

## Re: cobol woes

**Source:** <http://coding.derkeiler.com/Archive/Cobol/comp.lang.cobol/2004-07/0826.html>

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Other than the compatibility issues, verify the kind of executable this program is (DOS, Win32, etc). Changing from Win98 to WinXP is like changing night and day. You are literally converting to a brand new operating system, which means you need to be able to verify before the change over that all your mission critical apps will work properly.

If you have a DOS executable, there are options that can be undertaken (post back!), but likely you'll have very little luck getting it to run "straight-up" in Windows XP. Another question, do you have the source to this program?

Please answer these questions and I can go from there on solutions.

On 23 Jul 2004 17:52:47 -0700, paxsonc001@hawaii.rr.com (Calvin) wrote:

> *i work at a small school and we have a computer lab setup that we use  
> to teach medical computing. we were running a program called medisoft  
> that was written in cobol on our old windows 98 machines. we recently  
> upgraded to new computers with winxp. the problem is that the old  
> software will not run on these computers. the program terminates with  
> "main program load failure" what is the cause and what are the  
> possible solutions?*  
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> *Mahalo,*  
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