

# Microsoft Windows 7 has reached its End of Life

Your critical operations are at risk of costly downtime or outage



Beginning January 14, 2020, Microsoft will no longer support Windows 7 Server 2008 and Server 2008 R2. As a result, many products and services will be impacted. To keep your systems secure, you must invest in a plan to upgrade your systems.

## Know what “End of Life” means

“End of Life” means Microsoft will discontinue all support and will no longer provide software or security updates for Windows 7 Server 2008 and Server 2008 R2. The Windows 7 “End of Life” is similar to that of previous Microsoft operating systems. The lifecycle begins when a product is released and ends when it’s no longer supported. Knowing key dates in this lifecycle helps you make informed decisions about when to update, upgrade or make other changes to your software.

## Understand how it impacts you

If you choose to continue using Windows 7 Server 2008 and Server 2008 R2 even after support is discontinued, the operating system will still work. However, running unsupported operating systems will make systems vulnerable to cyber threats. Microsoft will no longer provide technical support, software updates and security updates needed to keep your systems secure. Purchasing and supporting replacement Windows 7 Workstations and 2008 Server hardware will become challenging.

Version	End of support	Comments
Windows XP	4/8/2014	Microsoft addressed Wannacry & BlueKeep However, at risk due to 3 other vulnerabilities, no fixes
Windows Server 2003	7/14/2015	Microsoft addressed Wannacry & BlueKeep However, at risk due to 2 other vulnerabilities, no fixes
Windows 7	1/14/2020	Microsoft announced: Security and non-security updates are no longer provided after end of life dates
Windows Server 2008	1/14/2020	Microsoft announced: Security and non-security updates are no longer provided after end of life dates
Windows 10 LTSC 2016 Enterprise	10/14/2026	
Server 2016	10/14/2026	