

Software Assurance Planning Services

Understand the value. Plan the solution.

Software Assurance 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 on premises, in the cloud, or in a hybrid environment. With flexible offerings, Planning Services can help you streamline deployments with plans tailored to the needs of your organization. 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 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 (Office, Windows)

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

- FastTrack Deployment for Microsoft 365
- Office and Windows Deployment Planning
- Mobile Productivity Deployment Planning
- Modern IT Enterprise Security Proof of Concept

Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services

Get planning help for Exchange or Skype for Business deployments for on-premises, hybrid, or cloud environments

- FastTrack Deployment Planning for Microsoft 365
- Skype for Business Deployment Planning
- Exchange Deployment Planning
- Skype for Business to Microsoft Teams Upgrade Planning

SharePoint Deployment Planning Services

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

- FastTrack Deployment Planning for Microsoft 365
- SharePoint Deployment Planning
- Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) Solution Planning
- SharePoint Business Applications

Dynamics Deployment Planning Services

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

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

SQL Server Deployment Planning Services

Get help planning your SQL Server deployment or upgrade

- Implementing Cloud Scale Analytics
- Data Estate Modernization
- Implementing Globally Distributed Data

Private Cloud, Management, and Virtualization Deployment Planning Services

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

- Modernizing your Windows Server Platform

Public Cloud, Microsoft Azure Deployment Planning Services

Get expert guidance to help build, test, deploy, and manage applications with Microsoft Azure

- Integrating Azure Storage with Customers' BCDR
- Migrating VMs and Applications to Azure IaaS
- Implementing Application Develop and Test on Azure
- Implementing Azure Security and Management Services
- Modernizing Apps using App Service
- Modernizing Apps using Containers
- Implementing Event-driven Apps (Serverless)
- Enterprise Mobility + Security Identity and Access Management
- Enterprise Mobility + Security Identity Driven Security
- Enterprise Mobility + Security Information Protection
- Enterprise Mobility + Security Managed Mobile Productivity

Developer Tools Deployment Planning Services

Gain analysis and process-focused approach to develop deployment plans for Visual Studio

- Implementing DevOps on Azure

The cloud on your terms

With the availability of Office 365 and Azure, and advances in private cloud solutions from Microsoft, Planning Services can help your organization plan deployments, whether they are on premises, in the cloud, or in hybrid environments.

- **FastTrack Deployment Planning for Microsoft 365 engagements** are available within Desktop, SharePoint, and Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services to help you learn more about deploying Office 365, including SharePoint Online, Skype for Business Online, and Exchange Online. A structured 3-day or 10-day engagement can help you assess enterprise features of Microsoft 365, ascertain deployment readiness, and plan for a successful cloud migration.
- **Exchange, SharePoint, and Skype for Business Planning Services** are available to help you plan for your upcoming deployment, upgrade, or migration that is on premises, in the cloud, or in hybrid environments with the latest Microsoft products and solutions.
- **Private Cloud, Virtualization, and Management Planning Services** help you upgrade to Windows Server — an important first step in transforming your IT operations to reduce costs and deliver a whole new level of business value.
- **Public Cloud, Microsoft Azure Deployment Planning Services** offers guidance on how to build, test, deploy, and manage applications with Azure.
- **SQL Server and Developer Tools Deployment Planning Services** offer guidance on deploying SQL Server solutions that reside on premises or connect to private or public cloud solutions.

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.

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](#).
- To locate a qualified partner, visit the [Planning Services Partner Directory](#) 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](#).

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