

THE IMPACT OF WINDOWS 7 END OF LIFE BY INDUSTRY

1 WHEN WILL END OF LIFE FOR WINDOWS 7 OCCUR?

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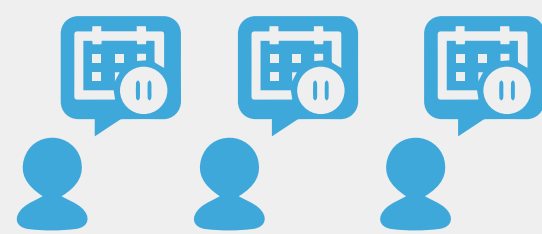
of respondents think the end of life for Windows 7 has already occurred, according to the recent Avecto report, which polled 500 IT and security pros on their preparedness to upgrade to the new OS, as well as the related benefits and risks,



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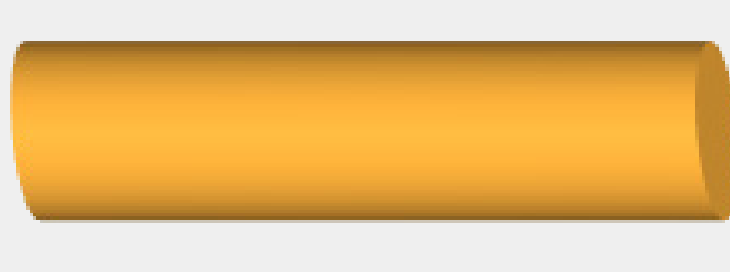
knew the date of Microsoft's planned termination



2 WINDOWS 7 IS IN USE IN DIFFERENT SEGMENTS



Small to Medium-sized Businesses



47%



Very Small Businesses



38%



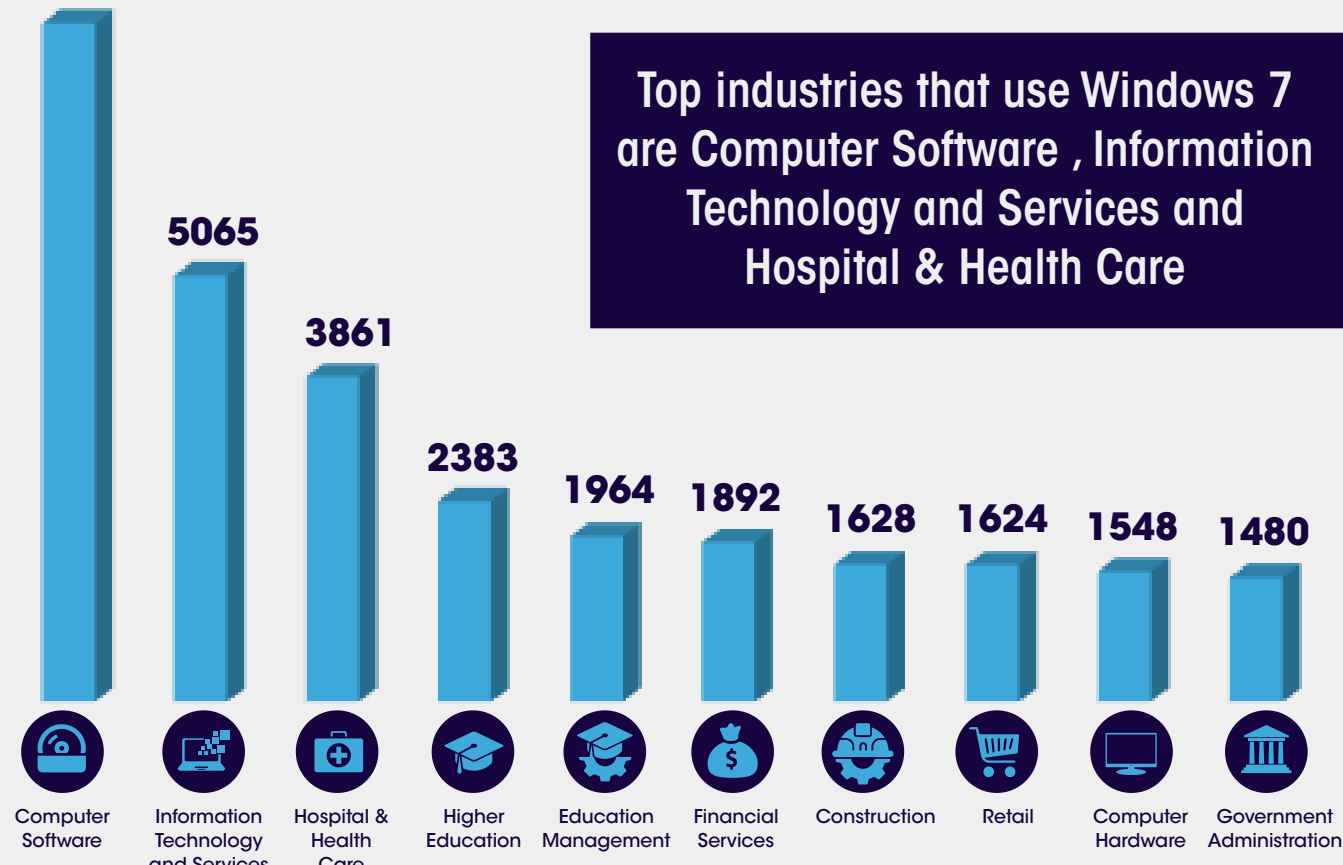
Consumers



38%

Some 47% of small to medium-sized businesses are still running Windows 7.

3 COMPANIES THAT USE WINDOWS 7, BY INDUSTRY



Top industries that use Windows 7 are Computer Software , Information Technology and Services and Hospital & Health Care

4 WHICH INDUSTRY HAS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF WINDOWS 7 DEVICES?

According to Forescout report,

56%

of healthcare organizations are still using Windows 7 on at least some devices,



The healthcare industry has the largest percentage of Windows 7 devices of any industry.

5 MOST PERTINENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT BUSINESSES



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HIPAA COMPLIANCE

Healthcare organizations are required to implement specific cybersecurity measures to protect patient information. Since security updates will no longer be available from Windows 7, it will not be possible for Windows 7 to achieve HIPAA compliance. A data breach in a medical practice that is still running Windows 7 will lead to major non-compliance fines—potentially in excess of \$1 million.

DFARS COMPLIANCE

Organizations and contractors working for the Department of Defense (DoD) in any capacity need to follow the recently released DFARS Clause regarding cybersecurity, as failure to meet it could lead to the instant loss of a contract and immediate ceasing of current projects. Controlled Unclassified Information (CUIs) need to be protected, and Windows 7 cannot adequately meet DFARS regulations.

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GDPR

the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect in 2018 and impacts any company that has customers from the EU, regardless of where the company is based. The protection of sensitive client data and general customer confidentiality is a hugely significant factor, and only a relevant operating system can adequately protect client information.

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