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FROM DAMIEN'S DESK:

Here we are in September, Christmas is only around the corner! It's not the only thing that is around the corner, the End of Life for Windows 10 is also just around the corner.

Windows 10 is coming up as End of Life (EOL) on October 14, 2025.

Why are we mentioning it now? It is time to start working on replacing machines that can't be upgraded. You also need time to confirm that your business applications will run on Windows 11, you may need to reach out to your software vendors to confirm.

Imagine if you get to October 2025, to find out your accounting software or custom line of business software won't work. Now is the time to start working through that process, you have time to gather options and scenarios.
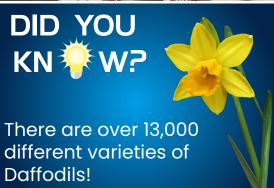
You will see on the following pages some important information on the Windows 10 end of life.
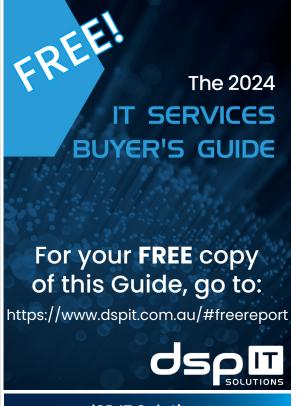
If we can help, please reach out.

Stay safe and start planning.
Damien "Win 11 compatible" Pepper

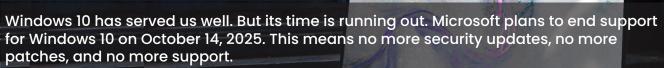Damien Pepper – Director
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WINDOWS 10:
The final countdown - It's time to upgrade your PC

Windows 10 has served us well. But its time is running out. Microsoft plans to end support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025. This means no more security updates, no more patches, and no more support.

It's time to upgrade to Windows 11. This is especially true for business users with many systems to check and upgrade. This change isn't just about getting new features. It's about ensuring your PC stays secure, fast, and capable.

Why You Need to Upgrade Now

Security Concerns
No more updates mean no more security patches. Upgrading to Windows 11 ensures you receive the latest security updates.

Enhanced Performance
Windows 11 is designed to be faster and more efficient. It optimises your hardware, providing better performance.

Improved Features
The redesigned Start Menu and Taskbar offer a fresh, modern look. Snap Layouts and Snap Groups help you organise your workspace. Virtual Desktops allow you to create different desktops for different tasks. These enhance productivity and make your PC experience more enjoyable.

Hardware Requirements for Windows 11
Not all current PCs can run Windows 11. Here are the basic hardware requirements:
• A compatible 64-bit processor with at least 1 GHz clock speed and 2 or more cores.
• 4 GB of RAM or more.
• 64 GB of storage or more.
• UEFI firmware with Secure Boot capability.
• TPM version 2.0.
• DirectX 12 compatible graphics with a WDDM 2.0 driver.
If your PC doesn't meet these requirements, consider upgrading.

Upgrading Your Computer

Opportunity to Modernise:
Newer PCs come with better processors, more RAM, and faster storage.

AI-Enabled PCs:
Consider PCs that offer advanced features powered by AI.

Energy Efficiency:
Modern PCs use less power without compromising performance.

Benefits of Upgrading to Windows 11

Better User Interface:
Windows 11 offers a cleaner UI with a centered Start Menu and simplified Taskbar.

Improved Multitasking:
You can easily organise open windows, switch between tasks and create separate desktops.

Integrated Microsoft Teams:
Quickly start a chat or video call directly from the Taskbar.

What Are the Risks of Waiting to Upgrade?

Increased Vulnerability:
Waiting to upgrade increases your vulnerability. As the end-of-support date approaches, the risk of security threats grows. Upgrading now minimises this risk.

Potential Compatibility Issues:
New applications and updates may not be compatible. By upgrading now, you ensure compatibility with the latest software.

Business Disruption:
Starting an upgrade for your office now gives time for a smooth rollout.

How to Upgrade

Check Compatibility:
Check if your PC meets the requirements using the PC Health Check tool.

Backup Your Data:
Avoid losing important files during the upgrade process.

Follow Upgrade Instructions:
This may involve downloading the installation file and running the setup.

Seek Professional Help:
If you're unsure about upgrading, seek the help of tech experts.

The countdown to the end of Windows 10 has begun. Ensure your PC stays protected and up to date. Don't wait until the last minute!

Regular cyber security training gives your business the highest level of protection

Small and medium sized businesses are a BIG target for cyber criminals because they invest less in security. **In 2023...**

343
million victims

94%
of organisations reported email security incidents.

Scanning...

HUMAN ERROR
is one of the leading sources of cyber attacks.

EVERYONE
needs cyber security training, from your CEO to your most junior employee.

2 methods of training: Traditional and Interactive.

Traditional
• Classroom style
• Online courses
• Seminars

Interactive
• Gamification
• Simulated attacks
• Interactive workshops

Combining both is most effective.
Training should be regular as threats constantly evolve.

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TOP 6 SMART OFFICE TRENDS FOR AN IMPROVED WORKFLOW

Gone are the days of sterile cubicles and monotonous routines. Today's smart offices are hubs of innovation. They're designed to empower employees, optimise workflows, and foster collaboration.

This shift is driven by technology, including smart features that seamlessly integrate into the physical workspace. But with so many options available, where do you begin?

Here are the top six smart office trends you should consider adopting. They can power productivity and boost employee satisfaction.

1. Internet of Things (IoT) Devices
2. Data Analytics
3. Collaborative Technologies
4. Remote Work Solutions
5. Smart Furniture
6. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning

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What do you call an online meeting of pirates?

A webin-arrgh.

WIN A $25 WISH GIFT CARD

The winner from last month's trivia question was Ann from Showtime Attractions. The answer was b) Tux.

You could be the winner of this month's trivia question. Just contact us with the answer to the question below, no googling and good luck!

What is the name of the first AI powered chatbot that first appeared in 1966?

a) Eliza
b) Elise
c) Hannah
d) Kate

Call us with your answer
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