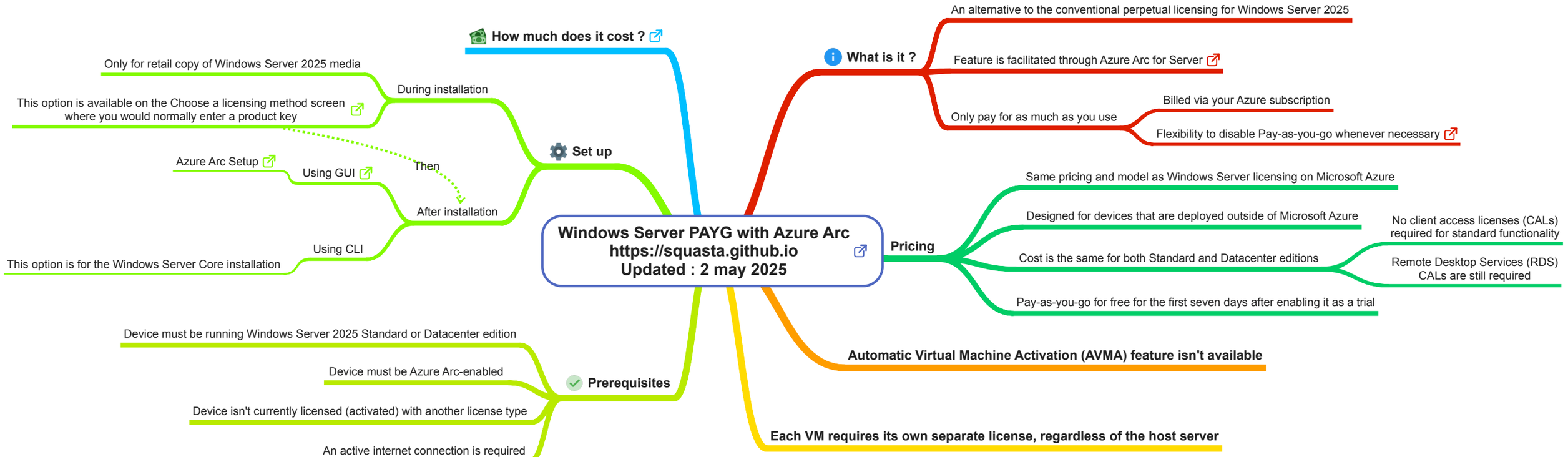
Windows Server PAYG with Azure Arc
https://squasta.github.io
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What is it ?
An alternative to the conventional perpetual licensing for Windows Server 2025
Feature is facilitated through Azure Arc for Server
Only pay for as much as you use
Billed via your Azure subscription
Flexibility to disable Pay-as-you-go whenever necessary
Pricing
Same pricing and model as Windows Server licensing on Microsoft Azure
Designed for devices that are deployed outside of Microsoft Azure
Cost is the same for both Standard and Datacenter editions
No client access licenses (CALs) required for standard functionality
Remote Desktop Services (RDS) CALs are still required
Pay-as-you-go for free for the first seven days after enabling it as a trial
Automatic Virtual Machine Activation (AVMA) feature isn't available
Each VM requires its own separate license, regardless of the host server
Prerequisites
Device must be running Windows Server 2025 Standard or Datacenter edition
Device must be Azure Arc-enabled
Device isn't currently licensed (activated) with another license type
An active internet connection is required
Set up
During installation
Only for retail copy of Windows Server 2025 media
This option is available on the Choose a licensing method screen where you would normally enter a product key
Then
After installation
Using GUI
Azure Arc Setup
Using CLI
This option is for the Windows Server Core installation
How much does it cost ?