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## IMPORTANT UPDATE Windows Server 2003

We are now rapidly approaching **Windows Server 2003** end of life.

Warnings started as early as April 2013 and yet many businesses are still to begin their migration away from the server platform. Ignored, this will have significant financial costs and security risk to your business.

### What does 'End of Life' mean?

As of 14th July 2015 Microsoft will no longer release any more updates or patches which will result in reduced security and a less stable infrastructure for your business.



### • Increased Maintenance Costs

Intrusion detection systems, advanced firewalls and network segmentation are required to protect a now vulnerable Windows Server 2003 platform. You will also have increasing cost from maintaining aging hardware.

### • No More Updates

No more fixes for bugs, performance issues or security vulnerabilities. In 2013 there were 37 critical updates released for Windows Server 2003/R2. Past the end of life date, these critical issues will remain unfixed leaving you open to cyber security dangers such as malicious attacks or data loss.

### • No Compliance

Once support ends, your organisation will almost certainly fail to meet industry wide compliance standards possibly resulting in the loss of business, while high transaction fees and penalties from non-compliance could dramatically increase the cost of doing business.

### • Software & Hardware Compatibility Issues

New software and hardware devices will not be built to integrate with Windows Server 2003. Meaning you will likely run into compatibility issues and may not be able to run new or existing updated software or communicate with the latest devices.

### • No Support

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.

**Now is the time to migrate to either Microsoft Server 2012 or would your business be better suited to the Cloud?**

Contact our team to discuss your options! **01325 349 686**



# Cloud Desktops - Not just for the brave

**Cloud** computing has now, after many years of being the new kid on the block and with many onlookers waiting for yet another tech bubble to burst, moved beyond hype and fantasy into the very fabric of today's businesses. Companies all over the world are realising not only the benefits of cloud computing, but also the practical challenges of adopting these technologies.



**Below are a number of forecasts from some of the world's leading analysts:**

**Accenture**

“ Public cloud spending will grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 26.4% from 2011 to 2016, accounting for 17% of all IT product spend by the end of the forecast period. 46% of all IT spending by 2016 will be for cloud-related platforms and applications.

**Gartner**

“ The bulk of new IT spending by 2016 will be for cloud computing platforms and applications with nearly half of large enterprises having cloud deployments by the end of 2017.

**KPMG**

“ In their recent 'The cloud takes shape' Global cloud survey, the implementation challenge shows 70% of respondent organisations believe that cloud computing is delivering operating efficiencies and cost savings today.



## Hosted Desktops

There are thousands of companies using and enjoying the benefits of hosted desktops who would never go back to the traditional model. Mobile working and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) are growing trends amongst businesses, but their arrival has increased the burden on IT Managers to facilitate these methods of working. Security concerns and a changing threat landscape, along with the more complex management of mobile devices are combining to create a real headache. This is all in addition to maintaining and managing the traditional desktop estate.

**Hosted Desktops** present a very compelling solution, almost a miracle cure to these issues, as it allows all users to experience the same centrally controlled desktop environment regardless of their physical location or the platform from which they choose to connect. Working with an experienced strategic partner who brings knowledge and expertise means the true potential of hosted desktops is much easier to achieve. We are one of the areas longest serving Cloud Solutions Providers with over 5 years' experience providing Cloud Desktop Solutions to businesses.



## Is Cloud suitable for my company?

Get in touch now to arrange a **FREE** no obligation consultation to discuss your requirements. We will help identify the suitability of **Cloud** computing within your organisation and explain how the many benefits of **Cloud** computing can improve your business systems.

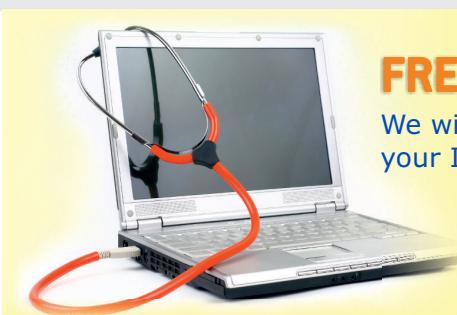
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