



Windows XP Support is Ending

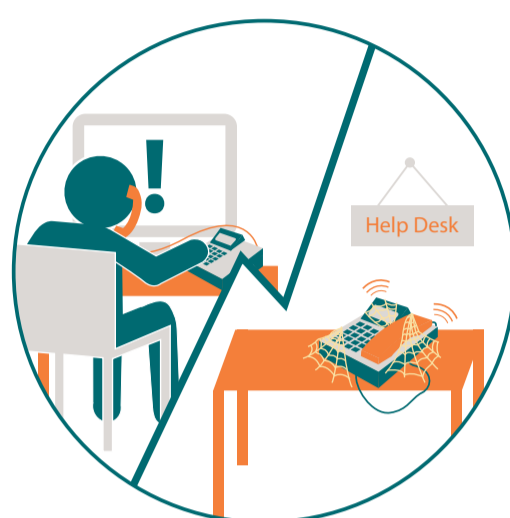


As of April 8, 2014 Microsoft will stop providing support for its Windows XP operating system (OS), the software that supports almost **one in three**¹ computers. Security updates and patches will no longer be available, and any payment systems and computers still running XP will be vulnerable to attacks.

If you're running outdated software on your computer, your business could be at risk. Why?

You no longer have support

You're on your own to fix any problems that might come up, causing downtime for your business and putting your systems at risk.



No security patches and updates

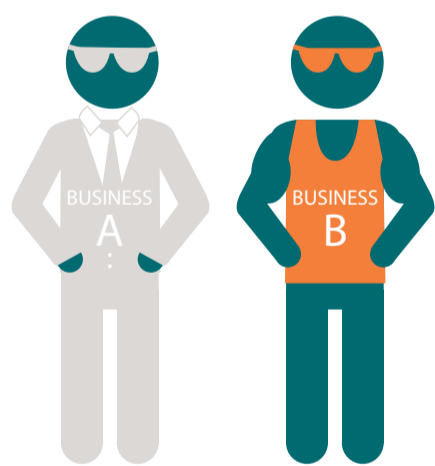
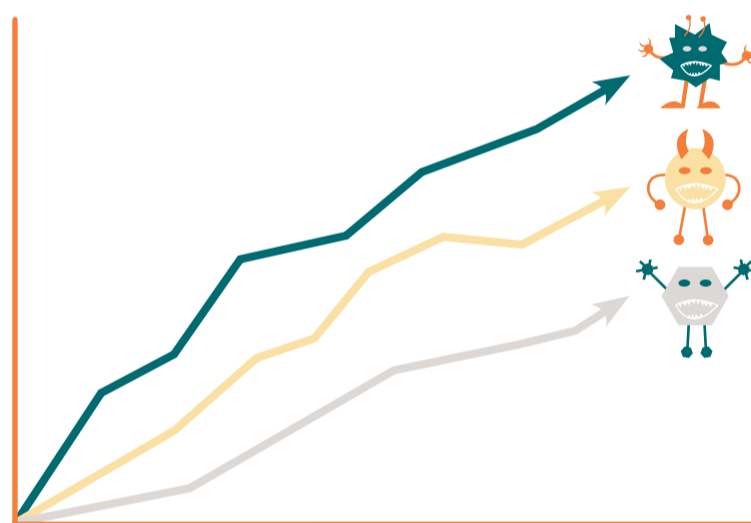


Without the latest protections for your PC against viruses, spyware and other malicious software that can compromise your system, you're leaving the door wide open for hackers.



Malware is on the rise

Between June and September 2013 alone, McAfee discovered 20 million new pieces of malware² and is one of the most common attacks on small businesses used to steal valuable information,³ which are the most victimized of all companies.⁴



You are an easy target

If you accept payment cards, you already have something hackers want, and now you're making it easier for them to get it. Remember, they always go after the low-hanging fruit.

95% of the world's ATMs are powered by Windows XP.⁵ Considering that there are 420,000 ATMs in the US alone,⁶ the migration to a new OS is indeed a massive endeavor.



Don't make yourself an easy target, talk to your technology provider today to make sure your PC and systems are not putting your customers' confidential payment card data and your business at risk. Visit the Microsoft website **here** for more information.

For information on unsupported operating systems and PCI DSS compliance, check out **PCI FAQ 1130**.

Visit www.pcisecuritystandards.org to learn more about PCI Security Standards and how to apply them to your business.



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