

Microsoft Enterprise Services

Support & Consulting Services Description

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1 About this document

The Microsoft Enterprise Services Support & Consulting Services Description provides you with information on the professional services that are available to purchase from Microsoft.

Please familiarize yourself with the descriptions of the services that you purchase, including any prerequisites, disclaimers, limitations and your responsibilities. The services that you purchase will be listed in your Enterprise Services Work Order (Work Order) or another applicable Statement of Services that references and incorporates this document.

Not all services listed in this document are available globally. For details on which services are available for purchase in your location, contact your Microsoft Services representative. Available services are subject to change.

2 Microsoft Professional Services

Microsoft Professional Services help you accelerate business value from your technology investments. These services are available during the planning, implementation, maintenance, and optimization stages of your technology lifecycle and provide data, mobility, productivity and computing solutions for your on-premises, cloud and hybrid IT infrastructure. Microsoft provides proactive services in the following categories:

2.1 Planning services

Planning services provide assessments and reviews of your current infrastructure, data, application and security environment to help plan your remediation, upgrade, migration, deployment or solution implementation based on your desired outcomes.

2.2 Implementation services

Implementation services provide technical and project management expertise to accelerate design, deployment, migration, upgrade, and implementation of Microsoft technology solutions.

2.3 Maintenance services

Maintenance services help prevent issues in your Microsoft environment and are typically scheduled in advance of the service delivery to help ensure resource availability.

2.4 Optimization services

Optimization services focus on the goals of optimal utilization of the customer's technology investment. These services may include remote administration of cloud services, optimizing the adoption of Microsoft product capabilities by end users and ensuring a robust security and identity posture.

2.5 Education services

Education services provide training that help to enhance your support staff's technical and operational skills through either onsite, online or on-demand instruction.

3 Consulting services

Enterprise Services Consulting services (consulting services) are project-based engagements to provide services related to planning, implementing, and adopting the solutions that accelerate the value customers derive from their IT investments. These engagements cover services, based on Microsoft product and technologies, across digital strategy, architecture, planning, upgrades, migration, deployment, application development, and data insight solutions.

3.1 How to purchase

Consulting services are available as project-based, scoped custom engagements or as pre-scoped packaged services as described below:

Service	Definition
Custom consulting services	A custom engagement with a customer specific scope of services, timelines and/or milestones for unique solutions.
Packaged consulting services	An engagement with pre-scoped deliverables that address many common business scenarios.

Key: ↗ indicates items that you may see listed on your Work Order.

3.2 Custom consulting services

Below are available customizable services solutions. The Enterprise Services Work Order (ESWO) or a Statement of Work (SOW) details the scope of customized consulting services.

Applications & Infrastructure – Cloud computing is foundational to enabling digital transformation for any organization.

Microsoft’s modern applications services help to accelerate time to value, with reduced risk when modernizing and integrating applications and leveraging the cloud to help engage with customers through multiple channels and on any device.

With Cloud Productivity Solutions, we help organizations plan, implement, and build experiences to improve communication, collaboration, and deepen customer relationships to generate business insight, enabling organizations to realize the full value of their Office 365 investment.

Data & Artificial Intelligence (AI) – The core currency of modern businesses is the ability to convert data into AI that drives competitive advantage. Microsoft’s Business Insights solutions help developers and organizations to become AI-focused through a comprehensive oversight to envision, implement, and support solutions for Business and IT organizations that unlock insights on data using products that include Azure Database Power BI, Office, and SQL Server.

Business Applications – Assistance with business applications that are part of a connected data environment, enabling AI and business intelligence while also helping to digitize business-critical functions, including relationship sales, talent and people processes, operations, and customer service.

Microsoft offers a spectrum of consulting services for Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Customer Engagement that spans Sales, Service and Marketing to help customers turn relationships into

revenue by bringing digital intelligence into every deal. Consulting services for Microsoft Dynamics 365 Unified Operations helps customers accelerate growth by optimizing operations and making real-time, data-driven decisions at global scale.

Modern Workplace – As a part of workplace transformation, Microsoft is able to help your environment match pace while also making it possible for every professional in your business to have the tools to be more productive.

Our Devices and Mobility consulting services offerings enable businesses and IT leaders to develop and implement enterprise-wide mobility and device management strategies that facilitate deeper, richer connections with employees and customers. Datacenter and Cloud Infrastructure Services also integrates technology, people, and processes to help IT transform data centers into strategic business assets, customized to their specific business needs. Coupled with

Security and Identity services, we also provide strategies and solutions to help protect IT infrastructure, applications, and data from internal and external threats.

3.3 Packaged consulting services

Microsoft offers consulting services for many common business scenarios based on experience with planning, deploying and implementing Microsoft products, technology and processes. The services below are offered in a pre-defined scope of work with a fixed duration and associated price.

3.4 Description of Services

3.4.1 Planning services

🔗 **Architecture Services:** An evaluation of your online services adoption goals which provides guidance, planning and remediation. This evaluation helps build better alignment of your teams and environment to online services architecture best practices.

Digital Advisory Services program: Digital Advisory Services combines Digital Advisors with industry, and business expertise with Microsoft's experiences and innovations strategies to empower organizations to reach their digital aspirations. Partnering with customers, Digital Advisors drive a program of change to build the digital business.

