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Vice President's Perspective

RIP Windows XP (*Important!*)

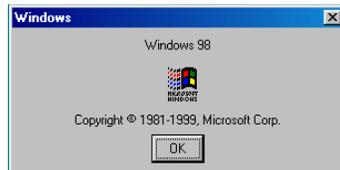
Are any of your computers still running Windows XP? It is important to know because, on or shortly after January 1, 2016, Edge will cease to function on these computers! And ViewPoint won't be too far behind, as it will no longer work with XP machines after the ViewPoint 12 release in 2016. Please replace or upgrade these computers before then.



There are two reasons why this is happening:

1. Windows XP is not secure. Microsoft quit releasing security upgrades for it in April, 2014, well over a year ago. We officially stopped supporting it then as well, but didn't deliberately cripple its use.
2. We can take advantage of new development technologies that bring benefits to all Ortho2 clients, but don't function on the retired Windows XP operating system.

With all the security breaches in the news lately, we don't want you to be caught in one! And, let's not even talk about the HIPAA implications of running your system on insecure computers. Thankfully Microsoft has greatly improved Windows 8, and recently introduced Windows 10 which looks to be an excellent operating system for the future. So, it is time to eliminate Windows XP from your practice. To determine a computer's version of Windows, look for a  button in the lower left corner of the screen. If it isn't there, the computer is not running Windows XP. Otherwise click Start, find and click Run, type WINVER and press Enter. If you are running Windows XP, you will see this window:



Bottom line: Edge and ViewPoint will not work on Windows XP in the near future. I hope this doesn't come as a surprise; Ortho2 has been talking to you about this since 2012.

P.S. Please note if other hardware or software requires an XP machine, Edge and ViewPoint won't run on it. Contact that company to request an upgrade. ☺