



Solution Brief

# SQL Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 End of Support Assessment

Take action before time runs out

With end of support (EOS) for Windows Server® 2008 and SQL Server® 2008 looming, it's becoming imperative to develop a plan that weighs migration options and addresses potential roadblocks.

Key SQL Server and Windows Server dates:

- **July 9, 2019** — SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 extended support ends.
- **January 14, 2020** — Windows Server 2008 and 2008 extended support ends.

## What you need to know

SQL Server and Windows Server 2008 EOS means Microsoft will no longer make product improvements, accept warranty claims, or provide security or non-security patches. These services fall under mainstream support. Microsoft will only continue to offer bug fixes and security updates through extended support.

Outdated and unsupported platforms expose your organization to increased risk of cyberattacks and can cause issues with maintaining compliance. This is of particular concern for companies within the legal, medical and financial industries, or any other which is required to comply with regulatory standards of data privacy such as General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

## Assessment overview

Prepare for Windows Server and SQL Server 2008 end of support with a customized, two- to five-week assessment. We begin with a thorough discovery process that combines qualitative investigation of your business and its needs with our proprietary SnapStart data collection tool, which provides fast and accurate insights into your environment. We then offer roadmap development and execution support to accelerate cloud migration and optimization.

## Key benefits:

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|  Reduce costs and risks                                    |  Develop a customized migration plan |
|  Get advanced insights into your environment               |  Make progress on your path to cloud |
|  Better define business and IT requirements and objectives |  Gain a strategic partner            |

## Why Insight for Microsoft?



Microsoft® Azure® Circle Partner | Largest global Azure partner and Microsoft reseller



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U.S. Partner Award for Applications and Infrastructure overall and DevOps

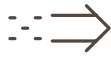
U.S. Partner Award for Data and AI — Internet of Things (IoT)

U.S. Commercial Top Office 365 ProPlus Activation Partner

Worldwide Modern Desktop Partner of the Year

## Assessment options

Select from one of two assessment types.



### Windows Server and/or SQL Server 2008 End of Life Strategy — Essential level

- 2-week assessment
- Data collection and review of up to:
  - 60 Windows 2008 Servers
  - 20 SQL database instances
- Up to 5 interviews
- Ideal for smaller companies or those with less complex environments



### Windows Server and/or SQL Server 2008 End of Life Strategy — Enterprise level

- 5-week assessment
- Data collection and review of up to:
  - 200 Windows 2008 Servers
  - 100 SQL database instances
- Up to 15 interviews
- Ideal for larger companies or those with more complex environments

## Key activities

Our two-phased approach takes you from discovery and assessment to upgrade.

### Windows Server and/or SQL Server 2008 Upgrade — Service Delivery

#### Phase 1 — Assessment:

- Business and application requirements identification
- Windows OS infrastructure baseline and/or SQL baseline (MAPI and DMA tools export)
- Windows/SQL upgrade assessment, roadmap, and recommendations
- Financial estimate and phase 2 statement of work (SOW)
- Bill of materials estimate (new hardware and software recommendations)

#### Phase 2 — Execution:

- Test findings and analysis
- Recommendations and go-live plan
- Upgrades of Windows/SQL systems
- Executive status report

## Having the right infrastructure

Leaving behind Windows Server and SQL Server 2008 opens your business up to new opportunities for infrastructure optimization. Cloud + Data Center Transformation brings solid data center leadership as well as cloud transformation expertise. We can help express business needs in terms of architecture, evaluate cloud and hybrid models, assess and refine data strategy, and execute the vision. With the right infrastructure in place, you can also leverage Insight's Digital Innovation teams to build new capabilities and drive competitive advantage using advanced methods like AI and deep learning.

### Get support with:

- Infrastructure assessments and cloud migrations
- Workload optimizations in Microsoft Azure or AWS® environments
- Financial modeling and cloud economics
- Ensuring compliance and comprehensive security
- Making architectural decisions that facilitate innovation

## Meaningful solutions driving business outcomes

We help our clients modernize and secure critical platforms to transform IT. We believe data is a key driver, hybrid models are accelerators, and secure networks are well integrated. Our end-to-end services empower companies to effectively leverage technology solutions to overcome challenges, support growth and innovation, reduce risk, and transform the business.

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