

Microsoft License Terms

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1. License Model Overview.

Software

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The software includes:

- i. server software, and
 - ii. additional software that may only be used with the server software directly, or indirectly through other additional software.
 - iii. Microsoft offers a choice of licenses to accommodate our customer needs, so please refer to the license terms specific to the software edition offering that you acquired.
- b. License Model.
- i. **SQL Server Web.** The software is licensed based on the number of physical and/or virtual cores in the server.
 - ii. **SQL Server Enterprise and Standard.** The software is licensed based on either the:
 - Core License Model -the number of physical and/or virtual cores in the server; or
 - Server + Client - the number of OSEs in which the server software is run, and the number of devices and uses that access instances of server software.
- c. Licensing Terminology.

i. **Instance.** You create an “instance” of the software by executing the software’s setup or install procedure. You also create an instance of the software by duplicating an existing instance. References to the “software” in this agreement include “instances” of the software.

ii. **Run an Instance.** You “run an instance” of the software by loading it into memory and executing one or more of its instructions. Once running, an instance is considered to be running (whether or not its instructions continue to execute) until it is removed from memory.

iii. **Operating System Environment (“OSE”).** An “operating system environment” or “OSE” is

- all or part of an operating system instance, or all or part of a virtual (or otherwise emulated) operating system instance which enables separate machine identity (primary computer name or similar unique identifier) or separate administrative rights; and
- instances of applications, if any, configured to run on the operating system instance or parts identified above.

A physical hardware system can have either or both of the following:

- one physical operating system environment;
- one or more virtual operating system environments.

A physical operating system environment is configured to run directly on a physical hardware system. The operating system instance used to run hardware virtualization software or to provide hardware virtualization services (e.g. Microsoft virtualization technology or similar technologies) is considered part of the physical operating system environment.

iv. **Server.** A server is a physical hardware system capable of running server software. A hardware partition or blade is considered to be a separate physical hardware system.

v. **Physical Core.** A physical core is a core in a physical processor. A physical processor consists of one or more physical cores.

vi. **Hardware Thread.** A hardware thread is either a physical core or a hyper-thread in a physical processor.

vii. **Virtual Core.** A virtual core is the unit of processing power in a virtual (or otherwise emulated) hardware system. A virtual core is the virtual representation of one or more hardware threads. Virtual OSEs use one or more virtual cores. For licenses acquired on or after November 16, 2022, virtual cores are only available with active Software Assurance.

viii. **Assigning a License.** To assign a license is to designate that license to a server, device, or user as

indicated below.

2. Use Rights.

Licensing a Server

. Before you run instances of the server software on a server, you must determine the number of software licenses required and assign those licenses to that server as described below.

Determining the Number of Licenses Required

. You have two license options:

i. **Physical Cores on Server.** You may license based on all of the physical cores on the server. If you choose this option, the number of licenses required equals the number of physical cores on the server subject to a minimum of four licenses per processor.

ii. **Individual Virtual OSE.** You may license based on the virtual OSEs within the server in which you run the server software. If you choose this option, for each virtual OSE in which you run the server software, you need a number of licenses equal to the number of virtual cores in the virtual OSE, subject to a minimum requirement of four licenses per virtual OSE. In addition, if any of these virtual cores is at any time mapped to more than one hardware thread, you need a license for each additional hardware thread mapped to that virtual

core. Those licenses count toward the minimum requirement of four licenses per virtual OSE.

- For Enterprise Core Customers, virtual OSE is only available to customers with licenses that have active Software Assurance or subscription licenses.

Assigning the Required Number of Licenses to Server

i. SQL Server Web/Enterprise Core/Standard Core

- **Initial Assignment.** After you determine the number of software licenses required for a server, you must assign that number of licenses to that server. The server to which a license is assigned is considered the “licensed server” for such license. You may not assign a license to more than one server. A hardware partition or blade is considered a separate server.
- **Reassignment.** You may reassign a license, but not within 90 days of its last assignment. You may reassign a license sooner if you retire the licensed server to which the license is assigned due to permanent hardware failure. If you reassign a license, the server to which you reassign the license becomes the new licensed server for that license.

ii. SQL Server Standard Server/Enterprise Server

- **Initial Assignment.** Before you run any instance of the server software under a software license, you must assign that license to one of your servers. That server is considered the “licensed server” for such license. You may not assign the same license to more than one server, but you may assign other software licenses to the same server. A hardware partition or blade is considered to be a separate server.
- **Reassignment.** You may reassign a software license, but not within 90 days of the last assignment. You may reassign a software license sooner if you retire the licensed server due to permanent hardware failure. If you reassign a license, the server to which you reassign the license becomes the new licensed server for that license.

Running Instances of the Server Software

. Your right to instances on the server software depends on the option chosen to determine the number of software licenses required:

i. SQL Server Web

- **Physical Cores on Server.** For each server that you have assigned the required number of licenses as provided in Section [2(b)(i)], you may run on the licensed

server any number of instances of the server software in the physical OSE.

