

Microsoft ends support for Internet Explorer 8, 9 and 10 - blueAPACHE

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Details:

Summary

This blueAPACHE post reports: Support for older versions of Internet Explorer ends on Tuesday January 12, 2016. If your business is still running Internet Explorer 8, 9, or 10, Microsoft is strongly recommending you upgrade as soon as possible. It concerns Microsoft Practice, emPOWER Security. It names Microsoft in connection with the announcement. Published in 2016. Figures, product names and event details reflect that time; for current information see the linked service pages.

Key facts

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Article

blueAPACHE advises that support for older versions of Internet Explorer ends on Tuesday January 12, 2016. If your business is still running Internet Explorer 8, 9, or 10, Microsoft is strongly recommending you upgrade as soon as possible. On Tuesday Microsoft will be officially ceasing support for all three versions. This means that there will be no more security updates or technical support for these older versions of Internet Explorer. Security updates patch identified vulnerabilities that hackers use to deploy viruses, spyware and malware to gain access to your systems. Microsoft's regular security updates are essential to minimising the chances of being exploited, and using older versions of their software that is no longer supported or patched creates a serious risk for your business. Internet Explorer 11 is the last version of Internet Explorer, and will continue to receive security updates, compatibility fixes, and technical support on Windows 7, Windows 8.1, and Windows 10 operating systems. The latest version 11 offers improved security, increased performance, better backward compatibility, and support for the web standards that power today's websites and services. Microsoft encourages all customers to upgrade and stay up-to-date on the latest browser for a faster, more secure browsing experience. Windows 10 users can also move directly to the latest Microsoft browser; Microsoft Edge . Edge includes a multitude of new features including the ability to add notes to a web page and distribute (Web Note) and provides enhanced reading capabilities. An estimated twenty percent of desktop users are still utilising these older versions. Microsoft has released an 'End of Life' upgrade notification to be delivered on Tuesday with the final few bug fixes for the older versions, alongside a note to upgrade. More information about the 'End of Life' announcement and changes is available on the Microsoft website . If you require assistance with upgrading from these old versions, please contact your blueAPACHE account manager .

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Frequently asked questions

When did Microsoft end support for Internet Explorer 8, 9 and 10, per this post?

Microsoft ended support for Internet Explorer 8, 9 and 10 on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, after which no further security updates or technical support were provided for those versions.

What share of desktop users did the post estimate were still on the older IE versions?

The post estimated around twenty percent of desktop users were still using the older, unsupported IE versions at the time.

What did the post recommend as the replacement browser, and on which operating systems?

It recommended Internet Explorer 11 as the last supported version, continuing to receive security updates and technical support on Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10, or moving to Microsoft Edge for Windows 10 users.

Why does the post say running unsupported browser versions is risky?

It states security updates patch vulnerabilities that hackers exploit to deploy viruses, spyware and malware, so continuing to run unpatched, unsupported software creates a serious risk for a business.

Is this post still current?

No. It reports a January 2016 end-of-support event for specific legacy browser versions. For blueAPACHE's current Microsoft-related services, see the Microsoft Practice pillar page linked below.

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When did Microsoft end support for Internet Explorer 8, 9, and 10?

Microsoft ended support for Internet Explorer 8, 9, and 10 on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

What does the end of support mean for Internet Explorer 8, 9, and 10 users?

It means there will be no more security updates or technical support for these older versions of Internet Explorer.

Why are security updates important for browsers like Internet Explorer?

Security updates patch identified vulnerabilities that hackers use to deploy viruses, spyware, and malware to gain access to systems, so using unsupported software that is no longer patched creates a serious risk for a business.

What version of Internet Explorer should users upgrade to instead?

Users should upgrade to Internet Explorer 11, which is the last version of Internet Explorer and will continue to receive security updates, compatibility fixes, and technical support on Windows 7, Windows 8.1, and Windows 10.

What benefits does Internet Explorer 11 offer over the older versions?

Internet Explorer 11 offers improved security, increased performance, better backward compatibility, and support for the web standards that power today's websites and services.

What alternative browser can Windows 10 users move to instead of Internet Explorer 11?

Windows 10 users can move directly to Microsoft Edge, which includes new features such as the ability to add notes to a web page and distribute them (Web Note), along with enhanced reading capabilities.

How many desktop users were still using the older, unsupported versions of Internet Explorer?

An estimated twenty percent of desktop users were still utilising these older versions of Internet Explorer.

What did Microsoft do to notify users about the end of life for these Internet Explorer versions?

Microsoft released an 'End of Life' upgrade notification delivered on the end-of-support date, which included the final few bug fixes for the older versions along with a note recommending users upgrade.

Where can more information about Microsoft's Internet Explorer 'End of Life' announcement be found?

More information about the 'End of Life' announcement and changes is available on the Microsoft website's lifecycle page for Internet Explorer.

Who should businesses contact if they need help upgrading from old Internet Explorer versions?

Businesses that require assistance upgrading from old Internet Explorer versions should contact their account manager.