

Learn how to save: Migrate RDS to Azure Virtual Desktop

Lower costs while modernizing your existing virtual desktop infrastructure to enable a secure desktop experience from virtually anywhere

As businesses and employees adapt to hybrid work, it's vital to enable a secure virtual desktop and application experience to keep users productive. By migrating Remote Desktop Services (RDS) to Azure Virtual Desktop, a flexible cloud virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) platform, you'll realize cloud modernization benefits while providing users a familiar Windows 10 and Windows 11 experience while saving on costs.

Learn how you can reduce costs while migrating to Azure Virtual Desktop.



1. Total cost of ownership

Analysis shows a 210 percent return on investment (ROI) over three-years and payback on the initial investment in as little as three months^[1]

- Azure Virtual Desktop manages the VDI for you, so you don't have to worry about managing infrastructure components such as brokering, Gateway, and Web Access.
- Simplify IT management with advanced monitoring tools, such as Log Analytics and Azure Monitor, that help you understand performance and proactively identify issues.
- Gain efficiency by using Azure Resource Manager (ARM) and Azure DevOps to implement automation for your Azure Virtual Desktop deployment.
- Leverage the getting started feature in the Azure portal that helps you deploy in a few clicks.



2. Infrastructure and licensing

Leverage existing licenses and pay only for what you use, with free^[2] support options to help your migration and reduce your VDI licensing costs up to 34 percent^[1]

- With an eligible^[3] Windows or Microsoft 365 license, which many businesses already have, you can access Azure Virtual Desktop for free and pay only for what you use. This also includes using the recommended User Profile Management solution, Microsoft FSLogix.
- No Remote Desktop Services Client Access Licenses (RDS CAL) is required with Windows 10 and Windows 11 multi-session, which means instant licensing savings.
- Free Extended Security Updates (ESU) until January 2023 are included with Azure Virtual Desktop and you can also make use of the Microsoft [App Assure program](#)^[4] in case you experience any application compatibility issues.



3. IT deployment and maintenance

Cost savings up to 59% on IT deployment and maintenance expenses^[1]

- Integrate your applications into a golden image, reducing time previously spent on deploying software to each user and virtual machine (VM).
- Scale your infrastructure up or down based on your business needs and pay only for what you use.
- Flexible virtual machine (VM) features through Microsoft Azure, such as [Windows 10 Enterprise multi-session](#) and [Azure Reserved VM instances](#), help maximize VM usage and deliver added cost savings.

[Learn more](#)

To explore more benefits and migration guidance, download the free e-book [Azure Virtual Desktop Migration Guide for Remote Desktop Services](#).

[1] The Total Economic Impact of Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop, a commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Microsoft, January 2021

[2] Free support with eligible licenses.

[3] Learn more about eligible licenses for Azure Virtual Desktop [here](#).

[4] Learn more about App Assure [here](#).

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