



Software Assurance

Public Cloud, Microsoft Azure
Deployment Planning Services

Jumpstart your journey to the cloud with Public Cloud, Microsoft Azure Deployment Planning Services (AZDPS)—structured consulting engagements with qualified Microsoft partners. Leverage Planning Services for custom assessments and prepare your business for the future.

Plan your Microsoft Azure activation

As a Software Assurance customer, you may be eligible for Planning Services days AZDPS to access the expert guidance you need to jumpstart your journey to the Public Cloud and identify which areas of your business are suited for Microsoft Azure.

- ▶ **Activating Microsoft Azure Storage.** Create a plan to utilize your Microsoft Azure Storage solution—an important step in reducing storage costs for large data footprints. Assess the environment and determine the best scenarios for cloud storage, create an activation plan to migrate data to Microsoft Azure, and demonstrate the value of Microsoft Azure with a proof of concept or deployment.
- ▶ **Migrate Applications to Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Services.** Assess, prioritize, and begin migrating existing virtualized applications to Microsoft Azure.
- ▶ **Implementing Development and Test Scenarios on Microsoft Azure Virtual Machines.** Implement a scalable, more secure, and cost-effective development and test environment with Microsoft Azure Virtual Machines. By using virtual machines, you can provision a development and test environment in a matter of minutes—not days, weeks, or months—directly increasing your development velocity.
- ▶ **Implementing Enterprise Mobility.** Plan deployments for Cloud and Hybrid enterprise mobility solutions leveraging the Enterprise Mobility Suite (EMS), including Hybrid Identity Management, Mobile Device Management, and Access and Information Protection.
- ▶ **Implementing Operations Management Suite.** Microsoft Operations Management Suite (OMS) is delivered from the cloud to extend System Center for the datacenter both managing and protecting guests and workloads across Azure, AWS, Windows Server, Linux, VMware, and OpenStack at a lower cost than competitive solutions.

AZDPS can help you:

- ✓ Understand what Microsoft Azure can do for your business and take your skills to the next level
- ✓ Realize the value of your investments
- ✓ Prepare your business for the future by deploying Microsoft Azure

“By using Microsoft Azure, we were able to avoid capital expenditures, such as server hardware and licensing. The cloud deployment model reduces IT infrastructure requirements by 70 percent.”

Praveen Sankar
Director Admin & Infrastructure
Oztern Technology

Using Planning Services days

Available in increments of 3, 5, 10, or 15-days, Planning Services engagements offer a structured yet collaborative consulting experience. The longer engagements allow for a deeper look at a specific technology, provide more in-depth analysis and deployment planning, and in some cases provide additional assessment and deliverables. Some engagement options are designed to help you with a specific deployment planning element, such as a Proof of Concept. 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). You can access these days through a voucher creation and redemption process at the [Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center](#) (VLSC), or if your organization has a Microsoft Products and Services Agreement (MPSA) use the [Microsoft Volume Licensing Center](#) (MVLC) to access benefits.

- ▶ See the [VLSC Software Assurance Guide](#) for detailed, step-by-step instructions for accessing and using Planning Services, or view the [Managing Software Assurance Benefits](#) video for a visual demonstration.
- ▶ Microsoft Products and Services Agreement (MPSA) customers use the [Microsoft Volume Licensing 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/Office 365, and Windows); Developer Tools (Visual Studio); Dynamics (Dynamics CRM, Dynamics CRM Online and Dynamics AX); Private Cloud, Management, and Virtualization (Windows Server); Public Cloud, 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.
- ▶ Visit the [Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center](#) to review your organization's current Software Assurance benefits.
- ▶ Microsoft Products and Services Agreements (MPSA) customers visit [Microsoft Volume Licensing Center](#) to review the Software Assurance benefits entitled through MPSA.
- ▶ 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 Terms](#).

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