



# The OnPar Report

“Technology Tips to Transform Your Business”

## Welcome to 2018! Don't Start The New Year Missing The Last Piece of the Microsoft Puzzle... Introducing Microsoft 365!

Now, for the first time, Microsoft with OnPar Technologies is offering an integrated solution for your business that helps you achieve more together, anywhere it matters with always-on security.

Microsoft 365 is a complete, intelligent solution that includes Office 365, Windows 10, and Enterprise Mobility + Security that empowers everyone to be creative and work together, securely.

The workplace is transforming! From changing employee expectations to more diverse and globally distributed teams, to an increasingly complex threat landscape. From these trends, there is now a new culture of work emerging. Our customers are telling us they are looking to empower their people with innovative technology to embrace this modern culture of work.



**Take Advantage of Our Microsoft 365 Webinar To Learn Everything You Need To Get Started! As an added bonus, we will be giving an Xbox One S to the 8th person who registers and attends!**



This Xbox Could Be Yours!

If the following applies to you, consider attending our free webinar:

- Are you looking to reduce the overall cost of managing your IT?
- Are you interested in moving your business to the cloud and reducing or eliminating on-premise servers?
- Are you in need of a solution that allows your employees to communicate on-the-go?
- Do you want to protect your company data with always-on security?
- Are you looking to safeguard your customer data, company data, and intellectual property?
- Do you want to simplify the setup and management of employee's devices?

Register Now At: <http://www.onpartech.com/puzzle>

## **Security Alert:** Widespread Bug Called “Meltdown” is Affecting Companies Such as Microsoft and Google

Two new security vulnerabilities called Meltdown and Spectre, were recently discovered by 3 independent researchers. Both are hardware vulnerabilities affecting Intel x86 microprocessors and some ARM-based processors (which have gone undetected in the processor’s chips for almost 20 years). These vulnerabilities allow harmful processes to read any physical, kernel or other processes mapped memory (in theory allowing things such as passwords, encryption keys, etc. to become exposed).

This vulnerability is affecting all iOS and Mac devices and unpatched Windows devices. Many server and cloud services are impacted as well such as Microsoft Office365, Google Apps, Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge. Although Meltdown has yet to be discovered actively running in live environments, Microsoft and others are beginning to work on and release patches/hardware updates to fix these vulnerabilities. Again, Meltdown and Spectre have not been seen affecting machines yet, they are merely recently discovered vulnerabilities and not an active attack.

OnPar managed services clients should note that our managed antivirus, BitDefender, began releasing their patch for this vulnerability at 5am EST on January the 8th. OnPar will be pushing forward the Microsoft and Windows patches as they become available later this week or early next week. We will also be releasing information on any Apple updates that are coming out to fix these issues. All hardware and software companies are aware of these vulnerabilities and are actively working to patch/update necessary systems to prevent these vulnerabilities from becoming an actual active threat.

On a side note, personal devices like home computers, smartphones and other smart devices are also affected so as soon as your personal devices show a new update it would be best to install it at your earliest convenience.

**If you are not a current client and believe you might have been affected, go to [www.onpartech.com/free-network-assessment/](http://www.onpartech.com/free-network-assessment/) for a complimentary network assessment**

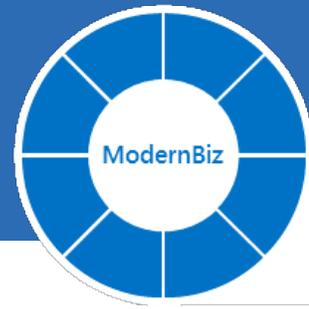
### **OnPar’s Complimentary Network Assessment Includes:**

- Review your system backups to make sure they are working properly and can be restored quickly in the event of a disaster
- Check for security updates and patches to validate that your network really IS secure
- Review your internet firewall and security settings
- Check the integrity of your server and workstations hardware (Side Note: Did you know that hardware failure is one of the leading causes of data loss that CAN be detected early and avoided with proper monitoring?)
- Audit your malware protection software and antivirus definitions and protection settings

This assessment does a “health” check of your network and computer systems. We check hardware, software, configuration, accessibility, security risks and more. We provide you with a free report and analysis of how your network is performing. We will review this report with you and explain each detail so you understand how your network is operating. These assessments are valued at \$1,500 but all of this is FREE! Free Network Assessment is for new customers only with 10 PC’s or more, must have a domain.

