

## Service Description

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### IBM Alert Notification

This Service Description describes the Cloud Service IBM provides to Client. Client means the contracting party and its authorized users and recipients of the Cloud Service. The applicable Quotation and Proof of Entitlement (PoE) are provided as separate Transaction Documents.

#### 1. Cloud Service

IBM Alert Notification is a simple notification service that allows collaboration among IT Operations team members. It gives IT staff notification of alerts for issues in Client's IT Operations environment. Since Alert Notification is provided as a service, the required server infrastructure is installed and managed by IBM.

- Custom IT environment monitoring:  
Alert Notification offers filtering of alerts, for example, on the severity of problems. Client can create custom groups of contacts to reflect the structure of its organization, so that the right notifications reach the right staff.
- Notification channels:  
Define the IT subject matter experts who can respond to problems in Client's environment and store their contact details in Alert Notification so that they can be automatically notified of problems in their area of responsibility. Users can be organized into groups and Client can send notifications to several users at once. Notifications can be sent by email, SMS, and voice message.
- Alert management and notifications:  
Policy-based notifications lets Client define which alerts it wants Alert Notification to notify Client about. Client can create filters based on the alerts that occur in its IT environment, customize the filters, and assign users and groups who are notified when matching problems occur.  
Unacknowledged alerts can be escalated after a set time period to the appropriate contact. Filters such as the severity and status of alerts can be created for Client's IT monitoring requirements.
- Alert viewer:  
Monitor the status of alerts and notifications online, perform actions on alerts. The notification state allows Client to track alerts from their receipt by the system through acknowledgment to resolution. Client can track changes in the Alert History. Client can use predefined and real-time filters to change which alerts it wants to see.

#### 2. Content and Data Protection

The Data Processing and Protection data sheet (Data Sheet) provides information specific to the Cloud Service regarding the type of Content enabled to be processed, the processing activities involved, the data protection features, and specifics on retention and return of Content. Any details or clarifications and terms, including Client responsibilities, around use of the Cloud Service and data protection features, if any, are set forth in this section. There may be more than one Data Sheet applicable to Client's use of the Cloud Service based upon options selected by Client. The Data Sheet may only be available in English and not available in local language. Despite any practices of local law or custom, the parties agree that they understand English and it is an appropriate language regarding acquisition and use of the Cloud Services. The following Data Sheet(s) apply to the Cloud Service and its available options. Client acknowledges that i) IBM may modify Data Sheet(s) from time to time at IBM's sole discretion and ii) such modifications will supersede prior versions. The intent of any modification to Data Sheet(s) will be to i) improve or clarify existing commitments, ii) maintain alignment to current adopted standards and applicable laws, or iii) provide additional commitments. No modification to Data Sheet(s) will materially degrade the data protection of a Cloud Service.

Link(s) to the applicable Data Sheet(s):

<https://www.ibm.com/software/reports/compatibility/clarity-reports/report/html/softwareReqsForProduct?deliverableId=CD67BFE0BFF911E78F8FA93481EF6122>

Client is responsible to take necessary actions to order, enable, or use available data protection features for a Cloud Service and accepts responsibility for use of the Cloud Services if Client fails to take such actions, including meeting any data protection or other legal requirements regarding Content.

IBM's Data Processing Addendum at <http://ibm.com/dpa> (DPA) and DPA Exhibit(s) apply and are referenced in as part of the Agreement, if and to the extent the European General Data Protection Regulation (EU/2016/679) (GDPR) applies to personal data contained in Content. The applicable Data Sheet(s) for this Cloud Service will serve as the DPA Exhibit(s). If the DPA applies, IBM's obligation to provide notice of changes to Subprocessors and Client's right to object to such changes will apply as set out in DPA.

### 3. Service Level Agreement

IBM provides the following availability service level agreement ("SLA") for the Cloud Service as specified in a PoE. The SLA is not a warranty. The SLA is available only to Client and applies only to use in production environments.

#### 3.1 Availability Credits

Client must log a Severity 1 support ticket with the IBM technical support help desk within 24 hours of first becoming aware that there is a critical business impact and the Cloud Service is not available. Client must reasonably assist IBM with any problem diagnosis and resolution.

