

# Microsoft Windows Server 2003 migration services

## WHY DATALINK

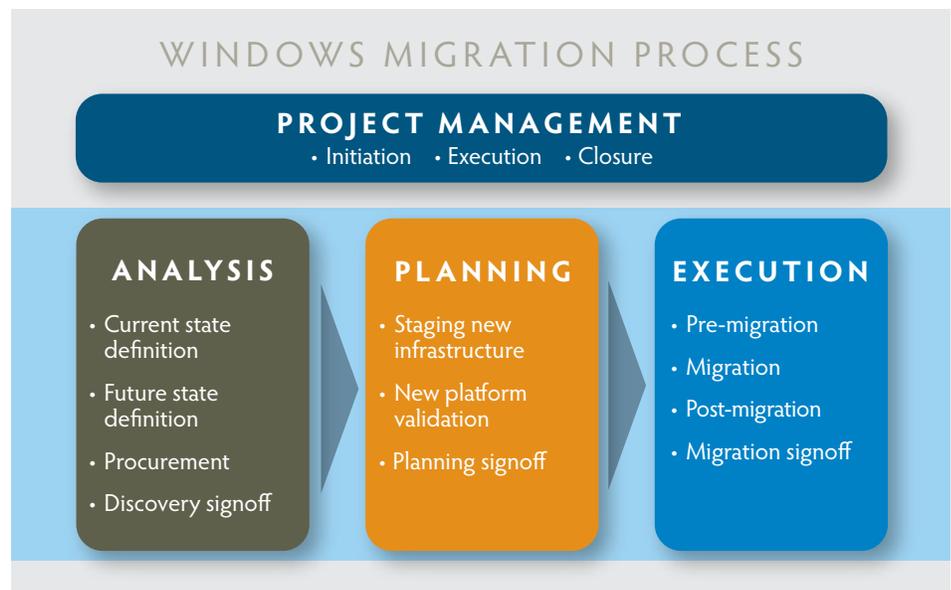
- Trusted leader in data center solutions and services
- Tested, documented Windows Server 2003 migration methodology
- Proven record of success with Fortune 500 and mid-tier companies in a variety of industries
- End-to-end capabilities from a single source with more than 25 years of success
- Comprehensive post-project knowledge transfer to your IT staff
- National footprint and rapid engagement from more than 50 Microsoft-certified solutions experts and solutions associates

## Seamlessly transition to your new Windows environment

With Microsoft® Windows® Server 2003 reaching end-of-life on July 14, 2015, smart companies are taking action now by contacting Datalink. We have extensive experience managing this migration for busy, resource-strapped organizations, allowing their IT teams to remain focused on core business projects.

## Move your IT ahead

Datalink can help you quickly and confidently solve your Windows Server 2003 migration challenge. Our turnkey process and proven methodology cover every aspect of the upgrade, keeping you in the loop and letting you tend to other pressing issues. And when it's complete, we'll provide you with a thorough debrief from our consultants and detailed documentation.



Migrating from Windows Server 2003 isn't a luxury; it's a necessity. We can help you finish your Windows Server 2003 migration now so you can immediately:

- Protect your organization from significant security issues
- Reduce risk and ensure regulatory compliance
- Capitalize on technology advances that deliver measurable business value
- Consolidate servers and reduce power consumption, cabling costs, and rack space

## Case study: major U.S. financial services company

### Challenge

The bank faced a financial impact of \$500,000 per quarter if 3,400 servers supporting 780 software applications were not migrated off Windows 2003 Server by July 14, 2015. Hampering the effort was the fact that the client had limited IT resources, many of which were devoted to rewriting applications that were Windows 2003 dependent. Additionally, the client needed to move all servers to a new data center.

### Result

Relying on our documented, proven methodology, we completed the migration and server buildouts in multiple data centers on time and within budget. In the process, server downtime was kept at a minimum, and strain on the client's IT resources was virtually eliminated.

### Solution

We crafted a customized plan for integrating with the client's team to accelerate the server migration and hardware relocation processes. This collaborative approach to program management, data center transformation, and architecture services capitalized on existing momentum to produce the most efficient, cost-effective, and successful outcome.

## OTHER MIGRATION SUCCESS STORIES

For a **nationwide metals recycler**, we developed a data center colocation strategy, evaluated multiple providers, and managed the buildout of the customer's new space. We then migrated 300 servers within a tight six-hour downtime window.

A **software hosting company** needed a plan for moving from an in-house data center to a colocation provider as part of the migration process for 75 servers. We defined and successfully executed the strategy despite the client's scarce technical resources, a short downtime window, and HIPAA compliance hurdles.

When an **international hotel franchisor** needed guidance on a wide range of issues around its migration, we developed financial plans, defined system requirements, created floor and rack designs, and performed the upgrade on 350 servers with effectively zero downtime for critical systems.

We helped a **large law firm** with 400 servers and operations in seven states with its migration. As part of the process, we developed a future-state design, managed all resources, and coordinated the activities of third parties. Even with limited internal resource availability and technical knowledge, a small downtime window, and tight migration deadlines, the project was a tremendous success.

For a **leading financial services firm**, we moved production systems to a colocation facility and repurposed the company's existing data center for development and disaster recovery as part of its migration. Our team dealt with a large number of undocumented applications and many out-of-date legacy systems.

## Making IT happen

Datalink helps Fortune 500 and mid-tier enterprises transform their data centers to meet tomorrow's IT challenges today. From recommending ways to bridge the gap between IT and user expectations, to implementing advanced technologies like ITaaS and cloud, to providing robust managed services and technical support, we make IT relevant – standardizing, optimizing, and managing how business gets done.



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