



Microsoft

The Pax8 and Microsoft Guide

Learn how our Microsoft expertise can help you optimise
and enhance your Microsoft experience.

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The Pax8 and Microsoft Guide:

A blueprint for your Microsoft journey

Microsoft and the shifting landscape of modern work

Microsoft is the cornerstone of modern business technology. In recent years, businesses of all sizes had to find ways to enable remote collaboration while keeping their workers and data secure as the world shifted rapidly to remote work on a global scale. Today, as artificial intelligence (AI) transforms the workplace once again, businesses of all sizes are looking for ways to integrate AI into their workflows to increase efficiency and remain competitive. The integrated nature of the Microsoft stack is foundational to making AI a natural part of the working day by folding generative AI and other AI capabilities into existing applications to generate instant insights and accelerate productivity. To stay relevant, it's vital for IT providers and technology advisers to build a comprehensive Microsoft technology

36% of organisations have dealt with a security incident due to an unsecured remote worker ¹

70% of employees are willing to delegate some work to AI ²

How Pax8 enhances your Microsoft experience

Growing your Microsoft practice is easier than ever with The Pax8 and Microsoft Guide. We simplify your Microsoft experience to make it easy to adopt in-demand Microsoft solutions, optimise your Microsoft program and find opportunities to sell more – all while streamlining the management of your complete cloud tech stack.

- **Expertise** to help you earn more margins, optimise incentives and rebates, and keep up with program and product changes.
- **Modern marketplace** to easily manage your licences with consolidated billing, instant provisioning and integrations with your preferred PSA tool.
- **24/7 technical support** to quickly resolve your Microsoft issues with in-house Pax8 engineers – reducing the need to escalate tickets to Microsoft.
- **Professional Services** to help you deploy Azure, harden your Microsoft environment, roll-out remote work tools and more.

A blueprint for your Microsoft journey

Whether you're brand new to Microsoft or already a Microsoft partner, Pax8 is here to support and scale your Microsoft business. From expanding your existing Microsoft clients and migrating on-premise clients to gaining net-new clients, Pax8 enhances your entire Microsoft experience so you can make more possible for the modern workplace.

Accelerate cloud migration and achieve digital transformation

Enable remote work collaboration

Secure remote workers and ensure business continuity

Power business apps to drive data-based decisions

How to maximise every step of your Microsoft journey with Pax8

1. Guide clients toward digital transformation with Azure and by migrating from on-prem to M365.
2. Standardise integrated communication and collaboration solutions for remote work, such as Microsoft 365, Microsoft Teams and Teams Phone solutions.
3. Tell a story about reducing risk (especially in remote work environments) with the security and business continuity features of M365 and Azure.
4. Power modern workflows and data visualisation with custom business apps and dashboards through Dynamics 365 and Power Platform.
5. Margin up by offering managed services to harden Microsoft environments, secure remote workers, deploy Azure Virtual Desktop and build custom apps – Pax8 Professional Services can augment your team on Microsoft projects and services.
6. Expand your team's expertise through education, skilling and certifications.
7. Advance even further with the Azure marketplace and optimise your Azure practice by leveraging Reserved Instances, Azure Hybrid Benefit and Data Centre Optimisation.

Stay up to date

Strategically expand your tech stack

Our partner-focused events help you build on your Microsoft foundations with solution-focused sales advice for adding in-demand productivity, infrastructure, communications, continuity, security and network solutions to your stack.

[Register now](#)

M365: remote work and security

Only 4% of businesses have sufficient security for all of their data in the cloud ³

Designed for the needs of small to mid-sized enterprises, Microsoft 365 Business Premium offers a single, integrated technology solution that combines the Office productivity apps users know and love with granular device management and best-in-class security features.

Empower remote teamwork: With Microsoft Teams as a collaboration hub, M365 empowers your clients to work from anywhere, while Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD) protects remote workers' data and devices by allowing them to work securely on a virtualised Windows 10/11 desktop.

