Licensing Microsoft Lync Server 2013

This document covers licensing for an on-premise deployment of Lync Server 2013. Lync Online is an alternative Microsoft hosted offering and is licensed via a subscription model.

LYNC SERVER 2013

Microsoft® Lync™ Server 2013 provides instant messaging, presence integration, audio, video and web conferencing, and enterprise voice and telephony:

Instant Messaging

Presence Integration

Lync Server

Audio, Video and Web Conferencing

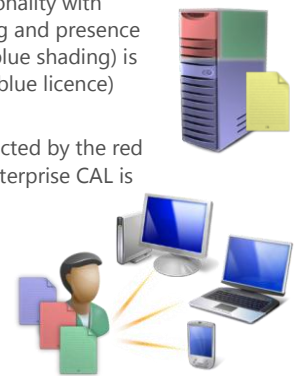Enterprise Voice and Telephony

LICENSING LYNC SERVER 2013

Lync Server is licensed through a Server and CAL (Client Access Licence) model and so organisations should purchase a Server licence for each server, and CALs for either users or devices.

Lync Server offers different levels of functionality with corresponding CALs. The instant messaging and presence integration functionality (depicted by the blue shading) is linked to a Standard CAL (depicted by the blue licence) assigned to a user or device.

If audio, video and web conferencing (depicted by the red shading) is required, the purchase of an Enterprise CAL is required (depicted by the red licence) **in addition to** the Standard CAL.

If enterprise voice and telephony (depicted by the green shading) is required, the purchase of a Plus CAL is required (depicted by the green licence) **in addition to** the Standard CAL.

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 who attend a Lync Meeting, for example, are licensed with the Lync Server licence and there are no requirements for CALs, or other licences, for these users

CLIENTS

Server technologies such as Lync Server are accessed by users in different ways. In order to access the functionality of Lync Server 2013 and have an authenticated experience, users need the Lync client application. There are several clients available for use with Lync:

▶ Microsoft Lync 2013 is the complete Lync client, which is part of the Office Professional Plus 2013 Suite and can also be purchased standalone
▶ Microsoft Lync Basic 2013 is a less feature-rich Lync client, licensed at no charge
▶ Lync Windows Store App is available via the Windows Store on Windows 8
▶ Mobile clients are available for Windows Phone, iOS, and Android via the relevant stores
▶ Lync for Mac 2011 is the Lync client for Mac OS X desktop and laptop computers
▶ Lync Web App is available for individuals invited to Lync Meetings who do not have a Lync client installed. It enables a rich meeting experience via the browser

Internal users using any of these clients must be licensed with the relevant CALs but there are no licensing requirements for External Users.

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

A Microsoft Lync Server solution has an infrastructure requirement for Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 (or later) and SQL Server 2008 R2 (or later).

Note that other products may be required to enable certain scenarios. For example, Exchange Server for Lync Unified Messaging scenarios, and SharePoint Server for Skill Search.

Users must be licensed for products used in the underlying infrastructure with the relevant licences.

PUBLIC INSTANT MESSAGING CONNECTIVITY

Lync Server 2013 provides organisations with the capability to connect their existing base of Lync Server 2013-enabled users to certain public IM service providers. There are no additional licensing requirements for organisations with Lync 2013 to federate with the following services:

▶ Windows Live Messenger
▶ AOL Instant Messenger (AIM)
▶ Google Talk and other XMPP networks
▶ Skype

VIRTUALISATION

A Lync Server licence must be assigned to a single physical server, and then licenses Lync to be run in either a physical or virtual operating system environment on that server.

Licence Mobility allows the reassignment of Server licences to other physical servers as often as required, and rights are granted with active Software Assurance on the licences.

Further Microsoft Licensing handouts and exams: GetLicensingReady.com

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