From Behind the Service Counter

So Microsoft has officially announced it's the end for Windows XP support and that of course has spun most of the world into panic mode.

For the retail computer stores it another huge opportunity to sell new technologies, courtesy of Microsoft. This is not the first time Microsoft has pushed the market from behind. A new version of Windows means that older software no longer works properly and so users are forced to spend money to upgrade their computers and their favourite programs.

At MicroTech we're dedicated to saving our customers money and aggravation, but we're also sensitive to what the impact of being too frugal is at the end of day. For instance, is it worth spending good money on a new version of Windows if your computer will only marginally run it?

Especially if, as you replace other software programs the system starts to loose its functionality. If you only use your computer for email, Facebook and some random surfing then you might be okay. Not fast, but okay.

But here's the impending DANGER. As Microsoft finds security issues with Win 7 & 8, they develop 'patches' or updates to close those holes. Those holes will not be fixed by Microsoft for Windows XP leaving all XP users exposed. As well, essentially Microsoft has now publically hung out a huge sign showing where the exposures are even though they won't take steps* to fix them. So XP is now an open door if there ever was one.

- • - recently a HUGE gap in Internet Explorer was revealed. Microsoft relented and did fix the XP version but this was an anomaly.

For older systems we will usually recommend a high quality off-lease system as a replacement. They feature current processing power, lots of RAM and Win7 Pro already loaded. If you look at the big box stores you won't be able to find Windows 7 anymore, all the new systems have Windows 8 and the problem with that is that Windows 8 was designed for smart phones. It is blocky, nothing is where it intuitively should be but if you're under the age of 24 you can organically figure it out. For the more mature users, it is a ball of confusion. Windows 7, on the other hand is similar enough to XP that the user can get up and go.

Whatever way you decide to go, we at MicroTech can be your guide through the weeds.

Stop by with your XP system and we can show you where your strong and weak points are before you fall off Microsoft's edge of the world.

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Good luck out there and safe computing everyone.

Regards,
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