Azure Savings Plan

Billing enablement

Microsoft CSP in StreamOne® Ion

TD SYNNEX

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Introduction

A few months ago Microsoft released the Azure Savings Plan products into the market, which similarly to Azure Reserved Instances, offer better Azure services pricing in exchange for certain commitments. The main difference is that Azure Savings Plans represent a commitment to a minimum spend while Reserved Instances represent commitments to use certain services. The implementation of these products into StreamOne Ion will be done in different phases, being this the initial release and consisting in bringing three new fields to the Microsoft CSP Billing Customers Report, which allow the user to easily identify Azure Savings Plans being applied to Azure compute service charges in the report.

Scope

This is a global feature, meaning that it impacts all countries in which TD SYNNEX is doing business. Both Reseller Partners and Customers will be able to access this new feature as long as the relevant Microsoft program in their region is active.

This release represents the first step towards fully supporting Microsoft Azure Savings Plan in StreamOne Ion, and more will follow. The impact of this release is reduced to the Reports module, both at Reseller's Admin Console and Customer's Marketplace Portals logged-in area, as the change simply consists of three new additional fields to the existing Microsoft CSP Billing Customers Report.

User Journeys

New fields in the Microsoft CSP Customers Billing Report

Three new fields have been added to the list of selectable fields within the Microsoft CSP Billing Customers Report, which are the following:
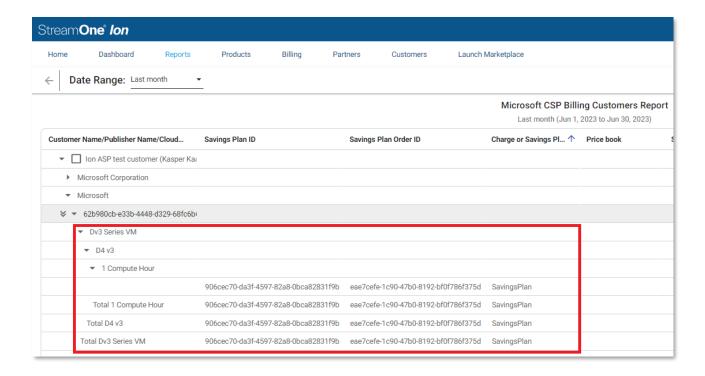
- Savings Plan ID: Specific field in the dataset corresponding to Savings Plan ID.
- Savings Plan Order ID: Specific field in the dataset corresponding to Savings Plan's Order ID.
- Charge or Savings Plan: This field will display "*SavingsPlan*" whenever one is applied to the line.

As you can see above, these new fields are devoted to Azure Savings Plans. Their purpose is to clearly identify the benefits being applied to certain paid services these plans may cover, which
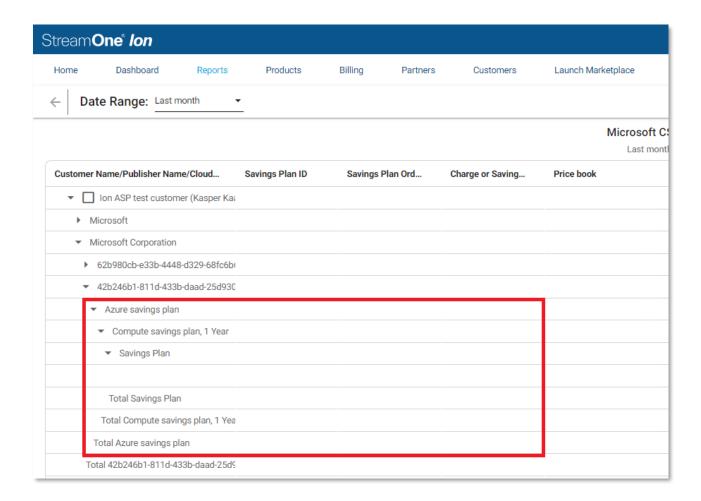
at this time can only be Compute Services as Microsoft has not yet released other types of Savings Plans. If you want to know more about Microsoft Savings Plan products, click here.

Whenever a paid service is receiving the benefits of a Savings Plan, its charges will display as 0.00 no matter the currency, and the three new fields will be populated with their relevant information:

Please note that, as mentioned above, the use of these three new fields is to signal Savings Plans being applied to paid services, not to express anything in particular from the Savings Plans products themselves. This means that when looking at the charges of the Azure Savings Plan product, you should expect its entry to be just like any other Microsoft CSP product without any Savings Plans benefits being applied to them. So, these three new fields should be blank:
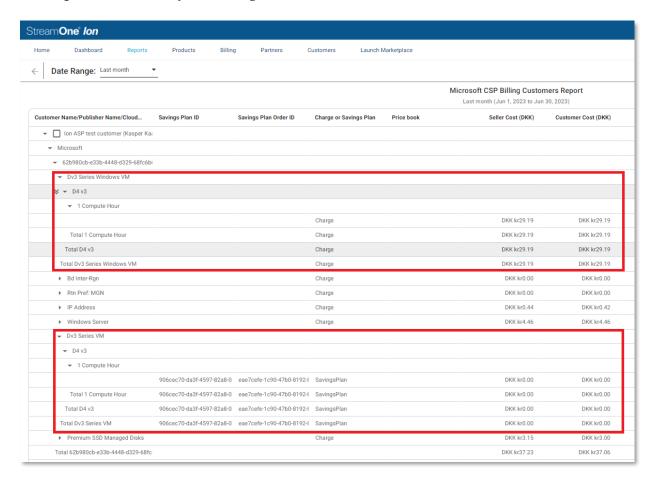
Q & A

- Q: Are Azure Savings Plan products available to be purchased in StreamOne Ion?

- A: Not yet, a follow-up release will bring these products and their plans into the catalog, becoming available to be purchased in the Marketplaces and also Admin Console's *Customer 360*.

- Q: Can I have more than one Savings Plan in parallel?

- A: Yes you can. You can buy multiple Savings Plans for any amount per hour you would like to commit to, and they will be applied to relevant computing services as long as there is any paid consumption amount to cover.

- Q: What if I purchased Savings Plans covering more consumption than my actual use of services?

- A: You will receive Saving Plan's benefits for the consumed services, and the rest will be unused.

- Q: What if I purchased Savings Plans covering less consumption than my actual use of services?

- A: You will receive Saving Plan's benefits for the consumed services up to the Savings Plan amount, and the rest will be charged at its regular price. This is an example of this case seen from the *Microsoft CSP Billing Customers Report*, in which the consumption of the Dv3 Series VM is split into the portion not covered by the Savings Plan above, and the portion covered by the Savings Plan below:

- Q: What "Publisher Name" have the Savings Plans charges in the report?

- A: As the screenshots in this document reveal, Azure Savings Plan charges will come as "Microsoft Corporation", while the usage of the VMs they might cover will continue to come as "Microsoft".

- Q: Is there any option to manage Savings Plans' pricing today, given that they do not appear in the Microsoft CSP Pricebook?
- A: Yes, Savings Plans will receive any global adjustments the Pricebook may have.