- Individual Virtual OSEs. For each virtual OSE for which you have assigned the required number of licenses as provided in section [2(b)(ii)], you have the right to run any number of instances of the server software in that virtual OSE.

ii. SQL Server Standard

- Physical Cores on Server. For each server that you have assigned the required number of licenses as provided in Section [2(b)(i)], you may run on the licensed server any number of instances of the server software in the physical OSE.
- Individual Virtual OSEs. For each virtual OSE for which you have assigned the required number of licenses as provided in section [2(b)(ii)], you have the right to run any number of instances of the server software in that virtual OSE.
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The software may include more than one version, such as 32-bit and 64-bit. For each instance of the software that you are permitted to create, store and run, you may use either version.

iii. SQL Server Enterprise Core.

- Physical Cores on Server. For each server to which you have assigned the required number of licenses as provided in Section [2(b)(i)], you may run on the licensed server any number of instances of the server software in a number of physical and/or virtual OSEs equal to the number of licenses assigned to that server. Thereafter, for each additional license that you assign to the licensed server under section [2(b)(i)], you may run instances of the server software in an additional OSE on that licensed server.
- Individual Virtual OSEs. For each virtual OSE for which you have assigned the required number of licenses as provided in section [2(b)(ii)], you have the right to run any number of instances of the server software in that virtual OSE.
- Alternative Versions and Editions. In place of any permitted instance, you may create, store and use an

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The software may include more than one version, such as 32-bit and 64-bit. For each instance of the software that you are permitted to create, store and run, you may use either version.

iv. SQL Server Enterprise Server. Once you have assigned the license to the server, you may run any number of instances of the server software in up to four OSEs (physical and/or virtual) on the licensed server at a time, provided that:

- if you are running the software in a physical OSE, the OSE may access up to 20 physical cores at any time, and
- if you are running the software in one or more virtual OSEs, that group of OSEs may access up to 20 hardware threads at any time.
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Assigning Additional Licenses

SQL Server Enterprise Server. You may assign more than one license to a server. For each additional license you assign, you may run any number of instances of the server software in up to four additional virtual OSEs on the licensed server at any time. That group of up to four OSEs may access up to 20 additional hardware threads at any time.

Running Instances on Additional Software

. You may run or otherwise use any number of instances of the Data Quality Client software in physical or virtual OSEs on any number of devices. You may use the additional software only with the server software directly, or indirectly through other additional software.

Creating and Storing Instances on Your Servers or Storage Media

. You have the additional rights listed below for each software license you acquire.

- i. You may create any number of instances of the server software and additional software.
- ii. You may store instances of the server software and additional software on any of your servers or storage media.

iii. You may create and store instances of the server software and additional software solely to exercise your right to run instances of the server software under any of your software licenses as described (e.g., you may not distribute instances to third parties).

SQL Server Standard Core - No Client Access Licenses (CALs) Required for Access

. Under the core license model, you do not need [CALs](#) for users or devices to access your instances of the server software.

i. SQL Server Standard Server/ Enterprise Server

i. Initial Assignment of CALs. You must acquire and assign an appropriately versioned CAL to each device or user that accesses your instances of the server software directly or indirectly. A hardware partition or blade is considered to be a separate device.

- You do not need [CALs](#) for any of your servers licensed to run instances of the server software.
- You do not need [CALs](#) for up to two devices or users to access your instances of the server software only to administer those instances.
- Your [CALs](#) permit access to your instances of earlier versions, but not later versions, of the server software. If

you are accessing instances of an earlier version, you may also use [CALs](#) corresponding to that version.

ii. Types of CALs. There are two types of [CALs](#): one for devices and one for users. Each device CAL permits one device, used by any user, to access instances of the server software on your licensed servers. Each user CAL permits one user, using any device, to access instances of the server software on your licensed servers. You may use a combination of device and user [CALs](#).

iii. Reassignment of CALs. You may:

- permanently reassign your device CAL from one device to another, or your user CAL from one user to another; or
- temporarily reassign your device CAL to a loaner device while the first device is out of service, or your user CAL to a temporary worker while the user is absent.

ADDITIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND/OR USE RIGHTS

SQL Server Web. No line of [Business Applications](#)

. The software may be used only to support public and Internet accessible Web: pages, sites, applications, and services. It may not be used to support line of

business applications (e.g. [Customer Relationship Management](#), [Enterprise Resource Management](#) and other similar applications).

Maximum Instances

. The software or your hardware may limit the number of instances of the server software that can run in physical or virtual OSEs on the server.

Multiplexing

. Hardware or software you use to: pool connections, reroute information, or reduce the number of devices or users that directly access or use the software (sometimes referred to as “multiplexing” or “pooling”), does not reduce the number of licenses of any type that you need.

No Separation of Server Software

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