

**Windows 10
For Beginners**

Here is where we are in the Windows 10 for Beginners Series

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Although this is a 5 part series is not really a sequential one in that it is not necessary to see them in order.

It is perfectly OK to begin with today and read the others at your leisure.

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Is Windows 10 Ready for You? Are You Ready for Windows 10?



Is the Windows 10 Operating System, and it's Components/Apps, ready for the masses – you and me?

Do you wish to go through the bit of change that occurs whenever one updates to a newer version of their computer's operating system (Windows or Apple)?

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This is a more “low key” sharing on Windows 10.

I must admit, I use Windows 10 on all of my 3 computers and like it a lot.

Like Windows operating systems before it, and continues to improve while on the market.

There are no wholesale problems or published “trouble” stores.

Windows 10 is getting very good reviews.



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Is Windows 10 Ready for You

Over 300 Million Installations Thus Far
Windows 10 Continues to Update
Virtually All Printers Will Still Work

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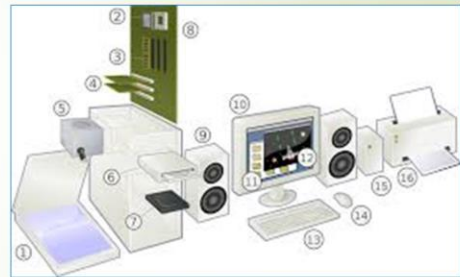
Upgrading an existing computer to a newer operating system can have rough spots and can be a bit technical during those rough spots.

This is not uncommon for any computer maker.

Our biggest upgrade fears are: will my data be OK and will my printer still work?

What Components Are We Talking About Here?

- Printers
- Monitors
- Video Cards
- External Hard Drives
- Scanners
- Modems / Routers



Download new drivers OR Microsoft might very well have the new drivers and take care of installing this during the Windows 10 Upgrade.

Don't worry. Only the oldest of printers won't work.

Monitors work fine except for very old monitors. I have one on a laptop that would not allow Windows 10 to install. It's a 10 year old Lenovo laptop.

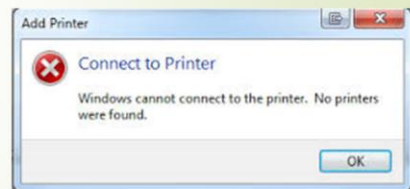
I have not heard anything about an External Hard Drive not working.

I am uncertain about dedicated Scanners. All-in-One Printers work well except for very old ones.

Your current Modem and/or Router will work perfectly fine.

Not Having a Working Printer is a Huge Fear

- Is there a list of printers that work and is the list updated?
 - HP – Web Site to search
 - Canon – Yes
 - Epson – Web Site to search
 - Dell – Web Site to search
 - Lexmark - Web Site to search
 - Brother - Web Site to search



HP Support for Windows 10.

<http://support.hp.com/us-en/document/c04658195>

Install the Printer Install Wizard to find the best driver for your Windows Operating System including Windows 10.

How to Fix Printer Problems in Windows 10.

<http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/computing/how-to-fix-printer-problems-in-windows-10-11363996318374>

Troubleshoot a connected Printer

Cannon

Windows 10 Upgrade for Cannon

<https://www.usa.canon.com/internet/portal/us/home/support/self-help-center/windows-10-upgrade>

Canon Compatibility for Windows 10

<https://www.usa.canon.com/internet/portal/us/home/support/self-help-center/windows-compatibility/>

Epson

Enter Your Printer Model #

<http://www.epson.com/cgi-bin/Store/support/SupportWindows10.jsp>

[https://www.epson.com/cgi-](https://www.epson.com/cgi-bin/Store/support/supDetail.jsp?infoType=FAQs&oid=279863_2)

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Dell

See your model #

<http://www.dell.com/support/article/us/en/04/SLN297761>

Lexmark

Select your Model or search for new printers that are compatible

[http://www.lexmark.com/en_US/support-](http://www.lexmark.com/en_US/support-downloads/windows10/index.shtml?linkSelected=node5)

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Brother

Check for compatibility and drivers

<http://support.brother.com/g/s/id/os/windows.html>

Windows 10 Continues to Update Anniversary Update is Coming Soon



- ▶ Targeted for Late July of this year.
- ▶ <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/upcoming-features>
- ▶ Most new features are on very new computers.
 - ▶ Windows Hello for Security Logins
 - ▶ Pen or Stylus on the Touch Screen
 - ▶ Xbox on Windows 10

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The 2nd major update to Windows 10 is coming in late July.

It is called the Anniversary Update and adds some new features as well as fixes.

So very many small and large fixes have already taken place in Windows 10 but it is not finished nor will it be finished a quite a while.

