End of Life (EOL) Explained

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Did you know?

Solaris 10 and 11.3 lose Extended Support in January 2027. This means Oracle will no longer create new security patches or updates for them. They will be moved to Sustained Support only. Which Solaris version are you running? Is your version still patched? If not, then your legacy environments can become increasingly vulnerable to threats and unplanned downtime.

1 Understanding the 3 Support Phases of Solaris End-of-Life

PHASE 01
Premier Support

FULL PROTECTION

The timeline for Premier Support varies by the provider and service levels. This support delivers complete protection that includes patches, security fixes, and regular updates to keep the system secure and compliant.

PHASE 02
Extended Support

PAID EXTENSION

The extended support timelines vary by product and are important for businesses who are planning their IT strategies. It is a paid option available after Premier Support ends.

PHASE 03
Sustaining Support

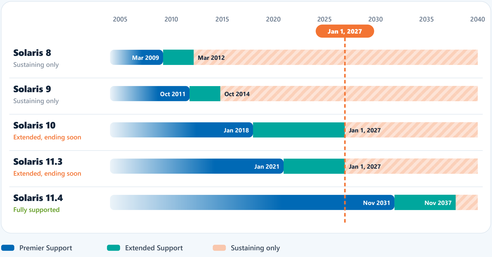
NO NEW PATCHES

It can continue indefinitely but does not offer new patches or security updates. Oracle only assists with queries regarding existing fixes under its Lifetime Support Policy.

More protection — Less protection

2 Solaris EOL Status by Version

Understanding the three support phases from Oracle and their varying protection.



Solaris 11.4 is the final release

It is the only version receiving continuous SRUs (Support Repository Updates). Oracle has announced no Solaris 12.

3 Why Sustaining Support Is Risky

What Happens When a Version Stops Getting Patches:

1. **Security gaps exposed**
2. **Audit & compliance exposure**
3. **Rising maintenance costs of aging hardware**
4. **Replacement part scarcity & longer repairs**
5. **Loss of ROI & unplanned downtime**

4 What To Do When Your Solaris Version Has Reached EOL

Businesses that are still operating on the older versions of Solaris need to move to the latest version of Solaris to ensure operational continuity and efficiency.

Migrate to Solaris 11.4

Migrating to the latest version of Solaris 11.4 will help improve security posture, get regular updates, and full vendor support while keeping applications compatible.

Address Aging SPARC

SPARC servers are obsolete, and continuing to operate on them raises hardware failure risks. Migrating to modern hardware will ensure continuity and optimize costs.

Benefits of Upgrading

Upgrading to the latest version offers stronger security, better performance, lower long-term costs, and improved readiness for future growth and compliance needs.

5 SPARC Hardware Emulation (Optional)

Modernizing aging SPARC with a hardware emulation approach to improve the Solaris operating system's performance.

Aging SPARC hardware → **Virtual SPARC** environment → **Modern x86** or cloud

Run your Solaris workloads on modern infrastructure — same OS, same apps.

- Preserves the existing business logic and leverages modern platforms' benefits.
- Creates a virtual SPARC environment on modern x86 or cloud platforms.
- Existing Solaris versions and applications continue running without code changes.
- Eliminate aging SPARC hardware risks and optimize operational costs.
- Improve efficiency, security, scalability, and compatibility with modern apps.
- Get time to plan a full migration while keeping systems stable.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Act before the
January 1, 2027 deadline.

Check your current Solaris version and SPARC hardware. Software and hardware support end on different dates, but the Solaris continuity plan needs to cover both

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