP technical features, and deployment strategies.
- ▶ **Exchange Data Loss Prevention (DLP) Service Pilot.** This 1-day engagement provides access to Exchange DLP service features to analyze requirements for preventing sensitive data loss via emails and develop a customized DLP solution.

S&EDPS can help you:

- ✓ Develop a customized, high-level plan for deploying a Skype for Business and/or Exchange Online or on-premises solution
- ✓ See how Skype for Business and Exchange fit within your environment
- ✓ Try new features and enhancements
- ✓ See Exchange Online and Skype for Business Online in action
- ✓ Address security and compliance needs with EOP & DLP

Sample 5-day engagement:

- ▶ **Day 0** Customer completes pre-engagement questionnaire
- ▶ **Day 1** Consultant explains benefits of the most recent release of Exchange or Skype for Business
- ▶ **Day 2–3** Consultant interviews customer experts
- ▶ **Day 4** Consultant compiles findings from interviews
- ▶ **Day 5** Consultant presents final deployment plan

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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 Office 365. With the Office 365 FastTrack planning services engagements, your partner can help you assess enterprise features of Office 365, determine your organization's readiness, and help you design a migration plan that meets your needs.

Using Planning Services days

Available in 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, or 15-day engagements, 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 help determine specific components to best 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). Your Software Assurance administrator can access benefits at the [Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center \(VLSC\)](#). Within the VLSC, your administrator can access Planning Services days via a straightforward voucher creation and redemption process. Simply select the engagement type, create a voucher, and assign it to the chosen Planning Services partner. When the engagement is complete, your Planning Services partner redeems the voucher and receives payment directly from Microsoft.

- ▶ See the [Software Assurance Quick Start Guide](#) for detailed, step-by-step instructions for accessing and using Planning Services, or view the [How to Manage Software Assurance Benefits video](#) for a visual demonstration.
- ▶ To locate a qualified partner, visit the [Planning Services Partner Directory](#) or check with your Microsoft representative.

Planning Services has seven offerings available to help you plan your deployment of Microsoft technologies: Desktop (Office/Office 365, and Windows); Developer Tools (Visual Studio); Skype for Business and Exchange; Private Cloud, Management and Virtualization (Windows Server); Public Cloud, Microsoft Azure; SharePoint; 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](#) to help you identify your current Software Assurance benefits.
- ▶ To estimate benefits, use the [Microsoft License Advisor](#) or ask your Microsoft representative for guidance.
- ▶ For detailed eligibility criteria and current benefit program rules, see the [Microsoft Product List](#).

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