Digital Advisory services can be purchased in packages of approximately 200, 400, 800 and 1600 hour engagements with either a part-time or full-time advisor. The Microsoft service delivery team, including resources from Microsoft Services Centers of Excellence, complement delivery with subject matter expertise or provide recommended practice advice and specific guidance on Microsoft technologies.

In addition, the following Digital Advisory Services engagement packages are also available:

🔗 **Digital Advisory Digital Ready packages:** An engagement led by a digital advisor focusing on business design and change process to drive digital transformation as part of customer's evolving business models.

🔗 **Proof of Concept:** An engagement to provide evidence that enables the customer to evaluate the feasibility of a proposed technical solution. The evidence can be in the form of working prototypes, documents, and designs, but are not usually production-ready deliverables.

Solution Planning: Structured engagements to assist and guide you through implementation planning for Microsoft technology deployments in on-premises, cloud and hybrid environments.

These services may also include an assessment of the design, security, IT operations or change management of your Microsoft technologies to help plan the implementation of your technical solution to meet your desired outcomes. At the conclusion of the service, you may receive a report containing the technical assessment and solution implementation plan.

↗ **Developer Tools Deployment Planning Services (DTDPS):** Designed to help organizations plan effective Visual Studio deployments. These engagements can be used to help develop a deployment plan and strategies for adopting Visual Studio.

↗ **Azure Deployment Planning Services for Public Cloud (AZDPS):** Multi-day engagements that involve training, demos and deployment planning. They can focus on activating Azure storage solutions, migrating applications to Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Services, implementing enterprise mobility, implementing Microsoft Operations Management Suite, or implementing develop and test scenarios on Microsoft Azure virtual machines.

↗ **Desktop Deployment Planning Services (DDPS):** Deployment planning services that offer a broad range of planning tools and pre-defined engagement activities focused on how to deploy Office 365, Office or Windows.

↗ **Dynamics Deployment Planning Services (DYDPS):** Planning services for implementing or upgrading to Microsoft Dynamics CRM (Customer Relationship Management), Dynamics CRM Online, or implementing an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solution with Microsoft Dynamics AX.

↗ **Skype for Business and Exchange Deployment Planning Services (S&EDPS):** Designed to help organizations plan for Skype for Business or Exchange deployments, these services provide deployment planning for architectural and operational aspects of Microsoft Skype for Business or Microsoft Exchange.

↗ **Private Cloud Management and Virtualization Deployment Planning Services (PVDPS):** Designed to help plan effective deployments of Systems Center, Windows Server and Hyper-V. These engagements offer a broad range of planning services for upgrades, migrations, accelerating management and virtualization deployments, as well as implementing unified device management.

↗ **The SQL Server Deployment Planning Services (SSDPS):** Services are available in multi-day engagements that focus on such activities as upgrading to SQL Server, deploying SQL Server Business Intelligence, and migrating to SQL Server.

↗ **SharePoint Deployment Planning Services (SDPS):** Focusing on the delivery of SharePoint and SharePoint Online deployment planning engagements, these services may include Office 365 FastTrack planning, Project and Portfolio management (PPM) solution planning, and SharePoint deployment planning.

↗ **User Experience:** Services to deliver a user experience for your line of business applications, bringing expertise in Storyboarding, Motion Graphics, Ethnographic Research, Personal and Scenario Analysis, UX Strategy and Design, Visual Design, UI Development, Usability testing, and Accessibility considerations.

3.4.2 Implementation services

↗ **Project Governance:** A service to provide management and oversight of your project, program, or engagement in order to ensure successful delivery.

🔗 **Solution Architecture:** A service to provide architecture and design for your solution, based on reference architectures for Microsoft's technologies.

🔗 **Solution Delivery:** A service to provide technical implementation, including development, configuration, migration, upgrade, and deployment of the solution based on Microsoft technologies and their integration into the customer's environments.

3.4.3 Optimization services

🔗 **Adoption Services:** Adoption support services provide a suite of services that help you assess your organization's ability to modify, monitor and optimize changes linked to your Microsoft technology purchase. This includes support in the development and execution of your adoption strategy around the people side of change. Customers have access to resources with the expertise, knowledge and associated Microsoft recommended practices in support of their adoption program.

🔗 **IT Services Management:** A suite of services designed to help you evolve your legacy IT environment using modern service management approaches that enable innovation, flexibility, quality and operational cost improvements. Modern IT Service Management services may be delivered through remote or onsite advisory sessions or workshops to help ensure your monitoring, incident management or service desk processes are optimized to manage the dynamics of cloud-based services when moving an application or service to the cloud.

🔗 **Security Services:** The Microsoft security solutions portfolio includes four focus areas: cloud security and identity, mobility, enhanced information protection and secure infrastructure. Security services help customers understand how to protect and innovate their IT infrastructure, applications and data against internal and external threats.

3.5 Disclaimers and limitations

Our delivery of services is based upon the following disclaimers and limitations:

- Digital Advisory Services is comprised solely of advice and guidance solely regarding your deployment and use of Microsoft technologies.
- Product licenses are not included in the consulting services and must be purchased separately.
- Digital Advisory Services does not include product deployment, problem resolution, break fix support, review of non-Microsoft source code, or technical or architectural consultation beyond the services described above.
- For any non-Microsoft source code, our services are limited to analysis of binary data only, such as a process dump or network monitor trace
- Where onsite visits of Microsoft Architects or service delivery team resources are mutually agreed and not pre-paid, you will be billed for reasonable travel and living expenses.
- GitHub Consulting Services are provided by GitHub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Microsoft Corporation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in your Work Order, the GitHub Privacy Statement available at https://aka.ms/github_privacy and the GitHub Data Protection Addendum and Security Exhibit located at https://aka.ms/github_dpa will apply to your procurement of GitHub Consulting Services.

