

# What is Microsoft Azure Portal? (For IIUM Students & Staff)

Microsoft Azure Portal is a **web-based dashboard** that allows users to access, manage, and deploy cloud services provided by **Microsoft Azure**. IIUM provides access to Azure for educational and research purposes, including free software, development tools, and cloud computing resources.

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## Key Features of Azure Portal for IIUM Users

### 1. Free Software & Developer Tools

- Download **Microsoft software** (e.g., Windows Server, Visual Studio, SQL Server) via **Azure Dev Tools for Teaching** (formerly Microsoft Imagine).
- Access **development tools** for coding, AI, and data science.

### 2. Cloud Computing & Storage

- Create **virtual machines (VMs)** for projects.
- Use **Azure Blob Storage** for secure file storage.
- Deploy **web apps and databases** in the cloud.

### 3. Learning Resources

- Free courses on **AI, cloud computing, cybersecurity** (Microsoft Learn).
- Hands-on labs for students and researchers.

## 4. Research & Collaboration

- High-performance computing (HPC) for large-scale research.
  - Share resources with team members securely.
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# How IIUM Students/Staff Access Azure Portal

1. **Log in** to Microsoft Azure Portal using:
    - **Students:** `username@live.iium.edu.my` (IIUM Live email).
    - **Staff:** `username@iium.edu.my` (Staff email).
  2. Navigate to:
    - **"Azure Dev Tools for Teaching"** (for free software).
    - **"Virtual Machines"** (for cloud computing).
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## Need Help?

- **ICT Help Desk:** 03-6421 6666
- **Email:** servicedesk@iium.edu.my

*Note: Azure resources are for **academic use only**—commercial projects are restricted.* ☐☐

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