Why Upgrade from Internet Explorer 6 to Internet Explorer 7?

Internet Explorer 6 is widely considered to be obsolete and Microsoft also no longer supports this browser version. The following is some supporting information from the support site of Internet Explorer 6.

Microsoft announced that this year, " the following Windows products/Service Packs will reach end of life :

• Windows XP Service Pack 2 will no longer be supported as of July 13, 2010. Many customers are still on this version so we encourage upgrading to Service Pack 3 or to Windows 7 as soon as possible.

• Windows Vista RTM will no longer be supported as of April 13, 2010. Service Pack 1 will still be supported until July 12, 2011 but we recommend customers update to Service Pack 2 or Windows 7 at this time.

• Extended support for Windows 2000 will also be retired on July 13, 2010. At that time, we will no longer provide security or any other updated for Windows 2000. It's important that customers stay current with the latest updates and Service Packs," MSRC

Whether you work for a company that won't get rid of IE6 or have parents that just don't see the need to upgrade, here are few reasons to upgrade or switch browsers:

1. Your security and your company's security are at risk: There's no other way to lay it out: if the security of Google, Yahoo, and around 20 other companies were compromised due to people still running IE6, then your security is at risk too. Upgrading after a hacker uses this exploit to steal your information is simply too late, especially if you hold sensitive customer data.

2. World governments are suggesting you switch browsers: Both Germany and France have issued warnings about Internet Explorer, asking citizens to switch to prevent the same type of breach that affected Google.

3. Even Microsoft wants you to drop IE6: The Microsoft Security Research & Defense Blog specifically addressed the flaw and the risk of attack by platform. The most important part of the post was that they "recommend users of IE6 on Windows XP upgrade to a new version of Internet Explorer and/or enable DEP."

This isn't the first time Microsoft has asked people to voluntarily upgrade, but it is the first time that it's been in response to an exploit or vulnerability. Think of it like a recall: would you keep driving a car that

Toyota, Ford, or GM says could malfunction? Don't make the same mistake with your computer's security.

4. Not wanting to upgrade from Windows XP isn't a legitimate excuse anymore: One way to delete IE6 is to upgrade your OS — both Windows Vista and Windows 7 run upgraded versions of the IE browser.

We understood why people didn't want to upgrade when their choice was Windows Vista, but now that a very stable, solid, and secure upgrade is on the market (Windows 7), there's no excuse not to upgrade. Yes, it'll cost you up front, but it's far cheaper than having your data stolen.

5. This will not be the last massive IE6 security breach: This flaw was unknown before Google's groundbreaking China announcement. And it's not the first flaw ever found with the browser — there are at least **142 vulnerabilities in IE6**, 22 of which are not yet patched. Would you use armor that had 142 weak spots?

What are the PeopleSoft Hardware and Software requirements ?

Defining End User Workstation Hardware Requirements

The following end user workstation requirements are based on power user type operations such as intensive data-entry, navigating between many pages, and so on. Since these requirements stem from real-world scenarios, they are higher than the manufacturer's minimum for a given web browser and operating system combination. However, PeopleSoft products will function on platforms meeting the manufacturer's minimum requirements for a given web browser and operating system combination, but will not deliver the optimal user experience.

General end user workstation hardware requirements are as follows:

- While additional memory is generally beneficial, 256 MB is the minimum recommended.
- 1 GHz Pentium or equivalent processor (Pentium 800 MHz minimum)
- VGA controller and display of 800x600 resolution or higher and High Color (16 bit) mode for the best display results.

In the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture (PIA), the web browser renders the user interface. The web Browser receives the HTML generated by the application server and displays the graphic representation of the HTML. The CPU speed of the client has a great influence on how fast these HTML pages are rendered. HTML pages for some PeopleSoft applications can be quite complicated. The web browser should be configured to take advantage of the HTTP 1.1 Protocol and should also allow adequate disk space for HTML object caching.

Memory Requirements:

For an optimal user experience, a power user should have a system with 1 GB RAM. A minimum of 512 MB RAM on the client is required for all power user applications. This assumes that a typical power user will run three browsers (two for transactions, one for process monitor). The browser instances use 15 MB of memory each. A self-service end user would only need minimum memory to run their operating system plus one instance of their web browser.

CPU Requirements:

CPU speed affects HTML page rendering and refresh time. For an optimal user experience, all power users should have an 1 GHz Pentium or equivalent processor with a decent graphics adapter.

Screen Resolution Requirements:

Monitor display resolution should set to a minimum of 800x600. To enrich the power user's experience, some PIA pages use a higher resolution, such as 1024x768.

Defining End User Workstation Software Requirements

Basic end user workstation software requirements are as follows:

- Recommended browsers are Internet Explorer and Firefox.
- Oracle recommends that PeopleSoft customers use Excel 2003 or higher on the Report Server.

PS/nVision supports result formats in both XLS and HTML in release 8. When an HTML format is requested, PS/nVision uses Excel's *Save As Web Page* function to generate the HTML output.

Oracle has also certified Excel XP for PS/nVision. When you use Excel XP on the server, the XLS output will be in the format of Excel XP. As a rule, you need to make sure your end users have compatible versions of Excel on the browser client to open the XLS output generated from the Report Server. For viewing PS/nVision reports in the HTML format, no installation of Excel is required.