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Microsoft: Exchange Server 2013 reaches end of Support in 90 days

Microsoft has issued a communique on 12th January 2023 to inform customers that its Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 will reach its extended end-of-support (EOS) date 90 days from now, on April 11, 2023. Exchange Server 2013 was released in January 2013 and has already reached the mainstream end date more than four years ago, in April 2018. After the extended EOS date is reached, Microsoft will no longer provide technical support and bug fixes for new issues that could impact the servers' stability or usability. Time zone updates and security updates to address newly found vulnerabilities impacting servers running Exchange Server 2013 will also no longer be available starting in April.

According to Microsoft, Exchanger Server 2013 will continue to run after this date, however, due to the risks, it is strongly recommended by the vendor to migrate from Exchange Server 2013 to Exchange Online or Exchange Server 2019.

Upgrade Microsoft Exchange Servers or Migrate to the Cloud
Microsoft recommends upgrading on-premises Exchange Server 2013 servers to Exchange Server 2019 to keep receiving bug fixes and security updates for new flaws. However, before deploying new Exchange Server 2019 installations across servers running software quickly reaching EOS, administrators should ensure that the network, hardware, software, and clients meet the requirements.

Microsoft also advises admins to migrate to its hosted Exchange Online email and calendaring client as an alternative option, available as an Office 365 subscription or as a stand-alone service. The vendor also stated that if users are migrating to Exchange Online, they might be eligible to use Microsoft's FastTrack service.

More details on the upgrade are available on:
https://setup.microsoft.com/exchange/email-setup-guide
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/exchange/plan-and-deploy/deploy-new-installations/deploy-new-installations?preserve-view=true&view=exchserver-2019
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/exchange/plan-and-deploy/system-requirements?view=exchserver-2019
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/exchange/mailbox-migration/decide-on-a-migration-path

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