There is no need to wait however. It is good and reliable.

Edge Browser and Cortana Are Actually Used – A Lot



- ▶ **Microsoft Edge.** Over 63 billion minutes were spent on Microsoft Edge in March alone, Microsoft says, growth of 50 percent since the last quarter.
- ▶ **Cortana.** The personal digital assistant in Windows 10 has helped answer over 6 billion questions since launch.



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Report by Paul Thurott on Thurott.com.

<https://www.thurott.com/windows/windows-10/66982/windows-10-now-use-300-million-active-devices>

Although Internet Explorer has been around for many, many years and used by all, Microsoft's new browser called Edge is newly built and a more modern browser experience. I now use it along with Chrome.

By the way, Chrome is now the most used browser of any as it just recently surpassed Internet Explorer.

I'm playing around with Cortana but I think it might be more useful on a Windows tablet or Windows phone.

More Games are Played on Windows 10 Than Ever Before

- **Games.** Windows 10 users are playing games more than ever before, with over 9 billion hours of gameplay on Windows 10 since launch.
- **Bundled apps.** Apps like Photos, Groove Music, and Movies & TV that come with Windows 10 see millions of active users each month, Microsoft says, with Photos alone garnering over 144 million users.

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Although virtually all of us are not “gamers” as they say, gamers are really liking Windows 10 because of its speed and reliability.

Apps made for Windows 10 look sharper and more visually appealing for my eyes (which are not that good anymore). These apps are called Universal Windows Platform apps (UWP).

Look in the App Store for Majong or Solitaire to see what I mean.

Of course, the included Weather and Calendar apps have the same crisp and easy to read look and feel.

Windows Store Use Grows Daily



- **Store.** The Windows Store continues to “grow daily,” Microsoft says, with new Universal Windows Platform apps like Facebook, Instagram, and Facebook Messenger; updated Universal Windows Platform (UWP) apps from Vine, Hulu, Netflix and Twitter; and popular PC games including Rise of the Tomb Raider and Quantum Break.

The Windows Store is evolving and getting better and better.

It is a great place to search for the newest and more modern apps available today.

The Store is not all inclusive at this point however. Packaged apps and downloaded apps from other software companies is still the norm. Quicken and Adobo Photoshop are examples.

Even Microsoft Office is a download now days from the Microsoft website and soon the Apps Store.

I will not be surprised that older apps like Quicken, Adobe Photoshop, etc. will be available in the Windows Store.

The FREE Upgrade to Windows 10 Will Expire on July 29, 2016

- ▶ “Today, we want to remind you that if you haven't taken advantage of the free upgrade offer, now is the time,”
- ▶ “The free upgrade offer will end on July 29 and we want to make sure you don't miss out. After July 29th, you'll be able to continue to get Windows 10 on a new device, or purchase a full version of Windows 10 Home for \$119.”
- ▶ The “Nags” Will Stop Too.

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It will be time to pay for Windows 10 soon.

This will NOT be a subscription or annual payment as some have feared. . See the Windows Blog below for details.

<https://blogs.windows.com/windowsexperience/2016/05/05/windows-10-now-on-300-million-active-devices-free-upgrade-offer-to-end-soon/>

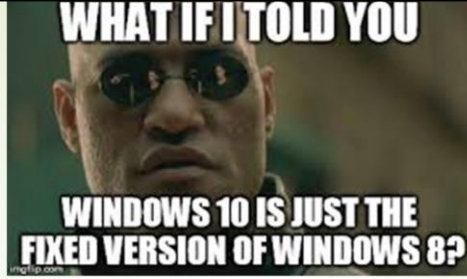
Windows 10 to Remain FREE for Those That Use Assistive Technologies

- “**Assistive technology** is an umbrella term that includes **assistive**, adaptive, and rehabilitative devices for people with disabilities and also includes the process used in selecting, locating, and using them.”

This was announced at the beginning of May 2016.

Microsoft to provide more details in the near future.

<http://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2016/02/18/making-microsoft-products-accessible-path-forward/#sm.0000phw3wry4icvyy5z2r6koglbuc>



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Are You Ready for Windows 10?

What does this mean anyway?

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With Windows 10 ready for the masses and the masses have begun, it matters more that you want to do this upgrade with your situation.

What Can You Do To Make The Upgrade Easy

- ▶ Know the apps you desire to keep
- ▶ Know your Microsoft Account ID and Password
- ▶ Be ready to Create a Microsoft Account or Local Account
 - ▶ Use your existing e-mail name as the ID and decide on a Password
 - ▶ You CAN use your e-mail Password for this.

Upgrading the operating system (Windows or Mac) is a low risk technical process that has gotten better and better over the years.

