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Microsoft issues End of Support statement on Windows Server 2003 this month. Ends April 2015



Special thanks to Darin Hansen who redesigned my newsletter! Thanks, Darin!!!

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## Tales of a Technologist

First, I'd like to take a minute and acknowledge Darin Hansen who redesigned my newsletter and the results are amazing. I know I've said it before but I can't believe the feedback I get from sending these things out and I'd encourage other businesses to start sending their own newsletters as a way to connect with each other. There is something uniquely personal about it that I can't really explain and I thought nobody would pay attention to them anyway. But, the point is reaching those people who do care and making them believers too. That's why I feel like I had to up my game here and put out a nicer looking newsletter. Kudos to Darin.

This last week Microsoft released a statement saying that end of support for Windows Server 2003 is coming in April 2015. Nothing new here, but I thought I'd mention it again to prepare some of you for the change. I still have a few of you running on 2003.

Speaking of unsupported OS's, I've seen that Adobe is no longer allowing downloads of their newest Flash addins in Internet Explorer 8. I recommend anyone running XP to start using Firefox or Chrome browsers because about a third of all malware is injected through old Flash versions that malware code will easily bypass to infect a computer. So far Java is still allowing their plugin to function with XP and IE8 but I expect tiny issues like this to compile into larger ones going into the future.

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## MVA Certifications on Server 2012R2

I recently completed two courses from the Microsoft Virtual Academy in the Windows Server 2012 track. The certifications were over 18 hours of course work on "Whats New in Server 2012R2" and "Web and Application Platform in Server 2012R2". Microsoft is moving their Server platform to reflect the increasing need for business web applications and hybrid Cloud within Small businesses and Enterprises. To give you an idea of just how powerful Server 2012R2 is, I recently put in a server at Prairie National Bank that was running Server 2012R2's Hyper-V Virtualization that replaced 4 servers in their server rack with a single server. This saved them the cost of buying 3 physical servers, saving them well over 30 thousand dollars in hardware purchases and additional Microsoft Licensing.



## Customer Spotlight

Palamides USA



Palamides USA is a company out of Dieterich, Illinois that makes incredible and award winning machines for the commercial printing industry. Bert and Yvonne Verhoven are frequent readers of the newsletter and have been fantastic supporters of me and despite the language barrier with the German technical support, we manage to work together to make Palamides USA run somewhat smoothly and business is growing! Relax man, you got a Palamides! www.palamides.de