3.6 Your responsibilities

The success of consulting engagements and the performance of our obligations are dependent on your involvement throughout the duration, including but not limited to:

- The availability of your representatives, IT staff, and resources, including hardware, software, Internet connectivity, and office space.
- Your timely provision of accurate and complete information as requested by the service delivery team.
- Access to information about your organization.
- Timely and effective completion of your assigned responsibilities.
- Timely decisions and approvals by your management.
- Payment of travel and expenses incurred by your employees or contractors.

4 Support services

Microsoft Unified Support Services (support services) is a comprehensive enterprise support set of services that helps accelerate your journey to the cloud, optimize your IT solutions, and use technology to realize new business opportunities for any stage of the IT lifecycle. Support services include:

- Proactive services help improve health of your IT infrastructure and operations.
- Service Delivery Management to facilitate planning and implementation
- Prioritized 24x7 problem resolution services to provide rapid response to minimize downtime

4.1 How to purchase

Support services are available as a Base Package, designated as Core, Advanced and Performance Support, or as additional services or enhanced services and solutions available to purchase under an existing Base Package agreement listed in the Enterprise Services Work Order, as described below.

Item	Description
Base Package	<p>A combination of proactive, reactive and delivery management services that support Microsoft products and/or Online Services in use within your organization. Available as Core ("C"), Advanced ("A") and Performance ("P") Support packages as represented throughout this section.</p> <p>Base Package included services are represented with a "✓" throughout this section.</p> <p>Depending on your Base Package, you may also be eligible for specific built-in Proactive Services, which will be listed on your Work Order. We will work with you to identify these services prior to contract start or as part of your service delivery planning.</p>
Additional services	<p>Additional support services are available to add to your Base Package during the term of your Work Order and are represented with a "+" throughout this section.</p>
Enhanced services and solutions	<p>Support services, which cover a specific Microsoft product or customer IT system, are available to add to your support Base Package during the term of your Work Order and are also represented with a "+" throughout this section.</p>

Key: ✎ indicates items that you may see listed on your Work Order.

4.2 Description of services

The items which are combined to form your support services package are described in this section. Also, listed are services that may be added to your Base Package or added during the Term of the agreement.

4.2.1 Proactive services

Proactive services help prevent issues in your Microsoft environment and will be scheduled to help ensure resource availability and delivery during the term of the applicable Work Order. The Proactive services that follow are available as identified below or detailed on your Work Order.

Planning services

Planning service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Proof of Concept		+	+

+ - Additional service that may be purchased.

🔗 **Proof of Concept:** An engagement to provide evidence that enables the customer to evaluate the feasibility of a proposed technical solution. The evidence can be in the form of working prototypes, documents, and designs, but are not usually production-ready deliverables.

Implementation services

Implementation service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Onboarding Services		+	+

+ - Additional service that may be purchased.

🔗 **Onboarding Services:** A direct engagement with a Microsoft resource to provide deployment, migration, upgrade or feature development assistance. This can include assistance with planning and validation of a proof-of-concept or production workload using Microsoft products.

Maintenance services

Maintenance service types	Package		
	C	A	P
On-demand Assessment	✓	✓	✓
Assessment Program		+	+
Offline Assessment		+	+

Maintenance service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Proactive Monitoring		+	+
Proactive Operations Programs (POP)		+	+
Risk and Health Assessment Program as a Service (RAP as a Service)		+	+

✓ - Included as part of your Base Package.

⊕ - Additional service that may be purchased.

🔗 **On-demand Assessment:** Access to a self-service, online automated assessment platform that uses log analyses to analyze and assess your Microsoft technology implementation. On-demand Assessments cover limited technologies. Use of this assessment service requires an active Azure service with adequate data limits to enable use of the on-demand assessment service. Microsoft may provide assistance to enable initial setup of the service. In conjunction with the On-demand Assessment, and for an additional fee, an onsite Microsoft resource (for up to two days) or remote Microsoft resource (for up to one day) are available to assist with analyzing the data and prioritizing remediation recommendations per your services agreement. Onsite assessments may not be available in all geographies.

🔗 **Assessment Program:** An assessment on the design, technical implementation, operations or change management of your Microsoft technologies against Microsoft recommended practices. At the conclusion of the assessment, the Microsoft resource will work directly with you to remediate possible issues and provide a report containing the technical assessment of your environment, which may include a remediation plan.

🔗 **Offline Assessment:** An automated assessment of your Microsoft technology implementation with data collected remotely, or by a Microsoft resource at your location. The data gathered is analyzed by Microsoft using on-premises tools, and we provide you with a report of our findings and remediation recommendations.

🔗 **Proactive Monitoring:** Delivery of technical operations monitoring tools and recommendations for tuning your server incident management processes. This service helps you create incident matrices, conduct major incident reviews, and create the design for a sustained engineering team.

🔗 **Proactive Operations Programs (POP):** A review with your staff of your planning, design, implementation or operational processes against Microsoft recommended practices. This review is done either onsite or remotely by a Microsoft resource.

