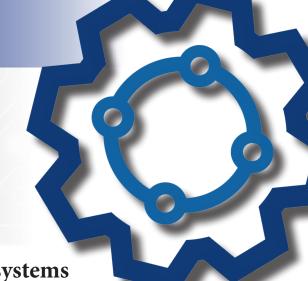
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Windows 7 and Server 2008 End of Life



End of Support for two Microsoft Operating systems

The day has been coming for many years and it now nearly upon us. Now is the time to move off of Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 and 2008R2. Those systems will not receive any kind of support after the 14th of January 2020.

Here is the information from Microsoft directly:

"All good things must come to an end, even Windows 7. After January 14, 2020, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or support for PCs running Windows 7."

Here is the link to that article.

And the answer to the question "What happens if I continue to use Windows 7?"

You can continue to use Windows 7, but once support ends, your PC will become more vulnerable to security risks. Windows will operate but you will stop receiving security and feature updates.

One of the primary methods that spammers and the criminals who distribute viruses spread their webs is through PCs that are no longer supported. We saw this extensively with Windows XP. Hundreds of thousands of people just did not upgrade and their PCs became what

is known in the security world as 'Zombie' PCs being used as mail servers for spammers. Likely this will happen with Windows 7 PCs after January.

For servers that support businesses this is even more critical. There is software always in the wild looking for open ports, known vulnerabilities that can basically bare all of a company's data to anyone on the Internet who wants access. The organized crime groups who operate in the background are always looking for an open window. Any server operating Server 2008 or 2008R2 will be a target.

Microsoft's statement:

Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 are approaching the end of their support lifecycle. This means that as of the dates in the table below there will be no additional:

- Free security updates on-premises
- Non-security updates
- Free support options
- Online technical content update

HST will not be able to effectively support Windows 7 PCs or Windows 2008 servers after January.

Now is the time to plan and execute the upgrade for any of these machines currently in place. Want help? HST can:

- Do an assessment and tell you if you can upgrade or need to replace equipment
- Procure hardware, migrate computers and integrate

Financing is available

We hope to make this process as easy as possible. All you need to do is submit a ticket that says:

"I need W7 upgrade" to support@higher-state.com.

Questions? Contact Higher State today!

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