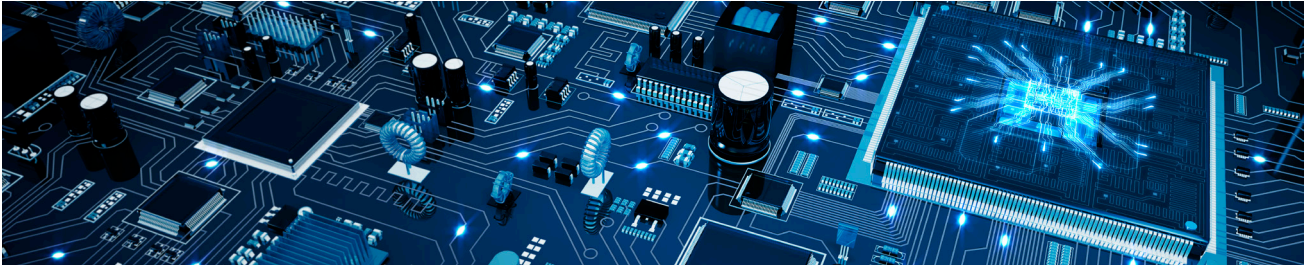# SWITCHengines with Microsoft Windows

Factsheet

What is it?

SWITCHengines offers virtual machines with pre-installed operating systems. With the SWITCHengines Windows Images you get a virtual machine with Windows OS that is fully licensed.

How does it work?

SWITCHengines VMs with Windows can be started like any other VM. To manage the server, a remote desktop client can be used from any client machine. Remote desktop clients are available for Windows, Mac OS and Linux clients.

Use cases

- For Standard applications like Active Directory,

  MS SQL Server, Exchange, etc.)

- For specific research applications that require
   a Windows operating system

What about other Microsoft™ products?

Other Microsoft products like MS SQL Server, Sharepoint etc. can be used via your licence mobility agreement with Microsoft. Please contact therefore the SWITCHengines support (engines-support@switch.ch).

Is there a license for Windows 7, Windows 10, etc. ?

No, the license terms of Microsoft™ do not allow to run these operating systems in a cloud environment.

Available Versions

→ Windows 2012 Server
→ Windows 2016 Server and Data Center Edition (from Q3/2018)

Pricing

6 CHF / month / virtual Core (72 CHF / year), in addition to the normal cost of the VM, see tariff information on https://www.switch.ch/engines

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