

Windows Server 2008

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Developer	Microsoft
OS family	Windows Server
Source model	Proprietary software
Released to manufacturing	February 27, 2008
Latest preview	June CTP (Build 6001.16606) / June 2007 ^[1]
Kernel type	Hybrid kernel
License	Microsoft EULA
Official website	www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/default.aspx%20www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/

Support status

Paid Extended Security Updates (ESU) are available

Start date: February 27, 2008.

- Mainstream support ended on January 13, 2015.
- Extended support ended on 14 January 2020.
- Windows Server 2008 is eligible for the paid Extended Security Updates (ESU) program (free for [Azure Virtual Desktop](#) users). This program can extend the support for 3 more years, in early installments. Security Updates were available for the operating system until January 10, 2023 (January 9, 2024 for [Azure Virtual Desktop](#) users).

Service Pack 2 is allowed for all users for extended support after July 12, 2011.

Windows Server 2008 is an unsupported (by now, except for Azure customers) [server operating system](#) from [Microsoft](#), the previous version of which was [Windows Server 2003](#).

This operating system was codenamed named Windows Server "Longhorn", but on [May 15, 2007](#), [Bill Gates](#) announced its official name on Windows Hardware Engineering Conference 2007.^[2]

This operating system has several new features compared to its previous version. Many of these new features are present in [Windows Vista](#).

Windows Server 2008 removed support for processors without ACPI. It is the first version of Windows Server that includes [Hyper-V](#) and is also the final version of Windows Server that supports x86-based processors (also know as IA-32-based or 32-bit processors). Its successor, [Windows Server 2008 R2](#) requires a 64-bit processor in any supported architecture ([x86-64](#) for x86 and [Itanium](#)).

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- [Official website](#)
- [Microsoft TechCenter for Windows Server 2008](#)
- [New Networking Features in Windows Server 2008 and Windows Vista](#) - lengthy article from Microsoft Technet covering new networking features in detail
- [Changes in Functionality from Windows Server 2003 with SP1 to Windows Server 2008](#)
- [Windows Server 2008 Technical Overview](#)

Others

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- [Screenshots of Server Components from Latest Longhorn Builds Archived 2008-08-20 at the Wayback Machine](#)
- [ZDnet UK article](#) ^[*permanent dead link*]
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- [computerperformance.co.uk Archived 2018-06-16 at the Wayback Machine](#)
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