Quickly Finish Your SQL Server 2008 Upgrade Project
by Shawn Meyers (@1dizzygoose), Principal Architect

On July 9, 2019 Microsoft will officially end extended support for SQL Server 2008 and SQL Server 2008 R2. This means that no further security updates will be available and support for issues will also end. You can pay to extend support with Microsoft, but I've heard that the contracts are very expensive. However, it is past time to start your upgrade project if you plan on upgrading. Brent Ozar recently did a poll as part of his blog and 15% of the SQL Servers in production were still running 2008 or 2008R2, based upon his respondents. If you have many servers left running 2008 or 2008 R2, you will most likely miss the July deadline.

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Presenters: David Woodard, Principal Architect and Jeff Klemme, Principal Architect

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by Nathan Biggs (@nathanbiggs), CEO

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by Michael Stone, Lead Architect and CIO

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