Windows Server 12 End of Life FAQs

Business systems running on the Microsoft Windows Server 2012 Operating System will no longer be supported after October 10, 2023. Businesses running Windows Server ‘12 after that date will expose themselves, and others, to significant risk. Using an unsupported version of any software can lead to security vulnerabilities, reputational damage, and compliance risks. Here’s what you need to know about upgrading.

1. **Why should I upgrade from Windows Server 2012?**
   Upgrading from Windows Server 2012 to a newer version is crucial to avoiding dangerous and costly security breaches. Additionally, running on a new operating system will help your team to maintain a high-performing and feature-rich server environment, enabling your organization to optimize operations, enhance productivity, and adapt to evolving business needs effectively.

2. **What are the benefits of upgrading to a newer version of Windows Server?**
   Upgrading from Windows Server 2012 to a more recent version can help you to stay competitive in a rapidly changing technology landscape through heightened security, improved performance, access to a broader range of features, continued support, and more compatibility with the latest technologies. An upgrade not only helps you to optimize your server infrastructure, but it also mitigates risks caused by the ever-growing concern of cyber attacks.

3. **Is it necessary to upgrade both the operating system and hardware simultaneously?**
   Upgrading from Windows Server 2012 typically involves upgrading the operating system, but it does not necessarily require upgrading the hardware simultaneously. That being said, hardware upgrades should be considered based on a number of other factors, including compatibility, performance, and long-term infrastructure goals. It’s important to assess both the compatibility of your existing hardware with the new operating system and the overall condition and performance of your server infrastructure. Our team is equipped to assess your unique scenario and build a plan that will help support your overall business objectives.

4. How far in advance do I need to order if I want to upgrade in time?

There are many variables that need to be considered to know for sure how far in advance the order needs to be placed. These variables include: the way your server solution is deployed, the scope of the project, and our availability to schedule the installation. It's best to start the processes early so you can ensure enough time prior to the Windows Server end of life on October 10, 2023.

5. What are my options for upgrading?

We'll need to better understand your current environment and your long-term business goals to create a plan right for your organization. However, most upgrades will look like one of the following:

- Replacing the server hardware with new hardware
- Going completely to the cloud
- A hybrid model with equipment on location and some in the cloud

6. What happens if I don't upgrade my server in time?

If you do not upgrade the server in time, your device should continue to work. However, the operating system will be unsupported, meaning it will no longer get security updates leaving your organization open to security vulnerabilities that cyber criminals could exploit.

7. I didn't account for this upgrade in my IT budget this year. How do I pay for this?

Our customers have found value in acquiring the new technology needed via financing. Financing avoids a large cash expenditure and provides a monthly payment plan. Financing also positions customers to upgrade with ease to the latest tech without needing to make large adjustments to their monthly technology budgets.

Let's Build Your Upgrade Plan

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