

## Information: End-of-Life “Windows7”

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**Windows 7 is going to “end of life” on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020, meaning Microsoft will no longer support or regularly update the system with fixes when a security vulnerability is found.**

History will repeat itself in 2020, with at least one major attack leveraging the vulnerability to affect companies around the world, similar to what we saw with the end of life of Windows XP. WannaCry is one example of what kind of devastating effects an unpatched, out-of-date operating system can have.

There are multiple reasons organizations could choose not to upgrade, even if the operating system poses a security risk. For example, the device may be running critical software that won't work appropriately on a more recent version of Windows, like Windows 10. But those who do not, or do not take other appropriate mitigating measures like network segmentation, will be putting themselves at increasing risk over time.

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