🔗 **Risk and Health Assessment Program as a Service (RAP as a Service):** An automated assessment of your Microsoft technology implementation, with data collected remotely. The gathered data is analyzed by Microsoft to create a findings report containing remediation recommendations. This service is available for on-site or remote delivery.

Optimization services

Optimization service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Adoption Services			+
Development Focused Services		+	+
IT Services Management		+	+
Security Services		+	+

+ - Additional service that may be purchased.

↗ **Adoption Services:** Adoption support services provide a suite of services that help you assess your organization's ability to modify, monitor and optimize changes linked to your Microsoft technology purchase. This includes support in the development and execution of your adoption strategy around the people side of change. Customers have access to resources with the expertise, knowledge and associated Microsoft recommended practices in support of their adoption program.

↗ **Development Focused Services:** Services available to assist your staff build, deploy, and support applications built with Microsoft technologies.

↗ **Services Insights for Developers:** An annual assessment of your application development practices to help customers with recommended practice guidance for developing applications and solutions on Microsoft platforms.

↗ **Development Support Assistance:** Provides help in creating and developing applications that integrate Microsoft technologies on the Microsoft platform, specializing in Microsoft development tools and technologies, and is sold as a quantity of hours listed on your Work Order.

↗ **IT Services Management:** A suite of services designed to help you evolve your legacy IT environment using modern service management approaches that enable innovation, flexibility, quality and operational cost improvements. Modern IT Service Management services may be delivered through remote or onsite advisory sessions or workshops to help ensure your monitoring, incident management or service desk processes are optimized to manage the dynamics of cloud-based services when moving an application or service to the cloud. IT Services Management services may be an element of a customized program of support services, available for an additional fee and may be defined in an exhibit and referenced in your Work Order.

↗ **Security Services:** The Microsoft security solutions portfolio includes four focus areas: cloud security and identity, mobility, enhanced information protection and secure infrastructure. Security services help customers understand how to protect and innovate their IT infrastructure, applications and data against internal and external threats. Security services may be an element of a customized program of support services, available for an additional fee and may be defined in an exhibit and referenced in your Work Order.

Education services

Education service types	Package		
	C	A	P
On-demand Education	✓	✓	✓
Webcasts	✓	✓	✓
Chalk Talks		+	+
Workshops		+	+

✓ - Included as part of your Base Package.

+ - Additional service that may be purchased.

🔗 **On-demand Education:** Access to a collection of online training materials and online labs from a workshop library digital platform developed by Microsoft.

🔗 **Webcasts:** Access to live Microsoft-hosted educational sessions, available on a wide selection of support and Microsoft technology topics, delivered remotely online.

🔗 **Chalk Talks:** Short interactive services, typically one-day sessions, that cover product and support topics provided in a lecture and demonstration format and are delivered by a Microsoft resource either in person or online.

🔗 **Workshops:** Advanced level technical training sessions, available on a wide selection of support and Microsoft technology topics, delivered by a Microsoft resource in person or online. Workshops are purchased on a per-attendee basis or as a dedicated delivery to your organization, as specified on your Work Order. Workshops cannot be recorded without express written permission from Microsoft.

Additional Proactive services

Additional Proactive service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Custom Proactive Services (Maintenance, Optimization and Education services)		+	+
Support Technology Advisor			✓

+ - Additional service that may be purchased.

🔗 **Custom Proactive services:** A scoped engagement with Microsoft resources to deliver services at the customer's direction, in person or online, which are not otherwise described in this document. These engagements include Maintenance, Optimization and Education service types.

🔗 **Support Technology Advisor (STA):** A customized service that provides a technology assessment supporting customer business goals including, but not limited to, workload optimization, adoption or supportability, delivered by a Microsoft resource. This service may include a plan and technical guidance tailored to customer environment and business goals.

Other Proactive			
Proactive Credits		+	+

↗ **Proactive Credits:** The value of exchangeable services represented in credits on your Work Order. Proactive Credits can then be exchanged for, or applied to, one or more defined additional services, as described within this document, and at current rates provided by your Microsoft Services representative. After selecting the available additional service, we will deduct the value of that service from your credit balance, rounded up to the nearest unit.

4.2.2 Reactive services

Reactive services help resolve issues in your Microsoft environment and are typically consumed on demand. The following reactive services are included as-needed for currently supported Microsoft products and online services, unless otherwise noted on your Work Order.

Reactive service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Advisory Support	✓	✓	✓
Problem Resolution Support	✓	✓	✓
Reactive Support Management	✓	✓	✓
Extended Hotfix Support		✓	✓
Onsite support		+	+
Root Cause Analysis		+	+
Reactive Support Management Add-on		+	+
Cybersecurity Support Services		+	+

✓ - Included as part of the Base Package.

⊕ - Additional service that may be purchased.

↗ **Advisory Support:** Phone-based support on short-term (limited to six hours or less) and unplanned issues for IT Professionals. Advisory Support may include advice, guidance, and knowledge transfer intended to help you deploy and implement Microsoft technologies in ways that avoid common support issues and that can decrease the likelihood of system outages. Architecture, solution development and customization scenarios are outside of the scope of these Advisory Services.

↗ **Problem Resolution Support:** This assistance for problems with specific symptoms encountered while using Microsoft products includes troubleshooting a specific problem, error

message or functionality that is not working as intended for Microsoft products. Incidents may be initiated either by phone or submitted via the web. Support requests for services and products, not covered by the applicable online service support portal, are managed from within the Microsoft Services online portal.

