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## Windows® 7 End of Support (Don't Hurt the Messenger!)

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Well, it was bound to happen! Whether or not it is a good thing is not for us to decide, but another milestone has blindsided us in the world of software development. It is time to bite the bullet and move on!

For those who have not heard, Microsoft had ceased Windows® 7 support on January 14, 2020 (exactly 2 years ago as of this writing). You can read more about it here (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-7-end-of-life-support-information>), but in a nutshell it states that there will be no more software updates, security updates, or technical support for any issues pertaining to Windows 7.

That being said, as a software developer, we cannot continue to support the running of HYPACK® software on an operating system that is no longer supported by Microsoft (Windows® 7 was released way back in 2009). After all, Windows® 7 has been succeeded by Windows® 8 (atrocious), Windows® 10 (much, much better), and now Windows® 11 (jury is still out but so far so good). For the record, I don't think anybody at HYPACK would discount Windows® 7, as it had been a solid OS for many years. But as hardware improves, so does software, and so do operating systems.

This is not to say that we will turn our backs on anybody running Windows® 7. Most HYPACK® 2022 programs will still run on Windows® 7 (just be sure you have all the final Windows Updates). Newer developments, however, will most likely not be tested in a Windows® 7 environment for all said reasons.

Do yourself a favor and update to a newer OS - Windows® 10 at the very least. HYPACK® runs fine on Windows® 11. If your OS is outdated, most likely your computer is outdated too! Despite the growing pains, you may like it in the long run! And after all, how many of you are still running a 2009-era cell phone?!?