SOLUTION BRIEF

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Sophos Endpoint for Legacy Platforms

Defend what matters: Comprehensive security for critical systems

Organizations within industries such as manufacturing and healthcare often need to run endpoints with legacy operating systems for specialized systems, including machinery and medical devices. Cybercriminals target these legacy systems because they often provide an easier entry point into a network, making robust endpoint security essential. Sophos Endpoint for Legacy Platforms offers comprehensive protection for Windows and Linux systems, powered by an adaptive, AI-native cybersecurity platform.

Use cases

1 | STREAMLINE CYBERSECURITY MANAGEMENT

Desired outcome: Simplify deployment and management of endpoint security across all devices.

Solution: Security solutions that limit support to modern operating systems drive organizations to deploy separate solutions for legacy systems, introducing a management burden on IT and security teams. Sophos provides industry-leading endpoint security for both legacy and modern platforms in Sophos Central — a powerful, cloud-based management platform that unifies all Sophos next-gen security solutions.

2 | DEFER DIFFICULT AND COSTLY UPGRADES

Desired outcome: Protect critical devices beyond platform vendor support timeframes.

Solution: Endpoints in operational technology (OT) environments can be difficult and prohibitively expensive to upgrade or replace, resulting in devices being left unsecured or requiring additional security mitigations. Sophos protects a range of Windows and Linux operating systems beyond the standard end-of-support dates offered by platform vendors.

3 | PROTECT LEGACY DEVICES WITH NEXT-GEN SECURITY

Desired outcome: Legacy systems are protected by advanced cybersecurity technologies.

Solution: Sophos' endpoint security technology is rooted in our unique prevention-first approach that reduces breaches and improves detection and response outcomes. Web, application, and peripheral controls reduce the threat surface and block common attack vectors on your legacy devices, while AI models protect against both known and never-before-seen attacks. Our unique CryptoGuard anti-ransomware and anti-exploitation technologies stop threats fast, so resource-stretched IT teams have fewer incidents to investigate and resolve.

4 | DETECT, INVESTIGATE, AND RESPOND TO ADVANCED THREATS

Desired outcome: Neutralize sophisticated attacks that can't be stopped by technology alone.

Solution: Legacy operating systems may lack security features and updates that are present in newer systems, making them easier targets for exploitation by adversaries. Sophos' AI-powered EDR and XDR tools enable you to detect, investigate, and respond to suspicious activity across all your devices, including legacy systems. Organizations with limited in-house resources can engage Sophos MDR services to monitor and respond to advanced threats.

Industry recognition

Gartner

A Leader in the 2025 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for Endpoint Protection Platforms for the 16th consecutive time.

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Operating system coverage[1]:

- Windows 7
- Windows 8.1
- Windows Server 2008 R2
- Windows Server 2012/2012 R2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7
- CentOS 7
- Oracle Linux 7
- Debian 10
- Ubuntu 18.04 LTS

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[1] Operating system coverage correct at time of publishing. Refer to the product documentation for up-to-date information.

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