



# IT Discovery Guide

## Getting started with Windows 365 Enterprise

Easily deploy and manage Windows 365 Cloud PCs using existing tools and resources, maximizing your technology investment and boosting productivity from anywhere.

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# Why Windows 365?

Windows 365 is an easy-to-manage Cloud PC solution with no need for specialized IT skills beyond those required for provisioning and managing physical PCs.

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Cloud PCs empower organizations to immediately create and de-commission work setups to react to opportunities that might be ignored in other DaaS or VDI environments.

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ESG, “Exploring the Economic Benefits of Windows 365,” 2022

[Read more >](#)



# Management made easy

## Quickly provision and deploy Windows on a Cloud PC.

Windows 365 Enterprise admins manage their Cloud PCs using Microsoft Intune, using five simple steps:

- 1 Assign licenses to the users
- 2 Select Microsoft-hosted network or use your existing network connection
- 3 Create a provisioning policy
- 4 Assign policies and applications to the Cloud PCs
- 5 Connect to the Windows 365 Cloud PC

**Governance** is as simple as changing passwords, locking users out when necessary, and rebooting their machines.

- Users are automatically enrolled during provisioning.
- You decide who will manage the Cloud PCs and what permissions should be given to different management groups.
- You can provision a single Windows 365 Cloud PC or thousands at the same time.

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The challenge was providing a secure and simple solution with a familiar look and feel that operates seamlessly with our current infrastructure. We want to support people's businesses with technology, not struggle with it. Windows 365 is a great solution—it's a PC in the cloud that follows you wherever you go.

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Martin Joy  
Director of Information  
Communications  
and Technology,  
Department of Community  
and Government Services,  
Government of Nunavut

# Secure by design

Microsoft's Zero Trust principles offer centralized, cloud-based operations and security controls that align with industry-specific needs. Integrated with Windows 365, this means your security needs are supported by Microsoft's top security, identity, and compliance solutions.

[Read about security fundamentals >](#)

## Windows 365 and Azure Virtual Desktop

IT admins and users have unique needs. Windows 365 and Azure Virtual Desktop are built to meet them. Determine the right solution for your specific hybrid workforce needs:

- Windows 365 is a software as a service (SaaS) solution, optimized for simplicity and ease. It frees you from the need to set up and customize virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI). Scale usage up and down as needed.
- Azure Virtual Desktop is a cloud virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) platform, optimized for flexibility. It's a good option for organizations with IT departments skilled in VDI deployment and have the IT resources to configure, deploy, and manage the VDI solution themselves.

[Learn more about Azure Virtual Desktop >](#)

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With both Azure Virtual Desktop and Windows 365, we implemented features that prevented data from leaving the protected environment.

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Greg Swift  
Chief Information Officer,  
Grant Thornton UK



# How to set up Windows 365

## 1 Choose Windows 365 Enterprise

This edition leverages Microsoft Intune to enable customers to provision and manage Cloud PCs using the same skills they use to deploy physical PCs. It is fully integrated with Active Directory and built on Azure.

## 2 Plan

A successful Windows 365 deployment starts with determining your objectives. This may include deciding which organizational apps and data your users need to access, and providing your Cloud PCs in one of the multiple Azure locations that offer the lowest latency to your users' physical location.

Here are some tips on determining objectives, creating a rollout plan, and communicating changes to users:

[Follow this step-by-step planning guide >](#)

