

Windows XP: Safe computing on a familiar operating system

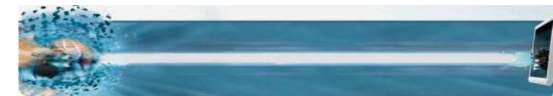
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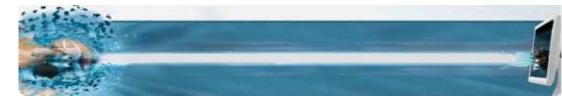
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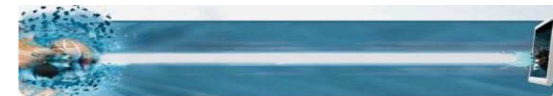
Introduction

- What does “unsupported” mean?
- Securing the Operating System
- Internet Browser Selection
- Device Driver Compatibility



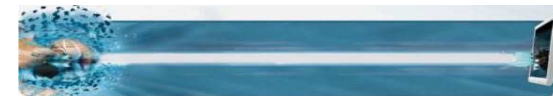
Windows XP Support Ends

- Mainstream support ended April 14, 2009
 - Non-security hot-fixes (updates) discontinued
- Extended support ends April 8, 2014
 - No longer receive software updates
 - Microsoft paid support ends.
- Note: Extended support for Vista ends in 2017.



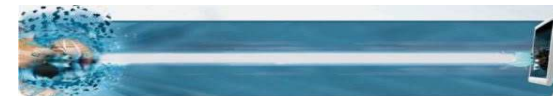
Securing Windows XP

- Install latest service packs & critical updates
 - Last service pack = SP3
 - Critical Updates
- Enable Windows Firewall
- Replace Windows Defender with Microsoft Security Essentials
 - Free real-time anti-virus detection and protection
 - MSE WILL receive updates on XP.
- User Accounts
 - Create and use non-admin accounts for day-to-day activities
 - Password protect admin accounts



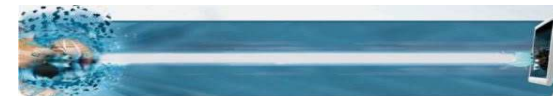
Internet Browser Selection

- Internet Explorer 8 (not recommended)
 - Latest is IE 11
- Mozilla Firefox
 - Windows XP SP3 is still supported.
 - Latest version is 27
- Google Chrome
 - Windows XP SP2 and later are still supported.
 - Latest version is 33



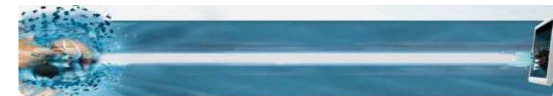
Device Driver Compatibility

- New devices may not have drivers for Windows XP
- Every driver is based on a specific driver model
 - Device specific
 - Operating System specific
- Only use drivers offered directly by device manufacturer.
- Some Vista drivers may work but are not 'supported' by Microsoft nor the device vendor.



Office 2003 Support Ends

- Mainstream support ended April 14, 2009
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Issues with Office 2003

- Can not be installed on Windows 8
- Uses old document format (.doc, .xls, ppt)
 - Office 2007 & later use an XML document format (.docx, .xlsx, pptx)
 - To view/edit Office 2007 & later documents download and install:
 - Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel & PowerPoint

