

Licensing Windows Intune

This brief applies to the Enterprise Agreement, Enterprise Subscription Agreement, and Enrollment for Education Solutions Volume Licensing programs.

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Summary

Windows Intune software and services is a unified device management solution that combines both cloud and on-premises capabilities to fit your PC and mobile device management needs. Licensing for Windows Intune provides the following:

<p>Convenience</p> <p>Easy to purchase end-to-end device management capabilities</p>	<p>Agility</p> <p>Options for responding to fluctuations in the size of your workforce</p>	<p>Flexibility</p> <p>The ability to utilize premises and online services in one offer</p>
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For more information about Windows Intune, including product demos, case studies, and answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.windowsintune.com.

More than 9,000 Microsoft partners can provide a quote, assist you with ordering, or offer additional services about deploying Windows Intune. Visit www.microsoft.com/online/partner.aspx to find a partner in your area. You can also contact your Microsoft account manager to discuss Windows Intune in more detail.

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What's new in this brief

This brief replaces the previous version published March 2014. It has been updated to reflect licensing changes for Enterprise Agreement.

Details

How to buy Windows Intune

You can license Windows Intune for your organization through Microsoft Volume Licensing or through the Microsoft Online Subscription Program (MOSP).

Licensing Windows Intune through Microsoft Volume Licensing

For commercial and government organizations, you can license Windows Intune through the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement or Microsoft Enterprise Subscription Agreement (EAS). For organizations with more than 500 devices,* Enterprise Agreement/EAS gives you a choice among on-premises software and online services to best suit your user needs and help you optimize your technology budget. Contact your Microsoft account manager or local reseller for more details, or visit www.microsoft.com/licensing/EA.

For academic institutions, you can license Windows Intune through the Microsoft Enrollment for Education Solutions (EES) program. EES provides a simplified and cost-effective way for qualified academic customers to acquire Microsoft software and services under a single subscription agreement. Contact your Microsoft account manager or local reseller for more details, or visit <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/licensing/licensing-programs/licensing-for-industries.aspx#tab=2>.

Windows Intune through the Microsoft Online Subscription Program

The Microsoft Online Subscription Program is specifically for organizations with fewer than 250 devices. With MOSP, you can easily subscribe, manage, and deploy your Windows Intune services online. To subscribe, visit www.microsoft.com/online.

*500 minimum user/device requirement is for commercial customers effective [July 1, 2016](#). Does not apply to Server and Cloud Enrollment (SCE). The minimum requirement for public sector customers is 250 users/devices. For more information, please see the [Enterprise Agreement program guide](#).

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Windows Intune offerings

The following is an overview of the available Windows Intune offerings.

	Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows	Windows Intune	Windows Intune Add-on for System Center Configuration Manager
What is included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Windows Intune service ▶ Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager ▶ Microsoft System Center Endpoint Protection ▶ Software Assurance for the Windows Desktop Operating System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Windows Intune service ▶ System Center Configuration Manager ▶ System Center Endpoint Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Windows Intune service
Who it is for	Organizations with users who are not separately licensed for System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection, such as through the Microsoft Core Client Access License (CAL) Suite or Microsoft Enterprise CAL Suite via an Enterprise Agreement or EAS.	Organizations with users who are not separately licensed for System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection (such as through the Core CAL Suite or Enterprise CAL Suite via an Enterprise Agreement or EAS).	Organizations that want to license the Windows Intune service and with users who are separately licensed for System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection, such as through the Core CAL Suite or Enterprise CAL Suite via an Enterprise Agreement, EAS, or EES.
Available through	MOSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Enterprise Agreement/EAS ▶ MOSP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Enterprise Agreement/EAS ▶ EES
Monthly pricing (USD)	\$11/User	\$6/User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ \$4/User (Enterprise Agreement/EAS) ▶ \$2/User (EES)

Notes:

- ▶ On-premises software included in Windows Intune is provided on a subscription, non-perpetual basis. If you cancel your subscription, you must uninstall the software.
- ▶ PCs running Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows must have one of the following business editions of Windows: Business, Professional, Ultimate, or Enterprise.

