SecMaster

Billing Description

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1 Billing Overview

This topic introduces how SecMaster is billed along with details about billing modes, billing items, renewals, and accounts in arrears.

- **Billing Modes**

  SecMaster supports the yearly/monthly billing mode. Yearly/Monthly: You pay upfront for the amount of time you expect to use the service for. You will need to make sure you have a top-up account with a sufficient balance or have a valid payment method configured first. For details, see **Overview**.

- **Billing items**

  The billing items of SecMaster consist of the service edition, ECS quota, and a value-added package, which includes large screen, intelligent analysis, and security orchestration. For details about SecMaster billing items and calculation formulas, see **Billing Items**.

  Different billing calculation formulas are used based on billing modes. For details about billing examples, see **Billing Examples**.

- **Renewal**

  Once the yearly/monthly SecMaster expires, it cannot work. If you want to continue using SecMaster, you need to renew it within the specified period, or all configurations in workspaces will be deleted and data may be lost. You can enable auto-renewal for SecMaster or manually renew it before it expires. For more details about renewal, see **Overview**.

- **Bills**

  You can go to **Billing & Costs** > **Bills** and view bills and expenditures for your SecMaster resources. For details, see **Bills**.

- **Overdue payment**

  When you use cloud services, if the available credit of your account is less than the bill to be settled, your account is in arrears. If your account is in arrears, the service cannot work. You need to top up your account in a timely manner. For details, see **Arrears**.

- **Billing termination**

  If your no longer need SecMaster, you can unsubscribe from or delete it to stop the billing. For details, see **Billing Termination**.

- **Cost management**

You can manage your costs from 4 dimensions: composition, allocation, analysis, and optimization. For details, see **Cost Management**.

2 Billing Modes

2.1 Overview

SecMaster provides the yearly/monthly billing mode.

- Yearly/Monthly billing is a prepaid mode in which you pay for the service before using it. Your bill is settled based on the required period. The longer you use the service, the more discounts you got.

Table 2-1 Billing mode

Billing Mode	Yearly/Monthly Billing
Payment method	Prepaid Billed by the subscription term you purchase
Billing Period	Billed by the subscription term you purchase
Billing items	• Service edition + ECS quota • Value-added packages (large screen, intelligent analysis, and security orchestration).
Changing specifications	You can change the service edition you are using and increase the ECS quota.
Application scenario	This billing mode is cost-effective and suitable when the duration of resource usage is predictable. The yearly/monthly mode is recommended for long-term users.
NOTE Value-added packages cannot be purchased independently. You can purchase a value-added package only when you have purchased the standard or professional edition. Value-added packages are billed separately. There is no impact on the service edition and ECS quota you have purchased.	

2.2 Yearly/Monthly Billing

Yearly/Monthly billing is a prepaid billing mode in which you pay before using resources. It is suitable when your resource requirements are fixed because you can pay less by using longer. In the yearly/monthly billing mode, we offer discounts to you. This topic describes the billing rules of yearly/monthly SecMaster resources.

Application Scenario

In yearly/monthly billing mode, you need to pay for a required duration in advance. This mode is suitable for long-term and relatively fixed service requirements. The yearly/monthly billing mode is recommended for the following scenarios:

● Stable services: enterprises' official websites, online malls, blogs, and others. Yearly/Monthly billing provides higher cost efficiency.

● Long-term projects: scientific research projects, large-scale events, and others. Yearly/Monthly billing facilitates stable supply of resources throughout the project.

● Service peak estimation: e-commerce promotion season, festivals, holidays, and others. Resources insufficiency can be avoided by pre-purchasing resources for peak demands.

● High data security: For services that require high data security, yearly/monthly billing facilitates continuous usage of the resources.

Applicable Billing Items

The following billing items support yearly/monthly billing:

Table 2-2 Applicable billing items

Billing Item		Description
Service edition + ECS quota		Service edition + ECS quota
Value-added package	Large screen	If you have purchased a yearly/monthly SecMaster edition, the large screen service in value-added package is also billed on a yearly/monthly basis.
	Intelligent analysis (ISAP)	If you have purchased a yearly/monthly SecMaster edition, the intelligent analysis service in value-added package is also billed on a yearly/monthly basis.
	Security Orchestration (SOC)	If you have purchased a yearly/monthly SecMaster edition, the security orchestration service in value-added package is also billed on a yearly/monthly basis.

