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Windows XP Operating System Information

Discussion: This Product Support Bulletin outlines information regarding Microsoft's support of the Windows XP operating system.

What if I am currently using Windows XP and it is no longer supported?

Windows XP will continue to operate. Your programs, including Cow Sense, will continue to run. Microsoft will not release any further security updates for Windows XP. This means that Windows XP will become more vulnerable to new malware and viruses that are circulated through the internet and shared files. Keep in mind that other programs like Office 2003 and Outlook Express also have vulnerabilities.

What should I do to protect my computer?

1. Reduce your exposure to bad stuff.
 - There is little worry if you do not use the Internet or email on the Windows XP computer, or if you use the Internet only for known, trusted things like Cow Sense updates and Remote Backup Service.
2. Harden your defenses.
 - Use third party tools like Malwarebytes, Spybot, and a good antivirus program. Scan your computer regularly. **STOP** using Internet Explorer and use Firefox as your web browser.
 - Most antivirus solutions will still continue supporting Windows XP. However, be sure your anti-virus is receiving updates and is not expired.
3. Plan for the worst.
 - Back up your data files regularly to media OFF of the Windows XP computer. Have a contingency plan for the possibility that your computer becomes infected.
4. If you are considering upgrading your present computer's operating system or acquiring a new computer, we can assist you with either option.
5. Helpful links for protecting your Windows XP computer:
 - <http://www.malwarebytes.org/mwb-download/>
 - <http://www.safer-networking.org/>