



PLAYBOOK

CentOS 7 End of Life



**Security Support for CentOS 7
Ends on June 30, 2024**

Are You Ready?

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Introduction

Updates and releases of CentOS Linux® 7 will be discontinued on June 30, 2024, at which point enterprises with systems running CentOS 7 will be faced with critical decisions on how to ensure the continued stability, security, and support of their environment.

What Are Your Options?

1



Do Nothing

Without ongoing security updates and patches, **vulnerabilities and newly discovered exploits will remain unaddressed** – putting sensitive data, customer information, and the integrity of the infrastructure at risk.

2



Purchase an Extended Support Option

Buy yourself some additional years of security with services like TuxCare’s Extended Lifecycle Support (ELS), enabling you to properly plan, test, and deploy a migration strategy to a more recent Linux distribution – at your own pace!

Up to 5 years of extended security patching after end of life	Expert Technical Support and Migration Guidance	14-day SLA to patch all new High and Critical CVEs	Two pricing levels that offer the exact amount of support you need

CentOS 7 ELS [Early Access](#)

Did you know that there are numerous instances of critical and high-risk CentOS 7 vulnerabilities that your vendor hasn’t patched? Ignoring them may expose your organization to significant cybersecurity risk.

Mitigate the Risk from Unpatched Vulnerabilities Now with Early Access

Get immediate patches for 70+ unfixed CentOS 7 vulnerabilities, including flaws in critical system packages, and ensure you continue to seamlessly receive security patches when the end-of-life date arrives.



3



Migrate to CentOS Stream

This unstable release is only suitable if you build your own OS, if you're running it in a single desktop environment, or if you can handle downtime.

Users who run RHEL-certified applications on CentOS Stream risk losing support and breaking compliance.

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The Long-Term Option:

Migrate to a stable, reliable, modern Linux distribution, like **AlmaLinux** – which is 100% owned by a completely independent 501c-6 nonprofit foundation and will never reach the same fate as CentOS.

Why AlmaLinux?



Get a modern, **community-driven**, open-source Linux distribution



Make your migration seamless with a distro that's **Application Binary Interface compatible with RHEL**



Ensure your Linux distribution is **forever free and in the hands of an innovative community**



Gain a **security lifecycle of up to 16 years** with the addition of Enterprise Support for AlmaLinux



Unlocking the Full Potential of AlmaLinux

As a standalone forever-free enterprise Linux distribution, AlmaLinux is an excellent operating system that many organizations have turned to as the perfect replacement for CentOS.

But what if you could take your AlmaLinux experience to unparalleled heights with



A best-in-industry 16-year support lifecycle with pay-as-you-go support options



Automated, non-disruptive patches



Superior predictability with extended security updates



Continuous FIPS140-3 compliance

With TuxCare's [Enterprise Support for AlmaLinux](#), you can!





Enterprise Support for AlmaLinux

Affordable & Customizable Commercial Support

Minimize your vulnerability exposure while ensuring compliance and business continuity – so you can leverage this stable, reliable, community-driven Linux distribution for as long as you need



Enjoy a stable and predictable computing environment with an industry-leading 16-year lifecycle length



Minimize your vulnerability window, maintain 100% uptime and compliance with automated and rebootless security patching



Get support from the people who know AlmaLinux best: TuxCare, a division of CloudLinux – the creator and founding sponsor of the AlmaLinux OS Project



Run your systems on FIPS-certified cryptography and benefit from the latest security fixes that do not affect the validated code

Build Your Enterprise Support



Enterprise Support for AlmaLinux from TuxCare



Essential Support

Get a TuxCare-vetted repository of AlmaLinux updates with guaranteed uptime, expedited break-and-fix support and up to 16 years of support coverage



Extended Security Updates

Ensure a stable environment for an extended period of up to 5 years with ongoing security updates and FIPS-compliant security patches for your AlmaLinux minor releases



Live Patching

Automatically apply the latest security patches for the kernel and critical userspace libraries (OpenSSL and glibc) as soon as they become available with zero downtime



Enhanced Support

Get all the help you need with an enterprise-grade personalized technical support covering a range of open-source software running on AlmaLinux

TuxCare's Extended Lifecycle Support (ELS) can be your life raft that enables you to safely use CentOS 7 for a few more years. Then, when you're ready to migrate, we have the roadmap, tools, and resources to get you from CentOS 7 to AlmaLinux 9 with zero risk and zero drama. Best of all, your journey to the secure final destination that is AlmaLinux comes with the peace of mind that you can stay there for 16 years if needed – uninterrupted and fully supported.

