

# UNDERSTANDING MERAKI CO-TERMINATION

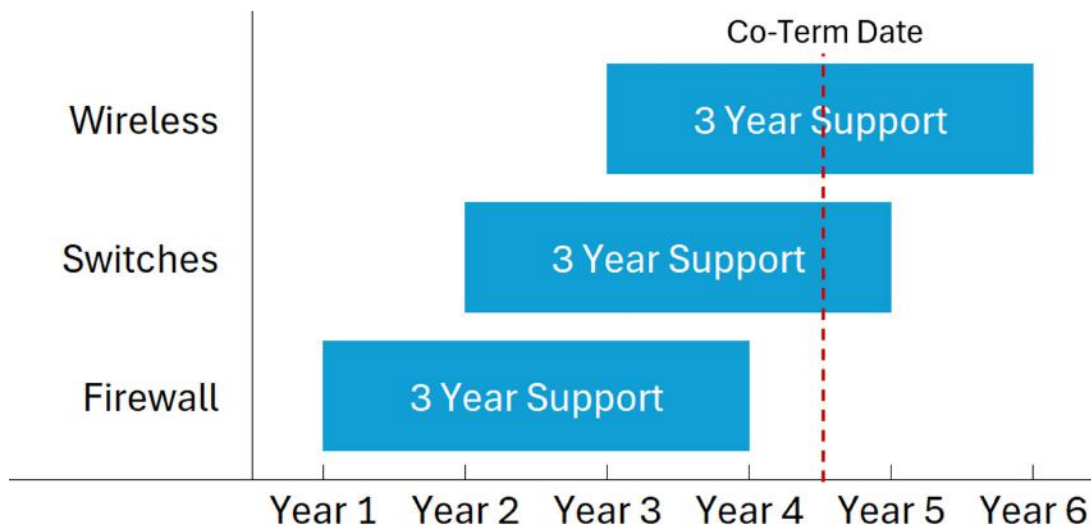
Simplify managing your licenses.

Meraki's licensing system uses a process called [co-termination](#), which simplifies managing your licenses by combining all expiration dates into a single renewal date for your organization. When you purchase a new device with a support license (e.g., 3 years), the expiration date for all your Meraki devices will adjust to create a single, unified renewal date.

## Here's How It Works, Using a Typical Small Business Example:

Imagine a small business with one location. Over the past few years, the business has added Meraki devices in phases:

- Two years ago, they purchased an MX security appliance with a 3-year license.
- One year ago, they purchased two MS switches, each with a 3-year license.
- Recently, they added three MR wireless access points, each with a 3-year license.



Rather than having different license expiration dates for each of these purchases, Meraki's co-termination averages the remaining time across all devices. For example:

- The MX appliance, with only 1 year of coverage remaining, will "borrow" time from the newly added devices.
- The switches and access points will similarly contribute their time to create one unified expiration date across all devices.

This approach ensures you only have one renewal date to track, simplifying license management for your organization.

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## One Thing To Keep In Mind

Meraki's co-termination model can feel unintuitive when buying new equipment late in your renewal cycle. If your renewal is just months away and you add a switch with a 3-year license, that time is averaged across all devices. Instead of a full 3 years on the new switch, you might only get a small extension to your overall renewal. While this is expected behavior, it can feel like you didn't get what you paid for. To avoid surprises, check your renewal timeline before major purchases.

## Looking For a More Flexible Option?

Meraki now offers subscription licensing, an alternative to traditional co-termination. This model provides:

- Add new devices to your plan without shifting your renewal date.
- Monthly billing options for more financial flexibility
- Hardware replacements without needing to repurchase licenses in some cases

## Still Confused About Co-termination Licensing?

You can read Meraki's co-termination [overview](#) or [click here](#) for Meraki's license calculator. Furthermore, don't hesitate to call us at (616) 949-4020 or email us at [support@hungerford.tech](mailto:support@hungerford.tech).