FileWave Appliances on HyperV Gen 1 - EOL

As FileWave continues to develop our industry-leading multi-platform solution, our primary goal is to make it as simple, stable, and scalable as possible. We have been providing HyperV Generation 1 and Generation 2 images for a few versions to have overlap, but now because it appears every supported version of Windows does support Generation 2 images we are going to stop producing Generation 1 images. FileWave Version 16.1.1 will only have Generation 2 images for HyperV posted. We do not believe that this will be impactful, but please reach out to support if you feel we have missed something on this topic.

If you have a Generation 1 image in use there is nothing for you to do. This change will not impact an existing Server, Booster or IVS image. This is only if you would be setting up a new appliance, and there is no issue if you have a mix of Gen 1 and Gen 2 appliances so your Server might be Gen 1 and your Boosters could be a mix of Gen 1 and Gen 2 or you IVS can be either as well and there will be no issue. This change also has no impact on our OVA images for VMWare.

🖥 Hyper-V Gen-2 Support & Support Status by Host OS

Host OS	Supports Gen 2 VMs?	Support Status (EOL?)
Windows Server 2008 R2 or earlier	❌ No (only Gen 1)	EOL (unsupported)
Windows Server 2012 (R1)	❌ No	EOL
Windows Server 2012 R2	✅ Yes	EOL (out of support)
Windows Server 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025	✅ Yes	Supported (actively supported)
Windows 10 (64-bit)	✅ Yes	Supported until October 14, 2025; optional ESU through 2026/2028 Microsoft Learn +9 GitHub Microsoft Learn +9 itechtics Microsoft Learn Microsoft +1
Windows 11	✅ Yes	Supported (current OS, various release versions supported) Microsoft Learn Microsoft Learn Techzine Global

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