

# Licensing System Center 2022 on-premises

# Licensing model

The System Center 2022 licensing models requires licenses only for the endpoints that are being managed.

Rights to SQL Server and the Management Server software are included.



# System Center 2022 Server Management Licenses (MLs)

#### **Core-based licensing**

- System Center 2022 Standard and Datacenter Server MLs are core-based licenses
- A Server ML Core license must be assigned to each physical core in the server, with a minimum of 8 Core licenses per processor, and a minimum of 16 Core licenses per server. For example, a single processor server with 4 cores requires 16 Server ML Core licenses, and a 4-processor server with 8 cores on each processor requires 32 Server ML Core licenses



 Server ML Core licenses are purchased in 2-packs or 16-packs from resellers, and always include Software Assurance

# **Servicing Branches**

- System Center 2022 is supported by the Long-Term Servicing Branch with 5 years of mainstream and 5 years of extended support. In addition, new features are made available through Update Rollup releases during the mainstream support period
- Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager is also supported by a Current Branch release cadence which provides feature updates three times a year. The LTSB of Configuration Manager is intended for customers with perpetual licenses who have let their SA expire

## Additional Software Assurance benefits available

The following SA benefits are also available for System Center 2022 Server Management Licenses:

- 24x7 Problem Resolution Support
- Disaster Recovery Rights
- License Mobility through Software Assurance
- Self-Hosting Use Rights

Note that License Mobility across Server Farms is NOT available as an SA benefit.

# System Center 2022 Client Management Licenses Availability

- Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager CML
- System Center Endpoint Protection 1606 SL
- System Center 2022 Data Protection Manager CML
- System Center 2022 Orchestrator CML
- System Center 2022 Operations Manager CML
- System Center 2022 Service Manager CML

#### Licensing rules

- Software Assurance is included with all Client MLs
- Client MLs can be licensed per OSE or per User
- Endpoint Protection SLs can be licensed per Device or per User
- Client MLs include the right to run the Management Server software and SQL Server

# Licensing virtual machines/containers

#### System Center 2022 Datacenter

- The server must be fully licensed with Server ML Core licenses (as described in the Core-based Licensing section)
- An unlimited number of virtual machines may be managed on the server

#### System Center 2022 Standard

- The server must be fully licensed with Server ML Core licenses (as described in the Core-based Licensing section)
- 2 virtual machines may be managed on the server
- The server must be licensed again to manage a further 2 virtual machines. For example, a single processor server with 8 cores requires 16 Server ML Core licenses to manage 2 VMs. A further 16 Server ML Core licenses must be assigned to the server to manage another 2 VMs

#### Windows Server Containers

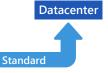
- Any number of Windows Server Containers without Hyper-V isolation may be managed on licensed servers
- The rules for licensing Windows Server Containers with Hyper-V isolation are exactly the same as for virtual machines detailed above

## **Step-up licenses**

Customers who have System Center 2022 Standard Server ML Core licenses with active Software Assurance may purchase Step-Up licenses to move to System Center

2022 Datacenter Server ML Core licenses.

The Step-Up license is priced at the difference in price of the two licenses and SA.



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