If you plan to purchase the professional edition SecMaster with one ECS quota, as well as the large screen, intelligent analysis (1 GB/day), and security orchestration

(10,000 jobs/day), and select the yearly/monthly billing mode (the required duration is one month), at the bottom of the SecMaster purchase page, you can view the fee details, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 2-1 Example price

The price includes:

- Professional: the fees for the professional edition and the ECS quota.
- Large Screen: the fee for the large screen service.
- Intelligent Analysis: the fee for log volume quota of the intelligent analysis.
- Security Orchestration: the fee for the quota of playbooks execution times.

Billing Period

The billing period of yearly/monthly SecMaster is determined by the required duration (UTC+8:00). The billing period starts from the time you activate or renew your subscription (precise to seconds), and ends at 23:59:59 on the expiration date.

For example, if you purchase the SecMaster professional edition with one ECS quota for one month at 15:50:04 on June 30, 2023 (no value-added package is purchased), the billing period is from 15:50:04 on June 30, 2023 to 23:59:59 on July 30, 2023.

Billing Examples

If you purchase the yearly/monthly professional edition SecMaster (ECS quota: 1) and a value-added package, which includes large screen, intelligent analysis quota (1 GB/day), and security orchestration (10,000 jobs/day), at 15:50:04 on June 30, 2023, the billing items include the professional edition, ECS quota, and value-added package. Your subscription is one month and you manually renew the subscription for another month before the subscription expires. The billing details are as follows:

- The first billing period is from 15:50:04 on June 30, 2023 to 23:59:59 on July 30, 2023.
- The second billing period is from 23:59:59 on July 30, 2023 to 23:59:59 on Aug. 30, 2023.

You must prepay for each billing period. **Table 2-3** shows the billing formula.

Table 2-3 Billing formulas

Resource Type	Billing Formula
Service edition + ECS quota	(Service edition + ECS quota) x Required duration
Large screen	Price of the large screen x Required duration
Intelligent analysis	Price of the intelligent analysis log volume/day x Required duration
Security Orchestration (SOC)	The number of security orchestration playbook execution times/day x Required duration

Figure 2-2 shows the billing calculation.

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> The prices shown in the figure are for reference only. The final price is determined by the specific order.

Figure 2-2 Pricing example of yearly/monthly SecMaster
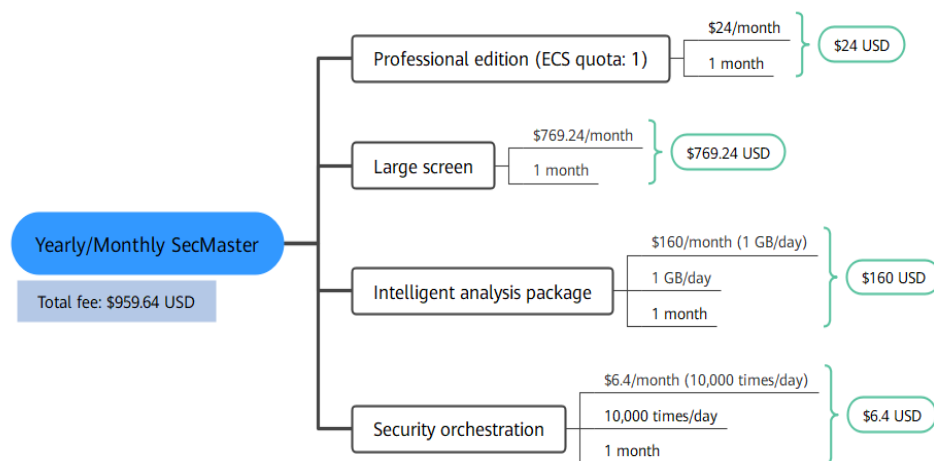
Impact on Billing After Specification Change

If you change the current specifications of your yearly/monthly SecMaster to meet your service changes, the following pricing rules are used:

Edition or specification upgrade: You need to pay the price difference.

📖 **NOTE**

> Currently, SecMaster does not support changing the edition in use to a one with lower specifications. If you want to use SecMaster of an earlier edition, unsubscribe from the one you are using first and subscribe to the one you want.

