



Backup Exec[™] Subscription Licensing Guide.

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Veritas Backup Exec™ delivers powerful, flexible, easy to use data protection for virtual, physical and cloud environments, protecting your organization's data regardless of where it resides. Whether backing up to the cloud, protecting workloads within the cloud, recovering from the cloud, or connections back to on premise, Veritas Backup Exec integrates with a broad selection of cloud service providers to seamlessly unify data protection across the hybrid cloud. It protects your mission-critical data to virtually any storage device including tape, disk and cloud. Recovery is fast and efficient: with a few simple clicks, you can quickly restore granular file or application objects, applications, VMs, and servers directly from backup storage. Integrated global deduplication and powerful cloud storage connectors help you reduce data volumes, storage costs and increase operational efficiency. Backup Exec saves time and money with a single, unified data protection platform that helps ensure your critical information is always protected and recoverable in the event of a disaster or data loss.

Note: Backup Exec is not compatible with VMware ESXi free version/read-only vAPI. Please see the [software compatibility list \(SCL\)](#) for details.

BACKUP EXEC SUBSCRIPTION LICENSING

Backup Exec has long been known for being easy to use. Now Backup Exec is easy to license with Backup Exec Subscription. Backup Exec Subscription is available in three editions: Bronze, Silver and Gold, offering choices for the levels of protection and functionality available to meet your backup requirements. These editions are available as a term subscription.

A term subscription allows customers to license the product during a specified period of time (e.g., 12 months). During the term of the subscription, customers have the right to use the product, install product updates, and receive technical support. Customers do not own the license, but can use Backup Exec for the duration of the term. At the end of the term, customers can renew the term subscription to continue using the product. Subscription licenses which are not renewed will result in customers losing the right to continue to use the product for backups, however, restores are still allowed.

For information on Backup Exec perpetual licensing, see the [Veritas Backup Exec 16 \(Licensing Guide\)](#). New customers can purchase either subscription or perpetual licenses. For now, existing customers can either renew their existing perpetual licenses or purchase the new subscription licenses as new customers. Veritas is committed to bringing this same value and simplicity in licensing to our perpetual offerings. Please follow the Backup Exec Open eXchange (VOX), [Backup Exec Community](#) to keep informed when the new perpetual subscription licensing offers are available.

The Backup Exec Subscription offerings include unlimited deployment of the Backup Exec server and remote agents, provided the number of front-end terabytes of data being protected does not exceed the number of terabytes specified by the customers license with a minimum of 1TB per Backup Exec server. 'Front-end terabyte' is defined as the size of the protected uncompressed data (i.e. data that has not been de-duplicated). Customers may purchase licenses for as many TB as they need based on the amount of data that needs to be protected. The number of Backup Exec Servers cannot exceed the number of TB purchased, since each Backup Exec Server must be licensed for at least 1 TB. Download the [Veritas Capacity Assessment Tool](#) to calculate the amount of data, in TB, on the servers in an environment to provide information about the number of licenses needed to protect these servers.

Discounts are available for higher data volumes. Tier discounts will be applied at the time of transaction on individual order line quantity. The quantity tiers are:

- 1 to 5 TB
- 6 to 15 TB
- 16 to 25 TB
- 26 to 50 TB
- 51 TB plus

PACKAGING AND LICENSING OVERVIEW

Product features		BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
		Per front-end TB	Per front-end TB	Per front-end TB
Protection coverage	Virtual	✓	✓	✓
	Physical	✓	✓	✓
Platform support	Windows	✓	✓	✓
	Linux		✓	✓
	VMware	✓	✓	✓
	Hyper-V	✓	✓	✓
Application support	Microsoft Exchange		✓	✓
	Microsoft SQL Server		✓	✓
	Microsoft SharePoint		✓	✓
	Active Directory		✓	✓
	Oracle		✓	✓
	Enterprise Vault		✓	✓
Other key features	Physical to Virtual conversion	✓	✓	✓
	Deduplication	✓	✓	✓
	Centralized Management			✓
	Physical Tape Drive Library Support	1 drive	4 drives	Unlimited drives
	Virtual Tape Drive Library Support	1 drive	1 drive	Unlimited drives
	NDMP support			✓
	Copy Server Configuration			✓

- If a Backup Exec server will be installed in multiple locations, all locations must have the same subscription licensing edition.
- Individual agents and options (features) cannot be added to subscription licensing editions.
- If the amount of data being protected exceeds the licensed capacity by 15% or more for 30 consecutive days, backups will no longer run, however restores still are allowed. For more information see Capacity Licensing Enforcement.
- Backup Exec will provide alerts 60, 30, and 5 days before a subscription expires

