

The Smart Choice for  
SQL Server Migration  
and Optimization

# Nutanix Xtract for Databases (DBs)



Nutanix Enterprise Cloud Platform is an ideal choice for business-critical applications. The advantages it provides in terms of high availability, resiliency, and flexibility are a compelling value propositions for customers running Microsoft SQL Server, but migrating a large number of Microsoft SQL Server instances can be a challenging process.

First, you need to minimize the time that important database applications are offline. For databases that have been around for a long time, you'd naturally like to bring the configuration up to date to conform to the latest best practices, but that adds time and complexity. And in any multi-step manual process the chances of user error are high, potentially putting critical business data at risk.

Xtract for DBs is a fully automated software package from Nutanix that eliminates these challenges, ensuring your SQL Server applications deliver optimal performance and ease-of-management on the Nutanix platform. Nutanix Xtract:

- Discovers every SQL Server instance to help you better understand your environment
- Migrates and optimizes SQL Server instances in accordance with Nutanix best practices
- Minimizes downtime and provides full control over cutover
- Eliminates the chance of user error and inconsistency
- Migrates from the SQL Server version on the source to the same SQL Server version running on Nutanix
- Supports SQL Server 2008 R2 through SQL Server 2016

## CLEAN SLATE MIGRATION

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Overall progress 27%

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| Project name | Demo       |
| Scan name    | scan1      |
| Cluster      | alana      |
| IP Address   | 10.4.88.41 |
| Container    | sqlservers |
| Total VMs    | 2          |

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## OPTIMIZED USING NUTANIX BEST PRACTICES

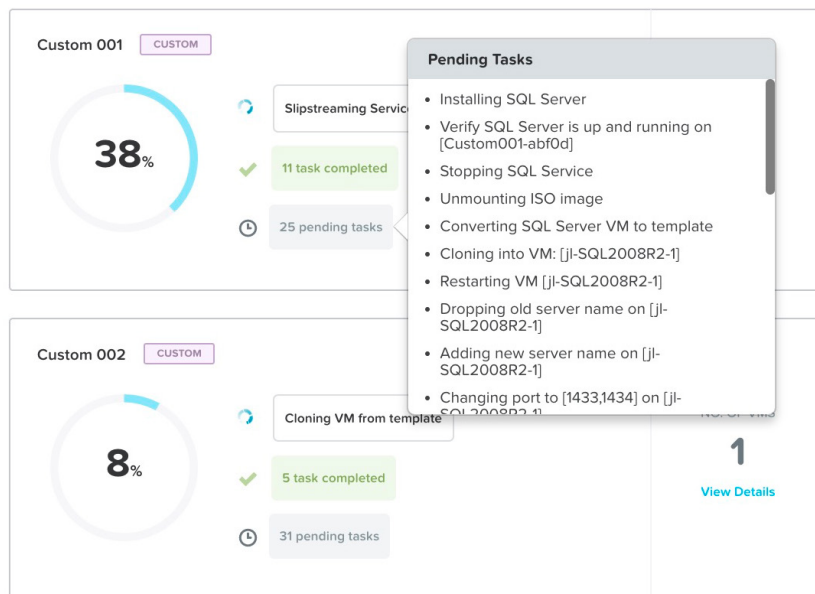
As part of the migration, your SQL Server applications are automatically deployed according to Nutanix best practices for SQL Server, delivering an optimal application implementation on the Nutanix platform. Best practices for performance, reliability, and manageability are implemented at an application level, including adding additional drives and re-balancing data as needed.

## AUTOMATED FOR CONSISTENCY

Xtract for DBs uses automated processes to ensure migrations are performed consistently while eliminating the chance of operator error. This is extremely valuable when you have tens or even hundreds of databases to migrate.

## FAST CUTOVER

The cutover window from your old SQL Server instance to the new deployment on Nutanix is extremely short, allowing you to accomplish the migration while maintaining SLAs. For business-critical production databases, you have full control over when the cutover occurs, and you can easily stage and test a pre-production instance in preparation for a final cutover. Roll back to the old server is also easy to do if needed for any reason.



## GETTING STARTED

To find out more about the benefits of Nutanix Xtract and how to get started visit: [nutanix.com/xtract](https://nutanix.com/xtract)

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