

## Security Update

Technology isn't supported forever. From hardware like the iPhone to software like QuickBooks, developers eventually cease support for older versions of their products. When you buy a new smartphone, for example, you can expect updates for a few years, if not longer. These updates include security patches and new or upgraded features.

When the updates stop, the products will still be usable, but may expose you to outside threats, such as malware or hacker exploits. Whether your hardware or software is for personal or business use, it's in your best interest to consider an upgrade. Many of us don't like spending money, but it is necessary to stay up-to-date and secure.

Don't put your data, or your customer's data at risk by avoiding an upgrade once those updates stop.

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## Do I Need To Upgrade My Network? 4 Amazing Benefits You'll Experience

A business owner has many responsibilities within their business. They can be so busy that sometimes things are overlooked for an extended period of time. For example, many business owners may forget to upgrade their network infrastructure. In actuality, upgrading your network is extremely important - and it is one of the smartest things you can do as a business owner.

Technology has rapidly advanced over the past few years, and network traffic continues to grow. If you're still using the same network from even five years ago, you've probably noticed your network speed has decreased dramatically. In fact, old networks struggle to keep up with all of the advancements and traffic growth. They can even open your business up to a cyber-attack.

Your network infrastructure should

be upgraded every few years for many reasons. If your business has grown consistently over the last few years and your current network can't keep up with your business needs, it may be time to upgrade. If you're continually running into issues with your current network, an upgrade will help. Some industries may even be legally obligated to upgrade their network in order to keep their customer or client information secure. Upgrading your network comes with an abundance of benefits. Here are four of the best for any business.

### Better Network Security

Cybercriminals are much more cunning than we often give them credit for. They continue to develop new cyberthreats and ways to attack various networks. If you haven't upgraded in some time, you are opening your business up to a

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