

Several Microsoft products are rapidly approaching their end of life (EOL) for support and maintenance. After their EOL date, no more updates will be applied and machines will accumulate vulnerabilities. Technicians should make every effort to upgrade or remove this software before its EOL date.

Some security applications will continue to support Windows 7 after these EOL dates, but this will not provide the same level of security as patching.

- **CrashPlan** will not support *Windows 7 beyond January 14, 2020*. This means that you will not be able to restore from a CrashPlan backup to recover your data in the case of compromise, loss, or theft, etc.
- **CrowdStrike** will support Windows 7 until January 2021. However, some new features and functionality may only available in Windows 10.
- **Sophos** will support Windows 7 until June 2021

The following operating systems and software will reach their EOL at the dates listed below. More information is available at each respective link.

- **July 9, 2019**
  - SQL Server 2008
  - SQL Server 2008 R2
- **January 14, 2020**
  - Windows 7
  - Server 2008
  - Server 2008 R2
- **October 13, 2020**
  - Office 2010

IS&T recommends you upgrade the applicable software before its EOL date. You can download the latest versions of software from the IS&T software grid.

- Windows 10
- Windows Server
- SQL

If you would like to upgrade Windows 7 machines in an automated fashion, you can use the IS&T Lite Touch imaging process or an SCCM task sequence. More information can be found below:

- **Lite Touch Imaging** (full machine wipe and reinstall, files and software will be removed)
- **SCCM in place upgrade task sequence** (files, software, etc. will remain)

If you re unable to upgrade your SQL Server, Server 2008, or Server 2008 R2 systems and would like to consider additional options please email ms-eol@mit.edu for more information.