

PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the End of Life of Windows LTFS

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INTRODUCTION

Windows LTFS is no longer supported. The final version is 2.4.5.

Users are encouraged to look at other alternatives such as Linux LTFS or MAC OSX LTFS or continue using Windows LTFS; per the suggestions below.

KEY MESSAGES

- Windows LTFS is end-of-life and is no longer supported by Quantum. The final available version is 2.4.5, expected to be available by 31st July 2023 on quantum.com.
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- There is a known issue within Windows, after Windows 10 Security Patch version KB5025221 – April 11, 2023; and Windows 11 Security Patch version KB5023706 March 14, 2023, which affects LTFS capabilities on writing data. Unfortunately, as Windows LTFS is now end-of-life, there will be no updates to fix this bug.
 - Windows Server 2016 and 2019 are not affected by this bug.

SUGGESTIONS

- Quantum encourages users to move to using Linux (Red Hat/SUSE) LTFS or macOS LTFS should they require future updates.
- Users could continue using Windows LTFS by using TeraCopy for Windows to write data to the volumes. Note: Quantum does not support TeraCopy.

Field Action

Communicate with customers and appropriate channels that Windows LTFS is end of life and to encourage customers to begin planning their transition to other forms of LTFS on a different operating system.

Special Considerations

Windows LTFS will no longer receive any updates including bug fixes. Users should move towards using Linux (Red Hat/SUSE) LTFS or macOS LTFS to receive further support.

Customers can use TeraCopy to write data should customers choose to remain using Windows LTFS.