

# ChangeBASE Newsletter



January 2009

## Business Update

We would like to welcome back all our readers to the first Newsletter of 2009 and we hope you all had a good Christmas break.

The new year got off to an interesting start. We held our first event of the year which was very successful. The event focused on what challenges companies face when migrating to Windows 7. Our developers have been busy as usual and have

now developed the first set of plugins for Windows 7 application compatibility testing.

We are seeing very productive activity with both our partners and end customers around the globe and our Managing Director, John Tate, has just returned from a very productive trip the United States. There seems to be a lot happening around virtualisation which is being looked at

seriously by many organisations with many people now realising the application compatibility issues around this as well as Win 7 which is now in beta.

One of our focuses this year will be to do monthly webinars on various topics so please keep a look out for details and we hope you can all join us.

## Client News

### Leading German Bank Selects AOK to help with move to Windows XP SP3

The official press release for the DekaBank project we have recently undertaken was distributed last

week. DekaBank will initially be using AOK as part of their application assessment project for their move to Windows XP SP3.

The full DekaBank Press Release can be seen at [www.changebase.com/news.html](http://www.changebase.com/news.html)

We have a wide range of engagements underway with our partners across the globe including work in the financial services, pharmaceutical and public sector. We hope to make more new client announcements in the next newsletter.

## Product News



We ran our first seminar this month on our Windows 7 initiative and have already developed the first set of plug-ins to tackle Windows 7 application compatibility issues.

So far we have developed about half of the plugins that we think will be required for compatibility testing of

applications on Windows 7 (these are in addition to the checks required for vista).

What we are seeing is that about 20% of a sample set of applications are affected by these plugins and the installation routines will need some correction to allow the applications to install and run correctly. Some applications will fail altogether. We are currently consulting with

partners, Microsoft and clients on our approach to Windows 7 assessment/migration projects.

We will be launching a Windows 7 application compatibility early adopters program in February – so watch this space and our web site for more details.

Load it. Run it. Fix it. It's



## Application Compatibility Lab (ACL)

### Testing Summary—Patch Application Compatibility

**MS09-001:** No Impact (both Package level and dependencies) detected across portfolio

**MS08-072:** Marginal impact for Office related applications

**MS08-076:** No Impact (both Package level and dependencies) detected across portfolio

### What impact could this months Patches have on your applications?

As the first and only patch update from Microsoft for the start of the year 2009, we have not detected potential patch impact issues for our testing portfolio. This makes sense as the Microsoft patch relates to the network component SMP which is rarely (if ever used) by applications. As a result, very few applications in use today will ship components that

neither affect the contents of the patch MS09-001, nor are applications likely to depend on the primary file updated by this patch (SRV.SYS).

In addition to the standard Microsoft Patch Tuesday, two previous patches were re-released a few hours after the initial Patch Tuesday updates were released.

These releases included;

- Microsoft Security Bulletin MS08-072

- Microsoft Security Bulletin MS08-076

The expectations from the ChangeBASE team are that the Microsoft update MS09-001 is very unlikely to cause OS level or application compatibility issues. In addition, the two update patches had marginal impact on the AOK Application portfolio.

The full report can be seen on our website at [www.changebase.com/new/news.html](http://www.changebase.com/new/news.html)

## January Event

Our Come and Meet the Team/Application Compatibility & Windows 7 Event that we held at our offices on 22 January went extremely well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending and also for your feedback – the responses

we have received from you all have been exceptionally positive.

The event focused on what issues companies face with regards to migrating to Windows 7.

Some of our attendees

kindly brought along sample applications which we ran through our AOK software.

We ran some of these sample applications against our new Windows 7 plugins which generated some interesting results.



### Our Blog

Greg Lambert – our Technical Director 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.

## Future Events

We are planning to launch a monthly webinar program in February – focusing on application compatibility issues with VISTA/Win 7 and application Virtualisation.

We hope you can take the time to join one of these sessions.

If you would like to receive emails about our future events you can now register

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