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TEN WAYS TO
OPTIMIZE
Your Microsoft Licensing

Navigating Microsoft licensing doesn't have to be overwhelming. With a strategic approach, you can cut costs, maximize value, and ensure your organization is fully equipped. Here's how:

1 Audit and Reclaim Unused Licenses

Unused licenses are a major source of waste. Regularly conduct audits to identify licenses linked to inactive accounts, such as former employees, and reclaim them. Tools like **Microsoft's Azure Cost Management** simplify this process and ensure nothing slips through the cracks.

2 Match Licenses to Employee Needs

Not every team member requires an advanced plan. Tailor license assignments based on job roles and specific software needs. For instance, field workers might only need **Microsoft Teams and Outlook**, while power users need access to tools like **Power BI Pro**.

3 Consolidate and Right-Size Subscriptions

Organizations often pay for overlapping tools across different platforms. Review your subscriptions to ensure there's no redundancy, and consider upgrading to bundles like **Microsoft 365 E5** for advanced features instead of standalone tools.

4 Leverage Cost-Management Features in Azure

Azure provides powerful cost-monitoring and optimization tools. Features like **Reserved Instances** or **setting up budgets and alerts** help you control costs and avoid surprises.

Cut costs by up to 25%

5 Automate License Management

Automating license provisioning and deprovisioning ensures you only pay for active users. Solutions like **Microsoft Power Automate** can streamline this process and integrate with your HR or IT systems.

6 Optimize Shared Resources for Azure and Dynamics 365

For **Azure**, optimizing shared resources such as storage or virtual machines can significantly cut costs. Similarly, regularly reviewing **Dynamics 365** modules ensures you're not paying for unused features

7 Tap into Volume Licensing Discounts

For larger organizations, switching to volume licensing agreements like **Enterprise Agreements** (EAs) can offer significant discounts and additional benefits compared to individual licenses.

8 Regularly Review Licensing Plans

Microsoft frequently updates its offerings. Reviewing plans at least annually ensures you're on the most cost-effective solution. New Microsoft licensing structures like **Cloud Service Provider (CSP)** provide flexibility to scale based on business growth.

9 Train Employees to Maximize Software

Educating staff ensures that all features in your licensing plan are used effectively. For instance, many organizations underutilize **Teams and SharePoint** due to lack of training, missing out on significant productivity gains.

10 Partner with a Microsoft Expert

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