

Users Trick Windows XP Into Updating After End Of Support

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Microsoft might have ended support for Windows XP as scheduled on April 8, and might not be rolling out patches and fixes for the operating system, but the users base has unearthed a tweak.

Basically, this is a trick that allows the retired OS to continue receiving updates.

Published [here](#) on a German forum, Windows XP is tweaked in such a way that it is identified by the Windows Update service as Windows Embedded POSReady 2009. This little spoofing is enough for users to keep their computers fully protected.

For the time being, at least.

Thing is that there are just very minor differences between Windows XP and Windows Embedded POSReady 2009, so installing updates for the latter is enough to keep the former secure.

And considering the fact that Windows Embedded POSReady 2009 is scheduled to keep getting patches until April 9, 2019, there is a possibility of staying secure for five more years.

That is, unless Microsoft blocks this trick on its servers.

Which it very well could.