Severity definitions and the Microsoft estimated initial response times are detailed in the incident response tables below.

Upon your request, we may collaborate with third-party technology suppliers to help resolve complex multi-vendor product interoperability issues, however, it is the responsibility of the third party to support its product.

The incident severity determines the response levels within Microsoft, initial estimated response times and your responsibilities. You are responsible for outlining the business impact to your organization, in consultation with us, and Microsoft will assign the appropriate severity level. You can request a change in severity level during the term of an incident should the business impact require it.

Core Support Incident Response

Core Support	Severity and situation	Our expected response	Your expected response
Standard business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate loss or degradation of services, but work can reasonably continue in an impaired manner Needs attention within eight hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First call response in eight hours or less during business hours¹ Effort during business hours¹ only Upon request, effort on a 24x7 basis² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurate contact information about the case owner Responsive within 24 hours If 24x7 effort has been requested, you will allocate appropriate resources to sustain 24x7 effort²
Critical business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of a core business process and work cannot reasonably continue Needs attention within one hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First call response in one hour or less Continuous effort on a 24x7 basis² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocation of appropriate resources to sustain continuous effort on a 24x7 basis²

¹ Business hours are generally defined as 09:00 to 17:30 local Standard Time, excluding holidays and weekends. Business hours may differ slightly in your country.

² We may need to downgrade from 24x7 if you are not able to provide adequate resources or responses to sustain continuous problem resolution efforts.

Advanced Support Incident Response

Advanced Support	Severity and situation	Our expected response	Your expected response
Standard business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate loss or degradation of services, but work can reasonably continue in an impaired manner Needs attention within four hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First call response in four hours or less during business hours¹ Effort during business hours¹ only Upon request, effort on a 24x7 basis² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurate contact information about the case owner Responsive within 24 hours If 24x7 effort has been requested, you will allocate appropriate resources to sustain 24x7 effort²
Critical business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of a core business process and work cannot reasonably continue Needs attention within one hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First call response in one hour or less Critical situation resource assigned after 1 hour Continuous effort on a 24x7 basis² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocation of appropriate resources to sustain continuous effort on a 24x7 basis² Access and response from change control authority within four business hours

¹ Business hours are generally defined as 09:00 to 17:30 Local Standard Time, excluding holidays and weekends. Business hours may differ slightly in your country.

² We may need to downgrade from 24x7 if you are not able to provide adequate resources or responses to enable us to continue with problem resolution efforts.

Performance Support Incident Response

Performance Support	Severity and situation	Our expected response	Your expected response
Standard business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate loss or degradation of services, but work can reasonably continue in an impaired manner Needs attention within four hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First call response in four hours or less during business hours¹ Effort during business hours¹ only Upon request, effort on 24x7 basis² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If 24x7 effort has been requested, you will allocate appropriate resources to sustain 24x7 effort²

Performance Support	Severity and situation	Our expected response	Your expected response
Critical business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of a core business process and work cannot reasonably continue Needs attention within 30 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First call response in 30 minutes or less Critical situation resource assigned in 30 minutes or less Resources at your site, after 24 hours, with customer agreement Continuous effort on a 24x7 basis² Access to Microsoft's experienced specialists and rapid escalation within Microsoft to product teams³ Notification of our senior executives, as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate communication with your senior executives, as requested by us Allocation of appropriate resources to sustain continuous effort on a 24x7 basis² Rapid access and response

¹ Business hours are generally defined as 09:00 to 17:30 Local Standard Time, excluding holidays and weekends. Business hours may differ slightly in your country.

² We may need to downgrade from 24x7 if you are not able to provide adequate resources or responses to enable us to continue with problem resolution efforts

³ Not available in all support locations or for all Microsoft Technologies.

Reactive Support Management: Reactive Support Management provides oversight of support incidents to drive timely resolution and a high quality of support delivery. Service Delivery Management will be utilized for the Reactive Support Management of all support requests. Below are the services provided for the corresponding Base Package support:

Core Support: For standard and critical business impact severity incidents, the service is available by customer request during business hours into pooled service delivery resources. These resources may also provide escalation updates, when requested.

Advanced and Performance Support: Per the Incident Response tables above, for standard business impact severity incidents, the service is available by customer request during business hours to the Microsoft resource who can also provide escalation updates when requested. For critical business impact severity incidents, an enhanced escalation process is initiated and

automatically executed for Advanced and Performance Support. The assigned Microsoft resource is then responsible for ensuring continued technical progress by providing you with status updates and an action plan.

For non-business hours extended coverage you may purchase additional Reactive Support Management Hours.

4.2.3 Service delivery management

Service Delivery Management (SDM) is included with your support services, unless otherwise noted herein or in your Work Order and is determined by the Base Package support services you purchase. Additional delivery management services will be added when purchasing additional services or enhanced services and solutions.

Core Support: SDM services are provided digitally, or from a pooled team of specialists.

Advanced and Performance Support: SDM services are provided digitally and by a designated customer success account manager. This named resource may operate either remotely or onsite at your location.

