

Save time, save money, and enhance security with SQL Server on Azure Virtual Machines



Enjoy a suite of free manageability capabilities for SQL Server on Azure Virtual Machines that enable you to run your virtual machines in a cost effective, secured and optimized manner. Available only on Azure.





Optimize Cost

Simplified license conversion between SQL BYOL (Azure Hybrid Benefit) and pay as you go licensing to optimize your cost.



Enhance Security

Automate security patching and easily implement encryption features for better security and compliance.



Boost Uptime

Easily configure high availability, automate backup, and take advantage of HA/DR license benefits to enhance business continuity.



Simplify Management

Implement best practices automatically and configure your storage settings more optimally for SQL Server.

SQL Server laaS Agent Extension Benefits

Register SQL Server for automated VM management in a few clicks



Easily view and manage SQL licenses

Inventory Management

Gain a clear picture of your Azure SQL laaS and PaaS by viewing and managing different license type

Flexible licensing

Switch between pay as you go (PAYG) and Azure Hybrid Benefit (AHB) license models to optimize your SQL Server license cost when you are not running your Azure SQL VMs 24x7

In-place edition updates

Upgrade supported SQL Server edition paths with no impact to availability

Automate HA and DR tasks

Automated Backup

Configure backup options including encrypting backups, setting a retention period, backing up system databases, and manual backup schedules

Automated high availability configuration

Simplify complex administrative tasks for Always On availability groups for SQL Server on virtual machines

Disaster Recovery license type

Leverage SQL Server HA/DR Software Assurance benefits in Azure

Implement best practices

Automated storage management

Leverage preconfigured storage profiles to ensure the right storage for your data, log & tempDB files

Centralized administration

Easily manage your Azure SQL laaS and PaaS deployments from one central location

Implement best practices

Deploy SQL Server with pre-configured best practices

Enhance security and compliance

Automated Patching

Automate installation of SQL Server Security updates within customer defined maintenance window

Azure Key Vault Integration

Easily configure Transparent Database Encryption (TDE), Column Level Encryption and Always Encrypted features



As simple as checking the box

Already using SQL Server on Azure Virtual Machines? Go to the SQL Server VM blade of the Azure portal and register now. Just use the Automatic SQL Server VM Registration button to enroll and start enjoying your new management capabilities.



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https://ms.portal.azure.com/#blade/HubsExtension/BrowseResource/

Learn more about SQL Server laaS Agent Extension