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## Businesses need to seek VB6 advice

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Companies across the North West are being warned about the fact that their existing business systems may not only be unsupported, they may also be unpredictable.

Many companies across the region will have business systems which have been developed using VB6 for Business and local software developer Triangle warns of potential pitfalls as companies look to upgrade their business systems.

Companies may not realise that this programming language was made obsolete from April 2008 but may also be taking the view that if it isn't broken don't fix it.

Tim Thomas-Peter, Managing Director at software applications development company Triangle, says this is an awareness issue in the first place, but perhaps more importantly, Tim says that businesses should really tackle the situation before it becomes a problem.

"Free support was withdrawn for VB6 in 2005. Paid for support continued until March 2008 but this has now stopped leaving businesses which use systems created using VB6 extremely vulnerable," explains Tim. "Many companies have redeveloped applications into the new technology over the last 2 or 3 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 the problem,"

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

"Bosses need to realise that the phasing out of VB6 may well have a significant impact on the future development of their business systems," says Tim.

Triangle Software is based in Lower Withington, Cheshire and works with clients across the UK. The company offers the combined strengths of business acumen and technological know how and will assess a business' needs to develop software systems specific to its requirements and is ideally placed to remedy the VB6 situation for interested companies.

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