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Warning for Windows users

Although research has shown that nearly 80% of UK companies are using Windows NT within their infrastructure, many as their main operating system, many have failed to take into account the security implications of Microsoft's decision to pull the plug. From 1 January 2005 the software giant will stop issuing vital security patches and software updates for the popular business platform and RAMSAC, a leading IT solutions provider, is warning SMEs to prepare.

Managing director Robert May says: "Few companies can afford to have unsupported software underpinning their entire IT infrastructure. Microsoft's decision effectively forces firms to upgrade while leaving IT systems at short term risk from security threats and other IT issues. Despite the risks, many companies, including SMEs, will be forced to keep running NT because of the costs involved in moving to a new system. These businesses need advice on what steps they can take to keep IT systems safe and reliable while they plan a move to a more up-to-date platform, which in the majority of cases will be Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP Pro."

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