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Business Benefits of Windows XP Professional

Why not my current version of Windows?

Microsoft currently supports no less than four versions of Microsoft Windows—Windows 98, Windows NT 4.0, Windows ME, Windows 2000, and Windows XP. Many customers may be wondering why not continue to use their current version of Windows. Why upgrade or migrate to Windows XP?

Windows XP Professional (but not Windows XP Home Edition) is the successor to Windows 2000 Professional as the premier version of Windows designed for today's business needs, and Windows XP offers a number of advantages for business in meeting their everyday needs.

Better Stability

Like Windows 2000 before it, Windows XP is built upon the rock-solid foundation that made Windows NT 4.0 so successful. One application crashing rarely (if ever) brings down the whole system, and it is nearly impossible to lock up the whole system.

Better Compatibility

Windows XP is better at running your old software than Windows NT 4.0 or Windows 2000. This means you're almost guaranteed that the Windows 95-era application you're still running are going to run under Windows XP. They may even run better under Windows XP than under Windows 95/98.

Better Hardware Support

USB (Universal Serial Bus) is rapidly gaining popularity as the method of choice for connecting computers and peripherals. Printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, digital cameras, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)—all of them use USB for connectivity, and Windows XP's USB support and improved Plug-and-Play support makes it easier than ever to take advantage of these new hardware devices. Plus, Win-

dows XP offers built-in support for devices like scanners and digital cameras, and supports new technologies like FireWire (IEEE 1394), USB 2.0, Bluetooth, and 802.11b wireless networking (see next section).

Integrated Wireless Networking Support

Wi-Fi networking—it's seemingly everywhere. Windows XP offers built-in support for the wildly popular 802.11b wireless LAN standard, making wireless networking virtually Plug-and-Play. Windows XP automatically detects all available wireless networks, and allows the user to select the wireless network to which to connect. It even warns users when they are connecting to insecure wireless LANs that aren't using WEP (Wired Equivalence Privacy). Support for security protocols like 802.1x is built-in.

Better Remote Manageability

No need to walk from office to office to change the configuration of your systems. With full support for Active Directory, Windows XP can be controlled centrally through Group Policy. In addition, Windows XP supports integrated remote control functionality that lets support personnel remotely connect to and control Windows XP based systems, all from the comfort of their desks.

Mercurion Systems Can Help

Mercurion Systems has the experience and expertise in Windows XP to help you get there. Whether it's a new network, new equipment, or migrating from older versions, we can help.

For More Information

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