Service Delivery Management scope details

The following SDM services are available as determined by the Base Package purchased:

Service delivery management service types	Package		
	C	A	P
Customer Organization Enablement	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Product, Service, and Security Updates Guidance	✓	✓	✓
Program Development & Management	✓	✓	✓
Unified Support Onboarding	✓	✓	✓
Cloud Success Program		✓	✓
Executive Relationship Management		✓	✓
Service Delivery Management Add-on		+	+
Onsite Service Delivery Management		+	+

✓ - Included as part of the Base Package.

⊕ - Additional service that may be purchased.

Customer Organization Enablement: Guidance and information provided to your named Support Service Administrator about how to manage utilization of your Unified Support services, and prepare you to use Unified Support digital and reactive services.

Microsoft Product, Service and Security Updates Guidance: Information shared with you about important upcoming product and service features and changes, as well as security bulletins for Microsoft technologies.

Program Development & Management: Activities designed to plan, propose, and manage your support program's services, across your organization to help you realize greater value from your investments in Microsoft technology and services.

Core Support: Services may be recommended by Microsoft to make use of the capabilities included in your Base Package support and limited additional services your organization may purchase.

Advanced and Performance Support: Microsoft may recommend a variety of services intended to help you achieve key business and technology outcomes, making use of the capabilities included in your Base Package support, as well as additional services you may purchase.

Unified Support Onboarding: Activities to support your initiation into Unified Support, including the introduction and promotion of self-service capabilities in the online support portal, with a goal of ensuring timely utilization of your Unified Support services.

Cloud Success Program: Planning and delivery services are included to help you achieve specific cloud outcomes, empowering you to accelerate the implementation, adoption and realized value of Microsoft cloud technologies.

Executive Relationship Management: A set of activities to ensure the Microsoft Support team is aligned to your organization's strategic priorities and engaged with key business and technology decision makers.

✦ **Service Delivery Management Add-on:** You may elect to purchase additional custom SDM resources to provide service delivery management services as part of a pre-determined scope of work, which are not explicitly detailed in this document. These resources will operate either remotely or onsite at your location. This service is also subject to Microsoft resource availability.

✦ **Onsite Service Delivery Management:** You may request onsite visits from your customer success account manager that may require an additional charge per visit. This service is subject to Microsoft resource availability.

4.3 Enhanced services and solutions


In addition to the services provided as part of the Base Package or as additional services, the following optional enhanced services and solutions may be purchased. Enhanced services and solutions are available for an additional fee and may be defined in an Exhibit referenced in your Work Order.

Service	Package		
	C	A	P
Designated Support Engineering		+	+
Rapid Response		+	+
Developer Advanced		+ ¹	+ ¹
Developer Performance			+
Support for Mission Critical		+	+

+ - Additional service that may be purchased.

+¹ - Additional service that may be purchased up to a limited maximum quantity.

4.3.1 Designated Support Engineering

 **Designated Support Engineering (DSE):** DSE services may be purchased as pre-defined offerings or as a block of custom hours that can be used to deliver scoped proactive services.

When purchased as hours, DSE service hours are then deducted from your total purchased hours as they are utilized and delivered.

Pre-defined DSE offerings are tailored to your environment and help you achieve a desired outcome. These offerings include required pre-defined proactive services built-in.

The focus areas for DSE services:

- Help maintain a deep knowledge of your current, and future business requirements and configuration of your information technology environment to optimize performance
- Document and share with you recommendations of the use of support services–related deliverables (e.g. supportability reviews, health checks, workshops, and risk-assessment programs)
- Help make your deployment and operation activities consistent with your planned and current implementations of Microsoft technologies
- Enhance your IT staff's technical and operational skills
- Develop and implement strategies to help prevent future incidents and increase system availability of your covered Microsoft technologies
- Help determine the root cause of recurring incidents and to provide recommendations to prevent further disruptions in the designated Microsoft technologies

Regardless of how DSE is purchased, resources are allocated, prioritized and assigned based on the agreement of the parties during the initiation meeting and documented as part of your service delivery planning.

Service-specific prerequisites and limitations

- You must have a current Microsoft Unified Support services agreement to support your DSE services. If your Microsoft Unified Support services agreement expires or is terminated, your DSE service will be terminated on the same date.
- DSE services are available during normal business hours (09:00 to 17:30 Local Standard Time, excluding holidays and weekends).
- DSE services support the specific Microsoft products and technologies selected by you and listed in your Work Order.
- DSE services are delivered for a single support location in the designated support location identified in your Work Order.

4.3.2 Rapid Response

Rapid Response: Rapid Response provides accelerated reactive support for your cloud services by routing support incidents to technical experts and providing an escalation path to cloud service operations teams, as required.

To receive Rapid Response services for your Microsoft Azure components you must submit an incident through the applicable cloud service portal. Your Problem Resolution Support requests will be directly routed to a Rapid Response support queue which is staffed by a designated team of engineers with cloud service expertise. For this team to have basic knowledge of your deployment, you must provide documentation on basic Azure deployment and database topology, as well as scaling and load balancing plans where available. While incidents may require resources from standard product support professionals for resolution, the Rapid Response team retains primary responsibility for the incidents 24x7x365.

For your Azure components, the response times for problem resolution support are listed in the table below and supersede any expected Base Package support response times. Rapid Response does not cover, Azure Media Services, Azure Stack, Azure StorSimple, GitHub AE, Azure Communication Services or Billing & Subscription Management.

Rapid Response purchase is subject to resource availability. Please consult your customer success account manager for availability details.

