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Microsoft is discontinuing support & security updates for both the XP operating system and XP applications (Internet Explorer, Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Excel, etc) ... effective April 8th.

In the event that you are unable or unwilling to upgrade to Win7 or Win8 there are a few steps that can significantly reduce your vulnerability:

- Do NOT routinely login using an account that has Administrator rights.

Avecto's Analysis of "Microsoft Security Bulletins from 2013" highlights that

- 92% of critical XP vulnerabilities would be mitigated if users are NOT logged-in with Administrator rights.

- 100% of Internet Explorer (IE) vulnerabilities would be mitigated if users are NOT logged-in with Administrator rights.

- Do NOT use Internet Explorer.

Microsoft is not updating/securing it.

Use Chrome or Firefox. Enable auto-update.

- If using Chrome; consider the ScriptNo plug-in.

- If using Firefox; consider the NoScript and Ghostery plug-ins.

- Do NOT use Microsoft applications for XP.

Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, Visio, etc. for XP are NOT being updated/secured. Rather ...



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Use XP applications that are continuing to be updated.
Consider Libre Office (a fork of OpenOffice). Enable auto-update.

If you must keep Microsoft applications for XP installed, default the file associations (defaults) to their respective viewers, not the full applications.

- Uninstall Java.

- Uninstall Flash.

- If you must use Adobe Reader; keep it VERY up to date and do NOT use it when logged-in with Administrator rights. Enable auto-update.