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HP is shutting down the Helion Public Cloud offering on 31 January 2016, leaving customers with little more than 3 months to find a new home for their off-site software and data.



The "sunset" of Helion has been a long time coming-- back in April 2015 [a New York Times interview](#) had HP cloud boss Bill Hilf admit the company does not have what it takes to face the likes of Amazon, Google and Microsoft. Which makes sense, since HP's core enterprise strength lies in the sale of datacentre hardware.

"We thought people would rent or buy computing from us," Hilf said. "It turns out that it makes no sense for us to go head-to-head."

As a result HP now plans to "double-down" on private and managed cloud through investment in the Helion OpenStack platform and the Helion CloudSystem private cloud solution, as well as hybrid cloud with further support for Microsoft Azure and Amazon AWS.

HP will also continue leading the Cloud28+ initiative bringing together commercial and public sector IT vendors with EU regulators to develop common cloud service offerings across 28 European countries.

"We will continue to innovate and grow in our areas of strength, we will continue to help our partners and to help develop the broader open cloud ecosystem, and we will continue to listen to our customers to understand how we can help them with their entire end-to-end IT

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strategies," the company concludes.

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