Rapid Response	Severity and situation	Our expected response	Your expected response
Critical business impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of a core business process and work cannot reasonably continue • Needs attention within 15 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First call response in 15 minutes or less • Continuous effort on a 24x7 basis¹ • Access to Microsoft's experienced specialists² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate communication with your senior executives, as requested by us • Allocation of appropriate resources to sustain

Rapid Response	Severity and situation	Our expected response	Your expected response
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid escalation within Microsoft to cloud service operations teams Notification of our senior executives, as required 	<p>continuous effort on a 24x7 basis¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid access and response

¹ We may need to downgrade from 24x7 if you are not able to provide adequate resources or responses to enable us to continue with problem resolution efforts

² Rapid Response Problem Resolution Support services are only available in English.

4.3.3 Developer Support

Developer Support provides long term technical support based on cloud and technical knowledge across the application development lifecycle for Customer developers building, deploying and supporting applications on Microsoft's platform.

An Application Development Manager (ADM) acts as the primary contact and is focused on delivering strategic advice on development and testing methodologies and on development issues encountered while using Microsoft products. The ADM interfaces with several resources within Microsoft about the customer's requirements.

As part of your support agreement, the following developer solutions may be purchased:

🔗 **Developer Advanced**

Available for Advanced and Performance Support, Developer Advanced support provides targeted solutions to specific application development needs including application modernization, internet of things (IoT) assessments, ALM/DevOps solutions, training, and testing. It is the recommended level of assistance for customers that require specialized development support on a various of areas or topics in the development lifecycle.

Minimum engagement consists of 320 ADM (Application Developer Manager) hours. Smaller, customized engagements can be scoped upon special request. Developer Advanced support has a maximum of 800 ADM hours.

🔗 **Developer Performance**

Available for Performance Support, Developer Performance support delivers comprehensive support across the application development lifecycle, providing customers with cloud architecture, vulnerability assessments, ALM/DevOps solutions, security development lifecycle, code reviews, performance and monitoring, application modernization, internet of things (IoT) implementation and management, training, and testing. It is the recommended level of assistance for customers that require complete development support for business critical as well as complex development environments.

Developer Performance support has a minimum engagement of 800 ADM hours. Smaller, customized engagements can be scoped upon special request.

4.3.4 Support for Mission Critical

🔗 **Support for Mission Critical:** Provides a higher level of support for a defined set of Microsoft products and Online Services that make up a part of your mission critical solution, as specified on your Work Order. Support for Mission Critical provides a customized program of support services, is available for an additional fee and is defined in an Exhibit referenced in your Work Order.

4.4 Additional terms and conditions

Microsoft Unified Support services are delivered based on the following prerequisites and assumptions.

- Base Package reactive services are provided remotely to the location(s) of your designated support contacts. All other services are provided remotely to your location(s) designated or listed on your Work Order, unless otherwise set forth in writing.
- Base Package reactive services are provided in English and, where available, may be provided in your spoken language. All other services are provided in the spoken language of the Microsoft services location providing services, or in English, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.
- We provide support for all versions of commercially released, generally available Microsoft software and Online Services products that you have purchased based on the declared licensing enrollments and agreements and/or billing account ID in Appendix A of your Work Order and are identified on the Product Terms, published by Microsoft from time to time at <http://microsoft.com/licensing/contracts> (or at a successor site that Microsoft identifies), unless otherwise set forth in a Work Order, an Exhibit to this Support & Consulting Services Description, or specifically excluded on your online support portal at <http://serviceshub.microsoft.com>.
- Support for pre-release and beta products is not provided, except as otherwise noted in an attached exhibit.
- All services, including any additional services purchased as part of and during the Term of a Support Work Order, are forfeited if not utilized during the Term of the applicable Work Order.
- Scheduling of services is dependent upon the availability of resources and workshops may be subject to cancellation if minimum registration levels are not met.
- We can access your system via remote connection to analyze problems at your request. Our personnel will access only those systems authorized by you. To utilize remote connection assistance, you must provide us with the appropriate access and necessary equipment.
- Some services may require us to store, process, and access your customer data. When we do so, we use Microsoft-approved technologies which comply with our data protection policies and processes. If you request that we use technologies not approved by Microsoft, you understand and agree that you are solely responsible for the integrity and security of your customer data and that Microsoft assumes no liability in connection with the use of non-Microsoft-approved technologies.
- If you request cancellation of a previously scheduled service, Microsoft may choose to deduct a cancellation fee of up to 100 percent of the price of the service; if the cancellation or rescheduling was done with less than 14 days' notice prior to the first day of delivery.