Assume that you purchased a standard yearly/monthly SecMaster (ECS quota: 1) for one month on June 8, 2023 without any discount and you expect to change SecMaster to the professional edition on June 18, 2023. The price of the old configuration is $1.6 USD/month, and that of the new configuration is $24 USD/month. The formula is as follows:

Specification upgrade fee = New specification price × Remaining period - Old specification price × Remaining period

The remaining period in the formula is the remaining days of each calendar month divided by the maximum days of corresponding calendar month. In this example, the remaining period = 12 (Remaining days in June)/30 (Maximum number of days in June) + 8 (Remaining days in July)/31 (Maximum number of days in July) = 0.6581. Price difference = 24 x 0.6581 – 10 x 0.6581 = $9.21 USD

For more information, see **Pricing of a Changed Specification**.

Impacts of Expiration

Figure 2-3 describes the status of yearly/monthly SecMaster resources in each phase. After purchasing a resource, it remains operational throughout the billing cycle. This can be referred to as the validity period. If the resource is not renewed after expiration, it enters the grace period and then the retention period.

Figure 2-3 Yearly/Monthly SecMaster lifecycle
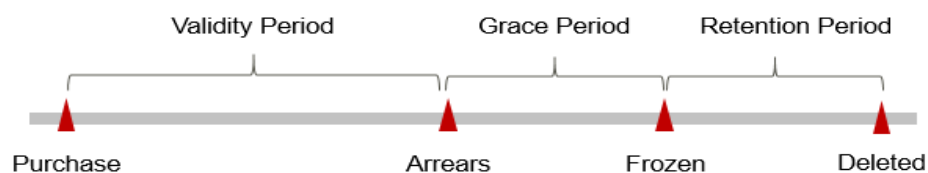
Expiration Reminder

From the 7th day before a yearly/monthly SecMaster edition expires, the system will send an expiration reminder to the creator of the account by email, SMS, and internal message.

Impact After Expiration

If your yearly/monthly SecMaster resources expire and are not renewed, the resources enter the grace periods. During the grace period, you can use the SecMaster service.

If you do not renew your yearly/monthly SecMaster before the grace period ends, it goes into the retention period and its status turns to **Frozen**. You cannot perform any operations on such instances in the retention period.

If the yearly/monthly SecMaster resources are still not renewed after the grace period ends, the SecMaster resources will be released and data cannot be restored.

📖 **NOTE**

For details about renewal, see **Overview**.

3 Billing Items

Billing Description

The billing items of SecMaster consist of the service edition, ECS quota, and a value-added package, which includes large screen, intelligent analysis, and security orchestration. For details, see **Table 3-1**.

Table 3-1 SecMaster billing items

Billing Item		Description	Billing Mode	Billing Formula
Service edition + ECS quota (mandatory)		Billing factor: service edition + ECS quota. Different editions provide different functions.	Yearly/ Monthly billing	• Yearly/Monthly: Service edition + ECS quota x Required duration
Value - added Packa ge (Opti onal)	Large screen	SecMaster large screen can display security analysis result on a large screen, making it easier for you to obtain better demonstration effects for some scenarios such as onsite presentation, reporting, and real-time monitoring. Billing factor: Large screen	Yearly/ Monthly billing	• Yearly/Monthly: Large screen unit price x Required duration
	Intelli gent analys is	If you need data collection, analysis, and storage needs, you can purchase the intelligent analysis separately. Billing factor: log data analysis volume.	Yearly/ Monthly billing	• Yearly/Monthly: Log analysis volume/day x Required duration

Billing Item		Description	Billing Mode	Billing Formula
	Security Orchestration (SOC)	Security orchestration can help you handle and investigate incidents automatically. You can buy security orchestration separately. Billing factor: number of playbook execution times.	Yearly/ Monthly billing	• Yearly/Monthly: Intelligent analysis and security orchestration analysis times/day x Required duration

Table 3-2 describes the functions in the value-added package.

Table 3-2 Value-added package description

Scenario	Description
Purchase	The standard and professional editions provide a value-added package (including large screen, intelligent analysis, and security orchestration) at extra cost. To use these functions, purchase the standard or professional edition first.
Billing	Value-added packages are billed separately. There is no impact on the service edition and ECS quota you have purchased.
Free quotas	A certain free quota is offered for intelligent analysis and security orchestration in the value-added package. • Intelligent analysis: 60 MB/ECS/day for the standard edition and 120 MB/ECS/day for the professional edition • Security orchestration: 500 times/ECS/day for the standard edition and 10,000 times/ECS/day for the professional edition If the free quotas cannot meet your business needs, you can enable corresponding functions in the value-added packages separately.
Use	There are some restrictions when using yearly/monthly intelligent analysis and security orchestration. • Intelligent Analysis: You are billed for the actual intelligent analysis log volume you have. If the quota for intelligent analysis is used up, this function becomes unavailable on that day, but it turns to be available at 00:00 the next day. • Security orchestration: You are charged based on the times the orchestration playbooks are executed. If the quota for security orchestration is used up, this function becomes unavailable on that day, but it turns to be available at 00:00 the next day. For example, if you purchase intelligent analysis of 1 GB/day for one month and use 1 GB before 22:00 on the purchase day, intelligent analysis will become unavailable between 22:00 and 24:00 on that day.

