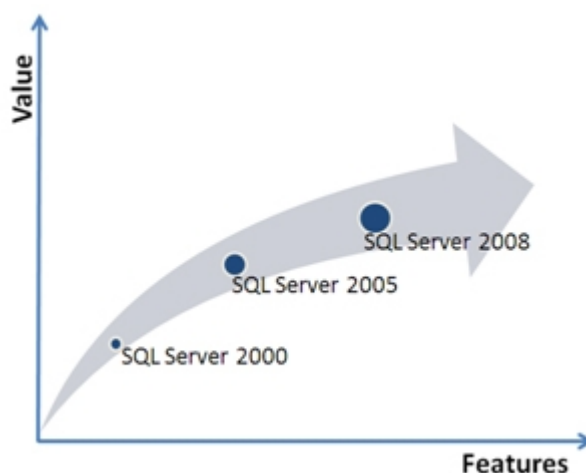


## Rapid Track SQL Server Upgrade

With significantly faster transaction processing, advanced business intelligence solutions and enhanced developer productivity, SQL Server 2008 builds on the strengths of SQL Server 2005. The mainstream support for SQL 2000 ended April 8, 2008. The last service pack is SP4. Extended support will be available until April 2013.

Enterprise and midmarket organizations upgrading to SQL Server 2008 will not only accelerate growth achieve security and auditing improvement along with storage efficiencies. The Microsoft Certified DBAs at Novedea Systems can guide your firm past common pitfalls and through a smooth upgrade into SQL Server 2008.



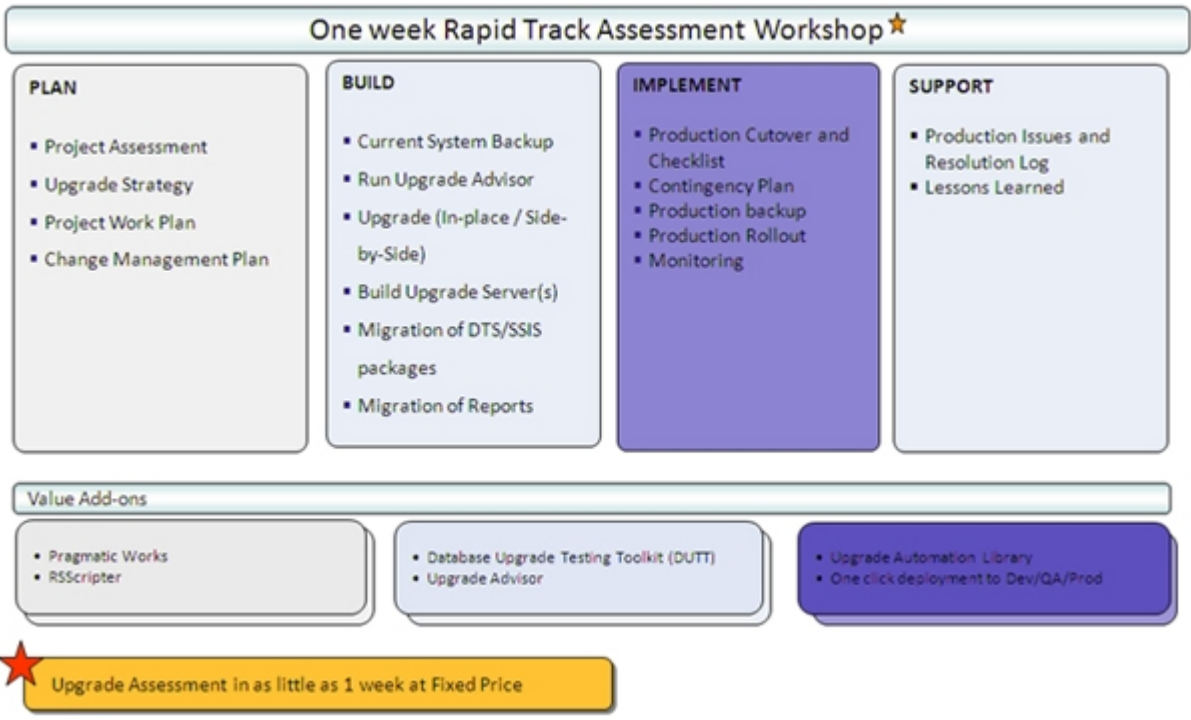
The current SQL Server customers are in one or more of these situations:

- Currently using SQL Server 2000 and planning to upgrade to either SQL Server 2005 or SQL Server 2008.
- Currently using a mixture of SQL Server 2000 and SQL Server 2005 and are planning to upgrade to SQL Server 2008.
- Recently upgraded to SQL Server 2005 and are planning or evaluating to upgrade to SQL Server 2008.

The upgrade wizard that comes with SQL Server 2008 will not convert all the tasks. The tasks that are not converted will remain as DTS tasks within a SSIS wrapper. This causes confusion with connection strings as they are changed in the DTS package, not the SSIS wrapper.

## Our Rapid Track Approach

Our SQL Server experts will ensure a smooth transition to SQL Server 2008 through thorough planning and testing. The Rapid Track for SQL Server upgrade begins with a one week assessment to study the existing system landscape. The one-week onsite visit by our expert team drives the collaborated workshop by on boarding the key client team members. A detailed study of current technical infrastructure, system landscape, functionality scope and degree of customization is documented. At the end of the week an assessment report is provided that contains high level project plan, resource plan, effort estimate, cost indication and recommendation based on the findings.



Our SQL Server experts will ensure a smooth transition to SQL Server 2008 through thorough planning and testing. We evaluate your hardware and operating system configuration, network and Internet considerations, and disk space requirements. Our SQL upgrade consultants will advise you of the appropriate SQL Server Edition and components that best meet your requirements. We'll then review the new encryption and governance policies to set these to your specific security needs. We'll optimize the new compression features uniquely to your data and hardware. We'll review stored procedure and code compatibility and can even help you to make any needed modifications to these as well as upgrading any DTS packages you have. We will set up a test environment, formulate a test plan, and help you to conduct exercises of the new environment. Once we have passed these tests, we'll collaborate with you on a system cutover plan to minimize the affect on your production environment.

**Benefits of Rapid Upgrade**

- Quick and low-cost validation of business and technical needs for the upgrade.
- Reduces costs for development and deployment by building a project plan grounded in facts as result of upfront assessment phase.
- Actionable results that can be acted on immediately, eliminating weaknesses and roadblocks to success.

**Summary**

Working within the do-more-with-less constraints that most organizations experience today, Rapid SQL Server Upgrade provides a way to expedite the important task of database upgrade. The one week assessment provides a complete picture from timeline, resources and cost perspective. Our experienced SQL Server team performs the upgrade using best practices. The Rapid upgrade track helps organizations and people to succeed in spite of ever-increasing constraints.