









Dataverse vs Azure SQL Server

PRODUCT FEATURES	 Dataverse	 Azure SQL Server
Used by	Citizen Developers	Profession Developers
Managed by	Power Platform Admins	IT Admin & Database team
Support Model	SaaS	IaaS / PaaS
Tools	Securely stores and manages data used by business applications	Advanced & flexible method to store, maintain & share a large volume of master data
Security	Azure AD, Authentication and Authorization, Security roles	RBAC, network security, Access management, Threat protection, Information protection
Investments	Requires premium connector	Azure subscription required
Schema	Has built-in schemas & tables	Not available
OOTB features	Business rules, workflows, calculate columns, forms, views, charts etc.	Not available

Type of app and recommended data sources

Type of app	Use case	Data source	License
Ultra Simple Apps	The extremely simplest data model is typically used as a proof of concept	Excel 	Included
Simple Apps	Production-ready with the simple data model	SharePoint Online  Microsoft List 	Included
Complex Apps	Apps which are complex and involve many looks ups, but they're not huge data stores such as transactional business data.	Dataverse 	Premium Connector 
Complex Apps	Apps have many table relationships and require a large data store.	Azure SQL Server 	Premium Connector 