- When purchasing additional services, we may require the inclusion of service delivery management to facilitate delivery.
- If you ordered one type of service and wish to exchange it for another type of service, you may apply equivalent value to an alternative service that is available within your Base Package, where available, and agreed with your service delivery resource.
- Software Assurance Benefits 24x7 Problem Resolution Support Incidents (SA PRS Incidents, or "SAB"), may be converted to an equivalent value (as determined by Microsoft) and used towards the fees for Base Package support, eligible components of Designated Support Engineering (DSE) and/or eligible components of Enhanced services and solutions. Your delivery management resource can confirm such value(s) and fee(s), if applicable. After 30 days of the Support Commencement Date and/or multi-year Support annual anniversary date, we may invoice you for the equivalent value of any deficit SAB you commit for any such conversion, as designated in your Work Order. Software Assurance Benefits are subject to the terms stated herein and the Product Terms, including, but not limited to, Appendix B of the Product Terms. Further details are also available at www.microsoft.com/licensing/licensing-programs/software-assurance-by-benefits, such as changes to the Problem Resolution Support benefit beginning in February 2023 that will affect eligibility of Base Package or eligible components of your support agreement and which may result in adjustments to equivalent incident value.
- Not all additional services may be available in your country. Please contact your service delivery resource for details.
- You agree that the only non-Microsoft code to which you provide us access to is code that you own.
- The services may include Services Deliverables, advice and guidance related to code owned by you or by Microsoft, or the direct provision of other support services.
- When providing Reactive services, Microsoft does not provide code of any kind, other than sample code.
- Customer will assume all responsibility for, and risks associated with, implementing and maintaining any code provided in the performance of support services.
- There may be minimum platform requirements for the services purchased.
- Services may not be delivered through to your customers.
- If you have an Advanced or Performance Support Base Package and where onsite visits are mutually agreed upon and not pre-paid, we will bill you for reasonable travel and living expenses.
- GitHub Support Services are provided by GitHub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Microsoft Corporation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in your Work Order, the GitHub Privacy Statement available at https://aka.ms/github_privacy and the GitHub Data Protection Addendum and Security Exhibit located at https://aka.ms/github_dpa will apply to your procurement of GitHub Support Services.
- **Acceptable Use Policy** - Customer must not (and is not licensed to) use the Services Deliverables:
 - in a way prohibited by law, regulation, governmental order or decree;
 - to violate the rights of others; or

- in any application or situation where use of the Service Deliverables could lead to the death or serious bodily injury of any person, or to severe physical or environmental damage, except in accordance with the High Risk Use section below.

High Risk Use

- **WARNING:** Modern technologies may be used in new and innovative ways, and Customer must consider whether its specific use of these technologies is safe. The Services Deliverables are not designed or intended to support any use in which a service interruption, defect, error, or other failure of a Services Deliverable could result in the death or serious bodily injury of any person or in physical or environmental damage (collectively, "High Risk Use"). Accordingly, Customer must design and implement the Services Deliverables such that, in the event of any interruption, defect, error, or other failure of the Services Deliverables, the safety of people, property, and the environment are not reduced below a level that is reasonable, appropriate, and legal, whether in general or for a specific industry. Customer's High Risk Use of the Services Deliverables is at its own risk. Customer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Microsoft harmless from and against all damages, costs and attorneys' fees in connection with any claims arising from a High Risk Use associated with the Services Deliverables, including any claims based in strict liability or that Microsoft was negligent in designing or providing the Services Deliverables to Customer in accordance with Customer's specifications. The foregoing indemnification obligation is in addition to any defense obligation set forth in Customer's Agreement and is not subject to any limitation of, or exclusion from, liability contained in such agreements.

Additional prerequisites and assumption may be set forth in relevant Exhibits.

4.5 Your responsibilities

Optimizing the benefits of your Microsoft Unified Support services is contingent upon you fulfilling the following responsibilities, in addition to those set forth in any applicable exhibits. Failure to comply with the following responsibilities may result in delays of service:

- You will designate a named support services administrator who is responsible for leading your team and managing all of your support activities and internal processes for submitting support incidents requests to us.
- Depending on your Base Package as outlined below, you can designate named reactive support contacts who are responsible for creating support requests through the Microsoft support website or by phone. Cloud administrators for your cloud-based services may also submit cloud support requests through the applicable support portals.
 - Core Support – Up to ten (10) named contacts.
 - Advanced Support – A minimum of fifty (50) named contacts. You may also be eligible for additional contacts. Please consult your customer success account manager for details.
 - Performance Support – Included named contacts as-needed.
- For online services support requests, Cloud administrators, for your cloud-based services, must submit support requests through the applicable online service support portal.
- When submitting a service request, your reactive support contacts should have a basic understanding of the problem you are encountering and an ability to reproduce the problem in order to assist Microsoft in diagnosing and triaging the problem. These contacts should

also be knowledgeable about the supported Microsoft products and your Microsoft environment to help resolve system issues and to assist Microsoft in analyzing and resolving service requests.

- When submitting a service request, your reactive support contacts may be required to perform problem determination and resolution activities, as requested by us. These may include performing network traces, capturing error messages, collecting configuration information, changing product configurations, installing new versions of software or new components, or modifying processes.
- You agree to work with us to plan for the utilization of services, based upon the services you purchased.
- You agree to notify us of any changes to the named contacts designated in your Work Order.
- You are responsible for backing up your data and for reconstructing lost or altered files resulting from catastrophic failures. You are also responsible for implementing the procedures necessary to safeguard the integrity and security of your software and data.
- You agree, where possible, to respond to customer satisfaction surveys that we may provide from time to time regarding the services.
- You are responsible for any travel and expenses incurred by your employees or contractors.
- You may be asked by your service delivery resource to fulfill other responsibilities specific to the service you purchased.
- When using cloud services as part of this support, you must either purchase or have an existing subscription or data plan for the applicable online service.
- If you have an Advanced or Performance Support Package, you agree to submit requests for Proactive services and enhanced solutions and services, along with any necessary or applicable data, no later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of the applicable Work Order.
- If you have an Advanced or Performance Support Package, you agree to provide our service delivery team required to be onsite with reasonable telephone and high-speed Internet access and access to your internal systems and diagnostic tools, as applicable.

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