

# 1. Windows 10 Support Has Ended

## What Are My Options

2. Support for Windows 10 ended October 14, 2025

- What is ending and what does it mean for the average windows user?
- After October 14, 2025, computers running Windows 10 will still function, but Microsoft will no longer provide the following:  
Technical support of any issue.  
Software updates. Security updates or fixes.
- Will I still be able to use Windows 10?
- Yes, Windows 10 will continue to function.
- Will my programs still work?
- Yes, all programs on your computer will still work
- Will my data still be available?
- Yes, all data that is on your computer will still be there and be accessible.

Computers continue to evolve over time and so does the software system that

makes them run. Windows 10 is being replaced by Windows 11. Just like previous versions such as DOS and Windows 3, XP, Windows 7, Vista were all replaced by newer improved versions. Windows 11 is designed to take advantage of the newest developments in computers. New types of memory and new processors (CPU)

- Windows 10 will no longer receive security updates. Security updates can be compared to the entrances to your home.
- If a thief tries to enter your home through the front door, you can lock it to keep him out.
- If he tries the back door, you can lock that one too.
- He may then try the basement window but if you are forewarned you can board up the window.
- This is what security updates are all about.
- As hackers try to find ways to invade your computer by exploiting weaknesses in the windows operating system, Microsoft will send out updates to patch the system and keep you protected.

Those Software Updates Will No Longer Be Available. You can continue to use Windows 10, but you must make sure your computer is secure by using a good quality anti-virus and security software.

## Security Software

### Excellent Products to Use



Windows 10 and 11 already include a very good security program called Windows Defender. However, the windows 10 version of this program will no longer receive updates. Windows 11 will continue to get updates.

## You Have An Option

- You can purchase extended support for Windows 10 by enrolling in the Extended Security Updates (ESU) program through the Windows Update settings. Go to Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update and look for the option to "Enroll now" under the Windows 10 support end message. After clicking "Enroll now," you will be presented with options to pay a one-time fee, use Microsoft Rewards points, or enroll for free by syncing your PC settings to a Microsoft account.
- ESU enrollment does not provide other types of fixes, feature improvements, or product enhancements. It also does not come with technical support.
- You can enroll in ESU any time until the program ends on October 13, 2026.
- Paid Option  
Extended Security Updates Program
- Receive Extended Security Updates with a one-time purchase of \$30 (plus applicable tax).
- This is a one year extension to the life of Windows 10. You will still have to upgrade to Windows 11 eventually.
- For Personal Use: Support under the ESU program ends on October 13, 2026. This is a one-year extension after the original Windows 10 end of support date (October 14, 2025), and it is not further renewable for individual users.
- Windows 11 Options
- Upgrade to windows 11 if possible: If your computer is less than 5 years old you can download windows 11 from the Microsoft website and update while keeping your programs and data intact.
- If your computer is more than 5 but less than 10 years old, you can

**upgrade by using a program that bypasses the Windows stringent requirements checkup.**

- **To install Windows 11 by using a bypass program check out the instructions on this website.**
- **<https://www.syscute.com/online-help/install-windows-11-23h2-on-any-computer.html>**
- **You may need to enlist the help from a Computer Savvy family member to accomplish this type of update.**
- **If your computer is older than 10, you will have to upgrade to a new one.**
- **You can continue to use Windows 10 but be cautious about downloading anything from websites you are not familiar with.**

**Use a quality security software and maintain your security software through continuous upgrades.**