



Secure now; upgrade and transform when ready

Extended Security Updates after end of support for Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2 and SQL Server 2012

End of support for SQL Server 2012 is July 12, 2022
End of support for Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2 is October 10, 2023

Start planning now	July 12, 2022 SQL Server 2012 end of support	October 10, 2023 Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2 end of support
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If you're running Windows Server 2012 or 2012 R2 or SQL Server 2012, these versions are reaching the end of their support lifecycle. Microsoft backs each server version with a minimum of 10 years of support (five years for Mainstream Support and five years for Extended Support) that include regular security updates.

We recommend upgrading to current versions for the most advanced security, performance, and innovation. For customers that can't get it all upgraded by the deadline, we have options to help protect applications and data during the upgrade transition.

OPTION 1

Move to Azure; run securely

Migrate workloads to Windows Server and SQL Server Azure Virtual Machines.

- Get three years of free Extended Security Updates for Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2 and SQL Server 2012—only in Azure.
- Save with the Azure Hybrid Benefit.

Modernize to PaaS with Azure services such as App Service and Azure SQL Managed Instance and never have to patch or upgrade again.

OPTION 2

Secure on-premises, plan for hybrid

Upgrade to latest release for security, performance, and innovation:

- Windows Server 2019
- SQL Server 2019

Can't meet the deadline? Protect server workloads

Eligible customers with Software Assurance under an Enterprise Agreement can purchase Extended Security Updates for Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2 and SQL Server 2012 running on-premises.

Can't meet upcoming deadlines for Windows Server and SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 extended security updates?

Windows Server and SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 extended security updates are coming to an end on January 10, 2023 and July 9, 2022, respectively.

Gain more time to complete your upgrade or cloud transformation process. Get one additional year free extended security updates for 2008 workloads—only in Azure.

Get started

Find answers to your questions in the [Customer FAQ](#).