Defend data, documents and the inbox: Advanced security features add a layer of defence against cyber threats to protect business data, files and emails.

Control and protect devices: The device management capabilities of M365 simplify device configuration and deployment, allow full control of company-owned mobile devices and protect company data on personal devices.

More resources

Download
Guide: Power up with Microsoft productivity and unified security

Watch
Teams training video: free, white-labelled Teams end-user video training

 **Productivity**

Office applications
Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and more

Online services
Exchange, OneDrive (1 TB), Teams and more

Advanced services
Exchange Online Archiving

Remote enablement
Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)

 **Advanced security**

External threat protection

- Microsoft Defender for O365
- Multi-Factor authentication
- Enforce Windows Defender
- Enable Bitlocker

Internal data leak prevention

- Data loss prevention
- Azure information protection
- Microsoft Defender for Business

 **Device management**

Device management

Microsoft Intune

- Microsoft Intune
- Windows Defender Credential Guard
- SSO > 10 Apps
- Conditional access
- Shared computer activation

Deployment assistance

- Windows Autopilot
- Azure information protection
- Auto-installation of Office apps
- AAD auto-enrol

“ Each time we describe what's included with Microsoft 365, clients want to move forward, recognising immediately the value to their business, security and success. ”

President | machineLOGIC

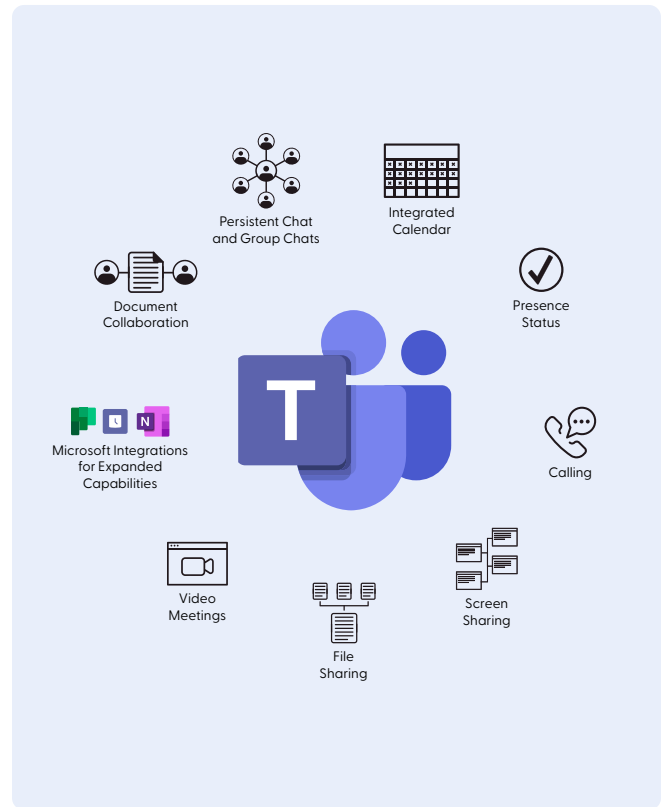
M365: Teams Phone solutions

Microsoft Teams

Over 30 billion collaboration minutes per day³

Teams Phone is a modern cloud-based telephony add-on to Microsoft Teams that enables you to make and receive calls from anywhere, on any device. Together, they deliver an all-in-one communication solution.

- Cloud-based phone system for reliable and secure calling across your computer, mobile device and/ or desk phone, with advanced features such as call transfer, auto-attendants and call lines.
- Built-in audio conferencing with a dial-in number for up to 250 people per meeting.
- Customise your calling plan – get a new number or migrate existing ones (or bring your own calling plan).



Who can benefit from using Teams Phone solutions?

Teams Phone is a great fit for employees who do a lot of external dialling, such as sales reps or teams who often need to interface with external clients and partners, and any organisation that wants their communication conveniently packaged in one central tool.

