

How To Not Freak Out About MAS (If You're Still On 7.6)





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There Are Ways To Remain Calm







It Helps To Keep Your Eye On The Prize



Avoid the Stick: End of Support with Security Fixes on Sept. 30.



Lots of Carrots:

- ✓ Many Enhanced Applications
- ✓ New Applications Included with MAS:
 - Mobile
 - Health
 - Scheduler
 - Reliability Strategies
 - Spatial

New Modules Available:



- ✓ Modern Technology Platform:
 - A lot of enhancements & new development from IBM
 - CI/CD = no more expensive upgrades! (Probably)



Keep It A 7.6 to MAS Upgrade Project Only

Time Is Short: Limit the Project Scope for your Team or Your Provider:



- 1. Install MAS & Manage/Health/Mobile.
- 2. Upgrade Database from 7.6 to MAS.



EASY

These depend on your 7.6 usage:

- 3. Make configuration changes to keep your integrations alive. (e.g. REST API URL, Integration Endpoints, JMS, EFS Drive)
- 4. Review change list for the Apps you use for any user impact and plan for those.
- 5. Possible user authentication change (e.g. SAML).



Don't Eat the Whole Elephant

Only Do More If Required (or Saves Enough \$)

- Possibly replace 3rd party add-on with native MAS
- Convert to DB2 only if needed or you don't like SQL Server or Oracle

Do These Later, this is an Upgrade Project!

- Business Process Improvement Projects
- Revamp Data (Hierarchy, Items, Failure Codes, Job Plans, etc.)
- Implement new MAS Apps & Modules





But What About Training Users!?





Still Casting About? Find The Best Fit For You.



Don't Assume, Ask Questions!

A Few Examples...

General:

- What are all of my costs?
- Can I bring my own App Points?
- Can I install 3rd party Maximo applications?
- Can I bring my own Maximo consultant?
- Do you charge for MAS installs?
- Do you charge for the 7.6 to MAS database upgrade?
- How do I avoid Vendor Lock-In?

Technical:

- Do I get dedicated servers?
- Can I install Customization Archives?
- Can I perform data updates in my database if necessary?
- Can I stay on SQL Server / Oracle?
- How long does it take you to create a Manage Cluster?
- What are the worker nodes specs in my clusters?
- Is the quote for independent clusters for Prod & Test?
- Can I have a Site-to-Site VPN Tunnel?



Other Ways to Keep Your Sanity (and Your Cash)

- 1. Don't count on running MAS in-house if you don't have OpenShift expertise and ongoing support available.
- 2. Don't change your database platform unless you want to / have to.
- 3. If deploying in the Cloud, connect MAS to your network to simplify keeping your Maximo integrations working.
- 4. Ask all the Maximo Providers (IBM and Vendors) for advice or ideas we all want to help.

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What if You're Out of Time?

- 1. Maximo 7.6 won't stop working at midnight
- 2. Lock down 7.6 remove internet access if it is open
- 3. Maybe save the 7.6 installer too.
- 4. Convert to App Points now (and stand up a test MAS 9 environment)
- 5. Remain Calm and Keep Moving to MAS





Thank You!

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