



Software Assurance Planning Services

Understand the value. Plan the solution.

Software Assurance Deployment Planning Services provide on-site expertise to help you plan your next Microsoft technologies deployment. Deployment planning consultants help you evaluate how best to deploy an array of Microsoft solutions. With flexible offerings, Planning Services can help you streamline deployments with plans tailored to the needs of your organization.

Important: Software Assurance Deployment Planning Services are being retired. Starting February 2021, planning days will no longer be accrued for any agreement. Cloud services are no longer eligible for Software Assurance Deployment Planning Services, but you can use your planning services days for on-premises engagements until February 1, 2022. See [Microsoft Planning Services](#) for more information.

Use Planning Services to:

- Get help building a deployment, upgrade, or migration plan tailored for your organization.
- Remove ambiguity and concerns about deployments with on-site expertise.
- Learn how Microsoft products and services fit within your environment through in-depth technology planning sessions.
- Build a custom deployment plan based on an assessment of your IT environment, workforce needs, and business requirements.
- Extend your internal expertise and incorporate Microsoft best practices to help reduce risks and deployment costs.
- Demonstrate the value of your custom deployment plan and solution with a plan-reinforcing proof of concept or pilot.

Plan and prepare for a successful deployment

Software Assurance Deployment Planning Services provide on-site deployment planning support from a qualified Planning Services partner or Microsoft Services. Structured engagements are designed to help you evaluate how Microsoft products and services may support your organization and address key implementation questions and concerns based on your organization's unique needs.

Your Planning Services partner will work with you to establish specific components based on your priorities, and help ensure you understand what can and will be covered with your choice of the following offerings:

Desktop Deployment Planning Services (DDPS)

Demystify desktop deployment with planning expertise to help deploy or upgrade to Windows and Office

- Office and Windows Deployment Planning
- Mobile Productivity Deployment Planning
- Windows and Office Enterprise Proof of Concept

Private Cloud, Management, and Virtualization Deployment Planning Services (PVDPS)

Get a risk-free assessment and plan to optimize your datacenter

- Modernizing your Windows Server Platform

Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services (S&EDPS)

Get planning help for Exchange or Skype for Business deployments

for on-premises, hybrid, or cloud environments

- Skype for Business Deployment Planning
- Exchange Deployment Planning

Dynamics Deployment Planning Services (DYDPS)

Access expert guidance to implement, migrate, or upgrade your solution

- Upgrading Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Finance and Operations
- Upgrading Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Customer Engagement
- Migrating to Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Customer Engagement

SharePoint Deployment Planning Services (SDPS)

Plan an effective deployment or migration for SharePoint or SharePoint Online and define an enterprise social strategy

- SharePoint Deployment Planning
- Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) Solution Planning

SQL Server Deployment Planning Services (SSDPS)

Get help planning your SQL Server deployment or upgrade

- Data Platform Modernization

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 specific technologies 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 that you understand what can and will be included in your engagement.

Planning Services has six offerings available to help you plan your deployment of Microsoft technologies: Desktop; Dynamics; Skype for Business and Exchange; Private Cloud, Management and Virtualization; SharePoint; and SQL Server Deployment Planning Services.

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](#).

- See the [VLSC Software Assurance Guide](#) for detailed, step-by-step instructions for accessing and using Planning Services
- MPSA customers use the [Microsoft Business Center](#)
- Search [partner listings](#) to find a qualified solution provider or check with your Microsoft representative

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](#)