Billing Examples

If you purchase the yearly/monthly professional edition SecMaster (ECS quota: 1) and a value-added package, which includes large screen, intelligent analysis quota (1 GB/day), and security orchestration (10,000 jobs/day), at 15:50:04 on June 30, 2023, the billing items include the professional edition, ECS quota, and value-added package. Your subscription is one month and you manually renew the subscription for another month before the subscription expires. The billing details are as follows:

- The first billing period is from 15:50:04 on June 30, 2023 to 23:59:59 on July 30, 2023.
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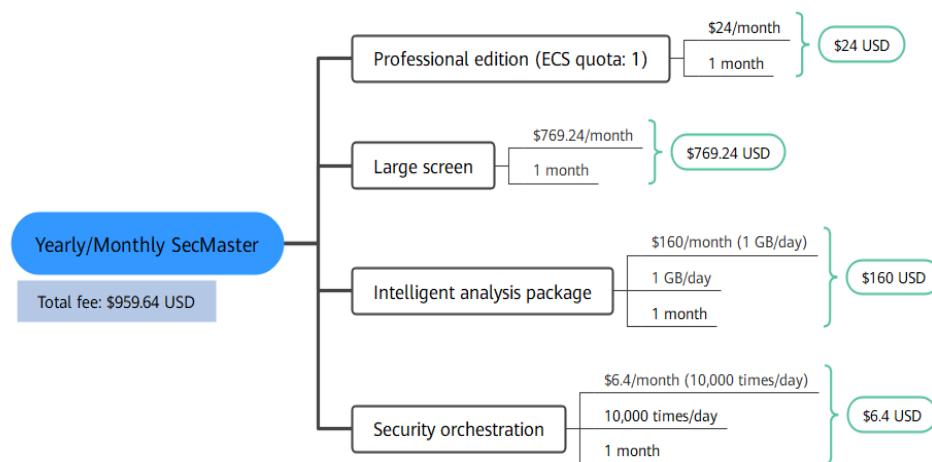
4 Billing Examples

Scenarios

On June 8, 2023, a customer purchased the SecMaster standard edition with one ECS quota for one month and purchased the value-added package (large screen, intelligent analysis, and security orchestration). The specifications are as follows:

- Service edition + ECS quota: Standard edition + One ECS
- Value-added package
  - Large screen
  - Intelligent analysis quota: 1 GB/day
  - Security orchestration quota: 10,000 times/day

After a period of time, the customer found that the current SecMaster specifications could not meet their service requirements and upgraded SecMaster on June 18, 2023. The service edition is upgraded to the professional edition. The new specification configuration is as follows:

- Service edition + ECS quota: professional edition + One ECS
- Value-added package
  - Large screen
  - Intelligent analysis quota: 1 GB/day
  - Security orchestration quota: 10,000 times/day

So, how much is the fee from June to July? Let's start from scratch.

Billing Analysis

- Service edition + ECS quota

  In this case, you need to pay the difference in price. The old price of the standard edition is $1.6/ECS/month, and the old price of professional edition is $24/ECS/month. The formula is as follows:

  Specification upgrade fee = New specification price × Remaining period - Old specification price × Remaining period

  The remaining period in the formula is the remaining days of each calendar month divided by the maximum days of corresponding calendar month. In this example, the remaining period = 12 (Remaining days in June)/30

(Maximum number of days in June) + 8 (Remaining days in July)/31 (Maximum number of days in July) = 0.6581. Price difference = 24 x 0.6581 – 10 x 0.6581 = $9.21 USD

From June to July, the total fee of the service edition and ECS quota is $10.81 (1.6 + 9.21).

- Value-added package

  The billing of the value-added package is irrelevant to the service edition. It is related only to the configured quota and required duration. Therefore, the billing of the value-added package remains unchanged after the edition is upgraded.

  From June to July, the total fee of the value-added package is $935.64 (769.24 + 160 + 6.4).

