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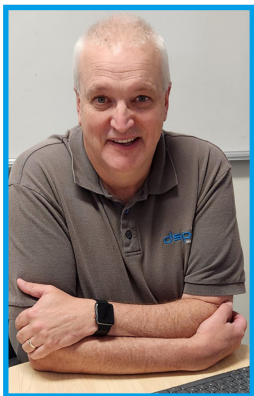
# TALKING TECH

## HELPING YOUR BUSINESS



## FROM DAMIEN'S DESK:

I hope you are enjoying some time off with your family. Whether it is getting away on holiday or spending some time around home, having that time with family is important. I will be heading away later this month for a few days over on the South Australian coast and I certainly hope to soak up some sun.

Please take some valuable time to reflect on the past 12 months, remembering what you have achieved. We all tend to focus on what's next rather than spending a little time basking in what we have managed to achieve. Enjoy!

Have you started a stop-doing list? As business owners or senior managers, we tend to get stuck doing things that either provide little to no value or could be done by someone else more aligned with the skill set required to complete such a task. Getting some of these tasks off your list allows you to focus on the critical work you should be doing as a business leader. Invest your time in strategy or direction; let me tell you, it will pay massive dividends.

Happy New Year!

I wish you all a very successful 2025.

Damien Pepper - Director
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## DID YOU KNOW?

The first item sold on eBay was a broken laser pointer!
It sold for $14.83

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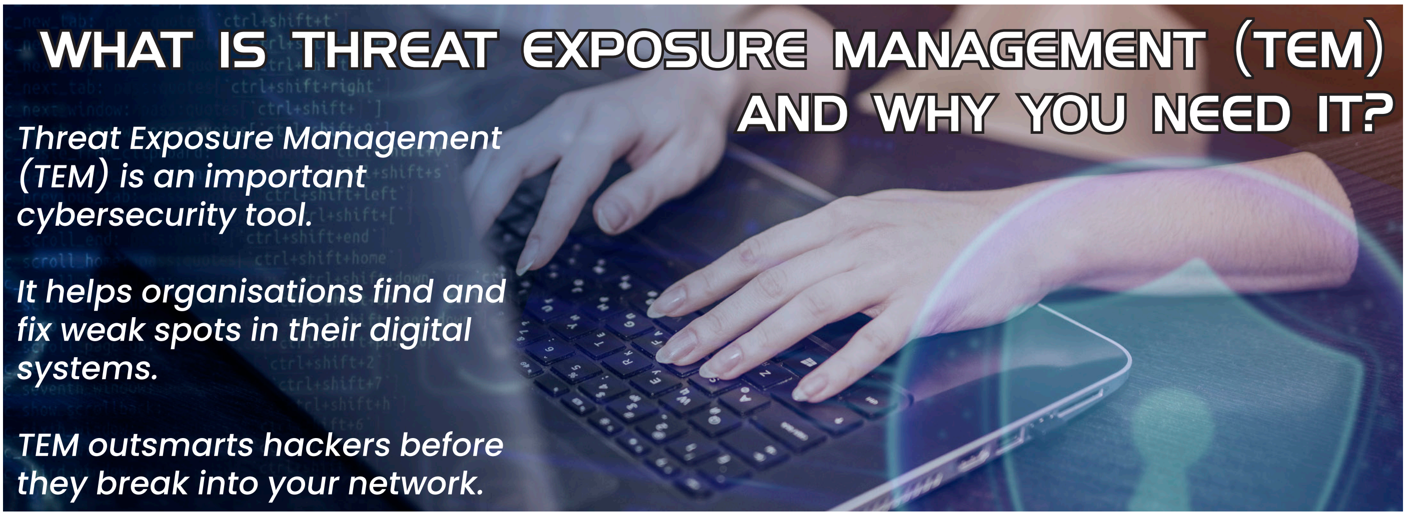
# WHAT IS THREAT EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT (TEM) AND WHY YOU NEED IT?




## Importance of TEM

Cyber-attacks keep getting worse. Hackers always find new ways to break in. TEM helps businesses spot problems before they become big issues.

TEM allows you to:

- Find weak points in your network
- Fix issues quickly
- Reduce your risk of cyber attacks

### How TEM Works

TEM uses special software to scan your entire network. It finds places hackers could attack and helps you fix these weak spots.

### Continuous Monitoring

TEM keeps looking all the time. This way, you can find new problems as soon as they appear.

### Risk Assessment

TEM finds which weak spots are the most dangerous. This helps you fix the most important ones first.

## Main Parts of a TEM Program

### Asset Discovery

This finds all devices and software on your network. You can't protect what you don't know about!

### Vulnerability Scanning

This looks for open weak spots in your system. It's like checking for unlocked doors in your house.

### Threat Intelligence

This provides insights into new hacker techniques, helping you stay informed about what to watch out for.

### Remediation Planning

Once you find the vulnerabilities, you need a plan to fix them. TEM helps you make good choices on how to patch these spots.

