



SQL 2008 is End-of-Life. Now is the Time to Correctly Upgrade Your Legacy System.

SQL Server 2008 and Windows Server are End-of-Life.

Microsoft takes support seriously. The end of support for SQL Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 means no more system or security patches, putting your database in serious risk of failure. The last SQL server 2008 service patch was released in 2014, and as of July 2018 businesses still using SQL Server 2008 do not have their data protected.

Modernization Is Readily Available with Sierra Systems, an NTT DATA Company

Sierra Systems, an NTT DATA Company, takes database upgrades seriously. Our teams guide you through the considerations for migrating your SQL Server to either cloud solutions, or options for organizations that want to remain on-premises. Our strategies take business processes, integrations and customizations into account, addressing application readiness as part of the technical solution.

✓ My system is older than SQL 2008

Running SQL Server 2005, Windows Server 2003? Sierra Systems has upgrade solutions to get you to the best version of SQL server, from which these options become available to you.

✓ My system uses on-premises VMware-based workloads

Migration paths to Azure virtual machines use Azure Site Recovery to bring you full Azure cloud benefits.

✓ Not Ready Before the Deadline?

Get on the cloud, now. Through a new Microsoft program, our team can rapidly move your legacy system to an Azure virtual machine with SQL 2008 as a stop-gap, with no code change required.

Microsoft will provide three additional years of support for organizations that choose this path – with no additional change over standard VM pricing.

The Benefits of Modernization Await

Get your best ROI with Sierra Systems' guidance. On-premises licensing of an Azure hybrid solution can trigger a 55% savings vs legacy options, and Microsoft has reduced Azure VMs costs (for a limited time) for Cloud migrations for SQL 2008.

Take the first step towards the next generation by contacting Sierra Systems.

End of an Era

Microsoft has defined these dates as end-of-support:

- SQL Server 2008: July 2018
- Windows Server 2008: January 2020

Extended Support

Companies that migrate to Microsoft Cloud can extend security updates (Azure) to:

- SQL Server 2008: July 2020
- Windows Server 2008: January 2022

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