## 3 Deploy

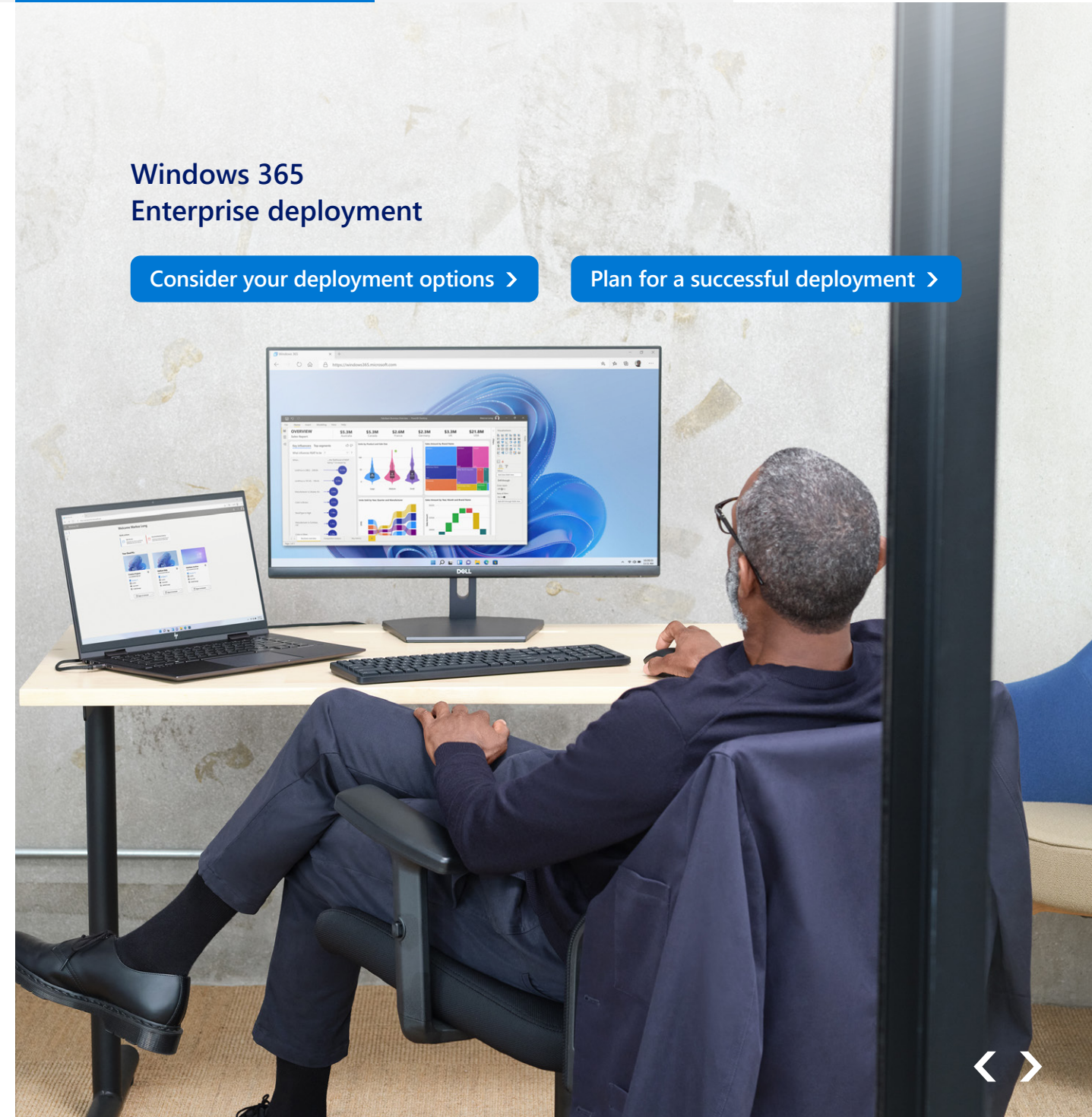
The best way to have a smooth deployment is to ensure users are aware of all changes and disruptions. Your rollout communication plan should include important information, and on how to notify users, and when to communicate.

Have a plan for when, what, and how to communicate.

## Windows 365 Enterprise deployment

[Consider your deployment options >](#)

[Plan for a successful deployment >](#)





# See how it works

Use this interactive demo to see how to purchase and assign licenses, understand the end-user experience, and get answers to questions about managing Windows 365 Cloud PCs.

See Windows 365 in action >

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Microsoft is well positioned to support DaaS for enterprises that already use its endpoint management technologies, that have users who primarily use M365 for productivity, or that access workloads located mostly in the Azure cloud.<sup>1</sup>

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IDC, “Desktop as a Service 2022–2023 Vendor Assessment,” 2022

Read more >

1. IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Desktop as a Service 2022–2023 Vendor Assessment, doc #US49857622, December 2022

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