

6 SIGNS YOUR SERVER IS ON ITS LAST LEG



Servers are critical to your library operations, so when they fail, so does your service to your community. It's not fun to think about, but if any of these scenarios sound familiar, it is time to prepare a plan *before* you face costly, unexpected downtime.



1. YOUR SERVER IS OLDER THAN 5 YEARS.

Most manufacturers will not support a warranty beyond 5 years. After that, they are under no obligation to replace parts or ensure security. This presents a high risk to your library's operations. **According to International Data Corporation (IDC) statistics show it can cost as much as 200% more to support an aging server.*



2. YOU ARE ENCOUNTERING CORRUPT DATA.

Missing or corrupt file messages you can't open will sometimes point to a server that is reaching the end of its life.



3. YOU ARE HEARING STRANGE SOUNDS.

If you hear a constant clicking sound, it's likely that the parts in your server are no longer running in sync or hitting something they shouldn't. Take heed. This is the sound of a failing machine.



4. FILE SYSTEM GOES READ-ONLY.

Is your file system repeatedly going read-only without any clear reason? Frequent file system corruption could indicate that your server is failing.



5. YOU REBOOT A LOT BECAUSE OF RANDOM FAILURES.

Don't just consider it resolved every time you hit the reboot button. If these crashes do not originate from high loads or specific processes, it could be a sign that it's time to migrate to a new server.



6. DATA TRANSFERS VERY SLOWLY.

When file transfer operations such as copying or writing files become noticeably slower over time, you could have reason to question the health of your server.



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