

HORIZON CLOUD SUPPORT FOR MICROSOFT AZURE - FAQ

What are we announcing?

We are announcing our intent to deliver Horizon Cloud desktops and applications on Microsoft Azure infrastructure. We are excited to add support for one of the fastest growing Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) providers with availability in 38 regions globally.

This builds upon our strong relationship with Microsoft to support enterprise collaboration with [Skype for Business and Horizon](#) and uniquely positions VMware to help our customers accelerate their move to Windows 10 and streamline the management of virtual and physical endpoints. More information can be found on our Microsoft alliance page [here](#).

Q. Why are we offering Azure support for Horizon Cloud?

A. VMware is dedicated to helping customers accelerate their move to the cloud by providing a range of deployment options that make it easy to transition at their own pace. Support for Azure cloud is the next step in realizing this vision. As one of the fastest-growing Infrastructure-as-a-Service providers, Microsoft Azure helps support our multi-cloud strategy, allowing customers to host virtual desktops and apps across more datacenters and more locations. Azure also brings with it hourly billing, attractive SPLA licensing, compliance with industry mandates such as HIPAA and PCI and world-class SLAs.

Q. What features will Horizon Cloud support on Azure infrastructure?

A. VMware plans to provide virtual Windows desktop and application support for Horizon Cloud on Azure infrastructure. Virtual application support will be delivered first in the 2H of 2017 with virtual desktop support to follow. Stay tuned for additional details.

Q. When will Azure support for Horizon Cloud be available?

A. We are targeting late 2017 for virtual applications, and early 2018 for virtual desktops. We will provide additional details on launch dates over the next few months.

Q. Will VMware offer managed infrastructure on Azure or will customers attach their own Azure infrastructure to the Horizon Cloud control plane?

A. Customers will attach their own Azure account to Horizon Cloud service. At this time, we are not planning to provide a VMware-managed infrastructure option for Azure. However, partners will be able to provide managed solutions on Azure for customers looking for that option.

Q. How does this impact Horizon Cloud support for IBM Cloud?

A. This announcement has no impact on our support for Horizon Cloud on IBM Cloud. It simply provides another infrastructure option for our customers. We will continue to develop new features for IBM Cloud and this will continue to be our go-to solution for customers looking for fully-managed cloud-hosted infrastructure from VMware.

Q. What will this new offer cost?

A. Customers who would like to purchase Horizon Cloud with Azure will simply purchase Horizon Cloud named or concurrent user licenses from VMware. They are then responsible for their paying for their own Microsoft Azure infrastructure.

Q. How is Azure hosting purchased for new customers to Azure that are purchasing Horizon Cloud?

A. Azure hosted infrastructure can be purchased from customers' existing Microsoft resellers.

Q. Can I buy Horizon Cloud and Azure services together?

A. Customers may purchase both Azure and Horizon Cloud together through the channel with many Microsoft and VMware resellers.

Q. Does this mean that we'll be supporting vCloud Foundation on Azure as well?

A. This particular announcement is limited to Horizon Cloud support for Azure at this time. For the latest information on public cloud support for vCloud Foundation, please visit the [product page](#) on vmware.com.

Q. Where can customers learn more or sign up for details?

A. Customers and partners interested in learning more about this new announcement can visit our [Microsoft alliance landing page](#) to get periodic updates.