

ChangeBASE Newsletter



February/March 2009

Business Update

We would like to welcome back all our readers to the February/March Edition of our Newsletter.

There has been lots going on throughout January and February but the main focus for us and indeed the feedback we are getting from the industry is that Windows 7 and Virtualisation are the main hot topics of 2009. We are extremely excited about this as you may remember from last month's newsletter we have developed the first set

of plugins for Windows 7 application compatibility testing and have also done a lot of work around virtualisation.

In light of this we have decided to dedicate the majority of this newsletter to updating you on where we are at with Windows 7.

As mentioned last month one of our focuses this year will be to do monthly webinars on various topics. Our Chief Technical Architect Greg

Lambert will be hosting our first webinar on Monday 16th March at 2pm which will cover Windows 7 Application Compatibility challenges. Please see event details and link to the online web demo on page two of the newsletter .

We are also planning a big seminar on 30 April at Microsoft's TVP Campus around Windows 7, please see page 2 for more details.

We hope you can all join us.

Product News



ChangeBASE already has a full suite of plugins for testing and remediation issues relating to Vista compatibility. These cover areas like deprecated components and APIs, non supported drivers, non accessible areas, UAC issues, legacy control panel applet and help file support, networking restrictions and group policy restrictions among others. In all there are 35 plugins directly related to Vista compatibility issue detection.

ALL of these plugins are directly relevant to the issues that need to be identified for Windows 7. In addition we have already developed a further 7 plugins that are specific to Windows 7.

Over the coming months we will be adding more plugins to complete the set of tests and remediation required for applications to migrate to Windows 7. We envisage that we will be adding approx 7-10 more plugins (areas of functionality). These will be released to our early adoption partners as the information becomes available. For more information on our plugins please [Register](#) for full white paper or email [Dawn Clifton](#).

From the tests we have done in our applications compatibility lab we have discovered that to migrate to Windows 7 an organisation will need to surmount all the Vista compatibility issues AND the new Windows 7 compatibility rules. Between 60-80% of applications running on XP or earlier operating systems will need some remediation to meet the re-

quirements to be deployable to Vista. Up to 5% will not work at all and will require vendor or programmer upgrades. 8% of applications will be affected by the additional restrictions imposed by Windows 7 above and beyond those of VISTA based on the current beta release and published documentation. The white paper details these issues.

AOK automates the remediation of these issues where possible. For the remainder, organisations will need to revert to the vendors for upgrades or work with the in-house development teams to remediate the problems. The detailed information we provide on these compatibility issues will greatly simplify the fixing process.

For the full white paper please register your interest on our [Website](#).

Testing Summary—Patch Application Compatibility

MS09-002: Severe Impact (both Package level and dependencies) detected across portfolio

MS09-003: Marginal Impact (both Package level and dependencies) detected across portfolio

MS09-004: Moderate Impact (both Package level and dependencies) detected across portfolio

MS09-005: Moderate Impact (both Package level and dependencies) detected across portfolio

Our Blog

Greg Lambert – our Chief Technical Architect joined the blogging world in August. Since then his blog <http://aokcompat.blogspot.com/> has really taken off and has been consistently rated in the top 3 results when searching for application compatibility blogs.

Don't forget to visit Greg on his blog and we would love to hear your thoughts, comments and responses.

For more information please contact

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Application Compatibility Lab (ACL)

What impact could this months Patches have on your applications?

This is a serious update from Microsoft for the February Security Update.

This update includes two critical and two important updates – all of which require system restarts (both server and workstation platforms).

The Microsoft Security Update MS09-002 should be treated with caution as a high proportion of applications in our portfolio had dependencies on these changes.

The message from the ChangeBASE team is that the Microsoft update MS09-002 changes a large number of components and a very high proportion

of applications are dependent on these changes.

Organisations should seriously consider testing a good cross section of their application portfolio.

The full report can be seen on our website at www.changebase.com/new/news.html

Partner News - Windows 7 CAP

We have launched a Windows 7 Client Adoption Program (CAP) with a selection of our partners to help organisations with the assessment and remediation work using AOK. These partners have in depth knowledge of

ChangeBASE AOK and the Win 7 compatibility Plug-Ins they have released. The full Press Release and a list of our partners contact details can be found under the latest news section of our [Website](#).

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March Web Demo

We will be running the first of our online web demos for 2009 next week Monday, 16th March at 14:00 GMT.

Our Chief Technical Architect Greg Lambert will be

demoing our AOK software with emphasis around our Windows 7 plugins and how AOK can help you to test your application estate for compatibility issues if considering Windows 7. We will also run through our virtual-

isation plugins to demonstrate how AOK can assess which applications can/can't be virtualised.

Details of how to join the webinar can be found on our [Website](#) or you can email [Dawn Clifton](mailto:Dawn.Clifton@changebase.com)

Event—April Seminar at Microsoft TVP

We would like to invite you to join our seminar on Thursday 30th April at the Microsoft TVP Office in Reading where we will be discussing the Applications Compatibility Challenges that companies face with a focus on Vista, Windows 7 and Virtualisation. We will

of course be showing you a demo of our AOK Software which has helped many organisations tackle app compat issues when migrating to a new operating system or testing applications for virtualisation.

The seminar will start at 14:00 on 30th April, look

out for the email with further details which will be out soon.

If you would like to register please go to our [Website](#) and click on the register button—alternatively please email [Dawn Clifton](mailto:Dawn.Clifton@changebase.com) for details.