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Keep your devices and data safe using these simple security best practices

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Ransomware, botnets and phishing scams were at an all-time high in 2018 and attackers are taking every opportunity to steal data for their own gain. In 2018 alone, Microsoft found that "More than 75 percent of phishing mails include malicious URLs to phishing sites. Other variations include malicious phishing attachments and links in attachments." But there's a lot you can do to protect yourself — including using the tips below and keeping proactive security features, like Windows 10 in S mode, Windows Defender Antivirus protection and auto-updates, turned on.



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5 reasons why general software updates and patches are important

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You're probably no stranger to those little pop-up windows. They tell you software updates are available for your computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile device.



You might be tempted to click on that "Remind me later" button. Don't do it. Or, at least don't put off

Windows 7 End of Support Is Approaching

Windows 7 is reaching the end of its life and support on January 14, 2020. It's now time to plan your upgrade to Windows 10.



What's happening to Windows 7?

Windows 7 (as well as Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2) will no longer be supported by Microsoft after January 14, 2020. This means there will be no more software updates or

updating your software for long.

Software updates are important to your digital safety and cyber security. The sooner you update, the sooner you'll feel confident your device is more secure — until the next update reminder.

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security patches. Continuing to use the operating system could make you out of compliance with industry standards. Microsoft customer service will also no longer be available for Windows 7.

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The time to upgrade is now!
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HP Unveils AI-Driven Software Sure Sense To Block Unknown Malware

by Kyle Alspach



The software can shut down known malware along with malware that had been previously unknown, the company says at HP Reinvent 2019.

HP Inc. is expanding the scope of its security push with new software that uses artificial intelligence to block malware in near-real-time, including previously unknown malware.

The software, called Sure Sense, was unveiled this week at the HP Reinvent 2019 global partner conference in Houston. HP plans to make

Sure Sense available on select PCs starting in May, executives said.

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Do not click on anything unfamiliar.

Every month, HUB Tech will provide you with a helpful security tip or statistic to keep you in-the-know.

If an offer is too good to be true, it probably is.

If you get an email from an unknown source, [do not click](#) any of the links within it - and immediately report it to

your IT department. If a window pops up while browsing a website, immediately close it. Familiarity is always your friend. Using your judgment and trusting your gut is the ultimate defense when online. Always play it safe!

Just for Laughs...



"When I grow up I either want to be a tastemaker or an influencer. But I'd settle for thought leader."

Monthly Quote

"O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

-- *Percy Bysshe Shelley*

Business Continuity Tip

3 Reasons for Executives to Take Security Awareness Training

Employees at the top of an organization pose the most risk, due to having the most access to sensitive information and critical systems. Here are three reasons why it's important to executives and management to show leadership in participating in security awareness training.

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