

daniels

BUSINESS PAGES

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

HART'S LLP



Are your PCs talking the right language?

A MACCLESFIELD software firm is warning of IT pitfalls that could catch out more than just your average computer clutz.

Triangle, based in Lower Withington, believes smaller and medium-sized companies may not be aware of changes in "programming language" that came into effect in April 2008.

Firms across the North West have been advised that existing IT business systems may not only be unsupported, they may also be unpredictable.

Apparently, many may not realise that the standard "VB6" programming language was made obsolete several months ago and may also be taking the view that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Software developer Triangle has joined the

by Ben Turner

debate, warning of potential pitfalls for companies without IT support looking to upgrade their business systems.

Tim Thomas-Peter, managing director at Triangle, said: "Free support was withdrawn for VB6 in 2005.

"Paid-for support continued until March 2008, but this has now stopped, leaving all businesses which use systems created using VB6 extremely vulnerable.

"Many companies have redeveloped applications into the new technology over the last two or three years.

"But, as other software and operating systems continue to evolve, cracks are starting to appear where businesses have

stuck with their legacy systems.

"Furthermore, companies looking to advance their technology by adding to or upgrading their existing IT will now find this increasingly difficult.

"Even a simple thing like adding a new PC or a new piece of software could trigger a problem."

According to Tim, Triangle has been working with clients across the UK to help them advance their technology and replace their existing systems to avoid them running into problems.

They have also been carrying out free on-site risk assessments to help businesses understand whether or not they have a potential issue.

To contact Triangle, call 01477 571940, or visit the website at www.triangl.esoftware.co.uk.



Tim Thomas-Peter, managing director at Lower Withington software firm Triangle. (a)