From June to July, the total fee for using SecMaster is $946.45 (10.81 + 935.64).

5 Changing the Billing Mode

Currently, the billing mode of SecMaster cannot be changed.

6 Renewing Your Subscription

6.1 Overview

When to Renew Subscriptions

After your yearly/monthly SecMaster expires, it cannot be used anymore. If you want to continue using SecMaster, you need to renew it within the specified period.

Only yearly/monthly SecMaster subscriptions can be renewed. If you use pay-per-use SecMaster, just ensure that your account has a valid payment method configured or a top-up account with a sufficient balance.

If you renew your SecMaster before it expires, resources will be retained and you can continue using it. For details, see **Impacts after Expiration**.

How to Renew Subscriptions

Table 6-1 describes renewal methods for yearly/monthly SecMaster subscriptions.

Table 6-1 Renewal-related functions

Function	Description
Manually Renewing SecMaster	For yearly/monthly SecMaster, you can renew it on the SecMaster console at any time as long as it has not been deleted automatically.
Auto-renewing SecMaster	After auto-renewal is enabled, SecMaster automatically renews your subscription before the subscription expires. This prevents resources from being automatically deleted if you forget to manually renew the subscription.

In different phases of the lifecycle of a yearly/monthly SecMaster instance, you can choose a renewal mode best fits your needs. For details, see **Figure 6-1**.

Figure 6-1 SecMaster Lifecycle
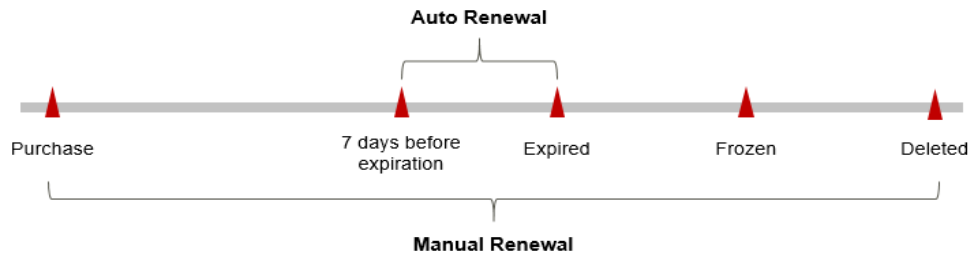
- SecMaster works properly and its functions are available from the time it is purchased to the time it expires.

- If the resource fails to be renewed before expiration, SecMaster enters the grace period first. If the resource still fails to be renewed after the grace period expires, the resource is frozen.

- If it still failed to be renewed when the grace period expires, the instance enters the retention period. If you do not renew it within the retention period, the resource will be deleted automatically.

Auto-renewal can be enabled before your SecMaster instance expires. The system will automatically renew the instance at 3:00 a.m. on the seventh day before it expires. If the auto-renewal fails, the system will try again at 3:00 a.m. every day until your SecMaster resource expires or the renewal is successful. Renewing resources 7 days before expiration is a default value. You can change it if needed.

6.2 Manually Renewing SecMaster

For yearly/monthly SecMaster, you can renew it on the SecMaster console at any time as long as it has not deleted automatically.

Renewing a Subscription on the Console

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 Click ☰ in the upper left corner of the page and choose **Security & Compliance** > **SecMaster**.

Step 3 In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Purchased Resources**. Locate the target region in the displayed list on the page, click **Renew**. The **Renewals** page of the **Billing Center** is displayed.

Step 4 Locate the row containing the desired SecMaster instance and click **Renew**.

Step 5 On the renewal page, select the renewal duration, for example, 1 year.

Step 6 (Optional) Set **Renewal Date**. By default, the renewal time is set to 23:59:59 GMT +08:00 on the first day of each month.

Step 7 Click **Pay**.

----End

Renewing a Subscription in the Billing Center

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 In the upper right corner of the page, choose **Billing & Costs** > **Renewal**. The **Renewals** page is displayed.

Step 3 On the **Manual Renewals** tab page, locate the SecMaster instance you want to renew, click **Renew** in the **Operation** column.

Step 4 On the renewal page, select the renewal duration, for example, 1 year.

Step 5 (Optional) Set **Renewal Date**. By default, the renewal time is set to 23:59:59 GMT +08:00 on the first day of each month.

Step 6 Click **Pay**.

----End

6.3 Auto-renewing SecMaster

Auto-renewal makes renewal easier and prevents SecMaster instances from being automatically deleted if you forget to manually renew them. The auto-renewal rules are as follows:

- The first auto-renewal date and billing cycle are calculated based on the expiration date of your SecMaster instance.

