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## MICROSOFT STOP SUPPORTING VISTA

We urge all of our customers to check their current operating systems as Microsoft have now also stopped supporting windows Vista as well as Windows XP and the Windows 2003 sever. Microsoft only recently stopped supporting Windows Vista on the 11th of April. This means that any customers still currently using that machine are far more vulnerable to security risks and viruses. If your Windows Vista PC is still connected to the internet and you use Internet Explorer 9 to surf the web, you might be exposing your PC to additional threats.



As more software and hardware manufacturers continue to optimize for more recent versions of Windows, you can expect to encounter more apps and devices that do not work with Windows Vista.

To find out whether you are using Windows Vista follow these simple steps;  
1. Click the start button in the bottom left corner of your screen and type in WINVER.  
2. Double click on WINVER in the list of results to open the ABOUT WINDOWS box, where you'll see the version of windows that your PC is running.

If you do need to upgrade your system then please get in contact with our sales team to enquire for an upgrade.

## HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU

At Catalyst we provide a monthly newsletter to our customers regarding any important information surrounding the company and any Platinum news or updates that customers may need to hear about. Within the newsletter as you well know we have created all of the articles from within Catalyst and the team that we have here. However we would now like this to change. We would like you our customers to provide us with news from your company whether that be any awards that you may have won, any events or shows that you might be showing or hosting, or any other news to go in the newsletter. We would like to take your news and turn it into an article which would then be featured in the newsletter the following month.



For any submissions please contact us by email or by telephone.

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## A Word from Les

Since my last Newsletter article we have been busy implementing various changes and enhancements to Platinum. Lots of payroll changes this year, our Platinum Payroll now logs (along with end of month submission) and we have implemented the Apprenticeship Levy. A change for the re-enrolment of pensions will soon be released.



Our Platinum Mobile App has been updated to work with the latest releases of the Android Operating System, we took the opportunity to implement a couple of much asked for features with plenty more in the pipeline for this excellent time saving app.

Stock Locations in the Platinum Stock Control is currently having a major overhaul, up until now your locations were free type. We've applied validation along with various properties to the locations allowing for more control over where stock is stored in your stores and warehouses. We are also reviewing the Vehicle Model Packs option, giving you more control over them and allowing packs to have specific pricing.

I'd like to remind those of you still using Windows Vista that along with Microsoft's support goes any security updates, potentially exposing your computers to malicious hacking attempts. New vulnerabilities are being found every day in the computers that we use and it's very important to stay up to date to keep these threats at bay.

Remember Platinum is updated all the time (we don't sit on updates ready for a big release date) and you should update often to get the latest features.

Les

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# XP IS NOT SUPPORTED



## An important reminder to anyone running a Windows XP or 2003 Server or earlier!

We would just like to take this opportunity to remind you that our Platinum suite of programmes are no longer supporting Windows XP. Microsoft themselves long ago abandoned support for this version of Windows. It has become too difficult to continue to support it in a world constantly moving forward.

What shall I do if I still have a Windows XP or 2003 Server?

The simple answer is to upgrade. Without upgrading your XP machine, users trying to upgrade Platinum may encounter difficulties. Running an XP machine also worryingly exposes your machine to viruses as Microsoft ceased to issue security patches in 2014.

Upgrade today by calling our sales team.

CALL: 0116 230 1500

## STAY IN THE KNOW

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Which ever you prefer, we are on there!

Please like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to see our latest enhancements and news. Also, take a look at our Youtube channel for tutorial videos on various areas of the system which have recently been updated!

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# OUTDOOR TRADE SHOW



## OUTDOOR TRADE SHOW (OTS) 2017

TUESDAY 11TH – THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2017  
STONELEIGH PARK EXHIBITION CENTRE, STONELEIGH PARK,  
WARWICKSHIRE, CV8 2LG (SATNAV POSTCODE)



Catalyst is pleased to announce that we will be attending a brand new show this year. The Outdoor Trade Show is the UK's largest outdoor trade exhibition which provides exhibiting companies with a fantastic opportunity to showcase their product ranges to over 1,000 retail visitors. After the move of the trade show 'Go Outdoors' to an earlier summer slot in July, The organiser believed there was still a need for outdoor accessory brands to have an opportunity to showcase their products in the traditional autumn selling slot. Held at Stoneleigh Park from the 11th - 13th July everyone at Catalyst hopes to see you there!

Come Visit us on Stand 102 !

## TRAINING COURSES

Here at Catalyst we recognise that with such an expansive system it can be challenging to absorb all of the systems potential. The solution? Catalyst Training Courses! With excellent staff and onsite facilities it's the easy way to digest all that you need to know with a particular module. The courses have been tailor made to ensure that every individual leaves as an expert. Got a new staff member joining? Get them booked in today!

### MAY

- Tuesday 9th - Workshop Control
- Tuesday 16th - The Customer Retention Centre
- Tuesday 23rd - Vehicle Sales in a Day

### JUNE

- Tuesday 6th - Stock Control in a Day
- Tuesday 20th - The Joy of Accounts

### JULY

- Tuesday 4th - A Guide to Workshop Control
- Thursday 20th - Vehicle Sales in a Day

**COURSES GO FAST SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK YOURS TODAY!**



Courses typically run from 10am - 4pm.

Full day courses are £140 per person  
Book a Private Training room for £300 for up to 6 people

## IT AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Computers, love them or hate them but we are dependant on them. They are incredibly reliable but on that rare occasion when something fails you will need specialist professional help as work without the technology on which we depend becomes very difficult. Catalyst have incredibly knowledgeable, experienced staff as well as the ability to react nationwide at short notice. Catalyst take great pride in being the support team to thousands of happy users. We understand how important it is to have a stable computer system that you can rely on. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure all of your support needs are met in a timely and professional way.

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