



Windows and SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 End of Support

Migrate your SQL and Windows virtual machines and get three more years of security updates after EOS at no additional cost in Azure with Metaphor IT, and upgrade when you are ready.

Challenge

Microsoft has announced End of Support for Windows Server 2008 and 2008 R2 will end on 14 January 2020, and Support for SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 will end even sooner, on July 9, 2019.

How does this Impact your business?

- End of regular security Updates leaving your estate open to Cyber Attacks
- Extended Support Cost – Active Software Assurance or subscription licenses can purchase Extended Security Updates annually for 75 percent of the full license cost of the latest version of SQL Server or Windows Server.
- Compliance implications around standards and GDPR
- Less opportunity to innovate

Metaphor Transform and Optimise

Contact Metaphor IT who will provide you with options and services to mitigate challenges with reduced downtime and risk.

- Utilising our experienced and streamlined migration services, migrating your SQL and Server workloads to Azure, you can take advantage of 'Free Extended Security updates 3 years past the EOS Deadline' - Save up to 85% utilising combined Windows Server and SQL server licenses you currently own by leveraging Azure Hybrid Benefits.
- Migrate your SQL workloads into version free Azure Database instances or Virtual Machines utilising Metaphor IT migration framework and experience. Little to no code changes are required.
- Metaphor IT will provide you with the expertise around prerequisites, licensing, and post migration optimisation services to ensure a smooth transition.

Don't have Azure yet?

Utilise our '**Metaphor Azure Engage**' service to establish a presence in Azure with minimal effort.

Alternatively, Metaphor IT can assist to provide upgrade services for your on premise SQL and Server environments to take advantage of greater security and performance. Upgrade to Windows Server 2016+ and SQL Server 2017 .

Windows 7, Office 2010 and Exchange Server 2010 are also ending their extended support soon - contact Metaphor IT for low risk options.

Contact Metaphor for a free Readiness Assessment.