Jumpstart your journey to the cloud with Public Cloud, Windows Azure Deployment Planning Services (AZDPS) – structured consulting engagements with qualified Microsoft partners. Leverage your SA vouchers for custom assessments and prepare your business for the future.

Plan your Windows Azure activation

As a Software Assurance customer, you may be eligible for Public Cloud, Windows Azure Deployment Planning Services to access the expert guidance you need to jumpstart your journey to the Public Cloud and identify which areas of your business are suited for Windows Azure.

AZDPS Engagements

- **Activating Azure Storage** – Create a plan to utilize your Windows Azure Storage solution with StorSimple, CommVault or STEALTH. Assess your environment for Windows Azure readiness, create an activation plan, and test your solution with a series of production pilots. Choose from 3, 5 or 10 day engagements.

- **Implementing Develop & Test Scenarios with Windows Azure Virtual Machines** – Get help implementing a scalable, more secure and cost-effective development and test environment with Windows Azure Virtual Machines. Choose from 3, 5 or 10 day engagements.

Additional AZDPS Deployment Planning Needs? If you have a unique Windows Azure deployment plan need not covered by the engagements described above, work with your qualified partner to determine if your Planning Services benefit can be used.

AZDPS plans to add additional engagement types in the coming year.

AZDPS can help you:

- Understand what Windows Azure can do for your business and take your skills to the next level
- Realize the value of your investments
- Launch scalable, more secure and cost-effective development and test environments

“By using Windows Azure, we were able to avoid capital expenditures, such as server hardware and licensing. The cloud deployment model reduces IT infrastructure requirements by 70 percent.”

Praveen Sankar
Director Admin & Infrastructure
Oztern Technology
Using Planning Services days
Planning Services engagements offer a structured, yet collaborative consulting experience and are available in 1, 3, 5, 10 or 15 days increments depending on the specific engagement. The longer engagements allow for a deeper look at a specific technology, provide more in-depth analysis and deployment planning, and in some cases additional assessment and deliverables. Some engagement options are designed to help you with a specific deployment planning element, such as a Proof-of-Concept. 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 a number of Planning Services days based on your licensing agreement(s). You can access these days via a straightforward voucher creation and redemption process at the Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center (VLSC). Simply select your engagement type, create a voucher, and assign it to your chosen Planning Services partner. When the engagement is complete, your Planning Services partner redeems the voucher and receives payment directly from Microsoft.

- See the Software Assurance QuickStart Guide for detailed, step-by-step instructions for accessing and using Planning Services, or view the How to Manage Software Assurance Benefits video for a visual demonstration.
- To locate a qualified partner, visit the Planning Services Partner Directory or check with your Microsoft representative.

Learn More
- Visit Software Assurance to learn more about Planning Services and other Software Assurance benefits.
- Visit the Microsoft Volume Licensing Service Center to review your organization’s current Software Assurance benefits.
- To estimate benefits, use the Microsoft Licensing Advisor or ask your Microsoft representative for guidance.
- For detailed eligibility criteria and current benefit program rules, see the Microsoft Product List.
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