# Microsoft Azure

Do more. Spend less.



**Grow your business, not your budget, with flexible cloud solutions that save you money. OnPar Technologies can help you get there.**

With the fast pace of innovation constantly accelerating, it's becoming increasingly expensive to keep investing in the latest and greatest IT solutions. At the same time, relying on older solutions while your competitors invest in new ones gives them a leg up on you to anticipate, manage, and respond more quickly to change.

By turning to Microsoft Azure and the cloud, you can keep your competitive edge without expanding your budget. Azure helps you bring products and services to market quickly. You can instantly scale globally, with everything needed to support worldwide business growth. You can run your operations more cost-effectively, paying only for what you use as opposed to paying for what you don't. You can also free up your budget to spend on other business needs by eliminating the cost of new hardware. And you can gain enterprise-level security with the same data protection and datacenter security that many of the world's largest organizations receive today.

## Break Boundaries Without Breaking Your Bank

Focus on running your business, not your infrastructure and the bottom line. With Azure through OnPar we can build, deploy, and manage apps in the cloud and you don't need to worry about the cost of purchasing new server hardware. We can easily scale services up or down as needed and you get peace of mind knowing you have the added protection of multiple data backups in Microsoft- managed datacenters.

## Don't Let Your Business Miss A Beat

Many businesses lose critical data because they don't have a data backup solution. Azure through OnPar offers simple, reliable backup for your data and apps that are affordable because you only pay for the storage you use. There are no typical infrastructure costs or per-server or data transfer fees. Your apps receive the same level of protection that Microsoft Enterprise Customers receive.



### Why OnPar Technologies?

OnPar Technologies is a cloud first, full service Microsoft Partner dedicated to delivering innovative technologies that help businesses profit in the digital age. OnPar has been named the 2017 US SMB East Region Partner of the Year, and the 2016 Microsoft US SMB Champions Club Southeast Partner of the Year, making us one of the top Microsoft Partners on the East Coast.

## About OnPar Technologies

OnPar Technologies is a cloud first, full service Microsoft partner dedicated to delivering transformative technology solutions to help businesses prosper in the digital age.



We view technology as a powerful tool that has the ability to propel individuals and businesses to new heights; which is why we work to bridge the gap between business and technology so that businesses are able to be successful and prosper.

Our dedication to providing world-class support in a positive, friendly environment makes us unique in our industry. Our experts strive for first call resolution by dedicating time, attention, and top talent to every call. We are passionate about driving transformational results for small-medium sized businesses nationwide. The OnPar Team delivers full lifecycle solutions from project inception and planning, through deployment to ongoing support and maintenance.

### **Is This You?: What You Can Expect with OnPar**

If you are a small to midsize business on the East Coast, and you are looking to transform your technology into a power tool that can propel your business instead of remaining a problem that costs you time and money, then we can help!

Our clients are typically between 20-100 employees, and rely on their computers, network, and internet for daily operations. Most of our clients have a specialized line of business application that they use to run their business, whether that be Office 365 or something else, and rely heavily on the ability to collaborate and communicate across all devices anytime, anywhere.

### **Add our technology experts to your company's team when:**

- You need better reliability and security for your computer network
- You need to be certain that your data is ALWAYS backed up
- You want to focus on your business, not the technology
- You know that computer downtime costs you time and money
- You want a provider that can anticipate problems and stop them in their tracks
- You want your employees to do the job they were hired for, not waste their time on computer problems
- You're looking to expand your business, but need to know the technology and costs involved in doing so

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**Our Mission:** OnPar Technologies is a cloud first, full service Microsoft partner dedicated to delivering transformative technology solutions to help businesses prosper in the digital age.

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