**Chapter 4: SUBSCRIPTION & PRICING**

**Topic – 1: Subscription Options**

**Free Trial Subscription**

* Given for **12 months**.
* You get some **free Azure credits** at starting.
* **Can’t** use special functionalities.
* Meant for just **experimenting** around.

**Pay As You Go (PAYG)**

* Have to pay for the **consumed resources** on **hourly** or **per minute** basis.
* Good for businesses with **unstable workloads** & individuals requiring **flexibility**.

**Azure For Students**

* All features are same as **Free Trial Subscription** but there is **no** expiration period.

**Dev Tools For Teaching**

* For educational institutions.
* Provides enough tools for **teaching purposes**.

**Enterprise Agreement (EA)**

* Good for organizations with **stable workloads**.
* Allows customized **feature picking** & **pricing** accordingly.

**Azure In Open Licensing**

* Allows using Azure through a Microsoft’s **partner organization**.

**Cloud Service Providers (CSP)**

* Also offered by **Microsoft Partners**.
* Subscriptions are managed & customized by the partner organization providing cloud service.

**Azure Sponsorship**

* Also offered by **Microsoft Partners**.
* **Credits** are offered to **support** the projects or initiatives.

**Azure Government**

* Designed specifically for **US government**, **their partners** & **government contractors**.
* Provides high security facilities.

***\*Fuck American government by the way\****

**Azure China & German Cloud**

* **Azure data centres** located at China & Germany for meeting some standards.