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CERT-In Advisory CIAD-2013-0048**Windows XP End of Support**

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Systems Affected

- Windows XP Operating System

Description

Microsoft has announced end of support for Windows XP Operating System w.e.f 8th April, 2014. Microsoft initially released Windows XP Operating System in August, 2001. The current release version of Windows XP is Windows XP Service Pack 3. Thereafter three successor versions of client based Operating Systems namely Windows Vista in November 2006, Windows 7 in July 2009 and Windows 8 in August 2012 were released by Microsoft. The latest client based Operating System available from Microsoft is Windows 8.

The end of support of Windows XP Operating System means that Microsoft will not provide security updates, non-security hotfixes, free or paid assisted support and any online technical support for the Windows XP. In the absence of patches and security updates for the Windows XP Operating System, the computer systems would be at greater risks and could be easily compromised by the hackers. There would also be compliance issues due to un-supported and un-patched components in the IT infrastructure which may result in non-compliance and suspension of certifications by the Certifying and Auditing organizations. The software vendors and hardware manufacturers will also stop support for Windows XP on their new versions and models.

It is recommended that all the users and organizations using Window XP Operating System in their environment should immediately plan for upgradation to the latest available Operating System according to their requirement and test software applications well before April, 2014.

Vendor Information**Microsoft**

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/endofsupport.aspx>

References**Microsoft**

http://blogs.technet.com/b/microsoft_blog/archive/2013/04/08/support-for-windows-xp-set-to-end-in-april-2014.aspx

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