



KOIT-04

Legacy Computers

Scope

This policy is specific to the Indiana University Kokomo campus and it applies to the entire campus.

Rationale

A computer inevitably reaches a point when it cannot run one of the Currently Supported Operating Systems and it is not possible and/or feasible to upgrade it so that it can. When this happens, security patches are no longer available and the computer can become a significant risk to the Indiana University network and the other computers on that network. Experience has shown that a computer is likely to reach this point by the time it reaches six years of age; although it may do so sooner.

Policy Statement

A computer that has reached six years of age (based on the original installation date) or otherwise becomes unable to run one of the Currently Supported Operating Systems will be reclassified as a Legacy Computer and denied access to the Indiana University network.

Procedures

Immediately upon being designated a Legacy Computer, The Information Technology Department will block that computer from accessing the Indiana University network and will notify the department that it has done so.

Departments may keep Legacy Computers but under no circumstances will they be allowed to access the Indiana University network.

Definitions

Currently Supported Operating Systems are those operating systems that: (1) receive full support from the vendor, including security patches; (2) are known to work with the Indiana University network; and (3) can be fully supported by the Information Technology Department.

Related Policies, Laws and Documents

None.

Policy History:

This statement of existing policy was written on August 6, 2007.

The term "Obsolete Computer" was replaced with the term "Legacy Computer" on March 16, 2009.