Microsoft® Software Assurance Planning Services offer structured consulting engagements to help ease your implementation planning of Microsoft software and optimize your business processes. Planning Services engagements bring you Microsoft technology expertise, insight into software functionalities, and tools and resources, delivered by a Microsoft certified Insight consultant qualified to address your unique needs. Using Microsoft-developed best practices, the consultant provides planning guidance and analysis that can help boost productivity across your organization and help you get the most from your Microsoft software. The objective is to help reduce the cost and complexity associated with high levels of process and automation. The number of engagement days is 1, 3, 5, 10, or 15 as determined by your Software Assurance coverage.

**Boost Productivity by Implementing the Latest Microsoft Software**

Microsoft Software Assurance Planning Services

Assess how Microsoft technology can help lower costs and optimize your infrastructure. Planning Services can help you identify a solid approach for the implementation and management of your Microsoft software.

Receive the latest best practices and tools from Microsoft. Consultants leverage best practices for Microsoft technology planning and provide tools and technologies that help you manage the migration process.

Get expert, personalized service. Consultants provide the knowledge and expertise needed to successfully deploy Microsoft technology based on your unique needs and environment.

Build a customized deployment, migration, or business value plan. Planning Services can provide you a comprehensive assessment of your Microsoft technology that outlines how you can deploy Microsoft software and demonstrates how the technology works.
Streamline desktop deployment and improve end user productivity by leveraging Desktop Deployment Planning Service (DDPS)

Maximize deployment timeline and environment readiness
The single largest cost facing companies today is managing hundreds, or even thousands of desktops and laptops. The human resources and cost required to deploy, support, manage and maintain an efficient next generation desktop environment by itself is significant let alone the logistics and infrastructure readiness required succeeding in a timely manner. A successful desktop deployment can lead to higher usage and productivity, as well as a lower-cost end user computing infrastructure allowing for a higher return on the software and hardware investments made as a company.

Desktop Deployment Planning Services (DDPS) can help ensure a successful deployment of the next generation optimized desktop, including Microsoft® Office and Windows® 7 software, and help improve productivity across your organization, while providing the IT department with the levels of control, manageability, and security required. DDPS provides you with a certified Insight Consultant to introduce the most advanced techniques, processes, and tools to help you achieve the most cost-effective desktop environment. DDPS structured engagements range from 1 to 15 days based on the number of Planning Services days you have available.

DDPS can help you:
- Realize the value of the Optimized Desktop: Windows 7, Office 2010, and desktop management technologies.
- Keep your computers current with desktop applications.
- Streamline complexities with Desktop Deployment Complexities.
- Experience Microsoft desktop software with the Desktop Deployment Proof of Concept Lab.
- Learn ways to better address line-of-business application compatibility.
- Reduce costs associated with maintaining PCs.
- Get guidance from technical experts.
- Build a customized deployment plan based on an assessment of your environment.

Adoption Strategy: Manageable, Supportable, Repeatable
The engagement provides you with a collaborative and comprehensive consulting experience based on a Microsoft frameworks and base practices from the industry and Insight. The certified DDPS consultant creates a detailed roadmap for a seamless transformation of the business and technical environment.

What you can expect?
DDPS has various engagement options to cover a range of business and desktop deployment planning needs. The longer engagements enable a deeper look at a specific technology, provide more in-depth analysis and planning, and in some cases additional deliverables.

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Depending on the engagement length, DDPS may include:

- A Discovery Session, including a full assessment of your desktop environment. This helps the consultant understand your environment in order to apply best practices and tools from Microsoft, including the Microsoft Application Compatibility Toolkit and Microsoft Office Planning Manager.
- A Customer Presentation introducing “Zero Touch” and other Microsoft technologies and processes that lead to successful desktop deployment.
- A Strategy Briefing Session (SBS) defining the vision for achieving technical and business goals, providing your team with a clear understanding of the issues you are likely to encounter, supported by fundamental planning decisions.
- An Architectural Design Session (ADS) that will guide implementation by outlining critical technical aspects of desktop deployment such as security, software, and network designs, and how new technology will integrate with the existing environment. Depending on the results of your discovery session, this may cover Microsoft Application Virtualization, Advanced Group Policy Management, Asset Inventory Service, the Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset, and Desktop Error Monitoring (components of the Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack).
- A Proof of Concept Lab that demonstrates possible outcomes through automation.
- A Deployment Plan that summarizes the entire process and outcomes.

Use DDPS for Optimized Desktop Proof of Concept Jumpstart

The Windows Optimized Desktop is the modern enterprise desktop experience, giving users the flexibility they need to be productive anywhere, while providing IT with the control needed to manage risk and keep costs in line. The Proof of Concept (POC) Jumpstart program introduces the Optimized Desktop into your organization.

This engagement is designed to help you quickly evaluate the Optimized Desktop (Windows 7, Microsoft Office 2010, Windows Internet Explorer® 8, and App-V) through a series of workshops, demonstrations, and the implementation of a POC environment. The POC lab environment will help you gain hands-on experience by testing the new platform and deployment approach. This critical step helps you assess infrastructure and organization readiness before a broad-scale deployment project. The level of detail in the sessions and lab will vary based on the selected engagement duration.

- Proof of Concept Jumpstart: 10 day engagement
- Proof of Concept Jumpstart Lite: 3 or 5 day engagement

Insight can provide you with the highest levels of technical expertise, hands-on skills, and strategic problem-solving. Our engagements offer a broad range of planning tools and services that help optimize the effectiveness of deployment, lower the cost and complexity for our customers, and pave the way for successful desktop deployments.