

Subject: 3 Unsupported Microsoft applications to update ASAP across your portfolio

Hi there,

Maintaining IT visibility across multiple portfolio companies, each with its own processes, teams, and tools, can feel like an uphill battle.

We wanted to highlight three popular Microsoft applications that are probably being used in one or more of your PortCos. These applications recently reached their end-of-life on October 14, 2025, and need to be updated to continue receiving security patches and support.

In addition to security risks, using unsupported applications will jeopardize compliance with regulations such as Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Windows 10

ZDNet estimates that one-third of all Windows PCs worldwide are running Windows 10, as of October 2025. Upgrading these systems may be more complicated than installing a new operating system. Windows 11 has [strict hardware requirements](#), which means older systems may not have a direct upgrade path to a supported operating system.

For portfolio companies, this may mean buying new hardware with the updated OS or purchasing an extended support updates (ESU) subscription. The [ESU subscription](#) starts at \$61 per device for the first year.

Office 2016 and 2019

Microsoft no longer provides the following services for Office 2016 and Office 2019:

- Technical support for issues
- Bug fixes for issues that are discovered
- Security fixes for vulnerabilities that are discovered

We recommend that our PE customers migrate their portfolio companies from Office 2016/2019 to Microsoft 365. Microsoft 365 provides the same productivity applications (MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, and OneNote) that your employees are familiar with.

Microsoft 365 Apps are continuously updated, with new features released as often as monthly.

Another advantage of Microsoft 365 compared to older, standalone versions of Office is that Microsoft 365 Apps provides a user-based licensing model that allows your users to install Office on multiple devices with their license. For example, you can install and use Microsoft 365 Apps on both a Windows 11 device and a Mac, as well as on a mobile device.

Exchange Server 2016 and 2019

Exchange Server 2016 and 2019 also reached end of life in October. Companies have two upgrade paths:

- Exchange Server SE is still an on-premises option but requires the IT team to remain on top of maintenance updates.
- Exchange Online (Microsoft 365). Microsoft automatically handles all patches and updates for you, and the system integrates fully with Teams, SharePoint and OneDrive.

Need Help?

beiNVENTiV can help you audit your portfolio companies for unsupported software and provide a migration plan that minimizes risks and aligns with your business objectives. Reply or call me at 720.999.3199 to get started.

Best regards,

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