

Paths to the cloud

License Mobility through Software Assurance

Use existing Volume Licensing application server licenses with Software Assurance to license workloads in the cloud – either on a Service Provider’s shared hardware, or on Azure.



Profile

- End Customer wants to outsource ownership of the hardware and the licensing of the infrastructure in an off-site solution
- End Customer has existing application server licenses (such as SQL Server or SharePoint Server) and wants to continue to own and manage these licenses

Solution

- Hardware owned by the Service Provider, shared by End Customers
- Infrastructure licensed by the Service Provider’s SPLA agreement
- Applications licensed by the End Customer’s Volume Licensing licenses with SA

For End Customers

- Check the Product Terms document to confirm that required products have License Mobility through Software Assurance rights
- Complete and submit the License Verification form to Microsoft

For Service Providers

An Authorized Mobility partner can offer shared hardware solutions to customers if they have signed the Services Provider License Agreement (SPLA) and the License Mobility Addendum.

Find out more

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/Licensing/licensing-programs/software-assurance-license-mobility.aspx>

Azure Hybrid Benefit

Use existing Windows Server and SQL Server Volume Licensing licenses with Software Assurance to license virtual machines running in Azure.



Profile

- End Customer wants a Microsoft-owned and managed solution for the infrastructure
- End Customer wants to own and manage the software licenses for Windows Server and application servers

Solution

- Hardware owned by Microsoft, shared by End Customers and partners
- Infrastructure base instance licensed through Azure
- Windows Server licensed by the End Customer’s Volume Licensing licenses with SA
- Application servers licensed by the End Customer’s Volume Licensing licenses with SA

Using the Azure Hybrid Benefit: Windows Server

- Assign Windows Server Standard or Datacenter Core licenses with SA to virtual machines running in Azure
- 16 Core licenses cover up to 16 cores across 2 or fewer virtual machines
- Licenses may be stacked to cover virtual machines with more than 16 cores

Using the Azure Hybrid Benefit: SQL Server

- Assign SQL Server Standard or Enterprise Core licenses with SA to virtual machines running in Azure
- A license must be assigned to each virtual core with a minimum of 4 Core licenses assigned to a virtual machine

Find out more

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/hybrid-benefit/>

RDS User Cal Extended Use Rights

Use existing RDS User CALs with active Software Assurance to license access to solutions in a cloud infrastructure and on-premises.



Profile

- End Customer wants to outsource the ownership of the hardware and the licensing of the infrastructure in an off-site solution – to deliver hosted desktops to his users, for example
- End Customer wants to own and manage the software licenses to access the desktops

Solution

- Hardware owned by the Service Provider, shared by End Customers
- Infrastructure licensed by the Service Provider’s SPLA agreement
- Access to the solution licensed by the End Customer’s Volume Licensing licenses with SA

Extended Use Rights

- Apply to RDS User CALs with active Software Assurance
- End Customers may use their existing RDS CALs to access solutions hosted on a Service Provider’s server farm, or on Azure
- End Customers may also continue to access on-premises solutions
- The License Verification form must be completed and submitted to assign RDS User CALs to a Service Provider’s server farm or to Azure

Shared Computer Activation (SCA)

Use existing licenses to enable users licensed for Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise to use applications on shared hardware delivered from a network server.



Profile

- End Customer wants to outsource ownership of the hardware and the licensing of the infrastructure in an off-site solution to allow his Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise users to share hardware
- End Customer wants to manage software licenses for Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise

Solution

- Hardware owned by the Service Provider, shared by End Customers
- Infrastructure licensed through the Service Provider's SPLA agreement
- Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise licensed by the End Customer's Volume Licensing or CSP subscription licenses

Notes

- Customers who have Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise delivered from a dedicated server in their Service Provider's server farm can be licensed for Remote Desktop Services either by using existing RDS CALs with SA, or by using RDS SALs reported by their Service Provider
- Customers may also choose to use this benefit to access a Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise solution hosted in Azure
- SCA rights are detailed in the Online Services Terms document

Qualified Multitenant Hoster (QMTH) partners

- Only QMTH partners are able to offer solutions of this type
- They must sign the Services Provider License Agreement and the SPLA Qualified Multitenant Hosting Partner Amendment
- They must also become a Direct CSP partner, pay an annual administrative fee, and submit monthly reporting

Find out more

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/CloudandHosting/licensing_sca.aspx

SALs for SA

Add SALs for SA to existing CALs with Software Assurance to license access to applications in a cloud infrastructure.



Profile

- End Customer wants to outsource ownership of the hardware and the licensing of the infrastructure in an off-site solution
- End Customer wants a hosted solution, but to use existing CALs with SA to maximize his existing investment

Solution

- Hardware owned by the Service Provider, shared by End Customers
- Infrastructure licensed by the Service Provider's SPLA agreement
- Applications licensed by the End Customer's Volume Licensing licenses with SA, and the Service Provider's SPLA agreement

Notes

- Assigned to users or devices licensed with CALs with active Software Assurance to give rights to the SPLA hosted products
- Use rights for SALs for SA are identical to their corresponding SALs and are detailed in the SPUR document

Availability

Exchange: Standard or Enterprise SALs for SA
SharePoint: Standard and Enterprise SALs for SA
Skype for Business: Standard, Enterprise or Plus SALs for SA
Productivity Suite: Core CAL Suite or Enterprise CAL Suite SALs for SA

Visual Studio standard/cloud subscriptions

- Developers with Visual Studio standard subscriptions (formerly known as MSDN subscriptions) or Visual Studio cloud subscriptions may also use Microsoft software in Azure virtual machines for development and test workloads
- Any users licensed with a Visual Studio standard/cloud subscription may access and use Azure virtual machines created by another licensed developer

