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* **What is End of Life**?
* End-of-Life (EoL) refers to the **point in a product's lifecycle when it no longer receives support or updates from the manufacturer**, while EOL marks the end of production.
* EOL stands for “End of Life.” It refers to the stage in a product’s lifecycle when the manufacturer discontinues the production and sale of a particular hardware or software component. This means that the product is no longer actively supported or updated.
* **Hardware Speicification:-**
* Is based upon a sizing analysis that takes into account the size of the **user** base, the resource needs of each component, and the relative number of **interactions** (or hits) that are made on each component (see Interactions Between Reference Configuration Components).
* **Hardware Device type :-**It have External and internal devices and equipment that enable you to perform major functions such as input, output, storage, communication, processing, and more.
* **Software Release Notes :-** An informational document detailing the updates, improvements, and bug fixes contained in a software release or update is called a software release note
* **What Is the End-of-Life of Hardware and Software?**
* Once a software system reaches EOL, software support is withdrawn by the software provider.
* End-of-life for hardware and software are similar in the sense that they both indicate the **cessation** of support and updates.
* However, **hardware** EOL pertains to **physical components** like servers or network equipment.
* while **software** EOL refers to the **end of support** for an operating system or application.
* **Is it Good to use EOL Software?**
* Software designated end of life (EOL) means that it will no longer be developed by its original provider.
* Software is typically **discontinued** because a different program has **replaced** is the software is **no longer** relevant or the software publisher no longer exists.
* **Providers cease** to **deliver** 24/7 technical support, software upgrades, support for new and known defects, service packs, regular updates, troubleshooting system failures.
* And most importantly **up-to-date** cyber security for the software containing your all-important business data.
* By using EOL software you pay Higher operating costs
* **Security vulnerabilities for software**
* Once your software reaches EOL, it is exposed to security vulnerabilities and can fall prey to far more advanced cyber-attacks.
* This poses a number of security risks once the **software’s protective** **shields** are **down** as patches, bug fixes and security upgrades **automatically** **stop**.
* Numerous security breaches derived from hackers, malware and the growing chances of system failure all become more likely.
* There’s no quick fix once your EOL software’s security is compromised as vendors will simply no longer offer a patch if a vulnerability is found.

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**End of Life examples :-**

**Hardware EOL**

1. **Official website :-** CISCO Systems announces **the end of sale** and **end of life dates** for the Cisco 5x20S Broadband processing engine for the cisco uBR10012 Universal Broadband Router.

**Reason :**-

* Customers are encouraged to migrate to the **Cisco 5x20U** Broadband Processing Engine-a newer model that enhances functionality of the **Cisco 5x20S** to include:
* Support for 6 MHz and 8 MHz downstream channel widths
* State-of-the-art, front-end design for improved downstream quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM) fidelity
* Extended upstream frequency range, supporting frequency allocation up to 65 MHz

Information taken from Direct Vendor as on Official Website :-

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/video/ubr10000-series-universal-broadband-routers/prod\_end-of-life\_notice0900aecd802406f0.html

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| **Vendor** | **Model** | **EOL** | **EOsoftware maintainance** | **EO Sale** |
| **Cisco broadband processing engine** | **5x20s** | **1 Mar 2005** | **1 sep 2006** | **1 sep 2005** |

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**SOFTWARE EOL**

1. **Example of Third party Information about Linux Mint 2.1 End of Life :-**

**Reason for EOL :-** You've not been receiving any security updates for any components, inclusive of the kernel.

Such that we collect this information from third party websites .

For proof we check official websites of Linux so that is First preference .

https://endoflife.software/operating-systems/linux/linux-mint#20

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| **Name of** | **version** | **Release date** | **EOL** | **EO support** |
| **Linux** | **Mint 2.1** | **20 dec 2006** | **April 2008** | **Until 2027** |

1. **Indicators of EOL :-**

Recognizing the indicators of EoL is crucial for timely response and risk management. Common signs that a product is approaching or has reached EoL include:

* **Official discontinuation announcements:** Manufacturers may release statements indicating the end of support for products, such as **Microsoft** ending support for **Windows 7**, signaling users to transition to newer operating systems.
* **Reduced availability of replacement parts:** Difficulty in sourcing parts, like specific components for older server models, can indicate that the hardware is nearing EoL.
* **Decreasing system performance:** Software that no longer receives updates, such as legacy database systems, may show degraded performance over time.
* **Increasing maintenance costs and downtime:** The rising cost and frequency of repairs needed to keep old hardware, like first-generation smart devices, operational can signal impending EoL.

After this phase, the product is considered obsolete, meaning it won't have new features, bug fixes, security updates, or customer support.

* **Business impact with EOL :-**

When technology products reach their End-of-Life phases organizations face significant challenges that can affect their operations, security posture, and compliance status.

**Understanding these impacts is crucial for strategic planning and risk management :->**

* **Security vulnerabilities:** EoL products no longer receive updates or patches, leaving systems exposed to emerging cybersecurity threats. For instance, software that stops receiving security updates becomes susceptible to exploitation by hackers, potentially leading to data breaches and system compromises.
* **Compliance challenges:** Using technology that has reached EoL can result in non-compliance with industry regulations, especially those requiring up-to-date security measures. Organizations may face legal penalties, fines, and reputational damage for failing to maintain compliant systems. For example, healthcare institutions relying on unsupported software may violate HIPAA regulations, risking substantial fines.
* **Operational inefficiencies:** Dependence on outdated or unsupported technology can lead to system failures, increased downtime, and reduced productivity. Hardware that no longer receives support may fail to integrate with newer technologies, causing disruptions in business processes and affecting customer service. An example includes older networking equipment that is incompatible with new software, leading to network instability and connectivity issues.
* **Increased costs:** Maintaining and supporting EoL products can be significantly more expensive than investing in current technologies. Organizations may incur higher operational costs due to the need for specialized support, custom solutions to maintain functionality or increased downtime.

**Best practices for Managing End of Life :- >**