

# Reasons to Upgrade to Windows® 10 for Your Lab

With the end of support for Windows® 7 more than a year ago its definitely time to upgrade to Window® 10. Many labs are still running various versions of Windows® and an enterprise-wide upgrade to Windows® 10 can mitigate many data integrity and compliance risks.

Here are the most important reasons why you shouldn't delay your Windows® 10 upgrade any longer, the pros and cons of upgrading, and what to look for in a systems provider.

**1 One Consistent Operating System Across All Lab Facilities**

Benefits include:

- Device-to-device consistency, even in multivendor environments, for compatibility and repeatability
- Data integrity and security, built into the new version of Windows 10 – not an add-on or afterthought
- Reducing overhead to manage, with a single software and operating system stack and no third-party, one-off applications

**2 Data Integrity and Consistency Across Your Labs**

Benefits include:

- Less time managing software, OS, and data
- Automatic data backup
- Seamless data sync to Office 365 and OneDrive
- Eliminates third-party apps

**3 Reduction of Risk**

Moving from Windows 7 to Windows 10 reduces risk from:

- Hackers
- Malware
- Ransomware
- Data Loss
- **Spyware Catastrophic Computer Failure**

## The Pros and Cons of Windows 10

### Pros:

- Windows 10 will now be updated with Service Packs instead of complete overhauls of the OS. **Might** be the last overhaul impacting your OS environment
- Windows 10 enjoys broad product support **from** and there is little to no need for end-user training.
- Nominal cost

### Cons:

- Custom configurations on networks and databases require a deep knowledge of these systems and therefore results in more time needed for testing and implementation.
- Requalification and validation are required for GXP systems used in production

## Choosing a Provider to Migrate Your Lab to Windows 10

### What to look for:

- Experience in pharmaceutical labs, validation and regulatory compliance
- Provide a complete survey of your current systems and needs – from software upgrades to system and equipment replacement.
- Establish a governance body within your organization to keep all key people informed.
- Provider should work to become an extension of your company's IT team