

Why you should replace your Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2 license now (and one very good suggestion what you should do instead)

1. In 2023 it will not be supported anymore

October 10th, 2023 is the given date on which Microsoft will end any support for its famous operating system. The very impactful and gladly taken platform for years has been Windows Server 2012, which was a perfect solution back in September 2012 when it was introduced to the market. Now support ends. You should start planning your Windows Server 2012 afterlife.

2. You won't get any security updates!

In times of cyber-crimes, any unsupported operating system will easily become an open door for anyone who wants to harm your company. Any "end-of-service" system potentially leaves you vulnerable to security threats and non-compliance issues.

3. Newer applications won't support it anymore!

Sooner or later you want to update parts of your system, may it be a simple web shop or a fully-fledged ERP system that required a newer basis. New software also means higher performance requirements.

4. Windows Server 2012 will not be certified for newer hardware!

The possibility of setting up a new server is given with Windows Server 2012 in very few cases. The reason: The solution is usually not supported by newer systems.

5. Your effort to adapt your infrastructure will increase!

This gives you more work for a system that runs worse. Don't waste expensive working time keeping an old system running laboriously. It's better to lay the foundation for a sustainable IT.



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Of course you want to be prepared for future technologies and innovation in IT infrastructure provisioning. The security issues are the one thing. Performance requirements of new application designs will, at a given time, ask for a later platform – which then in turn will unfortunately not be qualified to be used with an outdated operating system.



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