Solutions

Keeping up with M365: Same solution, new features

What's included in each M365 tier?

Microsoft 365 Business Basic

Cloud services



Microsoft 365 Business Standard

Cloud services and desktop apps



Microsoft 365 Business Premium

Cloud services, desktop apps and advanced security



Microsoft 365 Apps for Business

Desktop apps



SMB Security

M365 Business Premium now includes Defender for Business – protect your users' identities, data and endpoints with the unified security solution providing enterprise-grade security to the SMB.

M365 in the era of AI

M365 users now have access to Copilot on the web for data-protected AI assisted search, summary and analysis. Copilot can help people find information, answer questions and perform tasks using the power of AI.

Log in and get to know your everyday AI Companion at copilot.microsoft.com.

Learn more about AI-readiness

Solutions

Microsoft Teams Premium: Enhanced collaboration and AI

Microsoft Teams Premium is designed to elevate your collaboration experience with advanced features that bring AI into the fold. Here's what it brings to the table:

Intelligent meeting recaps:

- AI-powered recap automatically provides a comprehensive review of your meetings, helping attendees and those who missed meetings stay informed;
- Features include meeting notes, recommended tasks and personalised highlights;
- Notes allow you to see key points and takeaways after the meeting;
- AI-generated tasks and action items are suggested for efficient follow-up.

Efficient meeting recordings:

- To help navigate lengthy meeting recordings, Teams Premium introduces personalised timeline markers:
- These markers show when your name was mentioned, when screens were shared and when you joined/left the meeting;
- Speaker timeline markers organise who spoke during the meeting;
- Soon, Teams will automatically generate meeting chapters for easy navigation.

Live translation and captions:

- Teams Premium offers live translation for captions, breaking down language barriers;
- Live captions are available in over 30 languages

Enhanced security and compliance:

- Teams Premium provides advanced security features to safeguard confidential information shared over Teams;
- Features include end-to-end encryption for meetings with up to 50 attendees, control over who can record, preventing copy/paste in meeting chats and the ability to block incoming chats from people in the organisation;
- Security features cover meetings, chats, calls and file sharing.

Expanded meeting capabilities:

- Larger storage space (up to 10 GB per user)
- Larger meeting sizes (up to 300 participants per meeting)
- Collaborative annotations in Teams meetings
- Hundreds of collaborative apps to enhance productivity

Teams Premium is ideal for businesses with complex collaboration needs, while Teams Essentials provides basic communication and collaboration tools. Work with your team at Pax8 to choose the one that best suits your organisation's requirements.

Azure: unlock the power of Cloud Services

More resources

Explore

Resource article: selling guide, pricing calculator, training

Microsoft Azure is a growing collection of integrated cloud services used to build, deploy and manage data and applications through Microsoft's global network of data centres. With more than 90 compliance certifications – including ISO, HIPAA, IRS and ITAR – Azure also streamlines data compliance.

If your customer stores data in an on-premise or legacy system, or if they need a better way to analyse data from current cloud applications, migrating those workloads to Azure creates a new revenue stream for you and a single source of truth for mission-critical business data. Unfortunately, data migrations can be costly without the right tools or expertise. Pax8 can help you simplify the complexity of Azure, with its 20,000 SKUs and usage-based billing model, and deliver an Azure solution that's right-sized for you and your customers.

Adopt and unlock the power of Azure through Pax8

Pax8 has the deep Azure expertise necessary to help you develop an Azure practice. Our two-day Azure Bootcamps help partners navigate the complexities of adopting and selling Azure, while the Pax8 Marketplace simplifies Azure management through:

- **Predictive cost analytics** calculates data to enable optimisation of techniques and strategically lower costs.
- **Threshold management** notifies you when approaching customised, consumption-based thresholds.
- **Detailed billing** shows your clients' granular billing data.

