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MICROSOFT TO RETIRE WINDOWS XP

Microsoft Advises Small Businesses: Now Is the Time to Upgrade Your Windows Operating System

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ON APRIL 8^{TH} , AFTER 12 YEARS, SUPPORT FOR THE WINDOWS XP OPERATING SYSTEM WILL END.

TECHNOLOGY IS EVOLVING FASTER THAN EVER. YET, MANY BUSINESSES STILL RUN TECHNOLOGY FROM OVER A DECADE AGO.

Thomas Hansen, Vice President, Worldwide SMB at Microsoft:

"Well, the world has changed, and companies still running their business on old technology like Windows XP are missing out. New Windows devices offer a fast, productive and personal experience."

A RECENT STUDY BY THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP SHOWS TECH-SAVVY SMALL BUSINESSES GROW REVENUE AND CREATE MORE JOBS THAN THOSE USING LITTLE TECHNOLOGY.

"Research shows that running a business on old technology can be very costly – both additional maintenance fees and lost productivity. When companies upgrade, they don't only acquire new technology, they become more efficient. As a result, they better serve their customers' and compete better."

THERE ARE FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU UPGRADE TO WINDOWS 8.1. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT MICROSOFT'S SITE: GET2MODERN-DOT-COM.

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