A support ticket claim for failure to meet an SLA must be submitted within 3 business days after the end of the contracted month. Compensation for a valid SLA claim will be a credit against a future invoice for the Cloud Service based on the duration of time during which production system processing for the Cloud Service is not available ("Downtime"). Downtime is measured from the time Client reports the event until the time the Cloud Service is restored and does not include time related to a scheduled or announced maintenance outage; causes beyond IBM's control; problems with Client or third party content or technology, designs or instructions; unsupported system configurations and platforms or other Client errors; or Client-caused security incident or Client security testing. IBM will apply the highest applicable compensation based on the cumulative availability of the Cloud Service during each contracted month, as shown in the table below. The total compensation with respect to any contracted month cannot exceed 10 percent of one twelfth (1/12th) of the annual charge for the Cloud Service.

#### 3.2 Service Levels

Availability of the Cloud Service during a contracted month

Availability during a contracted month	Compensation (% of monthly subscription fee* for contracted month that is the subject of a claim)
Less than 99.9%	2%
Less than 99%	5%
Less than 95%	10%

\* If the Cloud Service was acquired from an IBM Business Partner, the monthly subscription fee will be calculated on the then-current list price for the Cloud Service in effect for the contracted month which is the subject of a claim, discounted at a rate of 50%. IBM will make a rebate directly available to Client.

Availability, expressed as a percentage, is calculated as: the total number of minutes in a contracted month minus the total number of minutes of Downtime in a contracted month divided by the total number of minutes in the contracted month.

### 4. Technical Support

Technical support for the Cloud Service is provided via email, online, and an online problem reporting system. IBM's software as a service support guide available at [https://www.ibm.com/software/support/saas\\_support\\_guide.html](https://www.ibm.com/software/support/saas_support_guide.html) provides technical support contact and other information and processes. Technical support is offered with the Cloud Service and is not available as a separate offering.

## **5. Entitlement and Billing Information**

### **5.1 Charge Metrics**

The Cloud Service is available under the charge metric specified in the Transaction Document:

- Authorized User is a unit of measure by which the Cloud Service can be obtained. Client must obtain separate, dedicated entitlements for each unique Authorized User given access to the Cloud Service in any manner directly or indirectly (for example: via a multiplexing program, device, or application server) through any means. Sufficient entitlements must be obtained to cover the number of Authorized Users given access to the Cloud Service during the measurement period specified in Client's PoE or Transaction Document.

### **5.2 Overage Charges**

If actual usage of the Cloud Service during the measurement period exceeds the entitlement specified in the PoE, an overage charge will be billed at the rate specified in the Transaction Document in the month following such overage.

### **5.3 Billing Frequency**

Based on selected billing frequency, IBM will invoice Client the charges due at the beginning of the billing frequency term, except for overage and usage type of charges which will be invoiced in arrears.

## **6. Term and Renewal Options**

The term of the Cloud Service begins on the date IBM notifies Client of their access to the Cloud Service, as documented in the PoE. The PoE will specify whether the Cloud Service renews automatically, proceeds on a continuous use basis, or terminates at the end of the term.

For automatic renewal, unless Client provides written notice not to renew at least 90 days prior to the term expiration date, the Cloud Service will automatically renew for the term specified in the PoE.

For continuous use, the Cloud Service will continue to be available on a month to month basis until Client provides 90 days written notice of termination. The Cloud Service will remain available to the end of the calendar month after such 90 day period.

## **7. Additional Terms**

### **7.1 General**

Client agrees IBM may publicly refer to Client as a subscriber to the Cloud Services in a publicity or marketing communication.

Client may not use Cloud Services, alone or in combination with other services or products, in support of any of the following high risk activities: design, construction, control, or maintenance of nuclear facilities, mass transit systems, air traffic control systems, automotive control systems, weapons systems, or aircraft navigation or communications, or any other activity where failure of the Cloud Service could give rise to a material threat of death or serious personal injury.

### **7.2 Availability and Limits**

- No guarantee of email/SMS/Voice notification service availability and/or performance.
- SMS and/or Voice may not be available in all geographies. Please use the trial version of this offering to determine geographic availability.
- Client is limited to up to 500 SMS Messages and 250 Voice Messages per Authorized User per month.
- Data is encrypted by IBM at rest and during transmission, however we can not guarantee encryption of data transmitted on public networks by all third party carriers.