

Modernize with 8KMiles

Upgrade to Windows Server 2012 R2 & Microsoft Azure

Windows Server 2003 support is ending
July 14, 2015

What does end of support mean for you?

After July 14, Microsoft will no longer issue security updates for any version of Windows Server 2003. If you are still running Windows Server 2003 in your datacenter, you need to take steps now to plan and execute a migration strategy to protect your infrastructure.

- **Maintenance Costs** – running legacy servers is expensive. Intrusion detection systems, advanced firewalls and network segmentation are required to protect a now vulnerable Windows Server 2003 platform.
- **No Updates** – there will be no more updates to fix bugs, performance issues and security vulnerabilities. To put this into perspective, 2013 saw the release of 37 critical updates for Windows Server 2003/R2. Past the end of life date, these critical issues will remain unfixed leaving you open to cybersecurity dangers such as malicious attacks or electronic data loss.
- **No Compliance** – once support ends, your organization will almost certainly fail to meet industry wide compliance standards. Regulations such as HIPAA, PCI, SOX & Dodd-Frank all require regulated industries to run on supported platforms.
- **Software and Hardware Compatibility Issues** – new software and hardware devices will not be built to integrate with Windows Server 2003.
- **No Safe Haven** – without continued support from Microsoft, virtualized and physical instances of Windows Server 2003/R2 and Microsoft Small Business Server (SBS) 2003 will not pass a compliance audit.

By migrating to Windows Server 2012 R2 or Microsoft Azure or a Hybrid solution involving both Windows Server 2012 R2 and Microsoft Azure, you can achieve:

- concrete benefits, including improved performance
- reduced maintenance requirements, and
- increased agility and speed of response to the business.

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- 100+ Solutions Architects / DevOps Engineers with deep expertise on multiple stacks
- Diverse expertise across both Microsoft & Open Source technologies
- Premium Partner of CA Technologies, New Relic & Splunk
- Microsoft Azure Circle Partner with deep expertise on Enterprise workloads in various verticals including Healthcare, Pharma, Life Sciences, Banking & Financial Services, Insurance, Retail etc.

Microsoft

- Azure is a global, enterprise-grade cloud platform offering compute, storage, data, networking and app services
- Provides financially-backed SLA-driven services for enabling innovation, business productivity and devices integration

“8KMiles was very quick to understand our challenges; presented solutions and test data to back it up” –
Brad Kuhns, Vice President,
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8KMiles Expertise and Migration Strategy

8KMiles utilizes a four-step migration process, which involves discovering, assessing and targeting workloads and software before selecting the right migration plan. We help you choose the right Cloud strategy, and work collaboratively with your Business Units & Technical Teams in-house to deliver the most cost-effective, compliant and technically robust IT solution available for all your organizational infrastructure & application needs.

You can choose from:

- Windows Server 2012 R2
- System Center 2012 R2 (Private Cloud)
- Microsoft Azure (Public Cloud)

And a combination of the above to deploy a seamless Hybrid Cloud strategy as well.

For additional questions on how to effectively solve your Modernization Challenges, get in touch with Subhasish Ghosh, VP – Business Development & Alliances at subhasish.g@8kmiles.com and schedule a 2-hour on-site workshop on how to leverage Windows Server 2012, System Center & Microsoft Azure for your organizational requirements.

2-hour Workshop

- Discovering current IT Landscape & Challenges
- Assessing Criticality & Complexity
- Brainstorming Targets
- Migration Strategies

If you're interested, get in touch with us at subhasish.g@8kmiles.com