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Microsoft Office 2010

The new version of Microsoft Office is slated for release in June. Along with the successful introduction of Windows 7, this may also require some new hardware minimums.

While OCS does not advocate or recommend any particular software, we know that a majority of our customers use various combinations of Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and other programs which are usually included in the popular Office suite.

If you've purchased a new computer recently, the chances are you've got enough horsepower to run any new software application. However if you've upgraded an older computer to Windows 7, you might need to review your components.

According to a new preview of Office 2010, if your PC can run Office 2007 it will be able to run Office 2010. If you just acquired a brand new PC, it should be able to run the new suite. But if you're still using Office 2003, there are no guarantees you'll automatically be able to run Office 2010 on the same hardware.

CPU and RAM requirements approximately doubled between Office 2003 and Office 2007. For Office 2010, the suggested minimum requirements are a 500 MHz processor and 256 MB of RAM.

Time to stop using IE6

A current ZDNET editorial warns, "If you're still using Internet Explorer 6 on Windows XP, stop it now!" IE6 was replaced by IE7 in October 2006 ... IE8 was released in March 2009, nearly a year ago, and is included with Windows 7.

The biggest advantage of each is security. According to ZDNET, "Any IT professional who is still allowing IE6 to be used in a corporate setting is guilty of malpractice."

According to security experts at Google, Adobe, and dozens of other large corporations that are cleaning up the mess from a wave of recent targeted attacks that allowed source code and confidential data to fall into the hands of well-organized intruders, the entry point was IE6. There was no evidence of attacks against newer versions of Internet Explorer.

For IE6 users (15% of OCS subscribers) it's time to move on, either to a newer version of IE or to an alternative like Firefox Chrome—not because they're inherently safer but because they enjoy "security by obscurity" ... they're simply not the massive target that Microsoft products present.

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What's the most popular password?

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The most popular password? "123456"

In December 2009 a major password breach occurred at rockyou.com, a popular social networking site, that led to the capture of 32 million passwords—which the hacker then posted on the Internet.

The data provided a unique glimpse into the way users select passwords, unlike past studies that have focused mostly on surveys. Never before has there been such a high volume of real-world passwords to examine.

Based on subsequent analysis, researchers were able to study the insecure practices used by millions of users when choosing their passwords.

By a large margin the most popular was "123456," the same as a recent study at Hotmail. Following closely were "12345," "123456789," and "password."

Further results showed that short passwords, lack of a mix of upper-lower case, numeric, and special characters, and trivial dictionary words were the most common. Every known automated method used by hackers could discover such weak and easily-guessed passwords in just a matter of minutes.



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Accelerator	Typically 2-5X faster			-	-	-	-	+5.00
WIRELESS STANDARD 2.4 GHz								
24 Basic	125K	500K	750K	10-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	49.95 ^{2,3}
24 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	79.95 ^{2,3}
24 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95 ^{2,3}
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900 Basic	125K	375K	750K	5-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	59.95 ^{4,5}
WIRELESS MISSION CRITICAL 5.8 GHz (where available)								
58 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	99.95
58 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95
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