

Software Stack

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A **Software Stack** is an ordered collection of software that makes it possible to complete a particular task.

There are a lot of different types of **Software Stacks**. Here are a few examples:

- A [server](#) stack includes the software required for basic server functioning.
- A Web stack includes the software required for Web app development.
- An application stack includes all the [application](#) programs required to perform a given task.
- A software stack includes the software required for a given task. (Software stacks include infrastructure software, rather than just applications.)
- A storage stack is a type of software stack that includes servers, networking components and server virtualization components.
- A virtualization stack is the collection of resources that, along with the [hypervisor](#), make up the Microsoft Hyper-V environment.

Note: A **Software Stack** does not include [Hardware \(H/W\)](#). A [Solution Stack](#) is a **Software Stack** that includes Software.

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