

Instructions for upgrading to NovaStor DataCenter Version 8

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1. Introduction

These instructions will help you to upgrade your NovaStor DataCenter environment (in Windows) from version 6 or 7 to version 8 and give you all the information you need for a smooth upgrade to the new licensing. It also covers how to upgrade from 8.x to the latest version 8. Note: These instructions only cover Windows systems, although the process is very similar for Linux.

From NovaStor DataCenter v7 there is a new license management. So if you want to upgrade from v6 or older, you need a new license. All details are described in detail in this document.

If you upgrade from v7 to v8, the licensing remains the same for you. With the current NovaCare you can continue to work with the same license in this case. The license is then automatically applied during the upgrade.

Detailed information on the new features and numerous improvements of the current version 8.x can be found in the [Changelog](#).

2. Upgrade Preparation

Please be sure to check the [list of supported systems](#).

2.1. Important!

Make a copy of the DataCenter Command Server database BEFORE the upgrade

Copy the following directory from the CmdSrv node to a backup location and keep it in a safe place.

For Windows: **%ProgramData%\NovaStor\DataCenter\db-derby\dc5**

For Linux: **/opt/NovaStor/DataCenter/db-derby/dc5/**

2.2. Upgrade from version 7 to version 8

If your current NovaStor DataCenter version 7 **is older than version 7.3.6**, please update to version 7.3.11 first: [Click here to download version 7.3.11](#). The single download includes Windows and Linux installers. Run the CmdSrv*.exe file in the .zip that matches your OS.

Now you can update to version 8.

2.3. Upgrade from version 6 to version 8

If your current NovaStor DataCenter version **is older than version 6.4.9**, please update to version 6.4.9 first: [Click here to download version 6.4.9](#). The single download includes Windows and Linux installers. Run the CmdSrv*.exe file in the .zip that matches your OS.

The second step is to update to version 7.3.11:

[Click here to download version 7.3.11](#). The single download includes Windows and Linux installers. Run the CmdSrv*.exe file in the .zip that matches your OS.

Now you can update to version 8.

2.4. Upgrade from version 8.x to latest version 8

If your current NovaStor DataCenter version is already version 8.x, please update to the latest version 8: [Click here to download the latest version 8](#). There are separate downloads for Windows and Linux installers.

Execute the CmdSrv*.exe file in the .zip to upgrade over the top of the existing 8.x version to get updated to the latest version 8.

3. Upgrade to Version 8

When you have finished preparing to upgrade to version 8, you can now start upgrading to version 8.

Now download NovaStor DataCenter v8 using the download link that you received when you purchased the product or from your NovaStor Account Manager. The latest version 8 is here.

Have your NovaStor DataCenter v7 or v8 license ready.

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4. Licensing

4.1. ATTENTION !

A version 6 license can no longer be used for NovaStor DataCenter version 7 or higher.

If you install NovaStor DataCenter v8 without a valid license, the product will still run for 21 days in demo mode and will only continue to work after a valid license has been entered.

If you have not yet received a v7 or v8 license, but have a valid v6 license, please contact your NovaStor Account Manager or contact our NovaStor DataCenter team at the following contact to obtain a v8 upgrade license.

NovaStor DataCenter Team
+1 805.409.3139
dcinfo@novastor.com

4.2. Approach to licensing

In order for the new licensing to work correctly, all NovaStor DataCenter clients (nodes) must be updated to the current version.

Please proceed as follows:

1. First update the Command Server to the current version.
2. Open the "DC Management Console".
3. [Update](#) all NovaStor DataCenter Clients (Nodes) in Nodes Management.
4. Now open the "DC Web Console".
5. In the main menu on the left go to Settings >> Application Settings >> Licensing.
6. Fill in the activation detail fields, enter your v7 or v8 license there and confirm the process by clicking the "Activation" button.
7. The licensing is now complete.
You will now see your license details in the right part of the license window.

4.3. Further important information about licensing

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NovaStor DataCenter licensing works with a hierarchy of licenses:

1. VM-Hosts
2. Physical Servers
3. Virtual Servers
4. Workstations

Missing licenses from the lower categories can be covered by free licenses from the higher categories.

Example: if a license for a physical server is missing, a free license for a VM host is used.

Exception: Workstations can only use free licenses from category 1 and 2, but not 3.

4.4. We will help you!

If you need help upgrading to version 8, our support team will be happy to assist you at any time.

If you have any questions about licensing, please contact us directly:

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