- The SecMaster auto-renewal duration is of your choice For example, if you set the subscription duration to three months, SecMaster will be automatically renewed for another three months before expiration.

- Auto-renewal can be enabled before your SecMaster instance expires. The system will automatically renew the instance at 3:00 a.m. on the seventh day before it expires. If the auto-renewal fails, the system will try again at 3:00 a.m. every day until your SecMaster resource expires or the renewal is successful.

- You can still perform a manual renewal even when auto-renewal is enabled. After a manual renewal is complete, auto-renewal is still in effect, and the system will start deducting renewal fees from your account 7 days before the new subscription expires.

- By default, the system automatically deducts fees from your account 7 days before your instance expires. You can change the renewal date to another day if needed, for example, 6 days or 5 days before the instance expires.

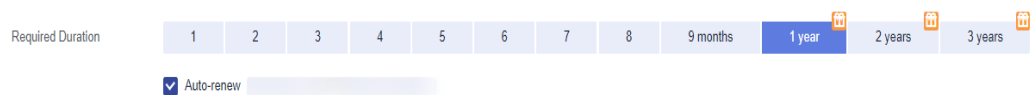**Prerequisites**

Ensure that the yearly/monthly SecMaster has not expired.

Enabling Auto-Renewal on the SecMaster Purchase Page

You can enable auto-renewal when buying SecMaster, as shown in **Figure 6-2**. .

Figure 6-2 Enabling auto-renewal

Enabling Auto-Renewal on the Renewals Page

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 In the upper right corner of the page, choose **Billing & Costs** > **Renewal**. The **Renewals** page is displayed.

Step 3 Customize search criteria.

- On the **Auto Renewals** page, you can view the resources for which auto-renewal has been enabled.

- You can enable auto-renewal for resources on the **Manual Renewals**, **Pay-per-Use After Expiration**, and **Renewals Canceled** pages.

Step 4 Locate the target SecMaster instance and click **Enable Auto-Renew** in the **Operation** column.

Step 5 Select the renewal duration and the number of auto-renewal times.

Step 6 Click **OK**.

----End

7 Bills

You can view bills in the **Billing Center** to learn about the usage and billing details of the resource in a certain period.

Bill Generation

After you pay for a yearly/monthly resource, a bill is reported to the billing system in real time for settlement.

Viewing Bills of a Specific Resource

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 In the upper right corner of the page, choose **Billing & Costs** > **Bills**.

Step 3 In the navigation tree on the left, choose **Billing** > **Expenditure Details**.

Step 4 In the **Settings** area, click ⚙, select **Service Type**, then select **SecMaster(SecMaster)** in the **Service Type** column. The system displays the bills of the service.

By default, expenditure details are displayed by usage and the statistical period is a billing cycle. You can also set other statistical dimensions and periods.

----End

8 Arrears

Your account goes into arrears when the balance cannot cover the bill you need to pay. If your account is in arrears, the service cannot work. You need to top up your account in a timely manner.

About Arrears

- Yearly/Monthly billing

  Yearly/monthly SecMaster resources are paid when you make the purchase. You can still use the existing yearly/monthly SecMaster resources even if your account goes into arrears. However, you cannot perform other operations that may incur fees, such as purchasing new edition SecMaster, upgrading SecMaster specifications, or renewing subscriptions.

Avoiding and Handling Arrears

You need to top up your account once it is in arrears.

If you no longer need SecMaster, unsubscribe from it to avoid unexpected fees.

Configure the **Balance Alert** function on the **Billing Center** > **Overview** page. When the total amount of the available quota, general cash coupons, and cash coupons is lower than the threshold, the system automatically notifies you by SMS or email.

If your account is in arrears, top up your account in time.

9 Billing Termination

To prevent resource waste and unnecessary fees, you can stop billing for unused resources.

- In yearly/monthly billing, if you are using the standard and professional editions, asset quotas and value-added packages (large screen, intelligent analysis, and security orchestration) need to be unsubscribed or canceled separately.

  After all asset quotas (professional edition or standard edition) are unsubscribed from and the current edition is the basic edition, you can unsubscribe from the value-added package features.

  The value-added package functions depend on the service edition. If you unsubscribe from or cancel the professional or standard edition but do not unsubscribe from or cancel the value-added package, the corresponding functions cannot work. So you need also cancel the value-added package features.

