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Update on Adobe Flash Player End of Support

Microsoft blog (Sept. 4, 2020):

In summer 2021, all the APIs, group policies and user interfaces that specifically govern the behavior of Adobe Flash Player will be removed from Microsoft Edge (legacy) and Internet Explorer 11 via the latest “Cumulative Update” on Windows 10.

Options for continued support for enterprise customers

For enterprises seeking assistance with moving away from Adobe Flash Player or needing continued support for line of business applications that may be dependent on it after 2020, Adobe is providing some support options. For more details, please visit the blog post by Adobe.
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• Microsoft note on the update released to remove the Adobe Flash Player from Windows.
  – Update for the removal of Adobe Flash Player: Oct. 27, 2020

• The Microsoft timeline for the browsers is described in this post, with Aug. 17 as the final date for IE11. So summer 2021 - ending Aug. 17 – is inferred to be the end timeline.

• Mozilla Firefox ESR 78 (Extended Support Release) will have its last release in September 2021. This is currently the only supported version of Firefox that continues to run the Adobe Flash Player plug-in.
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• Many companies use the Windows 10-provided Adobe Flash Player.
• When Microsoft removes this application via a Cumulative Update, there is no option to reinstall by Microsoft, and Adobe has removed the stand-alone Adobe Flash Player from their website download page.
• SAS 9.4 M5 and earlier supports Microsoft Edge legacy and does not support the new Microsoft Edge browser (based on Chromium).
• Microsoft Edge legacy will be removed in April 2021 from Windows 10.
• This Windows Cumulative Update affects users’ desktops, laptops and servers and would be considered highly risky to not apply.