



# System Center Server and Client Management for Midmarket

System Center Essentials is designed specifically for midsize organizations. These products are available as suites or standalone licenses.

## System Center Essentials Suite Licensing

### System Center Essentials Plus 2010 Suites

System Center Essentials Plus 2010 Suites provide a unified virtualization, IT management, and data protection solution for midsize businesses. The suites help customers reduce costs, gain better control, and simplify the complexity of the virtual and physical IT environment.

When purchasing an Essentials suite, customers must still purchase the System Center Essentials 2010 Management Server License, just as it is required for the standalone System Center Essentials 2010 products. But only one Client ML or one Server ML is required for each physical Windows client or Windows Server device that needs to be managed and protected. The rights to use Data Protection Manager come with the purchase of the System Center Essentials Plus 2010 Client ML or Server ML.

System Center Essentials requires Microsoft SQL Server data management software to support its operational activities. Essentials 2010 ships with SQL Server 2008 Express, which is recommended for managing up to 15 server OSEs and 150 client OSEs. For larger deployments, customers can purchase SQL Server 2008 Standard separately or in conjunction with Essentials. The latter is sold as "System Center Essentials 2010 with SQL Server Technology" and includes SQL Server 2008 Standard, which may be used only to support Essentials 2010.

License	Licensing Overview
System Center Essentials Plus 2010 Server Management License Suite Includes the Server ML for System Center Essentials and the Server ML to Data Protection Manager for System Center Essentials	Manages up to the technical limit of 50 server OSEs. (One license required for each managed device.)
System Center Essentials Plus 2010 Client Management License Suite Includes the Client ML for System Center Essentials and the Client ML to Data Protection Manager for System Center Essentials	Manages up to the technical limit of 500 client OSEs. (One license is required for each managed device.)

## System Center Essentials Standalone Licensing

System Center Essentials are also available as standalone server management and client management licenses. A Server ML is required for each physical server device and a Client ML is required for each client device on which the customer wants to manage operating system environments.

License	Licensing Overview
System Center Essentials 2010 Server Management License Includes the Server ML for System Center Essentials	Manages up to the technical limit of 50 server OSEs. (One license required for each managed device.)
System Center Essentials 2010 Client Management License Includes the Client ML for System Center Essentials	Manages up to the technical limit of 500 client OSEs. (One license is required for each managed device.)

## System Center Essentials and Virtual Machine Manager Workgroup Edition Discontinuation

### Q: Will there be a next version of System Center Essentials 2010 or Virtual Machine Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition?

A: No. Based on our overall management strategy and prevailing market dynamics, Microsoft has made the decision not to deliver any further full version releases of System Center Essentials or Virtual Machine Manager Workgroup Edition.

### Q: What is the recommended solution for customers who previously would have purchased System Center Essentials?

A: Multi-server and Hyper-V management features, formerly provided by System Center Essentials 2010, will be delivered by System Center 2012 for larger and more complex deployments, or by Windows Server 2012 using the Server Manager and Hyper-V Manager consoles for less complex environments, such as those with fewer than 15 server instances.

### Q: What is the recommended solution for customers who previously would have purchased Virtual Machine Manager Workgroup Edition?

A: Hyper-V management features, formerly provided by Virtual Machine Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition, will be delivered natively by Windows Server 2012 using the Hyper-V Manager console.

### Q: What is the recommended solution for customers who want client management features?

A: Client management features, formerly provided by System Center Essentials 2010, will be delivered either by [Windows Intune](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windowsintune/pc-management.aspx) (<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windowsintune/pc-management.aspx>) or by System Center Configuration Manager for customers with more complex deployments.

### Q: What will System Center Essentials 2010 customers with Software Assurance receive?

A: If you have Software Assurance on System Center Essentials 2010, your incremental grant will reflect the specific components you have covered by SA as shown in the table below. This grant will be reflected upon your agreement renewal; however you are entitled to use the granted product upon its availability.

Customers who have...	Will receive an incremental grant of...
System Center Essentials 2010	8:1 System Center 2012 Standard Server Management License
System Center Essentials 2010 with SQL	1:1 System Center 2012 Standard Server Management License
System Center Essentials 2010 Server Management License	8:1 System Center 2012 Standard Server Management License
System Center Essentials 2010 Plus Server Management License Suite	2:1 System Center 2012 Standard Server Management License
System Center Essentials 2010 Client Management License	1:1 System Center 2012 Configuration Manager Client Management License
System Center Essentials 2010 Plus Client Management License Suite	1:1 System Center 2012 Configuration Manager Client Management License

### Q: What do customers with an Enterprise Agreement need to purchase for client management?

A: Customers with an Enterprise Agreement already have System Center 2012 Configuration Manager Client Management Licenses as part of their Core CALs or ECALs.

### Q: What will Virtual Machine Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition customers with Software Assurance receive?

A: If you have Software Assurance on Virtual Machine Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition, you will receive an incremental grant of one System Center 2012 Standard Server Management License for every two Virtual Machine

Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition Server Management Licenses. This grant will be reflected upon your agreement renewal; however you are entitled to use the granted product upon its availability.

**Q: How long will customers be able to purchase System Center Essentials 2010 or Virtual Machine Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition?**

**A:** System Center Essentials 2010 (SCE) and Virtual Machine Manager 2008 R2 Workgroup Edition will remain available through the OEM channel until June 30, 2013, and will remain available in all other current non-subscription channels until September 1, 2013. Server Management Licenses and Client Managements Licenses for SCE will remain available until September 1, 2016. Software Assurance for these products will not be available after March 1, 2013.

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