

# Re: Is a Windows 98se computer more, or less, of a security threat with IE 5.5 (unused) & Firefox, or with IE 6.0 & latest updates (unused) & Firefox?

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Bear in mind that support for IE6 RTM and SP1 also expires very soon – there won't be many updates for them, either!

IE6SP1 is considerably more secure than IE5.5 – and this holds even if it's not used as the browser. Parts of IE are used by the OS for different things, including rendering help files, etc., and infestations of malware can attack unpatched (which is what IE5.5 is) versions a lot easier than patched versions. Tightening the security down on IE6 is also better.

Since upgrading to IE6SP1 is a no-cash-cost option, I'm really at a loss to see what prevented you doing it when it made most sense to do so – two years ago.

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<http://www.crashfixpc.com/millsrpch.htm>

<http://tinyurl.com/6oztj>

Please read <http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm> on how to post messages to NG's "Nate Goulet" <[askifyouwant@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:askifyouwant@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:44a55dac.7317109@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:44a55dac.7317109@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Members of this list please advise. All point of views are welcome. I'm not disagreeing with you PA Bear. From talking to many people about this topic, there seem to be some different opinions on the subject by numerous experts. Many MSCE's have steered me towards sticking with IE5.5 (but using FireFox instead) and Windows 98se for now if our budget is really that tight.

Thanks.