Additionally, Pax8 Professional Services can assist you with any Azure deployment, AVD implementation or data migration project. With the help of our team of cloud infrastructure architects, you can leverage the power of Microsoft Azure with your clients to ensure regulatory compliance and improve data governance.

- Extend on-premises Active Directory to cloud-based Active Directory;
- Enable MFA and SSO through identity management;
- Migrate existing or new data and servers to Azure and modernise cloud environments;
- Leverage Azure for disaster recovery and backup;
- Harden Azure with Azure Defender for Servers;
- Design and architect Azure environments;
- Choose the right Azure Virtual Desktop solution for your customers and build go-to-market strategies.

Solutions

Azure: going further with virtual desktops and incentive options

Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)

Shape LineAVD enables central management and security of users' desktops by creating Windows 10/11 virtual desktops in Azure, allowing end users to work remotely with a secure connection and securely store data in the cloud rather than on their local device. (M365 already includes the required user licensing, so only computing resources need to be provisioned and paid for in Azure.) AVD separates the computer environment from user devices, greatly reducing the risk of confidential information being left on a personal device.

Azure reserved VM instances and Azure hybrid benefit

Partners can realise major discounts on virtual machines (VM) by moving from a pay-as-you-go model to one-year or three-year commitments on reserved VM instances (RIs). By reserving VMs in advance, you can better manage costs across predictable and variable workloads – improving your forecasting with a single upfront payment or lowering your upfront cash investment with monthly payment options. You'll still have the flexibility to exchange or cancel reservations should your needs evolve.

You can achieve even deeper discounts by stacking RIs with Azure Hybrid Benefit, which allows you to maximise licence investments by utilising existing on-premises Windows Server licences or purchasing them through Pax8 for your Azure deployment.

Pax8 Infrastructure Solutions Consultants can help you select the right VM solution to achieve the greatest savings, determine when RIs and Azure Hybrid Benefit are relevant to your project and build go-to-market strategies.

Data Centre Optimisation (DCO) Program

Partners with a mature Azure practice and an upcoming data centre migration project should look into Microsoft's Data Centre Optimisation program through Pax8. This program helps partners reduce cost and risk, and accelerate migrations to deliver client success. Participants commit to an Azure revenue spend to gain the benefits of:

- Significant offers and incentives
- Engineering escalation support
- Azure deal support and review
- Microsoft tools for building deals, aligning workloads and planning migrations

If you're interested in the DCO program, reach out to your Pax8 account manager to qualify.

Business Apps: Power Platform

With the process automation capabilities of the Microsoft Power Platform, you can now take direct control of workflows and customise solutions for your clients' business challenges. With pre-built templates, 275+ connectors, and 'record, point, and click automation', Power Platform enables you to easily build apps, automate workflows and analyse data to activate digital selling and drive data-based decision-making across all departments.

Power BI creates dashboards or powerful data visualisation.

Power Apps makes it easy to modernise processes by building apps with little or no code, across any system (on-premise or cloud) on the platform they use today.

Power Automate improves productivity and reduces manual processes with workflow automation.

Copilot Studio a new solution to create your own copilot in minutes and empower your team to help surface details using natural language.

Power Platform



Power BI
Business analytics



Power Apps
Application development



Power Automate
Intelligent virtual agents



Copilot Studio
Create your custom copilot

Business Apps: Microsoft Dynamics 365

Microsoft Dynamics 365 offers your customers a portfolio of intelligent applications that deliver both operational efficiency and better customer experiences. It combines elements of customer relationship management (CRM) and enterprise resource planning (ERP) with productivity applications and AI capabilities, so organisations can increase efficiency without increasing complexity or costs.



Dynamics 365 Business Central delivers cloud accounting and ERP capabilities to help manage departments across a small to medium-sized business (SMB). It offers real-time business reporting and analytics and native integrations with Microsoft 365 tools.

With our [recent acquisition](#) of Dynamics services company Bam Boom Cloud, Pax8 helps you launch your Dynamics business with our KickStart™ implementations that can help you implement Business Central within as little as a week – learn more [here](#).



