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# The end of Windows 7 is near

**In about a months' time, support for Windows 7 will cease. After that point in time, no further security updates will be provided. Users should therefore switch over to Windows 10 as soon as they can.**

The last security updates for Windows 7 and Windows 2008 servers will be issued on 14th January 2020. After this date, these operating systems will officially have reached the end of their ten-year support period and will no longer be provided with patches and technical support.

Private Windows 7 users should switch over to Windows 10 as soon as they can, since an obsolete operating system is vulnerable to malware. It therefore constitutes an easy target for cyber criminals who will specifically target any such vulnerability.

Corporate customers unable to switch in time for the end of support period are able to use Microsoft's Extended Security Updates (ESU). This fee-based offer ensures that security updates are supplied for a further maximum of three years - i.e. until January 2023.