## Benefits of TEM for Your Business

### Better Security

Finding and fixing weak spots makes your whole system much safer and more resilient.

### Cost Savings

Stopping an attack before it happens can save you a lot of money. Dealing with the aftermaths of cyberattacks often comes with expensive costs.

### Peace of Mind

With TEM, continuous monitoring ensures your system is always under watch. This can help you worry less about cyber-attacks.

## What to Look for in a TEM Solution

A good TEM tool should:

- **Be user-friendly**, ensuring that all team members, regardless of their technical expertise, can easily navigate and utilise the tool.
- **Provide immediate results**, enabling quick and effective decision-making to address potential threats as soon as they are detected.
- **Integrate seamlessly** with your existing security infrastructure, enhancing overall protection by working in harmony with other security tools and systems.
- **Generate clear and comprehensible reports**, presenting findings in an easily digestible format that facilitates understanding and action by all stakeholders.

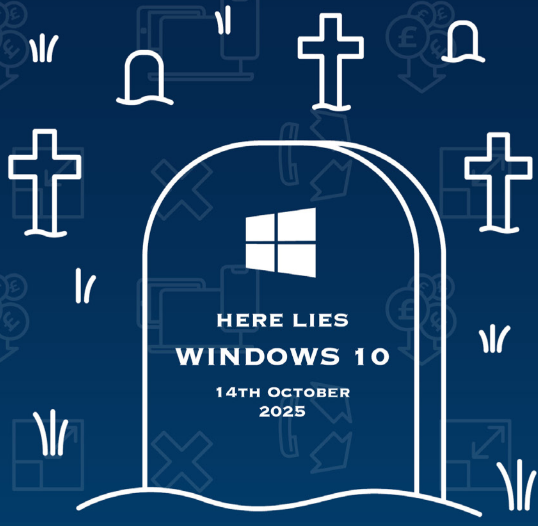
## Getting Started with TEM

- **Check your current security** setup to understand your existing vulnerabilities and areas for improvement.
- **Find a TEM tool that fits your needs**, ensuring it aligns with your security goals and integrates well with your current systems.
- **Set up the tool** and start scanning your environment.
- **Make a plan** to fix the weak spots you find, prioritising the most critical issues.
- **Keep scanning** and improve your security continuously, regularly updating your strategies and tools to stay ahead of emerging threats.

**Want to learn more about how TEM can help your business? Contact us today for help staying safe in the digital world.**

# This is the year Windows 10 dies: How to prepare your business

Microsoft officially stops support for Windows 10 on 14th October 2025.




## That means:

- No new features
- No free security updates
- No technical support
- Potential compatibility issues

## Risks to your business:

- Increased chance of cyber attack
- Loss of productivity
- Potential compatibility issues with other software

## The solution? Upgrade to Windows 11.

**Windows 11 is:**

- ✓ FREE
- ✓ More secure
- ✓ Easier to use
- ✓ Better for productivity
- ✓ A goldmine of new tools and features

**First, you'll need to:**

- Check hardware meets system requirements
- Backup your data
- Plan to minimise disruption

## We can help you migrate to Windows 11 with minimal stress or disruption. Get in touch.

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## HOW PASSWORD MANAGERS PROTECT YOUR ACCOUNTS

*A password manager keeps all your passwords in one place. Think of it as a digital safe for your login information.*

*You only need to remember one password, the master password. This master password lets you access all your other passwords.*

### Types of Password Managers

- Apps you download on your phone or computer
- Tools that work in your web browser
- Some offer both options

### Why Use a Password Manager?

- It Helps You Create Strong Passwords. Password managers generate long, random passwords that are hard to crack.
- It Remembers Your Passwords. With a password manager, you don't need to memorise many passwords. The tool does this for you.
- It Keeps Your Passwords Safe. Password managers use high-level security to protect your data. Even if someone hacks the password manager company, they can't read your information.

### Features of Password Managers

- Password Generation: Good password managers can create tough, unique passwords for you.
- Auto-Fill: Many password managers can fill in your login information on websites. This saves time and avoids typos.
- Secure Notes: Some password managers let you store credit card numbers or important documents.
- Password Sharing: Some tools let you share passwords safely with family or coworkers.

### How to Choose a Password Manager

- Find one with strong encryption and two-factor authentication.
- The manager should be easy for you to understand and use.
- Make sure it works on all your devices.
- Research the features you want and the price you can afford.

**Consider using a password manager today to improve your online security. If you need help choosing or setting up a password manager, contact us today.**

## NEED A LAUGH?

Why do websites never get lost?

They always follow their home page!

## JANUARY TRIVIA QUESTION . . .

### Test your knowledge!

The answer to last month's question was b) 364. Can you guess the answer to January's trivia question below? The answer will be revealed in next month's newsletter.

What is the name of IBM's AI that won the first ever chess match against a world champion?

a) Deep Blue
b) Vivid Red
c) Mellow Yellow
d) Grassy Green