

Windows 7 End of Life JANUARY 2020



Are You Prepared?

You may have heard or seen online about Windows 7 becoming "End of Life". But what does that actually mean for your business? We have put together this article to give you a bit more information around what will happen on January 14th 2020, and what you can do to ensure your business is protected.

What Does "End of Life" Mean?

End of Life means that Microsoft are no longer providing support, updates, bug fixes or security patches for Windows 7. This allows Microsoft to focus on the newer software they have released, as Windows 7 is now over 10 years old.

Can I carry on using Windows 7?

You can. However, we strongly advise against it. Not only does this leave your business vulnerable to cyber-attacks, if you continue to use Windows 7 after January 14th 2020, you may no longer be GDPR compliant.

Can I just upgrade to Windows 10 without buying new hardware?

The short answer is yes. However, this depends on the age and spec of the machine you're currently working on. Older systems generally can't cope with Windows 10, therefore upgrading is sometimes the only option. Workstations usually have a life cycle of around 3-4 years, as after this point they start to become slow and unresponsive. If you're running Windows 7, it's more than likely that your machine is due for an upgrade.

What if my staff can't work out the new system?

Our 24/7 UK Based Service Desk is on hand to answer any questions you or your staff may have about Windows 10. When our engineers are installing your new

workstations, they will also be able to answer any questions or walk you through the basics.

Will this be a lot of hassle and downtime replacing the machines?

Not at all. Our engineers build your machines here at ITVET, ensuring all of your necessary software is installed. We then bring the machines to you and set them up in an empty office, room or clear space. Your staff can then remote into their new machine and check they are happy with how it has been set up. Our engineers then swap out the equipment, which takes about 10 minutes per person. Time for a cup of tea!

What about my files?

They will all still be there when you log back on. No disruption or data loss.

Will my 3rd party software still be compatible?

Upgrading your operating system may mean you have to update some of your 3rd party software too. There is the chance that if you stay on Windows 7, your software provider may withdraw support due to the insecurities of the operating system.

Will this cost a lot?

It depends on how many machines you have that are running Windows 7. Our prices are competitive, and we will never sell you something you don't need. We have finance options available, so you can spread the cost evenly. If your team regularly struggle with slow or unresponsive machines, it may actually be more cost effective for your business to refresh your hardware.

If you are currently using Windows 7 and would like to discuss your options for upgrading, please get in touch. We will help you find the most suitable and budget friendly solution for your business, just give our team a call on 01279 464470 or visit itvet.co.uk/contact.

