

Server security in the cloud is different

- Running VMs in the cloud requires an additional layer of security to protect the control plane surrounding your servers
- Threat detections need to extend to connected, cloud-native components including network, storage, and the control plane to fully assess and protect the security state of your servers
- To be effective, modern workload protection solutions need to provide traditional VM security and provide optimised detections and mechanisms for cloud-based resources



Features of Defender for Servers plans

Defender for Servers Plan 1

- ✓ Integration with Microsoft Defender for Endpoint
- ✓ Microsoft Defender Vulnerability Management (Software inventory, VA)
- ✓ Automated onboarding and alert and data integration
- ✓ Foundational CSPM for Azure Arc-enabled onprem servers

Defender for Servers Plan 2

- ✓ All features of Defender for Servers Plan 1, plus:
- ✓ Agentless vulnerability scanning for Azure VMs and AWS EC2 instances
- ✓ Microsoft Defender Vulnerability Management Add-On
- ✓ Cloud-native detections
- ✓ Cloud-native controls (such as FIM, AAC, JIT VM Access,...)

Features of Defender for Servers plans

Defender for Server Plan 2

Defender for Servers Plan 1

- Flexibility in portal usage
Defender 365 Portal or Defender for Cloud Portal

Defender for Endpoint on Servers MDE P2

MDE P1

- [Next-Generation Protection](#)
- [Attack Surface Reduction](#)
- [Manual Response actions](#)
- [Centralized management](#)
- [Security Reports](#)
- [APIs](#)

All the features of P1 and;

- [Device Discovery](#)
- [Device Inventory](#)
- [Core Vulnerability Management](#)
- [Threat Analytics](#)
- [AIRS](#)
- [Advanced Hunting](#)
- [EDR](#)
- [Endpoint Attack Notify](#)

All the features of Plan 1 and;

- [Network Layer Thread Detection*](#)
- [Security Policy and Regulatory Compliance](#)
- [Adaptive App Control](#)
- [500MB no-cost select data ingest](#)
- [Just-in-Time virtual machine access**](#)
- [Adaptive Network hardening*](#)
- [File integrity monitoring](#)
- [Docker host hardening](#)
- [Network map*](#)
- [Agentless vulnerability scanning**](#)

MDVM

Add-On to MDE P2

- [Security baseline assessment](#)
- [Block vulnerable apps](#)
- [Browser extensions](#)
- [Digital certificate analysis](#)
- [Network share analysis](#)
- [Hardware and firmware assessment](#)
- [Authenticated scan for Windows](#)

Feature comparison

Feature	Defender for Endpoint for Servers (\$5)	Defender for Servers P1 (\$5)	Defender for Servers P2 (\$15)
Hardening recommendations			
Asset discovery			
Vulnerability assessment using Microsoft Defender Vulnerability Management			
Attack surface reduction			
Next generation antivirus protection			
Endpoint detection & response			
Automated self-healing			
Hourly billing optimized for dynamic cloud resources			
Automatic agent onboarding for resources in Azure, AWS, GCP			
Management optimized for cloud environments			
Support for AWS and GCP-native compute (EC2 + Google Compute Engine)			
Unified experience for all workload types (Servers, containers, databases, and more)			
Defender Vulnerability Management add-on capabilities: Security Baselines, Firmware & Hardware, Digital Certificates, Network share analysis, Blocking Vulnerable Applications			
Log-analytics (500MB free)			
Regulatory compliance assessment			
Vulnerability assessments and security benchmarks			
Network layer threat detection			
Adaptive application controls			
File integrity monitoring			
Just-in-time VM access for management ports			
Adaptive network hardening			