Yearly/Monthly Resources

For yearly/monthly-billed resources, such as a yearly/monthly SecMaster, you pay the bills when you purchase them. Billing automatically stops when the subscription expires.

- You can unsubscribe from a yearly/monthly resource before the subscription expires. Fees for unused resource will be refunded to you based on refund conditions, including the five-day unconditional unsubscription conditions and whether cash coupons or discount coupons are used.

- If you have enabled the auto-renewal function, disable it before the auto-renewal deduction date (seven days before the expiration date by default) to avoid unexpected fees.

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 Click ▤ in the upper left corner of the page and choose **Security & Compliance** > **SecMaster**.

Step 3 On the displayed page, click **Standard** or **Professional** in the upper right corner. A window for you to manage SecMaster assets will be displayed.

Step 4 In the row of the ECS Quota or value-added package billed on a yearly/monthly basis, click **Unsubscribe**.

Step 5 Locate the row that contains the target instance, and click **Unsubscribe** in the **Operation** column.

Step 6 Confirm the information about the resource to be unsubscribed, select the unsubscription reason, and select **I understand a handling fee will be charged for this unsubscription.**

Step 7 Click **Confirm**.

Go to the edition management window and verify that the subscription to the ECS quota that is billed yearly/monthly is canceled.

----End

10 Cost Management

As more and more enterprises move workloads to the cloud, cloud costs are drawing more attention. How to manage costs and reduce service loads when using SecMaster is also our concerns. The following describes how to manage costs from four dimensions: cost composition, allocation, analysis, and optimization, to help maximize return on your investment.

Cost Composition

When using SecMaster, you will use some resources, which depend on billing items of SecMaster you are using. For details, see **Billing Items**.

Cost Allocation

A good cost accountability system is the basis of cloud financial management. It ensures that departments, business teams, and owners are accountable for their respective cloud costs. Allocate costs to different teams or projects so that organizations have a clear picture of their respective costs.

We provide multiple tools for you to optimize cost allocation in Cost Center.

- **Allocate costs by linked account.**

  The enterprise master account can categorize the costs of its member accounts by linked account to manage the accounting of those member accounts. For details, see **Viewing Costs by Linked Account**.

- **Allocate costs by cost category.**

  You can use **Cost Categories** in Cost Center to split shared costs. Shared costs include the costs for the resources (compute, network, storage, or resource packages) shared across multiple departments or the costs that cannot be directly split by cost tag or enterprise project configured for the resources. These costs are not directly attributable to a singular owner, and hence cannot be categorized into a singular cost category. In this case, you can define cost splitting rules to fairly allocate these costs among teams or business units. For details, see **Viewing Cost By Cost Category**.

Cost Analysis

To accurately control and optimize your costs, you need a clear understanding of what parts of your enterprise incurred different costs. Cost Center visualizes

original costs and amortized costs in various dimensions and through filters so that you can analyze service usage costs, trends, and factors from a variety of perspectives and scopes.

You can also use **Cost Anomaly Detection** in Cost Center to detect unexpected expenses in a timely manner. In this way, costs can be monitored, analyzed, and traced.

For details, see **Introduction** and **Enabling Cost Anomaly Detection to Identify Anomalies**.

Cost Optimization

- **Cost control**

  You can create different types of budgets on the **Budgets** page of Cost Center to track your costs against the budgeted amount you specified and send alerts to the recipients you configured if the thresholds you defined are reached. You can also create budget reports and we will periodically generate and send to the recipients you configured on a schedule you set.

- **Resource optimization**

  can help monitor the historical expenditures and resource usage of SecMaster, identify idle resources, and provide optimization suggestions so that you can reduce costs as much as possible.

- **Billing mode selection**

  Different types of services have different requirements on resource usage periods and therefore require different billing modes to achieve the optimal outcome.

  – For mature services that are stable for a long time, use the yearly/ monthly billing mode.

11 Billing FAQs

11.1 How Is SecMaster Billed?

SecMaster provides the yearly/monthly billing mode. The longer the subscription duration, the lower the price. The yearly/monthly billing is paid based on the subscription period.

11.2 Can I Use SecMaster for Free?

Yes.

SecMaster provides basic, standard, and professional editions.

- You can use the basic edition for free for a long time.
- The standard and professional editions are billed for what you use. The **Value-added package** is billed separately.

For details about the function differences between the basic, standard, and professional editions, see .

