

## Solaris™ 8 Operating System End-of-Service Life (Phase 2) Announcement

If you are currently running the Solaris™ 8 Operating System, Sun highly recommends you consider upgrading your operating system prior to Solaris 8 OS's End-of-Service Life (EOSL) Phase 2 entry on April 1, 2009.

On April 1, 2009, the Solaris 8 OS will enter EOSL Phase 2. Customers who have been using the Solaris 8 OS will not receive vintage patches (patches developed on or after April 1, 2009), not even security patches, unless they purchase the Solaris 8 Vintage Patch Service.

Sun offers services to assist customers during operating system upgrades. The Solaris 10 OS Upgrade Service can ease the transition to the Solaris 10 OS by helping customers quickly and cost-effectively deploy the Solaris 10 OS into an existing SPARC® and/or x86 processor-based platform running a previous version of the Solaris OS. For more information visit:

[sun.com/service/migration/index.jsp](http://sun.com/service/migration/index.jsp)

Sun also offers the Solaris 8 Containers Subscription as an option. Solaris 8 Containers provide a way for customers to run a Solaris 8 application in a container on the Solaris 10 OS that has the "personality" of a Solaris 8 system. For more information see:

[sun.com/software/solaris/containers/index.jsp](http://sun.com/software/solaris/containers/index.jsp)

For customers who cannot use the above alternatives during EOSL Phase 2, Solaris 8 existing contract customers will continue to receive telephone support and access to pre-existing patches (patches developed prior to April 1, 2009). However, Solaris 8 customers will not receive entitlement for vintage patches without the purchase of the Solaris 8 Vintage Patch Service.

Customers who do not require vintage patches may continue to purchase existing support offerings such as SunSpectrum™ service plans and Solaris 8 Subscriptions. Customers who wish to receive vintage patches must purchase the Solaris 8 Vintage Patch Service in addition to the existing support offerings.

For more information, contact your Sun sales representative or Sun authorized partner or visit:

[sun.com/service/eosl/solaris/solaris\\_vintage\\_eol\\_5.2005.xml](http://sun.com/service/eosl/solaris/solaris_vintage_eol_5.2005.xml)

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