

Microsoft Windows 7 and Server 2008 End of Life

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If you or your organization have computers running Microsoft Windows 7 or servers running Windows Server 8 or are still using Exchange 2010, this is for you and it's important. Microsoft support for these products end in January 2020. Now is the time to make plans to get these products updated or replaced.

Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 are popular and well-loved — and they're completely unsupported after January 2020. Have you prepared to upgrade or replace this products yet?

When Windows 7 reaches end of life and end of support in six months, it will no longer be a secure, compliant operating system. Microsoft will no longer releases updates or security patches. If you continue using it, you will be putting your data at risk. Hackers love to target unsupported applications and take advantage of vulnerabilities in legacy software. You don't want to be in the cross-hairs.



In addition to the lack of security updates, many industries require all computing equipment to be running compliant operating systems and software. The Healthcare, Financial, and Insurance industries are required by government regulators to use compliant software.

Also consider too that other services and manufacturers will stop providing support and products for Windows 7. New versions of your core software and line of business applications may no longer be developed or supported on Windows 7 either. Vendors and developers are less likely to provide integration services, hardware, and software on systems and platforms that Microsoft no longer supports.

What's the next step then? Consider planning your upgrade to Windows 10 now, or using this opportunity to explore the possibilities of Office 365. We encourage you to take the time to plan and budget for a smooth, timely transition. With many companies facing the same deadlines and the numbers of machines involved, there may not be enough resources or equipment available to get the job done by the end of January 2020.

We are in the midst of several upgrade and equipment replacement projects. Many of the upgrades require "touching" each computer involved, so it's important to get a plan in place and figure out your timing. Contact The Computing Center and we'll be happy to work with you and your organizations.