

Technology Lifecycle Planning

Plan hardware and software lifecycle before end-of-life bites.

End-of-life is only a crisis if it surprises you.

Hardware and software both age out — support ends, security lapses, compatibility breaks. Planning the lifecycle across both is how you avoid emergency spend and unmanaged risk.

uControl turns lifecycle into a plan.

uControl **Insights** discovers hardware and software and their end-of-life status, and uControl **Core** analyses it into a forward lifecycle roadmap and budget.

Executive summary

Technology Lifecycle Planning gives you a forward view across the estate. Insights discovers hardware and software with EOL and usage; Core turns it into a lifecycle roadmap and budget forecast.

Refresh and upgrades become planned programmes, and end-of-support risk is managed ahead of time.

The business challenge

Lifecycle risk builds up unseen:

- Hardware and software EOL tracked separately, if at all
- End-of-support arrives as a surprise
- No forward roadmap across the estate
- Budgets react to failures
- Security and compatibility risk accumulate

So spend spikes and risk lands unplanned.

The uControl approach

uControl unifies lifecycle across hardware and software. Insights discovers both and their end-of-life status and usage; Core analyses the estate into a forward roadmap with budget and risk, so planning is proactive.

How it works

Hardware & software discovery Insights

Insights discovers hardware and software across the estate, on and off the network.

End-of-life status Insights

Track hardware EOL, warranty and software end-of-support.

Usage context Insights

Per-app usage informs what to upgrade, keep or retire.

Lifecycle roadmap Core

Core analyses the estate into a forward lifecycle roadmap and budget forecast.

Risk reporting Core

Report end-of-support and security risk ahead of time.

Customer journey

1 Discover

Insights discovers hardware and software and EOL status.

2 Assess

Combine warranty, EOL and usage into a picture.

3 Plan

Core builds a forward lifecycle roadmap and budget.

4 Prioritise

Sequence refresh and upgrades by risk and cost.

5 Execute

Act on a planned programme, not emergencies.

Key capabilities

✓ Hardware & software discovery (Insights)

✓ Hardware EOL & warranty (Insights)

✓ Software end-of-support tracking (Insights)

✓ Per-app usage context (Insights)

✓ Lifecycle roadmap & budget (Core)

✓ End-of-support risk reporting (Core)

✓ On- and off-network coverage

✓ Executive lifecycle dashboards

✓ Refresh sequencing

Business benefits

✓ No end-of-support surprises

✓ Budgeted, planned refresh and upgrades

✓ Managed security and compatibility risk

✓ One lifecycle view across hardware and software

✓ Evidence-based prioritisation

✓ Fewer emergency replacements

Illustrative scenario

Estate approaching multiple EOLs — illustrative

Several hardware platforms and software versions were nearing end-of-support with no combined plan.

uControl discovered the estate's hardware and software and their end-of-life status, and Core built a forward lifecycle roadmap and budget — turning a series of looming surprises into a sequenced, funded programme.

Frequently asked questions

Does it cover both hardware and software lifecycle?

Yes — Insights discovers both and their end-of-life status; Core plans across them together.

How does usage help?

Per-app usage tells you what's actually relied on, so upgrades and retirements are prioritised sensibly.

Can it forecast budget?

Yes — Core turns lifecycle data into a forward roadmap with budget and risk.

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