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News Feature

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Businesses need to make a decision about Windows 10 now to improve their experience and avoid significant costs later. When Microsoft released Windows 10, on July 29, 2015, they allowed Windows 7, 8, and 8.1 users to upgrade for free for 12 months so businesses will lose that opportunity in July of 2016. There is a 12-month free upgrade offer for each version of Windows 10. There are several benefits to upgrading to Windows 10:

- **Better Security** – Windows Defender is built in and updated with Windows 10, so you may not need additional anti-virus protection. On suitable hardware, Windows 10 can use facial recognition to end the need for passwords.
- **Shared Experience** – Your desktop, laptop, tablet or phone will share your email accounts, downloaded apps, live tile settings, and the general look and feel.
- **Style** – If you always work on a workstation with a keyboard and mouse, you may prefer the Windows 7 style. If you have a touch screen, a tablet or phone, you might prefer the Windows 8 style. Windows 10 can use either style and will automatically optimize the look and feel of Windows 10 for your computer using a keyboard and mouse as well as for touch on a tablet or phone.

- **Better Performance** – Microsoft has improved resource management and made the Windows 10 more compact so it will run faster and take up less disk space. Reviewers noticed faster boot up and general navigation. Windows 10 is designed to be used on a wide variety of platforms with varying performance levels and still provide a great user experience.

So what should you do about this? Our recommendation is to upgrade your newer computers before the deadline and replace your older computers with hardware that can take advantage of features that need specific hardware. If you take this approach:

- You will be able to switch your whole organization to Windows 10 now, so everyone will be on the same version.
- Everyone will gain access to the hardware dependent features according to your evergreening schedule. Say goodbye to Windows passwords!
- Save money by taking advantage of the free Windows upgrade. Aslan can guide you through the upgrade process.

For help training your staff, purchasing new computers, or upgrading old ones, call 780-437-9504 or

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By Rick Simon, Business Development Manager

Security Trends

Are you confused about crypto? – What is password hashing?

Dave describes how password hashing, which is used to keep passwords safe and usable, works. The contents are complicated but are described in English.

See [Confused by crypto? Here's what that password hashing stuff means in English](#) by Dave Cartwright, The Register, theregister.co.uk

How to provide secure Wi-Fi for your customers

WatchGuard describes a product that allows businesses to make Wi-Fi available to their customers. It protects customers from cyber-attack and prevents them from accessing your business data.

See [Secure Wi-Fi helps SMBs protect their customers online](#) by Ryan Orsi, WatchGuard Security Center, watchguardsecuritycenter.com

How your business can overcome risks of mobile workers

This article takes a look at the risks that businesses face when they have work-at-home employees. It includes steps to take to protect business data when employees are working from home.

See [It's harder being a mobile than a static worker](#) by Sead Fadilpašić, ITProPortal, itproportal.com

New Technology

How will your work suffer as robots do more?

How will work change as robots become able to do more and more work that is currently done by people? This report predicts changes in job complexity, self-employment, freelancing, entrepreneurship, service jobs, and work guiding robots.

See [CSIRO outlines the future of work as robotics and AI take hold](#) by Anthony Spadafora, ITProPortal, itproportal.com

Race to Dominate A.I. and the Future of the world

Amazon, Google, IBM, and Microsoft are competing to be the go-to company for A.I. The winner of this platform war could steer the tech industry for years to come.

See [The Race Is On to Control Artificial Intelligence, and Tech's Future](#) by John Markoff, The New York Times, nytimes.com

Tips and Tricks

14 Ways You'll Love to Make Excel Rock – Now

This was a popular post on social media. Are you an intermediate Excel user but want to become an expert Excel user? These tips and tricks just might get you there.

See [14 Microsoft Excel 2010 tips and tricks for intermediate users](#) by Edward Mendelson, Jill Duffy, ITProPortal.com

Q & A

Question:

Why did Microsoft create Windows 10?

The Short Answer:

Windows 10 is designed to run on multiple platforms – Smart Phone, Tablet, Phablet, laptop, and desktop. It stores your settings in the cloud so that when you create a profile on a device with Windows 10, all of your preferences are used to automatically setup all of your devices the same way. No more having to learn 3 different interfaces, no more having to enter you email information on each device, no more having to download your apps again. Everything is there ready to go.

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