Installation of Server OS on HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations



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Before you begin

Before starting this process, note the following:

- It is very important to be aware of the Microsoft Windows® operating system licensing requirements. Contact your Microsoft licensing representative for the proper licensing requirements.
- The Web URLs listed in this document are for additional reference. URLs are subject to change or termination. HP makes no attempt to assure that these URLs are current.
- By providing this document, HP is not liable to provide any additional consulting services. Contact your HP Sales Representative or Channel Partner to arrange for additional HP Consulting Services.
- This document is not meant to be comprehensive in supporting all the possible configurations of the HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations. Instead, it provides sufficient information to enable key hardware devices.

Warning

Following the installation steps outlined in this document will erase your storage device. If your storage contains information you need to retain, be sure to make a backup copy to a separate location before proceeding with the installation.

Things you need before you begin

Make sure you have the following items before you begin:

- This document.
- Additional information that will assist your installation, such as hardware inventory, applications, and OS licensing.

Support plan

HP does not sell or support the Microsoft Windows® Server operating system on the HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations.

Microsoft support

The HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations are certified by Microsoft for the Windows® 11 Pro (64-bit) operating system, version 24H2, and the Windows® 11 Pro (64-bit) operating system, version 25H2. The HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations are not certified by Microsoft for any Windows® Server operating system.

HP support

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Server OS installation

All HP support provided for the HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations are subject to and governed by the terms and conditions pursuant to which you received the system and its related package and options from HP. Hardware support will be covered under the standard warranty and support or related upgrade options that were purchased with the system. Support can only be provided if issues have been duplicated on a supported operating system.

Operating system installation process

This section will detail the steps to install Windows® Server 2025 operating system (OS) on the desired HP workstation.

Step 1: Have Windows® Server 2025 operating system media readily accessible.

Step 2: Obtain Plug-and-Play drivers for the HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations:

Additional drivers are needed after OS installation for full functionality of some system devices, including the chipset, management engine (ME), and onboard network adapter. HP recommends installing the latest drivers to ensure the best system performance.

Additionally, if VMD is enabled in the BIOS to allow for RAID, then the Intel® Virtual RAID on CPU storage driver is required to install the OS.

Refer to the driver lists below for more information.

Updated drivers for HP Workstation products can be obtained from www.hp.com or the HP Image Assistant (HPIA). Microsoft Windows® 11 Pro 25H2 (64-bit) drivers should be used on HP Workstation products to substitute for Microsoft Windows® Server 2025 drivers. To obtain the appropriate drivers:

- Go to the appropriate site depending on the system being imaged:
  - HP Z8 Fury G6i Workstation Desktop PC Software and Driver Downloads | HP® Support
  - HP Z4 G6i Workstation Desktop PC Software and Driver Downloads | HP® Support
- Navigate to: Download drivers and software -> Microsoft Windows® 11 (64-bit)

Step 3: Install Microsoft Windows® Server 2025 operating system from DVD or USB media. Please refer to https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/get-started-19/get-started-19 for information regarding the available installation options.

Note

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Server OS installation
The HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations only support UEFI for OS installation.

Step 4: Update drivers

HP recommends updating the drivers on the system. At the very least, the BIOS, chipset, network adapter, management engine, and graphics drivers should be updated to enable full system functionality and features.

Note
Intel® Bluetooth and Intel® Wireless LAN drivers for HP Z8 Fury G6i and HP Z4 G6i Workstations are not signed for the Windows® Server Operating System and may not install correctly.

Summary

Thank you for your purchase of, and interest in, HP Workstations. We hope this document was useful. For additional products and services that might meet the needs of your organization, please contact your HP Sales Representative or Channel Partners.

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Appendix A: Additional HP support URLs

- HP Workstations
https://www.hp.com/us-en/workstations/workstation-pcs.html
- HP support and drivers
https://support.hp.com/us-en/drivers
- HP Z8 Fury G6i Workstation Desktop PC Support Page
https://support.hp.com/us-en/product/hp-z8-fury-g6i-workstation-desktop-pc
- HP Z4 G6i Workstation Desktop PC Support Page
https://support.hp.com/us-en/product/hp-z4-g6-workstation-desktop-pc

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