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Software Assurance

SharePoint Deployment Planning Services

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SharePoint Deployment Planning Services provide structured consulting engagements, delivered by Microsoft qualified partners, to help you explore deployment or upgrade options, reduce uncertainty, and plan your move to SharePoint Server or Project Server.

Important: Software Assurance Deployment Planning Services are being retired. Starting February 2021, planning days are no longer accrued for any agreement. You can create vouchers with your planning services days for engagements until June 30, 2021. See [Microsoft Planning Services](link) for more information.

Plan your SharePoint deployment

A benefit for Microsoft Volume Licensing Software Assurance customers, SharePoint Deployment Planning Services (SDPS) can help you plan a successful deployment of Microsoft SharePoint Server. SharePoint redefines collaboration and document management, representing a new way to work together. Planning Services are structured engagements that can be tailored to meet the unique needs of your organization. With the expertise of a qualified Planning Services partner or Microsoft Services, SDPS introduces advanced techniques, processes, and tools to help you plan your deployment, migration, or upgrade to SharePoint.

Choose the engagement that's right for you

SharePoint Deployment Planning Services structured planning engagements help you develop a deployment, upgrade, or migration plan to SharePoint or Project Server.

- **SharePoint Deployment Planning**
  Work with a qualified expert to create a customized and structured engagement designed to showcase how SharePoint can help your organization share, organize, discover, build, and manage information, content, applications, sites, and even skills and expertise. Optimized for the latest version of SharePoint but flexible enough to meet your organization's needs, engagements are available in lengths of 1, 3, 5, 10, or 15 days and are designed to help you discover what is new with the platform, understand how to apply the capabilities, develop a logical architecture, and create a roadmap to deployment. Engagement topics may include capabilities for IT Pros and business users, SharePoint Search, Business Intelligence, applications, information architecture, topology planning, or migration planning.

- **Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) Solution Planning**
  This 5-day engagement will guide your team through an envisioning and deployment planning process to roll out Project Server in your organization.

SDPS can help you:

- Get a comprehensive introduction to SharePoint or Project Server
- Develop a deployment plan for SharePoint capabilities and features
- Understand upgrade processes and develop a migration plan

Using Planning Services days

Available in engagements of 1, 3, 5, 10, or 15 days, Planning Services offer a structured yet collaborative consulting experience. The longer engagements allow for a deeper look at a specific technology and provide more in-depth analysis and deployment planning. Your qualified partner can work with you to help determine specific components to best support your organization's needs and help ensure you have an understanding of what can and will be included in your engagement.

As a Microsoft Volume Licensing customer with Software Assurance, your organization receives Planning Services days based on your licensing agreement(s). You can access these days through a voucher creation and redemption process at the Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center (VLSC), or if your organization has a Microsoft Products and Services Agreement (MPSA) go to the Microsoft Business Center (previously named the Microsoft Volume Licensing Center).

- See the VLSC Software Assurance Guide for detailed, step-by-step instructions for accessing and using Planning Services, or view the Managing Software Assurance Benefits video for a visual demonstration.
- MPSA customers use the Microsoft Business Center.
- Search partner listings to find a qualified solution provider or check with their Microsoft representative.

Planning Services has six offerings available to help you plan your deployment of Microsoft technologies: Desktop; Dynamics; Skype for Business and Exchange; Private Cloud, Management and Virtualization; SharePoint; and SQL Server Deployment Planning Services.

Learn more

- Visit Software Assurance to learn more about Planning Services and other Software Assurance benefits.
- Your organization's Software Assurance administrator can visit the Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center or the Microsoft Business Center (MPSA customers) to help you identify your current Software Assurance benefits.
- To estimate benefits, use the Microsoft License Advisor or ask your Microsoft representative for guidance.
- For detailed eligibility criteria and current benefit program rules, see the Microsoft Product Terms.