Enhancements to Windows Intune licensing

As of December 2012, Microsoft has enhanced Windows Intune licensing to better fit the needs of today's organizations. These enhancements include making the licensing more user-centric, flexible, and economical.

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User-centric



Windows Intune is now licensed on a per-user subscription basis. Each user license covers managing and protecting up to five devices that the licensed user has. Because you get the tools you need to manage devices running the Windows Desktop operating system, Windows RT 8.1, Windows Phone, Mac OS, iOS, and Android, your users can choose and use the devices they love.

Flexible



Under all Windows Intune licensing scenarios, you are licensed for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection. As a result, you have the flexibility to manage your devices in the most effective way for your organization—whether in the cloud, on-premises, or a combination of a cloud and on-premises solution.

Economical



Software Assurance for Windows is no longer included with all Windows Intune offerings, and pricing has been reduced accordingly. Plus, if you are already licensed for System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection through the Core CAL Suite or Enterprise CAL Suite on your Enterprise Agreement, EAS, or EES, you can now choose to acquire a Windows Intune Add-On for the System Center Configuration Manager license at a lower price than the full license.

Frequently asked questions

How many devices can I manage with a Windows Intune subscription?

You can manage up to five (5) total devices of any kind (x86 or mobile devices) using either Windows Intune or System Center Configuration Manager with a Windows Intune subscription.

Is System Center Configuration Manager included with Windows Intune?

Windows Intune and Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows both include the use rights for System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection. Windows Intune Add-on is available for customers who already own System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection, such as through the Core CAL Suite or Enterprise CAL Suite.

Is the Windows Enterprise edition required for Windows Intune?

Windows Enterprise is only required for Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows.

Can I use System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection software after my Windows Intune subscription expires?

System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint Protection software included in Windows Intune is provided on a subscription, non-perpetual basis. If you cancel your subscription or allow your subscription to expire, you must uninstall the software.

What if I already have a license for Windows Intune?

You can continue to use Windows Intune service (including new features) under the terms of your existing agreement for your subscription's duration. You do not have to adopt the new licensing model until your subscription term's end.

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Purchase channel	Migration options
MOSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can renew into either the Windows Intune or Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows. You will be granted System Center Configuration Manager use rights through your existing subscription's duration.
Enterprise Agreement, EAS, and EES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New offers do not include Software Assurance for Windows, so you can renew into Windows Intune and renew Software Assurance under your Volume Licensing desktop enrollment. If you are licensed for System Center Configuration Manager and System Center Endpoint protection, you can renew into Windows Intune Add-on.

If I purchase a license for Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows, can I manage other x86 PCs?

The Windows operating system upgrade included with Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows can only be used on the licensed user's primary PC. However, you can manage an additional four (4) devices (including x86 PCs).

If I purchase a license for Windows Intune or the Windows Intune Add-On under my Enterprise Agreement, can I manage x86 PCs?

Yes. However, any x86 PC that is managed (either by System Center Configuration Manager or Windows Intune) is a qualified device under the terms of your Enterprise Agreement and must be appropriately licensed.

Will Windows Intune allow me to sideload applications onto Windows 8.1 or Windows RT 8.1?

Yes. However, it is important to remember that a separate Sideload key is required to sideload applications onto Windows 8.1 and Windows RT 8.1. This key does not come with the Windows Intune with Software Assurance for Windows subscription. For more information, refer to the [Volume Licensing Guide for Windows 8.1 and Windows RT 8.1](#).

How does the Side Loading rights with Windows 8.1 work with licensing Windows Intune?

There are actually a couple of differences between regular Windows Client Upgrade including Software Assurance purchased via Enterprise Agreement/EAS/EES and the rights that come with Windows Intune with Windows Software Assurance. See below for details.

	Windows Client Upgrade including Software Assurance via Enterprise Agreement/EAS/EES	Windows Intune with Windows Software Assurance \$11 USD SKU (only available via MOSP)
Rights to Windows Enterprise	Yes	Yes
VDA on covered device	Yes	Yes
Rights to Side Load	Yes	No

Customers needing to purchase Windows 8.1 Sideload licenses can do so via their Volume Licensing Agreement.

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