

# **Application Performance Management Billing Overview Product Documentation**



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# Billing Overview

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This document describes the pricing structure, including the billing modes, billable items, billing cycles, and product pricing of Application Performance Management (APM), for you to quickly know the billing system of APM.

## Billing Introduction

APM accommodates two billing methods: **pay-as-you-go (postpaid)** and **packages (prepaid)**, detailed as follows:

Billing Method	Payment Mode	Billable Items	Target Audience	Billing Cycle	Supported Regions
Purchasing pay-as-you-go instances	Postpaid	Reporting Volume/Storage Capacity	Having not estimated the scale of the system and its consumption capability.	Hourly	Public cloud region/finance region
Package Purchase	Prepaid (Most Favorable)	Number of agents × Usage duration	Knowing of the number of agents of the current system.	Daily	Only Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou are supported.

## Billing Method

APM accommodates two billing methods: **pay-as-you-go (postpaid)** and **packages (prepaid)**, detailed as follows:

Billing Method	Description
Pay-as-you-go (postpaid)	This is the default billing mode for APM in which resources are used first and billed later. Charges are based on the actual usage of various billable items on an hourly basis. The fees are calculated, settled, deducted, and billed hourly. For more information, please see <a href="#">Pay-as-you-go (Postpaid)</a> .
Package (prepaid)	Resources packs of APM are offered based on various billable items. These packs are purchased in advance and used later. At the time of settlement, the system will primarily deduct the usage from the package plan. Any usage exceeding the package will be billed on a pay-as-you-go basis. For more information, please see <a href="#">Packages (Prepaid)</a> .

## Billable Items

The two billing modes supported by APM offer identical product features. The functionality does not vary due to the different billable items of the product.

Billing Method	Payment Mode	Billable Items	Fee Calculation	Storage Duration	Sampling Policy
Purchasing pay-as-you-go instances	Postpaid	Reporting Volume/Storage Capacity	Total cost = Overall reporting volume cost + Cumulative linkage storage duration cost Total reporting volume cost = Reporting quantity (in millions) x Unit price per reporting quantity Total linkage storage duration cost = Reporting quantity (in millions) x Storage duration (in days) x Unit price of linkage storage	You can choose it as needed. The storage duration affects consumption.	Default value is 100%. It is configurable as needed. The sampling rate affects consumption.
Package	Prepaid (More Favorable)	Number of agents x Usage duration	A single billable item accounts for agents multiplied by usage hours, typically with agent indicating the number of processes. An agent is uniquely identified by [Appid, Instance ID, ServiceName, IP, Probe Version].	You can choose it as needed, up to a maximum of 30 days. It does not affect consumption.	It is fixed to 10%, and all abnormal links are maintained. The package offers discounts and cannot be modified.

### Free Quota:

APM offers a 15-day trial period for new users, with a reporting limit of 100 million Spans and a storage duration of 1 day within these 15 days. If this quota is exceeded, you can manually switch to the paid version and be charged based on the pay-as-you-go mode. Different regions have different billing rates. To switch to the paid version, see [Pay-as-you-go Payment Method](#).

## Billing Cycle

Billing Method	Payment Mode	Billing Cycle
Purchasing pay-as-you-go instances	Postpaid	Billing is conducted on an hourly basis. The total consumption generated in the first hour will be calculated and deducted within 2 to 4 hours.
Package Purchase	Prepaid (Most Favorable)	Daily settlement is conducted for the fees incurred on the previous day, and the bill is issued. If there is no corresponding resource pack, fees will be based on the pay-as-you-go mode.

## Pricing

Billing Method	Payment Mode	Product Pricing
Purchasing pay-as-you-go instances	Postpaid	Public cloud pricing applies to public cloud regions, while financial cloud pricing applies to financial cloud regions. For more details, see <a href="#">Introduction to Pay-as-you-go</a> .
Package	Prepaid (Most Favorable)	Package is only supported in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou regions. For more details, see <a href="#">Introduction to Packages</a> .