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SIMS Technical Roadmap

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Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide customers with a detailed overview of any software and hardware infrastructure they might need to run the SIMS Product suite. It has been developed in line with customer feedback to enable Local Authorities, Support Teams, Schools and Academies to effectively plan their future support of SIMS.

The information included within this roadmap is subject to future change within the next academic term.

This guide is a working document that will be updated alongside the SIMS Functionality Roadmap to provide customers with the latest information regarding the support of underlying technology.

Where possible, Capita support for technology is in line with Microsoft Lifecycle support dates. Support dates are indicative only and subject to change.

Microsoft Support

When a new Microsoft Service Pack is released, we will aim to provide support for that Service Pack in the next SIMS release, dependent on its availability within our release cycle. Support for the previous Service Pack will be withdrawn within 12 months. We aim to support new major operating systems and SQL servers within 12 months of their official release date. Further Microsoft support information is available at <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/lifecycle/search>.

Please note that SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2, Windows Server 2003, Windows XP and Windows Vista have all been removed from the Technical Roadmap because they are no longer supported.





What support is ending in the next 12 months?

Headline News

Office 2016 will be officially supported for the Spring 2016 release

SQL 2016 and Windows Server 2016 support are being considered for 2017

Roadmap Key Code

-  - Next version of a system as per the latest Microsoft release indicator. This is subject to change, depending on the latest Microsoft release information
-  - Not supported by Capita
-  - Will be confirmed in a future release of the Technical Roadmap
-  - Supported by Capita

What does the red 'Not supported by Capita' indicator mean?

'Not supported by Capita' means that we are either no longer testing our software on the stated platform or we have not finished testing our software on the stated platform. This does not necessarily mean that our software will not work on the stated platform but it does mean that we will be unable to support any issue raised by customers. For the most robust SIMS experience, we advise all customers to keep to a supported platform. Please note that SOLUS2 will stop working after the published end date for support.

What does the yellow indicator mean?

Technologies marked as yellow are either considerations for future support or considerations for retirement of a technology. Typically, where a new technology is supported, an older version of the technology is retired so that Capita is testing the same number of overall technologies and platform scenarios.

What is the latest Microsoft software supported? (correct at time of publication)

Server:

- Windows Server 2012 R2
- SQL Server 2014

Workstation:

- Windows 10
- Office 2016

Detailed Roadmap

SIMS Software Support: SIMS SQL and FMS SQL Server, SIMS InTouch, SOLUS3, SSM, PX Agent and PX Monitor

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
SIMS SQL Server								
Windows Server 2008 (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows Server 2008 R2								
Windows Server 2012								
Windows Server 2012 R2								
Windows Server 2016								
Windows 7 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows 8.1 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows 10 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
SQL Server 2012								
SQL Server 2014								
SQL Server 2016								
SIMS Server Components								
SOLUS2								
SOLUS3								

SIMS Software Support: SIMS Document Management Server

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
SIMS DMS								
Windows Server 2008 (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows Server 2008 R2								
Windows Server 2012								
Windows Server 2012 R2								
Windows Server 2016								
Windows 7 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows 8.1 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows 10 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								

Microsoft .NET Framework Support

Based on Microsoft support arrangements, these are the minimum recommended versions of .NET Framework across all SIMS products. Microsoft online updates should be used to keep SIMS systems updated and secure.

For more information, please see https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/gp/framework_faq/en-us?wa=wsignin1.0.

System	.NET Framework 4.5.2	.NET Framework 4.6	.NET Framework 4.6.1
Minimum recommended versions of Microsoft .NET Framework across SIMS products			
Windows Server 2008			
Windows Server 2012			
Windows Server 2016			
Windows 7			
Windows 8.1			
Windows 10			

SIMS Software Support: SIMS Client Application and InTouch

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
SIMS Client Application								
Windows Server 2008 (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows Server 2008 R2								
Windows Server 2012								
Windows Server 2012 R2								
Windows Server 2016								
Windows 7 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows 8.1 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Windows 10 Pro (32 / 64 bit)								
Office 2007								
Office 2010								
Office 2013								
Office 2016								
Internet Explorer 11 (printing)								
Adobe Acrobat Reader 10								

SIMS Activities - Client Browser Support

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Browser								
Google Chrome (latest version)								
Internet Explorer (IE11 is recommended)								
Mozilla Firefox (latest version)								
Safari (latest version)								

SIMS Partnership Xchange

Module	Detail	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Partnership Xchange									
Zone Integration Software	VSI Version 6.x								

Hosted SIMS

Module	Detail	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Client Access									
	Microsoft Remote Desktop App 8.1 or later (Mac, Android)								
	Microsoft Remote Desktop client for Windows 8.1 or later								
	Internet Explorer (IE11 is recommended)								
	Google Chrome (latest vision)								
3rd Party Software VPN Connector									
	As per the SIMS Server Specification								
	.NET framework 4.6.1								

SIMS Learning Gateway - Client Browser Support

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Browser								
	Google Chrome (latest)							
	Internet Explorer 11							
	Microsoft Edge							
	Mozilla Firefox (latest, on Windows/non-Windows OS)							
	Safari (latest, on Mac)							
	iPhone (latest)							
	Android (latest)							

SIMS Learning Gateway - Active Directory Provisioning Service and SLG Application Tier

Please note that SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 have been removed from the Technical Roadmap because they are no longer supported.

System	Process	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Microsoft Operating System									
Windows Server 2008 (64-bit)	SLG Upgrade								
Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit)	SLG Upgrade								
Windows Server 2012	New Installation								
Windows Server 2012 R2	New Installation								
Windows Server 2016	New installation								
Microsoft Operating System for SharePoint									
SQL Server 2012	New SLG Install								
SQL Server 2014	New SLG Install								
SQL Server 2016	New SLG Install								

SIMS Learning Gateway on SharePoint 2007

System	Process	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Microsoft SharePoint									
Windows SharePoint Services (WSS) with latest Service Pack or Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 (MOSS2007) with latest Service Pack									
Microsoft Operating System for SharePoint									
Windows Server 2008 (64-bit)	SLG Upgrade								
Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit)	SLG Upgrade								
Windows Server 2012	SLG Upgrade								
Microsoft Database for SharePoint									
SQL Server 2008									
SQL Server 2008 R2									

SIMS Learning Gateway on SharePoint 2010

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Microsoft SharePoint								
SharePoint 2010 Foundation								
SharePoint 2010								
Microsoft Operating System								
Windows Server 2008 (64-bit)								
Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit)								
Windows Server 2012 (latest SharePoint SP)								
Windows Server 2012 R2 (latest SharePoint SP)								
Microsoft Database								
SQL Server 2012								

SIMS Learning Gateway on Self-Hosted SharePoint 2013 - Not Office 365

System	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019
Microsoft SharePoint								
SharePoint 2010 migrated to SharePoint 2013								
SharePoint 2013 Foundation								
SharePoint 2013 Server								
Microsoft Operating System								
Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit)								
Windows Server 2012								
Windows Server 2012 R2								
Microsoft Database								
SQL Server 2012								
SQL Server 2014								

