Windows Server 2008 & SQL Server 2008 EOS

End of support is coming for two key Microsoft products, but businesses have plenty of options for modernization. For example, you can upgrade to the latest versions of Windows Server and Microsoft SQL Server or migrate to Microsoft Azure to reduce costs and security risks. Here's a closer look at some possible paths to migration.

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Migrate to Azure

	SCENARIO	ASSESS	MIGRATE WITH	DESTINATION
1	**Move your app/VM "as is" with FREE 3-year extended support** Windows Server / SQL in Azure IaaS, no code changes required	**Decide on cloud-only vs. hybrid strategy** Use Azure Migrate / Azure Site Recovery Deployment Planner	**Azure Site Recovery**	**Azure VMs**
2	**Move your SQL DBs to Azure SQL Database Managed Instance** No code changes, no version updates, security & high availability is managed	**Determine which data to move to Managed service** Use Data Migration Assistant	**Azure Database Migration Service**	**Azure SQL Database Managed Instance**
3	**Upgrade to newer versions of Windows Server and SQL Server, and migrate VMs to Azure** Take advantage of cloud innovations	**Determine changes to apps, choose features from newer versions** Use Azure Migrate / Data Migration Assistant / MAP Toolkit	**Azure App Service for code changes (if needed), Azure Site Recovery**	**Windows Server 2019 / SQL Server 2017 or 2019 & Azure VMs**

Stay On-Premises

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4	**Upgrade to Windows Server 2019 & SQL Server 2017 or 2019**	**Evaluate workloads for migration to newer versions of on-premises servers** Use MAP Toolkit / Data Migration Assistant	**Data Migration Assistant**	**Windows Server 2019 / SQL Server 2017 or 2019**

Do nothing

Doing nothing exposes you to growing risks of security breaches, failed compliance, and lost opportunity. More specifically, these risks jeopardize:

Security Data breach, lost revenue & trust	**Compliance** Failed audits & compliance checks	**Innovation** Falling behind your peers & competitors