# PHASE 18: Windows 365 Cloud PC (Cloud VDI) Deployment

Deploy a secure, fully cloud-managed Windows 365 Cloud PC using the Microsoft 365 E5 Developer Tenant. The goal is to simulate enterprise-grade virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) with integration into Microsoft Intune and Entra ID (Azure AD), without needing on-premises hardware.

#### **Environment Used:**

- Microsoft 365 E5 Developer Tenant: dipeshcorp.onmicrosoft.com
- Intune + Entra ID (Cloud-only)
- Admin User: admin@dipeshcorp.onmicrosoft.com
- Target User: user1@dipeshcorp.onmicrosoft.com
- Windows 365 License: Windows 365 Business Trial (2 vCPU, 8GB RAM)
- Endpoint Manager Access:
- Entra ID Security Group: CloudPC Users

### I. Assign Windows 365 License

#### **Actions Completed:**

- 1. Navigated to <a href="https://admin.microsoft.com">https://admin.microsoft.com</a>
- 2. Opened: Users → Active Users → user1@dipeshcorp...
- 3. Selected: Licenses and Apps  $\rightarrow$  Assigned
- 4. Searched and selected: Windows 365 Business (Trial) 2 vCPU | 8GB RAM
- 5. Saved the assignment
- ☑ Outcome: License successfully assigned and visible under the user's license tab
- Error: "Cloud PC provisioning failed"
- 🛕 Cause: License not fully applied or delay in syncing
- $\checkmark$ Fix: Recheck license assignment and allow up to 15–30 minutes for propagation. Reassign if necessary.

# II. Create Entra ID Security Group

#### **Actions Completed:**

1. Opened: <a href="https://entra.microsoft.com">https://entra.microsoft.com</a>

2. Went to: Identity  $\rightarrow$  Groups  $\rightarrow$  + New Group

Selected:

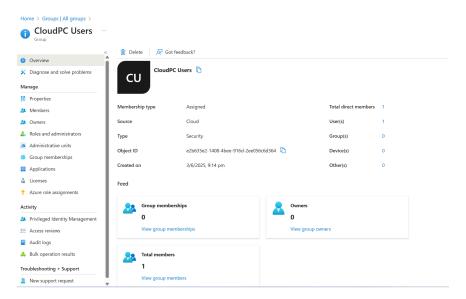
Group Type: Security

Name: CloudPC Users

o Membership Type: Assigned

4. Added Member: device1@dipeshcorp.onmicrosoft.com

5. Created the group



 $lue{V}$  Outcome: Group created and verified in Entra ID ightarrow Members tab

Error: "User is not a member of any provisioning group" during Cloud PC setup

√ Fix: Ensure user is added to the exact security group linked to the provisioning policy. Wait 10–15 minutes
after adding user.

### III. Configure Provisioning Policy in Intune

#### **Actions Completed:**

1. Opened: <a href="https://endpoint.microsoft.com">https://endpoint.microsoft.com</a>

2. Navigated to: Devices  $\rightarrow$  Windows 365  $\rightarrow$  Provisioning Policies

3. Clicked: + Create Policy

#### Policy Details Entered:

Name: DipeshCorp Cloud PC

Join Type: Microsoft Entra Join

Network: Microsoft-hosted network

Image: Windows 11 Enterprise + Microsoft 365 Apps

Language: English (Canada)

Assigned Group: CloudPC Users

4. Completed policy creation and confirmed in the policy list

Outcome: Policy created and active in Endpoint Manager

Error: "Image not found"

🛕 Cause: You chose a custom image or none selected

✓ Fix: Always choose the built-in Microsoft-hosted Windows 11 image when simulating

### IV. Automatic Provisioning Triggered

#### **Actions Completed:**

- 1. System automatically detected the group membership and began provisioning
- 2. Monitored status at: Devices  $\rightarrow$  Windows 365  $\rightarrow$  All Cloud PCs
- 3. Status:
  - Initially: Provisioning...

After ~35–45 minutes: Provisioned – Ready

Device Name: CP-W365-01

Outcome: Cloud PC was provisioned, joined to Entra, and managed by Intune.

Error: "Provisioning Failed"

A Cause: User license issue or group not assigned to provisioning policy

√ Fix: Remove user from group, reassign, or check policy group linkage

## V. End-User Login (Test Experience)

#### **Actions Completed:**

- 1. Opened browser → <a href="https://windows365.microsoft.com">https://windows365.microsoft.com</a>
- 2. Signed in as: device1@dipeshcorp.onmicrosoft.com
- 3. Clicked: Cloud PC tile  $\rightarrow$  "Open in Browser"
- 4. Waited for the desktop session to load
- Outcome: Cloud PC desktop loaded successfully. Verified access to desktop, OneDrive, and pre-installed Office apps.
- Error: "Can't connect to Cloud PC"
- A Cause: Conditional Access policy or device non-compliance
- ✓ Fix: Modify CA policy to allow access from browser or test group. Confirm compliance status in Intune.

### VI. Outcome

I successfully deployed a Windows 365 Cloud PC in a cloud-only enterprise environment using Microsoft 365 Developer Tenant. The Cloud PC was provisioned via Intune, Entra ID joined, assigned to a dedicated security group, and made accessible to the user from a browser. This environment simulated real-world enterprise VDI deployment scenarios, complete with group-based provisioning, policy enforcement, and user access testing.