11.3 How Do I Change or Disable Auto Renewal for SecMaster?

This topic walks you through on how to cancel or modify auto-renewal after you have configured it for SecMaster.

Canceling Automatic Renewal of SecMaster

You can disable auto-renewal for SecMaster anytime you want. Note that you need to manually renew SecMaster before it expires when auto-renewal is disabled.

Modifying the Automatic Renewal of SecMaster

After auto-renewal is enabled for SecMaster, you can modify the auto-renewal settings, change the auto-renewal period, and reset the number of auto-renewals.

11.4 Will SecMaster Be Billed After It Expires?

After SecMaster expires, you will not be charged anymore.

If you do not renew your subscription after it expires, a retention period is provided based on the customer level and subscription mode. During the retention period, you cannot access or use SecMaster resources, but the data stored in SecMaster resources is retained. If it still fails to be renewed within the retention period, the standard or professional edition you are using will become the basic edition.

11.5 How Do I Renew SecMaster When It Is About to Expire?

Renewal only extends the validity period of the original edition you have bought. During the renewal, the specifications of **ECS Quota** and **Value-added package** cannot be changed.

Only yearly/monthly subscriptions can be renewed.

Manual Renewal

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 Click ≡ in the upper left corner of the page and choose **Security & Compliance** > **SecMaster**.

Step 3 In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Purchased Resources**. Locate the target region in the displayed list on the page, click **Renew**. The **Renewals** page of the Billing Center is displayed.

Step 4 Locate the row containing the desired SecMaster instance and click **Renew**.

Step 5 Specify **Renewal Duration**, for example, **1 year**.

Step 6 (Optional) Set **Renewal Date**. By default, the renewal time is set to 23:59:59 GMT +08:00 on the first day of each month.

Step 7 Click **Pay** and complete the payment.

Step 8 Return to the **Renewals** page and check the SecMaster subscription status.

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Enabling Auto-Renewal

Auto-renewal applies to the services billed on a yearly/monthly basis. When your account balance is abundant and auto-renewal is enabled, the ECS quota, value-added package, and security orchestration features will be automatically renewed.

For more details about auto-renewal, see **Auto-Renewal Rules**.

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 Choose **Billing Center** > **Renewal**.

Step 3 In the **Manual Renewals** tab, select the SecMaster professional edition instance and click **Enable Auto-Renew**.

Step 4 Specify the auto-renewal period and set the number of preset auto-renewals.

Step 5 Click **OK**.

Step 6 Return to the **Auto Renewals** tab and verify the auto-renewal status of your SecMaster.

Your SecMaster subscriptions will be automatically renewed based on your configurations.

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11.6 Can I Unsubscribe from SecMaster?

If you no longer need SecMaster, unsubscribe from it or cancel it in just a few clicks.

- Yearly/Monthly billing mode: a prepaid mode. You can unsubscribe from a purchased cloud service and apply for a full refund unconditionally within five days of the purchase. Each account can request five-day unconditional full refund for 10 times in a year. Handling fees are required if you unsubscribe from a service over five days after it is purchased.

For more details about pricing and orders, go to the **Billing Center**.

Limitations and Constraints

- In the standard and professional editions charged **Yearly/Monthly**, the asset quota and value-added packages need to be unsubscribed or canceled separately.

  After all asset quotas (professional edition or standard edition) are unsubscribed from and the current edition is the basic edition, you can unsubscribe from value-added packages.

- The value-added packages cannot be used independently.

  If you have subscribed to the value-added packages on your standard or professional edition, after you unsubscribe from the standard or professional edition, no data will be available for the value-added packages. So you need also cancel the value-added packages.

Unsubscribing from a Plus Features

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose **Security & Compliance** > **SecMaster**.

Step 3 Click **Standard** or **Professional** in the upper right corner. A window for you to manage SecMaster assets will be displayed.

Step 4 Unsubscribe a Plus Feature

- For yearly/monthly billed value-added packages:

    a. Click **Unsubscribe**. The **Unsubscriptions** page is displayed.

    b. Locate the row that contains the target instance, and click **Unsubscribe** in the **Operation** column.

    c. Confirm the information about the resource to be unsubscribed, select the unsubscription reason, and select **I understand a handling fee will be charged for this unsubscription.**

    d. Click **Confirm**.

        After the unsubscription is successful, go to the version management page and verify that the yearly/monthly asset quota is canceled.

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A Change History

Release Date	Description
2023-12-30	This issue is the first official release.