

Licensing Microsoft SharePoint Server 2016

Volume Licensing

This document covers licensing for an on-premises deployment of SharePoint Server 2016. SharePoint Online is an alternative Microsoft online services offering and is licensed via a subscription model.

MICROSOFT SHAREPOINT SERVER

SharePoint supports intranet, extranet, and Internet applications from a single, integrated platform.

	Sites	Communities	Content	Search	Business Solutions	Business Intelligence
Microsoft SharePoint Server licensed with the Enterprise CAL	A single infrastructure for team sites, extranets and Web sites	An integrated collaboration platform	Enterprise Content Management with close connections to Microsoft Office	Includes people and expertise search, video search, and item recommendations	Includes Access Services and InfoPath Forms Services	Includes Power View, PerformancePoint Services, and Visio Services
Microsoft SharePoint Server licensed with the Standard CAL						

This table gives an indication in the differences in functionality between the SharePoint solutions; for a complete list refer to: http://technet.microsoft.com/en-US/library/jj819267.aspx#bkmk_FeaturesOnPremise

LICENSING SHAREPOINT SERVER

Purchase a Microsoft SharePoint Server license for each server and CALs for either users or devices.

STANDARD and ENTERPRISE CALS

Microsoft SharePoint Server 2016 offers different levels of functionality, and there are CALs which correspond to this.

The core functionality (depicted by the blue shading) is linked to a Standard CAL (depicted by the blue license) assigned to a user or device.

If the extended functionality (depicted by the red shading) is utilized, then the purchase of an Enterprise CAL is required (depicted by the red license) in addition to the Standard CAL.

Note that CALs are not required for External Users, or for internal users if all content is publicly available.



CLIENTS

Server technologies such as SharePoint are accessed by users in different ways.

- ▶ SharePoint content is typically accessed by users from a **browser**
- ▶ **Office Standard 2016** users can view SharePoint content, but **Office Professional Plus 2016** is required to initiate some processes or publish content
- ▶ Depending on the functionality accessed by users, **CALs** will also be required

LICENSING TYPICAL SHAREPOINT SCENARIOS

- ▶ **Intranet** (Information that is accessible inside the firewall to internal users only):
[License with a Server license and CALs for all users](#)
- ▶ **Extranet** (Information that is accessible inside the firewall to internal users and named external users only):
[License with a Server license and CALs for all internal users](#)
- ▶ **Internet** (Information that is publicly accessible to all internal and external users):
[License with a Server license](#)

LICENSING EXTERNAL USERS

- ▶ External Users are users who are not the licensee's or its affiliates' employees or on-site agents or contractors
- ▶ External Users are licensed by the SharePoint Server license and there are no requirements for CALs or other licenses for these users

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

A Microsoft SharePoint Server solution has an infrastructure requirement for Windows Server and SQL Server. Users thus need to be licensed for these products with the relevant licenses.



VIRTUALIZATION

A Server license must be assigned to a single physical server which licenses SharePoint Server to be run in either the physical operating system environment or a single virtual machine on that server

LICENSE MOBILITY

- SharePoint Server licenses purchased with Software Assurance have License Mobility rights.
- ▶ License Mobility across Server Farms allows the reassignment of Server licenses to other physical servers in a server farm as often as required
 - ▶ License Mobility through Software Assurance allows Server licenses to be assigned to virtual machines running on Service Provider's shared hardware or in Azure

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