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Windows 10 and your ATMs: start planning now

It seems as though it was yesterday when financial institutions had to upgrade their ATM operating systems from Windows XP to Windows 7. Come January 14, 2020, support for Windows 7 ends and FIs will need to convert to Windows 10. While 2020 may sound far away, financial institutions are starting the planning now. Why? Because running an unsupported operating system is risky business.

What's better about Windows 10?
A key advantage of Windows 10 is its security features. Designed to be the first line of defense in detecting and preventing cyber attacks, Windows 10 provides:

- increased security for protection against malware and other forms of cyber attack
- value-added software features that improve the consumer experience and keep pace with advances in technology

What's involved in migrating?
Migrating to Windows 10 may not be a standard upgrade and you will want to begin as soon as possible. As recommended by ATMIA, a successful implementation includes an evaluation of your existing ATM fleet, testing, compliance vetting, systems and software considerations to make sure nothing falls through the cracks. From the planning phase to roll out, it is an estimated 12-15 months. The process includes obtaining budget approval, being placed in queue for the upgrade with your ATM provider and determining whether your fleet requires only a software upgrade, processor and software upgrade or a complete system replacement.

Allowing for a 12-15 month timeline helps an FI secure the necessary budget required to support an initiative like this. The last time the industry faced an operating system upgrade, too many FIs waited too long, resulting in additional risks and frustrations.

Compatible and cost-effective ATMs
Cummins Allison ATMs already support Windows 10. In fact, we’ve been shipping Windows 10 capable machines since 2015. From free-standing lobby unit to drive-up and from cash dispense to automated deposit, we have the ATMs you need at a price you can afford. Once you begin the planning process, you may find that a switch to a new Cummins Allison machine will cost less than an upgrade and you’ll have a new unit.
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Make sure your ATMs are ready. Let us help
The time is now to begin planning the migration to Windows 10. Let us help you start the process. Contact your local sales representative at cumminsallison.com/atm or call 800-786-5528.