SQL ASSESSMENT

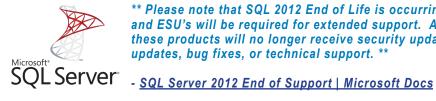## SECURE, UPGRADE, AND SUPPORT YOUR CRITICAL SYSTEMS

We understand that Windows Server and SQL Server customers migrating their solutions to the cloud have numerous options for their cloud's residency. Selecting your cloud service provider can be a difficult decision, but we will make this easy for you. Microsoft Azure provides numerous benefits for these Microsoft workloads including extended support and multiple options to leverage heavy investments in existing licensing. Microsoft has set the following dates for end of support:

*** Please note that SQL 2012 End of Life is occurring on 7/12/2022 and ESU's will be required for extended support. After this date, these products will no longer receive security updates, non-security updates, bug fixes, or technical support. ***

- SQL Server 2012 End of Support | Microsoft Docs

Basically, these technologies will become exposed with only extended support offered at a premium cost around security hotfixes only. What this means for you is an opportunity to either pay the support costs or move to Azure. We can help evaluate and look at your current license position and provide the best path forward with minimal cost implications. Azure built-in security provides layers of advanced threat protection and facilitates vulnerability assessments. Therefore, your data is stored in a leading-edge secured and compliant environment. Another benefit, SQL in Azure does not need to be patched or upgraded. Also, you are no longer burdened with any physical server upkeep. Therefore, it frees up your IT department to spend time on what is important … developing your business. You can embrace the cloud environment with simplicity. Do not worry about requiring new resources, your team can utilize their on-premises expertise in the cloud, with tools they are accustomed to. Additionally, Azure provides management proficiency that intuitively operates tasks like patching, high availability, and automatic backups. Migrating your Windows Server and SQL Server to Microsoft Azure protects your organization today and establishes a place of innovation for the future.

At Networking Planet, we provide a very prescriptive assessment focused on helping your organization as you evaluate your data estate options in Microsoft Azure. We have expertise in Microsoft SQL solutions as many of our team members have spent time both as Microsoft employees and enterprise customers migrating SQL to Azure. We've listed below the assessment engagement to help on this modernization journey to the cloud:

- Microsoft SQL Assessment up to 50x SQL Servers evaluating versions, cloud readiness, Microsoft SQL licensing, Azure Hybrid Use Benefits, and potential risk areas.
- The output of the Assessment will generate options for migration and identify Azure SQL candidates with a detailed plan for migration showing best options for either SQL PaaS or SQL IaaS in Azure.
- We will review the configuration and settings of the currently deployed SQL servers to identify any challenges with migration and/or upgrades needed for movement into the Azure Infrastructure.
- As the assessment is completed, we will provide a guided path where Networking Planet can help to both assess performance, consolidation, documentation, migration, and optimization transitioning your SQL servers into Azure.

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