

TO WINDOWS 95 OR NOT TO WINDOWS 95, THAT IS THE QUESTION

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What you say, Windows 95 no longer exists, I thought Windows 8 was the latest computer Operating System. You are correct and the heading is not a topic. But remember the days of deciding should I upgrade my working DOS and Windows 3.11 computer to Windows 95? Remember how at first everyone hated the new way of doing things? History has repeated itself once again with the latest Microsoft Operating System Windows 8. The critics have stated that Windows 8 is a mistake and missing multiple items, but they have been making that comment since Windows 95.

Indeed, Windows 8 has changed everything that people have been doing for almost the last two decades. The start button and start menu are now things of the past and replaced with the new Metro GUI. Can you change it, delete it, or replace the new Metro GUI? No. You are stuck with it. Microsoft has decided that you will run their Operating System they way that they believe you want it to be. Users disagree and have created third party applications that help get rid of things that you do not want and give you back the things that you liked. But, there is always a catch, if you install the third party application, it will not be supported by Microsoft.

What should you do considering all the computers being sold from retail stores are all Windows 8? You could buy a computer online or thru your consulting firms. They still have access to Window 7. You can research the Internet and buy a computer that has downgrade licenses that give the ability to re-install your computer with Windows 7, which you have to do at your own risk.

Where is Windows 8 great? On a touch screen? Yes. The freedom of going back and forth amongst the live tiles is a very new way of doing things. This is true, unless of course you are already used to running applications on an iPad or Android device. Except neither of those devices can run the full version of Microsoft Office, which are the dominate document and spreadsheet applications in the world. You can also run 90% or better if your existing home and business applications, as long as they ran on Windows 7 without any issues. There is a downside to running Windows 8 on laptop or desktop; the constant stopping and reaching up to touch a new application to load (once you start, you will continue to touch the screen versus using your mouse). That being said, if you buy a tablet make sure that it has a keyboard, as the soft keyboard is nice but does not have a response time of a normal keyboard.

Do not get us wrong, everyone will have to use the new Operating System and decide for him or her if Windows 8 is for their business. Currently MP Integrated Solutions has not installed Windows 8 to any of our clients, nor are we planning to unless the client specifically needs the Operating System for a business function. We have many consulting firms that we are partners with and majority of those firms are not rolling out Windows 8. If you have questions or concerns about Windows 8, please do not hesitate to contact us.