

LIFECYCLE CONVERGENCE – FRAMEWORK #173

Four Retirements. One Calendar Week.

Three Dates. Four Deadlines.

OCT 1

Entra legacy risk policies retire. Publisher retires.

OCT 13

Office LTSC 2021 hard cliff. Windows Server 2022 transitions.

NOV 10

Windows 11 23H2 Enterprise gets a four-week extension.



Same Week. Different Stakes.



Entra ID legacy risk policies

IMMEDIATE — HARD CLIFF



Publisher retirement

IMMEDIATE — HARD CLIFF



Office LTSC 2021

IMMEDIATE — HARD CLIFF



Windows Server 2022

PLANNING DECISION — 5 YRS RUNWAY



THE REAL PROBLEM

It's not that four things break.

It's that four teams now have
legitimate reasons to consume the
same governance bandwidth — in
the same week.



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Lifecycle Convergence

Multiple independent lifecycle events synchronize inside one governance window, forcing organizations to allocate migration bandwidth by scheduling pressure — not risk priority.



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The Four-Node Flow

01

Independent Timelines

Unrelated systems run on separate vendor clocks.

02

Vendor Convergence

One vendor schedules retirements into one window.

03

Sequencing Collapses

Every deadline becomes "now," regardless of severity.

04

Bandwidth Contention

Whoever moves first wins — not whoever risks most.

The failure point is node 3 — once sequencing collapses, the choice of who goes first is already gone.



The Pattern Recurs

BROADCOM

VMware perpetual-license
sunsets, bundled windows

AWS

Quarterly multi-service
deprecation waves

ORACLE

Java + DB support-tier
consolidations, same fiscal
year

Remove the vendor names — the mechanism still holds.





THE RESPONSE MODEL

**“Migrate faster”
is the wrong lever.**

Speed just means whoever panics first wins the contested bandwidth — regardless of whether their deadline actually carried the most risk.



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The retirement dates converged.

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