



Extended Security Updates after end of support for Windows Server and SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2

Secure now; upgrade and transform when ready

Extended support for Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 ends January 14, 2020. End of support means the end of security updates, which can cause security and compliance issues and put applications and business at risk. We recommend upgrading to current versions for the most advanced security, performance, and innovation.

If you have customer workloads that won't allow you to transition to Windows Server 2016 before the Windows Server 2008/2008R2 end of support date, it is important that you understand your options.

July 2018

Start planning now!

July 9, 2019

SQL Server 2008 and
2008 R2 end of support

January 14, 2020

Windows Server 2008 and
2008 R2 end of support

OPTION 1

Secure on premises with Extended Security Updates (ESU)

If you have customers running Windows Server 2008/2008R2 under licenses with active Software Assurance under an Enterprise Agreement (EA), Enterprise Subscription Agreement (EAS), or a Server & Cloud Enrollment (SCE), they can purchase Extended Security Updates annually for three years after the end of support date. **Extended Security Updates include provision of Security Updates and Bulletins rated “critical” and “important,” for a maximum of three years after January 14, 2020.**

What does this mean to you as the Hosters?

From a hoster’s perspective, the product End of Life and Extended Security Updates are an SA benefit **outside of Service Provider License Agreement (SPLA)**. Your customers can purchase ESU for Windows Server running on dedicated hardware or dedicated virtual operating system environments (OSEs), which you can license on SPLA if you are an authorized Licensed Mobility Partner (requires an addendum to your SPLA agreement).

OPTION 2

Migrate workloads to Azure

If you cannot upgrade to Windows Server 2016 before the deadline, you can help customers rehost their workloads on Azure. Customers who move Windows Server 2008 and 2008R2 workloads to Azure Virtual Machines (IaaS) “as-is” will have access to Extended Security Updates for Windows Server 2008 and 2008R2 for three years after the end of support dates at no additional charge. Customers can use their existing Windows Server 2008/2008r2 licenses to save on Azure Virtual Machines and Azure SQL Database Managed Instance with the Azure Hybrid Benefit.

For ultimate flexibility and profitability, you can offer Azure to your customers as a CSP Indirect Reseller. [Enroll in the Microsoft Cloud Solution Provider \(CSP\) program](#) through DXC to get the resources and guidance you need to provide migration support for your customers.

Get started

Start planning using this collection of online resources: www.microsoft.com/2008-eos

Contact DXC today to get started