

When you think about switching from running and housing your SQL Server on-premises to [Azure](#), the first thing that comes to mind is probably the infrastructure maintenance savings.

But what about hidden savings? Like efficiency savings for your IT team and database admins? Or the freedom to expand your capacity as soon as you need it?

Just last week [we detailed](#) that SQL Server 2008 and SQL Server 2008 R2 will no longer be supported by Microsoft starting in July 2019. Outside of the reasons stated above, here's a few more on why this is an issue to be addressed sooner than later.

1. **Mitigate risks with platform security and compliance:** There will be no access to critical security updates, opening the potential for business interruptions and loss of data.
2. **Upgrade to better cost efficiency:** Maintaining legacy servers, firewalls, intrusion systems, and other tools can get expensive quickly.
3. **Modernize to innovate:** Grow your environments with data, analytics and the cloud.

In a recent [financial impact study by Forrester](#), they detail all of the potential savings, costs, frustrations, and advantages associated with switching to the Azure cloud and the results are exciting!

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