

Will Microsoft Security Essentials still receive updates after Windows 7 is retired?

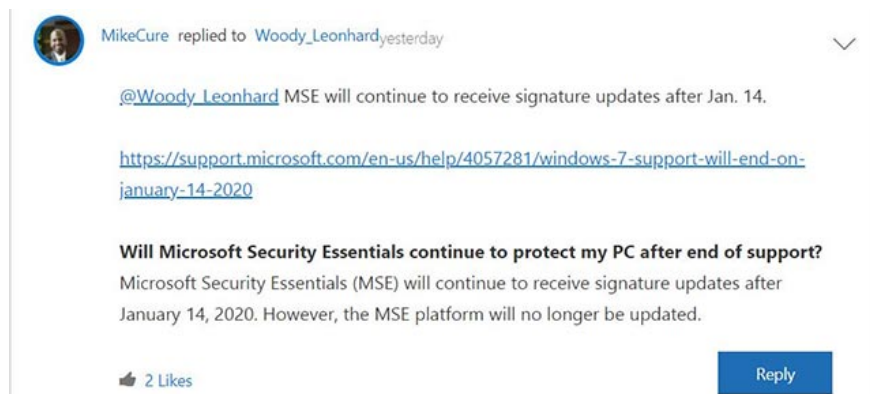
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If correct, this will be good news for those who are determined to live and die with Windows 7, which is that Microsoft Security Essentials (MSE) will continue to receive periodic updates after Windows 7 stops support from January 14, 2020.

This is quite contradictory to the information posted in Microsoft's FAQ about Extended Security Updates for Windows 7 when the operating system stops supporting (EoS), which states that After Windows 7 enters the EoS stage, MSE will no longer be able to protect Windows 7 computers.

This issue relates to those who are and will intend to continue to stay with Windows 7 and use MSE. If Microsoft abandons support for MSE, of course, those people must consider using other security tools to protect their systems.

The reason for this conflict is because a topic discussing Windows 7 issue was posted on Microsoft Community Forums on December 19, computer expert Woody Leonhard asked if it is true. is MSE no longer receiving malware signature updates after January 14, 2020 - Windows 7's EoS date? A Microsoft representative: Windows developer Mike Cure said MSE will still receive security signature updates after January 14 - in stark contrast to Microsoft's announcement in the previous FAQ.



Of course we should put more faith in the assertion of the Microsoft representative. But while MSE's continued support is good news for users of this tool, being 'loyal' to Windows 7 is clearly not the best decision.

An old operating system and no longer receive security patches will be a serious cyber security risk - a lucrative bait for hackers. Despite MSE's continued support by Microsoft, the security risk for Windows 7 users after January 14, 2020 will remain high.

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