



Just because it works doesn't mean it's still worth using.



While it may seem that your computing equipment has been working without any problems for several years, the risks of breakdown or data loss increase with time and you may find yourself unpleasantly surprised by maintenance costs.

For example, did you know that an IT server has a service life of 4 to 5 years? Usage and wear, delicate components, the speed of technological development, and the availability of new equipment all mean that some equipment, often in operation 24 hours a day, will not function at peak efficiency after a few years.

Outdated equipment can cause problems for new technologies, when they are not powerful enough or lack compatible components to support newer or high performance equipment. Using them can increase operational expenses and create serious risks for companies. That is why experts recommend a re-evaluation and upgrade of your IT server every three years.¹

Updating IT infrastructure is a major investment and using new technologies directly impacts a company's performance. The use of faster and more powerful tools can help improve customer service and reduce management costs, and optimize the use of current management tools.

The government has set up a temporary program that offers a 100% depreciation rate for computer hardware purchased. The March 2009 issue of Info-PLUS will contain full details on this special program.

Why wait? Contact your representative for a free on-site evaluation of your equipment and get professional advice on how to optimize your operations.

¹ DAVID, CHELAN, *Technology today*, The importance of business-critical servers, Smart Business Los Angeles, Dec.2006 http://www.sbnonline.com/Local/Article/10323/75/65/Technology_today.aspx

Holidays:

Monday Sept. 7

Monday Oct. 12

Please note that our offices will be officially closed on those days.

Our Emergency Service will still be available.

Basic rules for storing seasonal cash registers

1. All the equipment must be disconnected and kept in a dry and secure place.
2. Clearly identify each component (cables, connectors, pinpads, etc.)
3. Keep all the equipment in the same place, if possible.

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- 🕒 **Fast & Easy Product Maintenance Secrets**, October 21 1:30PM*
- 🕒 **End of Year Q&A**, October 28, 1:30PM*
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Allan (Al) C. Holton joins OGC as sales representative

OGC is proud to announce the appointment of Allan C. Holton as the new Account manager for Ontario and Manitoba. He will be responsible for market development as well as for managing the existing clientele in this territory.

Allan has worked for groups such as Rona and Sodisco-Howden, Castle and several retailers. We believe that OGC and its customers will benefit from his knowledge of the retail market, hardware and renovation centres.



Mr. François Roy, of Rona Granby, wins a GPS from OGC

This year, OGC continued its involvement with Quebec AQMAT dealers by renewing its sponsorship for both AQMAT golf tournaments.

Congratulations to Mr. François Roy (center of the photo), the proud winner of a GPS provided by OGC at the June 9 tournament in Ste-Madeleine.

Mr. Roy's foursome was among the teams brave enough to complete 18 holes on a very rainy day.



OGC will be handing out another prize at the AQMAT tournament in Québec on September 21. It will be a pleasure to meet all of you and we wish all participants the best of luck!

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