

SAP GUI for Windows Release / Platform Availability & Support - October 29, 2021 - See also: SAP notes 147519 & 66971	Windows 8.1 (only "Pro" and "Enterprise" editions)	Windows Server 2012 (R2)	Windows 10 (only "Pro", "Enterprise" and "Education" editions)	Windows Server 2016	Windows Server 2019	Windows 11 (only "Pro", "Enterprise" and "Education" editions)	Windows Server 2022	SAP GUI Version support timeline
	SAP GUI for Windows 7.60	X	X	X	X	X	O	
SAP GUI for Windows 7.70	X	X	X	X	X	X (as of patchlevel 4)	X (as of patchlevel 4)	SAP GUI for Windows 7.70 was shipped on 29th of January 2021 and will be supported until 2nd of April 2024.

Platform support restriction Limited support from Operating System vendor	Limited support after January 09, 2018	Limited support after October 9, 2018	Review <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern</a> for more information	Limited support after January 11, 2022	Limited support after January 9, 2024	Review <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern</a> for more information	Limited support after October 13, 2026
Platform support deadline No support from Operating System vendor	Support ends January 10, 2023	Support ends October 10, 2023	Review <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern</a> for more information	Support ends January 12, 2027	Support ends January 9, 2029	Review <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern</a> for more information	Support ends October 14, 2031
Additional "post mortem" QA procedures for platform	Until December 31, 2023	Until October 31, 2024	Until one year after end of support for operating system by Microsoft.	Until December 31, 2027	Until December 31, 2029	Until one year after end of support for operating system by Microsoft.	Until September 30, 2032

#### Legend

X: GUI / Platform combination is preferred	X: GUI / Platform combination is available	O: GUI / Platform combination is NOT available
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A given combination of Windows operating system and SAP GUI release is supported as long as both the operating system **AND** the SAP GUI release is supported.

If your operating system is no longer supported, the usage of Windows Terminal Services or Virtualization products may be a solution for you.

#### Windows 11 / Windows Server 2022

In September / October 2021 Microsoft released Windows Server 2022 and Windows 11.

SAP GUI for Windows supports these operating systems starting with patchlevel 4 of SAP GUI for Windows 7.70. If you plan to use one of these operating systems, please update / upgrade your SAP GUI accordingly. SAP GUI for Windows 7.60 will not be supported on these operating systems, because end of support for release 7.60 is in April 2022 already.

## Compatibility and Upgrade

SAP GUI for Windows is "downward compatible". You can use SAP GUI for Windows 7.50 or 7.60 with SAP R/3 3.1, 4.0, 4.5, 4.6 or other pre-existing SAP products starting with SAP R/3. However please be aware that while connectivity to older SAP releases is possible, official support is limited to those SAP releases which are still within their respective maintenance period (including extended maintenance and for products newer than or equal to SAP R/3 3.1i in customer-specific maintenance).

You do not necessarily have to upgrade your frontend software (mind the restrictions mentioned above) when upgrading to a new SAP release though you will not benefit from new features newer SAP GUI releases may offer. However keep in mind the SAP GUI release and support cycle.

You can upgrade SAP GUI prior to upgrading your SAP system.

When upgrading SAP GUI, you should use the latest version available (please check for hardware requirements in SAP Note 26417).

### What does it mean ...

... <b>Limited support</b>	SAP may not be able to solve problems that occur exclusively on such a platform. In these cases an operating system upgrade may be the only solution SAP can offer. To avoid these situations SAP generally recommends planning an operating system upgrade for operating system releases no longer in mainstream support by the vendor.
... <b>Support ends</b>	SAP does not solve / handle problems that occur exclusively on these platforms.
... <b>Post mortem QA procedures</b>	For an additional transition phase of up to 12 month, SAP applies QA procedures to patches for SAP GUI on these platforms.
... <b>Restricted support</b>	Due to limitations (for example support restrictions by other vendors) no full support can be provided anymore for a SAP GUI release. A SAP GUI upgrade may be required even though SAP will attempt to provide a solution for SAP GUI releases in restricted support as far as possible.

Appendix: Operating System Lifetime (defined by OS vendor)	
<b>Windows 2008 Server</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2015 (*)	End of Life: 01/2020
<b>Windows 7</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2015 (*)	End of Life: 01/2020
<b>Windows Server 2008 R2</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2015 (*)	End of Life: 01/2020
<b>Windows 8</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2016 (*)	End of Life: 01/2016
<b>Windows 8.1</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2018 (*)	End of Life: 01/2023
<b>Windows Server 2012 (R2)</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 10/2018 (*)	End of Life: 10/2023
<b>Windows 10</b> More information can be found here: <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modem">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modem</a>	
<b>Windows Server 2016</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2022 (*)	End of Life: 01/2027
<b>Windows Server 2019</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 01/2024 (*)	End of Life: 01/2029

<b>Windows 11</b> More information can be found here: <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/policies/modern</a>	
<b>Windows Server 2022</b> Entering "Extended Support" phase: 10/2026 (*) <a href="http://support.microsoft.com/lifecycle/search/">http://support.microsoft.com/lifecycle/search/</a>	End of Life: 10/2031