

# Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku Top FAQs

Frequently asked questions about the Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku from Lenovo.

Unify resource management with a flexible cloud-connected architecture.  
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## What is the Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku from Lenovo?

The Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku is a simplified means of licensing Azure Stack HCI in a perpetual license that includes Azure Stack HCI, Windows Server 2022 Datacenter Edition, and Azure Kubernetes Service all in a single software offering from Lenovo. It comes with a single point of support from Lenovo with a single one-time price that protects you from pricing and licensing changes that often come with subscription licenses.

## How is the Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku licensed?

Just like Windows Server, there is a 16-core base license with additional licenses to cover additional cores (in increments of two). These licensing calculations are done for you in the [DCSC configurator tool](#) when you select your processor to ensure you are properly licensing the solution.

## How do I activate the license?

Your license will be activated in the Azure Portal and register itself as a *zero-charge subscription* for Azure Stack HCI, Azure Kubernetes Service, and Windows Server 2022 Datacenter Edition. For activation instructions, see [this Microsoft site](#).

## Do I need to license all physical cores?

Yes, every physical core must be licensed. Base license covers 16 cores and 2-core additional licenses must be added for additional cores.

## How does the price compare to other licensing options from Microsoft?

The Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku is about one-third the price of a traditional Azure license over five years. The Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku is similarly priced to Azure Hybrid Benefit, but comes with simpler, higher-quality support in a single one-time purchase perpetual license. Prices in Lenovo DCSC are often eligible for discounts. Work with your Lenovo channel partner or sales representative to learn more about specific pricing for your configuration.

## Are containers required?

Azure Kubernetes Services is included with this sku for container management, but containers are not a requirement for purchasing or using this sku.

### How often does the server need to be connected with Azure?

You will need at least one successful connection to Azure every 30 days. You can see [here](#) for additional information.

### Does this new OEM sku work with offline disconnected environments?

No, Azure Stack HCI is not intended for disconnected scenarios. For these scenarios consider ThinkAgile SXM for Azure Stack Hub.

### Is this the same as the Azure Hybrid Benefit?

No. This license does not grant all the aspects of the Azure Hybrid Benefit but many of the included components are similar (Azure Stack HCI, AKS, Windows Server VMs, and [Extended Security Updates](#)).

### Are there reassignment rights associated with this license?

No. This license doesn't include reassignment rights. This means that the license is tied to the original server where the Azure Stack HCI OS is pre-installed and can't be transferred to different server or systems.

### Can I run other Azure Services with my cluster? Are they zero-charge too?

There are a variety of Azure Services available from Lenovo and our partners that can complement your Azure Stack HCI Cluster. Those services are not included in the fee for this sku and will be billed per the price and terms of those services. Learn more about Lenovo Cloud Marketplace [here](#).

### Where do I purchase this Azure Stack HCI OEM Hybrid sku?

This sku is listed in the [Lenovo DCSC configurator](#) under the "base" tab under "HCI Stack Preload" on ThinkAgile MX650 V3 and MX630 V3 Certified Nodes and Integrated Systems. Contact your Lenovo seller or channel partner for discounted pricing.



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