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# Are you ready for the next vSphere?

The countdown is on – in less than six months, general support for vSphere 6.7 (EoGS) will come to an end.



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Not only does this mean that only 'technical guidance' will be available should your virtual infrastructure (VI) run into an issue, but with no more security patches being released, your servers will be left vulnerable.

### What are my options?

While you can remain on v6.7, we don't recommend it - mainly for the vulnerability issues raised above – because upgrading to v7 gives you so much more.

Your IT infrastructure will remain fully supported, be protected against security issues, and benefit from new features such as:

- vSphere with Kubernetes
- Improved Distributed Resource Scheduler (DRS)
- Assignable Hardware
- vSphere Lifecycle Manager
- Intrinsic Security

### How do I upgrade?

Although the entitlement to upgrade is automatic (assuming you're up to date with your VMware fees), it's a very manual and involved, major upgrade. And it doesn't mean your platform or hardware is ready for it.

That's where we come in.

As VMware Master Services Competency holders in datacentre virtualisation, we have the experience in planning and executing major platform upgrades of this kind, so we can make sure everything is completed to the highest standard that is best for you, your infrastructure and your organisation.

We also complete due diligence against VMware's Hardware Compatibility List (HCL) to ensure that when the upgrade is complete, all software and hardware can operate effectively.

All upgrades need to be started as soon as possible to ensure they are completed ahead of EoGS; have you started yours?

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