



# Five Common Challenges of Running End-of-Life (EOL) Hardware

Businesses that rely on outdated hardware can end-up creating multiple points of failure in their system architecture. It is critical to ensure that your mission-critical systems can continue to run optimally especially when they are close to their end-of-life (EOL) status.

## Drawbacks of Running EOL Hardware

While every manufacturer defines it's role during the product's lifecycle, it's important for IT administrators to have a backup plan. This helps to avoid the following challenges that could arise from the continued use of end-of-life (EOL) equipment.



### Low productivity

Continuous use of EOL equipment can significantly reduce productivity. Older or EOL equipment can fail anytime due to its age and disrupting operations resulting in crippling and costly downtime.

### High maintenance costs

High maintenance is the most common drawback of using EOL equipment. The replacement parts are not easily available and are sometimes discontinued by OEMs. Finding the replacement parts becomes increasingly challenging and expensive.



### Compromised data security

Once the product gets the EOL status by its OEM, it becomes difficult to get support for security fixes, firmware updates, and more. This creates a significant threat to a company's network and opens up a route to malicious cyber-attacks.

### Limited scalability

Equipment reaching its EOL loses its ability to adapt changes quickly. EOL hardware requires upgradation or else they fail to leverage technological improvements in areas like energy consumption and modularity.



### Non-compliance

EOL hardware contributes to non-compliance and does not meet the regulatory standards. IT infrastructure that does not meet the required levels of protection and functionality open the doors for potential breaches and results in legal consequences and huge penalties.

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