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Is self-hosting old versions of Rustdesk 100% future-proof, without relying on the Rustdesk company/dev to still exist?

Imagine this scenario:

- 2023-08-07: Today I download all current releases of the Rustdesk software I will ever need, i.e. all the software for the self-hosted server + Windows+Mac+Linux desktop agents
- 2024-01-01: The Rustdesk devs + company + servers etc all disappear. All their servers + websites + github etc are taken offline, and maybe you can't even find the software to download again

2 questions:

- 1. Could I still continue using my 2023 self-hosted setup forever?
- 2. Including reinstalling it all again from scratch, from the downloads I kept from 2023?

Obviously in this scenario you're not getting updates. And I know that it's likely you'd find copies of the software





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Yes, if all required resources (client, server etc....) Is available, but the Operating system will upgrade, so it may be unusable someday

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can create your own server with your own key. Github can compiled this for you (it's all in the documentation). That way you can even change something in the code without being dependent on the original project.



No, Open source version RustDesk has no any license check or any counter/trigger if you use very frequently or long time, it won't show "hello mother fxxker you're on professional use please consider to buy our business license or you will be limited to use this software" (just kidding Don't report me)



I've been curious about the same thing since they seem to be transitioning away from FOSS to a profit model. Since the software is still somewhat in it's infancy, I've already seen some permissions issues it faces with operating systems (they actively don't care about working inside of VM's, macOS has a ton of permissions bugs etc.). To expand on another comment, I don't think it's a matter of IF but WHEN an OS pushes an update that breaks non-updated versions of RustDesk.

Of course, despite the security risks you could opt to never update your OS (easier with Linux but possible with others), and hypothetically you should be able to self-host indefinitely on the same version. Until RustDesk puts self-hosting or other features you need behind a paywall though, I'd probably try to stay updated for the latest compatibility fixes.



I think people are getting tired of the subscription models and more tired of the ridiculous costs with it. As well as the ability to modify it to suit and self host. So it seems more Opensource options for everything are popping up

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