

Windows Server 2016

End of Life Checklist

Do you know if you have a Windows Server 2016 in place? If yes, here are a series of questions to help us identify the current structure and needed changes to bring you up to date.

Environment & Inventory

- ☐ Which Windows Server 2016 systems are in scope, and what roles/features do they host?
- ☐ Are the servers physical, virtual (Hyper-V/VMware), or cloud-based?

Hardware & Platform

- ☐ Does the current hardware (or VM configuration) meet Windows Server 2025 requirements?
- ☐ Are firmware, BIOS, and storage/network drivers up to date and vendor supported?

Applications & Workloads

- ☐ What business critical applications run on these servers, and are they supported on Server 2025?
- ☐ Are there any legacy apps, agents, or dependencies that block upgrades?

Active Directory & Core Services

- ☐ What is the current AD forest/domain functional level, and are domain controllers healthy?
- ☐ Are DNS, DHCP, GPOs, or PKI services tied to Server 2016 hosts?

Security & Compliance

- ☐ What security baselines, compliance requirements, or audit controls must be preserved or improved?
- ☐ Are backup, disaster recovery, and ransomware protections tested and current?

Upgrade Strategy & Risk

- ☐ Is an in place upgrade acceptable, or is side by side migration required?
- ☐ What downtime tolerance and rollback expectations exist?



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