

# Unique Benefits of Software Assurance for Windows



The **following** benefits are unique to customers with Software Assurance for Windows. Eligibility for these benefits may vary depending on the Volume Licensing program and license quantity. [Learn more about Software Assurance customer benefits.](#)

Benefit	Description
<b>Windows 8.1 Enterprise</b>	Windows 8.1 Enterprise includes all the capabilities of Windows 8.1 Pro, plus premium features designed to meet the mobile productivity, security, manageability, and virtualization needs of today's large businesses.
<b>Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP)</b>	MDOP is an <u>optional subscription add-on</u> that provides a suite of technologies to help manage Windows features; virtualize the operating system, applications, and the user experience; and restore user productivity after a system issue.
<b>Windows Virtual Desktop Access (VDA) Rights</b>	Windows Virtualization Rights enable users to access virtual instances of Windows 8.1 (or prior operating system versions) in a variety of user scenarios.
<b>Windows To Go Use Rights</b>	Windows To Go is a fully manageable corporate desktop running Windows 8.1 Enterprise edition on a bootable USB stick. This use right allows Windows To Go to be run on any licensed device.
<b>Roaming Use Rights</b>	Enable work-from-home and on-the-road scenarios through Roaming Use Rights, which allow the primary user of the licensed device to access a corporate desktop either through VDI or Windows To Go from non-corporate devices (such as personally-owned or hotel business center PCs) while off company premises.
<b>Windows Companion Subscription License (CSL)</b>	Windows CSL is an <u>optional subscription add-on</u> that allows the primary user of the licensed device to access a corporate desktop at work through either VDI or Windows To Go on up to four personally-owned devices. <i>Note: Also applies to corporate-owned non-x86/x64 devices.</i>
<b>Windows RT Companion VDA Rights</b>	When used by the primary user of a device licensed with Software Assurance, a corporate-owned companion Windows 8.1 RT or Windows RT device can access a virtual instance of Windows running in the data center.
<b>Windows 8.1 Enterprise Sideloading</b>	Receive the necessary use rights required to enable deployment of custom line-of-business Windows 8.1 apps directly to Windows 8.1 Pro or Windows 8.1 RT devices.
<b>New Version Rights</b>	With New Version Rights, you have access to new releases of Windows as soon as they are released for no additional cost.
<b>Windows Thin PC</b>	Windows Thin PC is a small footprint version of Windows 7 that enables organizations to repurpose existing PCs as thin clients, thereby reducing the need for new thin client hardware.

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