



# THE RISKS OF AN UNSUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEM

All good things come to an end. In the changing world of technology, this is especially true. As Microsoft and other vendors work on pushing new technology out, they will often mark older operating systems and applications as “end-of-life” (EOL). This means the vendor will stop supporting it. Keeping an application or operating system in production even though it is no longer supported is a **major security risk to your organization**.

## HERE'S WHY...

### NO MORE UPDATES

Vendors will stop making OS updates which means that as vulnerabilities are discovered, they will no longer be patched, leaving the system vulnerable to attacks. This could also mean that less or no communication may occur as vulnerabilities are discovered on these EOL systems.

Lack of updates leads to poor performance over time



Greater risk of ransomware or other forms of attack



Bugs continue to pile up, increasing the risk of crashes



Failure to meet compliance requirements



*EOL operating systems do not fit the criteria required by compliance requirements, which will lead to clear violations and may include penalties.*

Work with your Account Manager to develop a plan for updating your end-of-life operating systems.