Dynamics 365 Sales empowers sales teams by giving them AI-powered automation capabilities and insights into their workflows. Sales teams can use Copilot to summarise and write emails using their customer data and apply AI-based scoring models. They can also prepare for improved customer engagements with summaries and suggested actions, forecasts and guide sales activities.



Dynamics 365 Customer Service gives agents the capability to resolve customer issues faster by using generative AI and automation. Copilot can help agents quickly diagnose, troubleshoot issues and draft customer responses. AI-powered chatbots enable self-service, while service operations get a boost from omnichannel, AI-driven insights.

Benefits of Dynamics 365 for MSPs*

600%

Annual contract value (ACV) deal size on Microsoft 365

2,500%

Potential revenue increase

99%

Sell-through opportunity

**Internal Pax8 data, 2023*

Services

Professional Services for Microsoft

For Microsoft projects that are too time-consuming or complex to tackle alone, partners can take advantage of Pax8 Professional Services, the technical enablement arm of Pax8. We help our partners grow their Microsoft businesses, increase efficiencies and reduce risk through the expert delivery of Microsoft deployment and migration services. Pax8 Professional Services is designed to add scale, capability and experience to your team in an on-demand fashion.

M365 enablement

Modern Workplace

- Mailbox Migration
- SharePoint Migration
- Teams Phone System Implementation
- Tenant to Tenant Migration

Microsoft Azure

- Azure Virtual Desktop
- Server Migration (lift existing infrastruc to Azure)
- Data Migration (lift files, databases, etc. to Azure)
- Environment Modernization (build fresh infrastructure in Azure)

Microsoft Dynamics 365

- Implementation of Business Central and Sales
- Support, maintenance and training on the system

Microsoft Security

- Microsoft 365 based security
- Pre-optimised, CIS Control aligned implementations for Intune, Entra ID and Defender for Office

With Pax8 Professional Services, you can get your customers' data in the Microsoft ecosystem and build on industry security best practices for AI. Our partner-first and channel-exclusive team of certified experts empowers you to deliver greater business outcomes for your customers.

Got a Microsoft project that could use a boost?

[Tell us about your project](#)

Optimise and enhance

Expand your team's Microsoft expertise

Education and enablement are at the core of the Pax8 mission to support the growth of our partners' Microsoft business.

pax8Academy

Fuel your growth at every step of your journey with support from MSP experts. Get access to on-demand learning; virtual, instructor-led courses; peer groups; and business coaching. Browse courses and build your path to growing your cloud revenue by up to 110%⁴.

[Browse Academy offerings](#)

pax8Events

Meet with fellow cloud innovators at channel events. Build your community, learn new information and skills, and set yourself up for continued success.

[Browse channel events](#)

Optimise and enhance

Technology for social impact

To help partners deliver affordable and innovative cloud solutions and drive digital transformation for eligible not-for-profit organisations, Microsoft has donations and discounts available for M365, Azure and Dynamics 365 licensing, as well as training and resources to help them succeed.

This is a huge opportunity for MSPs to grow their businesses while doing good. 77% of nonprofits say technology has helped them be more efficient or better work toward their mission, but 55% see the need to invest more in technology to increase fundraising.⁵

Pax8 is dedicated to helping partners grow while doing good in the nonprofit space, and more than 3,000 Pax8 partners have seen success by supporting nonprofits. With Microsoft's Tech for Social Impact (TSI) program, Pax8 can offer grants and discounts on over 70 cloud solutions, including Microsoft 365, Power Apps and custom-built solutions for nonprofits with Dynamics 365.

Microsoft solutions for nonprofits

- **Microsoft 365:** improve cybersecurity, reduce costs and empower nonprofit staff and volunteers to easily work on their initiatives from anywhere.
- **Azure:** optimise costs and rapidly scale nonprofit operations while improving operational stability and network resilience.
- **Dynamics 365:** engage donors and volunteers and manage organisational operations with business applications powered by AI-driven insights.