PACKAGING AND LICENSING BY SOFTWARE CAPABILITY

BRONZE

- Backup Exec Server
- VMware and Hyper-V support
- Deduplication to disk and cloud storage
- 24x7 support
- Windows backups

SILVER

- Backup Exec Server
- VMware and Hyper-V support
- Deduplication to disk and cloud storage
- 24x7 support
- Windows and Linux backups
- Protection and granular recovery of applications and databases
- Physical tape library up to 4 drives

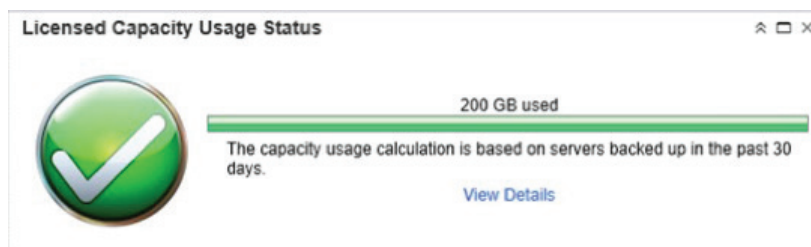
GOLD

- Backup Exec Server
- VMware and Hyper-V support
- Deduplication to disk and cloud storage
- 24x7 support
- Windows and Linux backups or media server
- Protection and granular recovery of applications and databases
- Unlimited physical or virtual tape library
- Central backup server management
- NDMP and SAN shared storage

CAPACITY LICENSING ENFORCEMENT

Customers are allowed 15% over licensed capacity usage before a 30-days remaining countdown is triggered. When the countdown expires, backup jobs will fail, restores are still allowed. Up to three “test” backups can be removed from the capacity usage calculation every 30 days. Backups removed from the capacity usage calculation can still be restored.

The Backup Exec Home page includes a widget that displays licensed capacity and capacity usage information.



EXAMPLE LICENSING SCENARIOS

Example A

Customer environment and needs	Customer needs to purchase
▪ 3 TBs of data (this includes data growth) ▪ Windows file server environment only, no applications or databases ▪ Needs data deduplication	▪ 3 x Backup Exec Bronze - At the 1 to 5 TB discount tier

Example B

Customer environment and needs	Customer needs to purchase
▪ 10 TBs of data (this includes data growth) ▪ Windows and Linux environment ▪ SQL and Exchange ▪ Needs data deduplication	▪ 10 x Backup Exec Silver - At the 6 to 15 TB discount tier

Example C: Replication scenario

Customer environment and needs	Customer needs to purchase
▪ 7 TBs of data (this includes data growth) ▪ Centralized Management ▪ Replicate data to cold DR site	▪ 7 x Backup Exec Gold - At the 6 to 15 TB discount tier

Example D: Private cloud scenario

Customer environment and needs	Customer needs to purchase
▪ 2 TBs of data (this includes data growth) ▪ Replicate data to cold DR site hosted by a local ISP/partner	▪ 2 x Backup Exec Bronze - At the 1 to 5 TB discount tier

Example E: Adding more TB to an existing license

Customer environment and needs	Customer needs to purchase
▪ Additional 2 TBs to add on to an existing 10 TBs of Silver licenses	For the additional purchase: ▪ 2 x Backup Exec Silver

LICENSING FAQs

Q: What is the difference between Perpetual and Subscription licensing?

With a perpetual license, customers pay an initial cost to purchase the software license up-front and have the right to use the software indefinitely. On top of the license fee, there is the option to pay for a support contract, which is usually renewed annually.

With a subscription license, customers pay to use the software for a specific period, or 'term'. The subscription fee includes the software license itself, plus associated support services and software version updates as they are released, for the duration of the subscription period.

Q: What is a Term Subscription?

A Term Subscription allows customers to license the product for a specific period. During the term of the subscription, customers have the right to use the product, install product updates, and receive technical support. Customers do not own the license, but can use the software for the duration of the term.

Q: What is the minimum Term Subscription I can sign up to for Backup Exec?

Backup Exec subscription licensing editions are available as a minimum Term Subscription period of 12-months, payable upfront.

Q: Are there other licensing options available?

Yes, perpetual licenses are available. Please refer to the Veritas Backup Exec™ 16 (Licensing Guide) for perpetual licensing information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more detailed information on Backup Exec including hardware and software compatibility guides, technical support and the administration guide, please visit: https://www.veritas.com/support/en_US.html

To manage and obtain license keys or to open or manage a Support case, please visit the licensing portal on: <https://my.veritas.com>

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