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1. OVERVIEW

- **a. Software.** The software includes:
 - server software; and
 - additional software that may only be used with the server software.
- **b. License Model.** The license model differs based on which software edition you have acquired:

Windows Server Standard is licensed based on:

- the number of instances of server software that you run;
- the number of physical cores in the physical hardware;
- the number of devices and users that access instances of server software; and
- the server software functionality accessed.

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- the server software functionality accessed.

c. Licensing Terminology

- Instance. You create an "instance" of software by executing the software's setup or install procedure. You also create an instance of software by duplicating an existing instance. References to software in this agreement include "instances" of the software.
- **Run an Instance.** You "run an instance" of software by loading it into memory and executing one or more of its instructions. Once running, an instance is considered to be running (whether or not its instructions continue to execute) until it is removed from memory.
- Operating System Environment. An "operating system environment" is:
 - (i) all or part of an operating system instance, or all or part of a virtual (or otherwise emulated) operating system instance that enables separate machine identity (primary computer name or similar unique identifier) or separate administrative rights, and
 - (ii) instances of applications, if any, configured to run on the operating system instance or parts identified above.

There are two types of operating system environments: physical and virtual. A physical operating system environment is configured to run directly on a physical hardware system. The operating system instance used to run hardware virtualization software (e.g., Microsoft Hyper-V Server or similar technologies) or to provide hardware virtualization services (e.g., Microsoft virtualization technologies) is considered part of the physical operating system environment.

A virtual operating system environment is configured to run on a virtual (or otherwise emulated) hardware system.

A physical hardware system can have either or both of the following:

- (i) one physical operating system environment, and
- (ii) one or more virtual operating system environments.
- **Server.** A server is a physical hardware system or device capable of running server software. A hardware partition or blade is considered to be a separate physical hardware system.
- **Assigning a License.** To assign a license means to designate that license to one device or user.

- **Core License.** A core license is the license required to license one physical core within a server.
- **Physical Core.** A physical core is a core in a physical processor. A physical processor consists of one or more physical cores.
- Hyper-V Container is a feature of Windows Server that utilizes a virtual operating system environment. Each Hyper-V Container is considered to be one virtual operating system environment.
- · Windows Server Container is a feature of Windows Server.
- **Web Workloads** (also referred to as "Internet Web Solutions") are publicly accessible and consist solely of web pages, websites, web applications, web services, and/or POP3 mail services. For clarity, access to content, information, and applications served by the software within an Internet Web Solution is not limited to your or your affiliates' employees.

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- web server software (for example, Microsoft Internet Information Services), and management or security agents (for example, the System Center Operations Manager agent).
- database engine software (for example, Microsoft SQL Server) solely to support Internet Web Solutions.
- the Domain Name System service to provide resolution of Internet names to IP addresses as long as that is not the sole function of that instance of the software.

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- **High Performance Computing ("HPC") Workload** is a workload where the server software is used to run a Cluster Node and is used in conjunction with other software as necessary to permit security, storage, performance enhancement, and systems management on a Cluster Node for the purpose of supporting the Clustered HPC Applications.
- Clustered HPC Applications is a common industry term for high performance computing applications that solve complex computational problems, or a set of closely related computational problems in parallel. Clustered HPC Applications divide a computationally complex problem into a set of jobs and tasks that are coordinated by a job scheduler, such as provided by Microsoft HPC Pack or similar HPC middleware that distributes these in parallel across one or more computers operating within an HPC cluster.
- **Cluster Node** is a device that is dedicated to running Clustered HPC Applications or providing job scheduling services for Clustered HPC Applications.

2. USE RIGHTS

- a. Licensing a Server. Under this agreement, we grant you the right to install and run a certain number of instances of the server software on a server. Before you run these instances, you must determine the number of required core licenses per server and assign those core licenses to that server as described below.
- b. Determining the Number of Licenses Required. To license a server, all physical cores in the server must be licensed. Each server is required to be licensed with a minimum of 16 core licenses. Each physical processor is required to be licensed with a minimum of eight core licenses. If the number of physical cores in the server exceeds the minimum 16-core license requirement, you need additional core licenses to cover the additional physical cores.
- c. Assigning the Required Number of Licenses to the Server
 - **Initial Assignment.** After you determine the number of core licenses you need for a server, you must assign that number of core licenses to that server. That server is the

licensed server for all of those licenses. You may not assign the same core licenses to more than one server. A hardware partition or blade is considered to be a separate server.

Reassignment. You may reassign core licenses, but not within 90 days of the last assignment. You may reassign core licenses sooner if you retire the licensed server due to permanent hardware failure. If you reassign core licenses, the server to which you reassign the licenses becomes the new licensed server for those core licenses. You may need additional core licenses to cover all of the physical cores in the new server.

d. Running Instances of the Server Software

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- i. You may run, at any one time:
 - one instance of the server software in one physical operating system environment.
 - for each server to which you have assigned the required number of core licenses as provided in Section 2.b, up to two instances of the server software in virtual operating system environments (only one instance per virtual operating system environment), and

any number of operating system environments instantiated as Windows Server Containers.

- ii. If you run all permitted instances at the same time, the instance of the server software running in the physical operating system environment may be used only to:
 - · run hardware virtualization software,
 - · provide hardware virtualization services,
 - · run software to manage and service operating system environments on the licensed server.
- iii. If you want to run additional instances of the server software as set forth in this Section 2.d.i and 2.d.ii, you need to re-license the server as described in Section 2.b.