More resources

Learn

Nonprofit hub: check out the nonprofit hub on Pax8 Academy

Download

Guide: download the Pax8 Tech for Nonprofits Guide

Learn

Program overview: learn about Microsoft's Tech for Social Impact program

Move your nonprofit clients to M365 Business Premium and your first 10 users are free

To make the benefits of M365 Business more affordable to nonprofit organisations of all sizes, Microsoft has a special offer that provides nonprofit organisations with free M365 Business Premium for up to 10 users, and discounted pricing of \$5.50 USD per additional user per month (M365 Business Premium is typically \$22 USD for commercial customers).

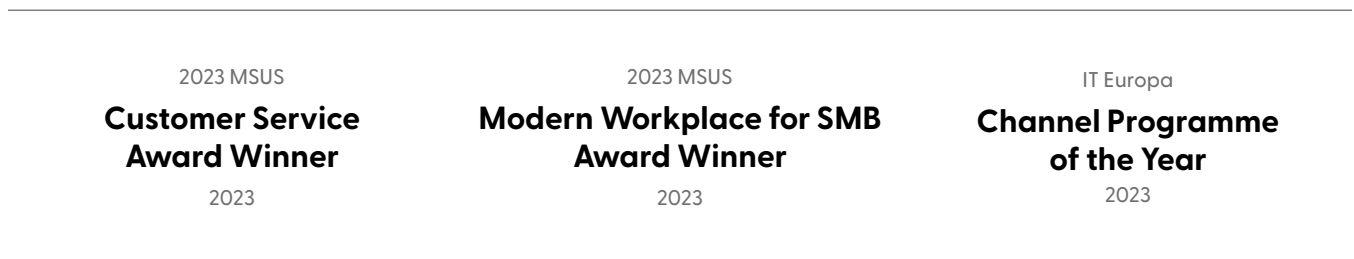
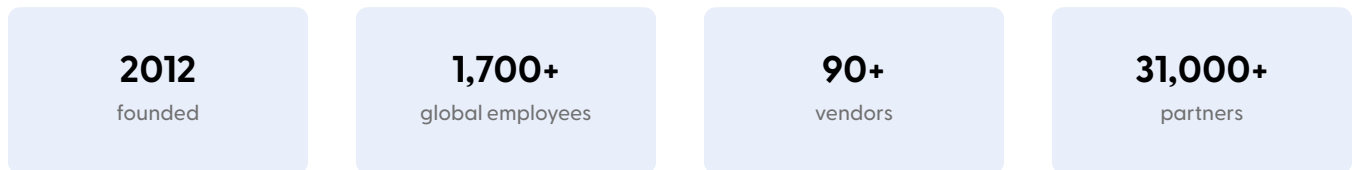
Get started

Your Microsoft experts

Why Pax8?

Pax8 enhances and simplifies your Microsoft experience with our modern marketplace, in-house expertise and technical support.

We've made Microsoft (and everything cloud) so straightforward that it's easy to see why thousands of MSPs and IT service providers across the globe are switching to Pax8.



A modern partner experience

Pax8 simplifies the way organisations buy, sell and manage cloud solutions, empowering our partners to achieve more with cloud technology. Our born-in-the-cloud marketplace modernises the channel's cloud journey with consolidated billing, automated provisioning and industry-leading PSA integrations. And our technology is backed by our world-class partner experience that provides responsive support alongside the education and resources you need to grow your cloud business. If you want to be successful in the cloud, you need to work with Pax8.

Your Microsoft experts

Do it all in the Pax8 Marketplace

Our dynamic marketplace helps partners seamlessly deliver and manage cloud solutions. Quote, order, bill and provision all of your cloud products in one place, with a single monthly invoice. And, with built-in data analytics and business intelligence, the Pax8 Cloud Commerce Marketplace provides the insights you need to optimise your margins and sell more.

