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Are you holding onto that Windows 7 software because you are so familiar with it? Well I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the Windows 7 days just like the Windows XP days are coming to an end. It's been a good run, 10 long years (Patty LaBelle would say) but effective January 14, 2020 support will not be available.

How To Prepare For The Windows 7end Of Support Phase Out

Microsoft will stop supporting Windows 7 with security updates on January 14, 2020. It's like Windows XP all over again—but much worse. Many more people are sticking with Windows 7 than stuck with XP.

Microsoft will only support Windows 7 with security patches until January 14, 2020. That's the "end of support" or "end of life" (EOL) date. After this date, Windows 7 will technically leave "extended support." Businesses can pay for additional support, but average consumer PCs will be stuck without security patches.

That means Windows 7 machines will be increasingly vulnerable, and software developers will eventually leave those old PCs behind and stop writing software that works on Windows 7.

Why Windows 7 Will Nag You

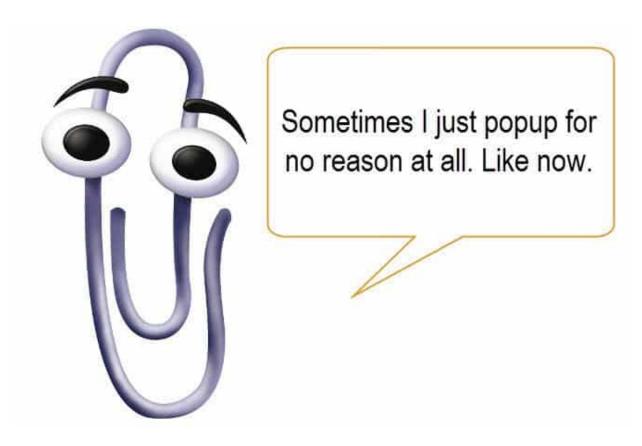
Microsoft has learned its lesson—kind of. While the original "Get Windows 10" (GWX) messages just kept coming back over and over again, this end-of-support notification looks much less annoying.

This latest popup message doesn't try to install any software on your system. In fact, the free Windows 10 upgrade offer is over—although there's still an official but kind-of-secret way to upgrade to Windows 10 for free.

All the message does is inform you that Windows 7 will no longer be supported on January 14, 2020, and provide a link to Microsoft's website with more information.

More importantly, there's a "Do Not Remind Me Again" checkbox at the bottom left corner of the window. Enable this checkbox and Microsoft will hopefully stop bugging you. However, if you don't enable this checkbox and just close the window, you will see the end of life notification repeatedly.

We strongly recommend upgrading to a supported operating system by January 14, 2020. You're using a supported operating system until then—so feel free to hide the nags and use your PC. And who wants to be nagged, anyway?



Microsoft and Windows News: The Return (and Demise) of Clippy

It seems like every day there's at least one Microsoft-related thing worth talking about. Today, it's Clippy, the long-loathed talking (and annoying) paperclip from back in the day.

 Microsoft brought back Clippy as part of an animated sticker pack for its Teams collaboration and chat app. Then, it quickly killed it off. The little guy just can't get a break. [The Verge]

It turns out that after bringing Clippy back, the "brand police" weren't pleased. Even in something as simple and otherwise harmless as a sticker pack, I guess Clippy is still so offputting that no one wants to see his stupid little face ever again. Poor Clippy.



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