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- For each server to which you have assigned the required number of core licenses as provided in Section 2.b. you may run, at any one time:
 - one instance of the server software in the physical operating system environment,
 - any number of instances of the server software in virtual operating system environments (only one instance per virtual operating system environment), and
 - any number of operating system environments instantiated as Windows Server Containers.
- **e. Server Repartitioning.** You may reassign licenses on a single piece of hardware sooner than permitted above, when you:
 - reallocate physical processors from one licensed hardware partition to another;
 - · create two or more partitions from one licensed hardware partition;
 - create one partition from two or more licensed hardware partitions as long as (i) prior to repartitioning, each hardware partition is fully licensed, and (ii) the total number of physical processors, physical cores and core licenses remains the same.
- **f. Running Instances of the Additional Software.** You may run or otherwise use any number of instances of additional software listed on the website specified below in physical or virtual operating system environments on any number of devices. You may use additional software only with the server software. For a list of additional software, see (aka.ms/additionalsoftware).

- g. Creating and Storing Instances on Your Servers or Storage Media. For each server license you acquire, you may create and store any number of instances of the software on any of your servers or storage media. This may be done solely to exercise your right to run instances of the software under any of your licenses as described in the applicable use rights (e.g., you may not distribute instances to third parties).
- **h. Included Microsoft Programs.** The software contains other Microsoft programs. These license terms apply to your use of those programs.

3. ADDITIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND/OR USE RIGHTS

- a. Windows Server 2016 Client Access Licenses (CALs)
 - i. You must acquire and assign the appropriate CAL to each device or user that accesses your instances of the server software directly or indirectly. A hardware partition or blade is considered to be a separate device.
 - Your CALs permit access to your instances of earlier versions, but not later versions, of the server software. If you are accessing instances of an earlier version, you may also use CALs corresponding to that version. You do not need CALs for:
 - any of your servers licensed to run instances of the server software;
 - up to two devices or users to access your instances of the server software only to administer those instances;
 - any instance running in a physical operating system environment used solely to:

run hardware virtualization software; provide hardware virtualization services;

run software to manage and service operating system environments on the licensed server.

- · any user or device that accesses the Web Workloads;
- any user or device that accesses an HPC Workload.
- ii. Some server software functionality requires additional CALs, as listed below:
 - Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services: Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services CAL
 - Windows Server 2016 Active Directory Rights Management Services:
 Windows Server 2016 Active Directory Rights Management Services CAL.
- iii. **Types of CALs.** There are two types of CALs: one for devices and one for users. Each device CAL permits one device, used by any user, to access instances of the server software on your licensed servers. Each user CAL permits one user, using any device, to access instances of the server software on your licensed servers. You may use a combination of device and user CALs.
- iv. Reassignment of CALs. You may:
 - permanently reassign your device CAL from one device to another, or your user CAL from one user to another; or
 - temporarily reassign your device CAL to a loaner device while the first device is out of service, or your user CAL to a temporary worker while the user is absent.
- v. Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services. In addition to a Windows Server 2016 CAL, you must acquire a Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services CAL for each user or device that (i) directly or indirectly accesses the Remote Desktop Services functionality, (ii) directly or indirectly accesses the server software to host a graphical user interface (using the Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services functionality or other technology), or (iii) accesses the Multipoint Services functionality. For more information about Windows Server 2016 Remote Desktop Services CALs, visit (aka.ms/windowsrds).

- vi. Windows Server 2016 Active Directory Rights Management Services CALs. In addition to a Windows Server 2016 CAL, you must acquire a Windows Server 2016 Active Directory Rights Management Services CAL for each user or device that directly or indirectly accesses the Windows Server 2016 Active Directory Rights Management Services functionality.
- vii. The server software can be used in either "per device or per user" mode or "per server" mode. In "per device or per user" mode, you need a Windows Server 2016 CAL for each device or user that directly or indirectly accesses instances of the server software on your licensed servers. In "per server" mode, you need and must dedicate exclusively to an instance of the server software as many Windows Server 2016 CALs as the greatest number of devices and users that may directly or indirectly access that instance at the same time. You may change the mode only one time, from "per server" to "per device or per user." If you do, you will retain the same number of Windows Server 2016 CALs.
- **b. Multiplexing.** Hardware or software you use to:
 - · pool connections,
 - · reroute information,
 - reduce the number of devices or users that directly access or use the software,
 - · reduce the number of devices or users the software directly manages,

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- **c. Font Components.** While the software is running, you may use its fonts to display and print content. You may only:
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 - temporarily download them to a printer or other output device to print content.
- **d. Icons, images, and sounds.** While the software is running, you may use but not share its icons, images, sounds, and media. The sample images, sounds, and media provided with the software are for your non-commercial use only.
- **e. No Separation of Server Software.** You may not separate the server software for use in more than one operating system environment under a single license, unless expressly permitted. This applies even if the operating system environments are on the same physical hardware system.
- **f. Maximum Instances.** The software or your hardware may limit the number of instances of the server software that can run in physical or virtual operating system environments on the server.
- **g. Additional Functionality.** Microsoft may provide additional functionality for the software. Other license terms and fees may apply.
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