



# 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 solutions.

*Important:* Software Assurance Deployment Planning Services are being retired. Starting February 2021, new planning days are no longer accrued for any agreement. You can create vouchers with your existing planning services days for engagements until June 30, 2021. See [Microsoft Planning Services](#) for more information.

### 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 upgrade 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.

### Use the offering to evaluate your options

- **Data Platform Modernization.** Modernize your data estate by upgrading your on-prem data platforms to the latest version of SQL Server. You can work with an expert consultant to evaluate your current data infrastructure to determine the best option for modernizing your data estate.

#### SSDPS can help you:

- ✓ Put your IT investment to work
- ✓ Streamline deployment of SQL Server 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 engagements of 5, 10, or 15 days so you're assured a high-quality engagement.

### 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 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](#).

- 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](#)
- Search [partner listings](#) to find a qualified solution provider or check with their Microsoft representative.

Planning Services has six offerings available to help you plan your deployment of Microsoft technologies: Desktop (Office/Microsoft 365 and Windows); Dynamics; Private Cloud, Management, and Virtualization; 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](#).