Ordering

Buy Microsoft and other cloud products instantly from one place with the intuitive ordering workflow of the Marketplace.

PSA integrations

The Pax8 Cloud Commerce Marketplace integrates with Autotask, ConnectWise, Kaseya, Syncro, RepairShopr – so you can manage everything from the convenience of your preferred PSA tool.

Instant provisioning

Our marketplace integrates with Microsoft Partner Centre – enabling automated, instant provisioning.

Managing clients

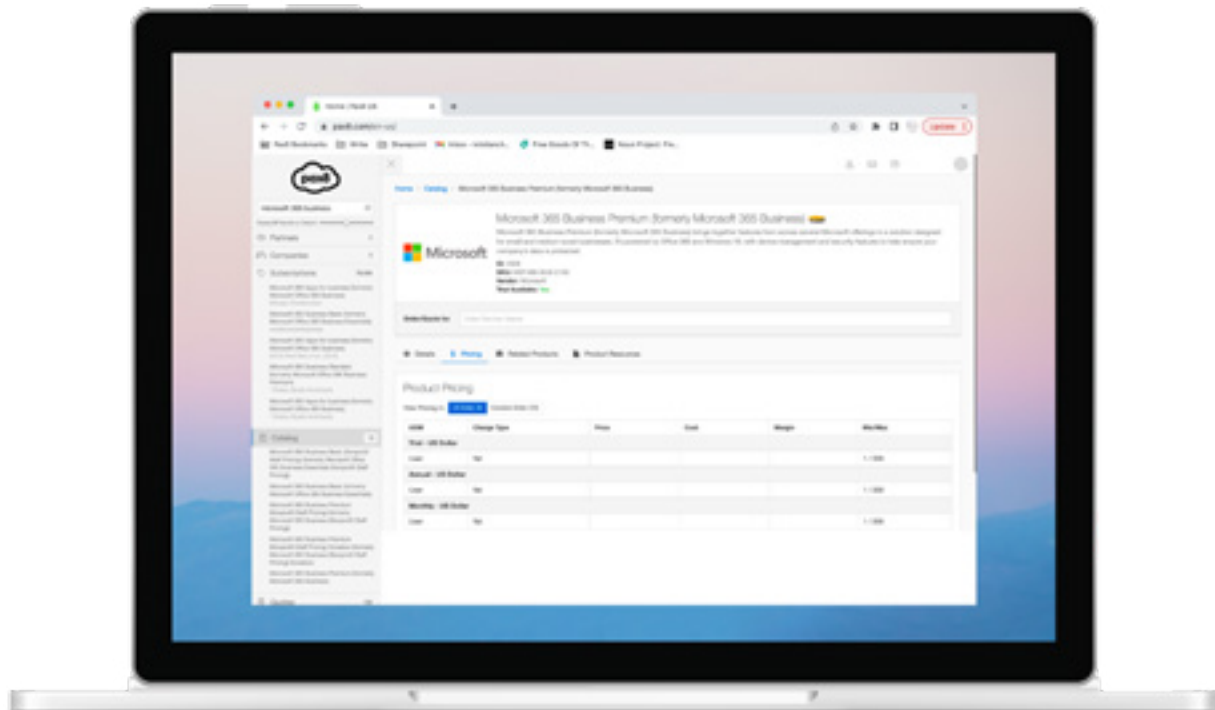
Get a comprehensive view of your entire Microsoft client base and manage their overall cloud tech stack within the Pax8 Cloud Commerce Marketplace.

Channel-focused cloud products

Build your complete tech stack with leading vendors across productivity, infrastructure, continuity and security.

Business intelligence

See targeted up-sell and cross-sell opportunities in your client base and identify gaps in your clients' technology stacks through data visualisation.





Want to enhance your Microsoft experience
to make more possible for your clients?

Your Microsoft experts
are here to **help.**

Schedule a call

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