Apple does this very, very well and now Microsoft has made big strides.

But, does it mean you should do the upgrade.

? By a show of hands, how many of you did not upgrade your existing computer's operating system?

I suspect, most did not. You kept it the way it was when you purchased it. You skipped Windows 8 and 8.1. You skipped Windows 7 if you have Vista.

Upgrading the Operating System is NOT Hard

- Upgrading our phones and tablets is very straight forward.
- Updating our computers is a bit more complicated because the computers themselves are more complicated.
- Don't do it if you don't want to.
- **It is NOT Required!**


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If you have Windows XP, upgrading is a good idea but a better idea is to get a new computer that is faster, more reliable, has more space, a faster wifi, a faster processor AND already has a fully tested Windows 10.

By the way, the new computer will be much more affordable. New laptops start at \$179., with most going under \$300. These are for we average computer users like us!

Laptops Under \$300!



Dell - Inspiron 11.6" Laptop - Intel Celeron - 2GB Memory - 32GB eMMC Flash Memory - Bali Blue

Model: I3162-0000BLU | SKU: 4870000

- Windows 10
- Technical details: Intel® Celeron® processor, 11.6" display; 2GB memory; 32GB eMMC flash memory
- Special features: Bluetooth; HDMI output
- Note: DVD/CD drive not included

★★★★☆ 4 (321 Reviews)

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SAVE \$30 (Reg. \$199.99)

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Included Free: 1 Item

- Free Shipping on Orders \$35 and Up
- Free 6-Month Internet Security: See How
- Save \$20 on Microsoft Office: See How



Asus - 15.6" Laptop - Intel Core i3 - 4GB Memory - 1TB Hard Drive - Silver

Model: X540LA-SI3020SP | SKU: 4831500

- Windows 10
- Technical details: 5th Gen Intel® Core™ i3 processor; 15.6" display; 4GB memory; 1TB hard drive
- Special features: HDMI output

★★★★☆ 4.2 (98 Reviews)

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\$299.99

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Best Buy, Staples, Office Depot, Frys Electronics have a good selection of computers that you can touch and try.

Amazon has a wider variety, a little less expensive but you can't touch them until they arrive.

Desktops are now more expensive than laptops. Including monitors, they begin around \$380.

Personally, I have a laptop with a keyboard and mouse attached with a 25 inch diagonal HD TV.

Big Monitors are GREAT!

 <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add to Compare</p>	<p>Lenovo - 23" IPS LED HD Monitor - Black Model: L12223S 23" LED IPS Monitor SKU: 6036011 7 ms response time; 10,000,000:1 dynamic contrast ratio (1000:1 typical); 250 cd/m² brightness; 1920 x 1080 maximum resolution; 178° horizontal and vertical viewing angles; VGA, DVI-D and HDMI inputs</p> <p>★★★★★ 4.7 (584 Reviews)</p> <p>Check Shipping & Availability</p>	<p>PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE</p> <p>\$119.99 ON SALE SAVE \$50 (Reg. \$169.99)</p> <p>Add to Cart</p> <p>• Free Shipping</p>
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 <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add to Compare</p>	<p>Lenovo - 21.5" IPS LED HD Monitor - Black Model: L12223S 21.5" LED IPS Monitor SKU: 6036057 7 ms response time; 10,000,000:1 dynamic contrast ratio (1000:1 typical); 250 cd/m² brightness; 1920 x 1080 maximum resolution; 178° horizontal and vertical viewing angles; VGA and DVI-D inputs</p> <p>★★★★★ 4.7 (199 Reviews)</p> <p>Check Shipping & Availability</p>	<p>PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE</p> <p>\$99.99 ON SALE SAVE \$50 (Reg. \$149.99)</p> <p>Add to Cart</p> <p>• Free Shipping</p>

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Because of my poor vision, a large monitor is a must.

The size is measured diagonally from corner to corner of the screen.

21 ½ " is \$100.

23" is \$120.

27" is \$180.

During the Upgrade

WATCH CLOSELY

- What to consider before upgrading
 - From Windows 7
 - Be ready to create a Microsoft Account or Local Account
 - From Windows 8.1
 - It looks more like Windows 7. Ahhhhhh!

- Watch the Screens Closely When Entering Information

The upgrade is mostly a “watch” event. However, there are a few screens where you should absolutely read them and understand what it is asking.

More on the upgrade screens in the final part 5 of this series next month.

What Will You Do First – After the Upgrade That Is?

- Run the Get Started App
- Start Your Browser of Choice
 - Edge, not Internet Explorer Appears on the Taskbar
 - For Edge, Import Favorites
- Print Something
- Setup Email using the Mail App or the Browser for web mail



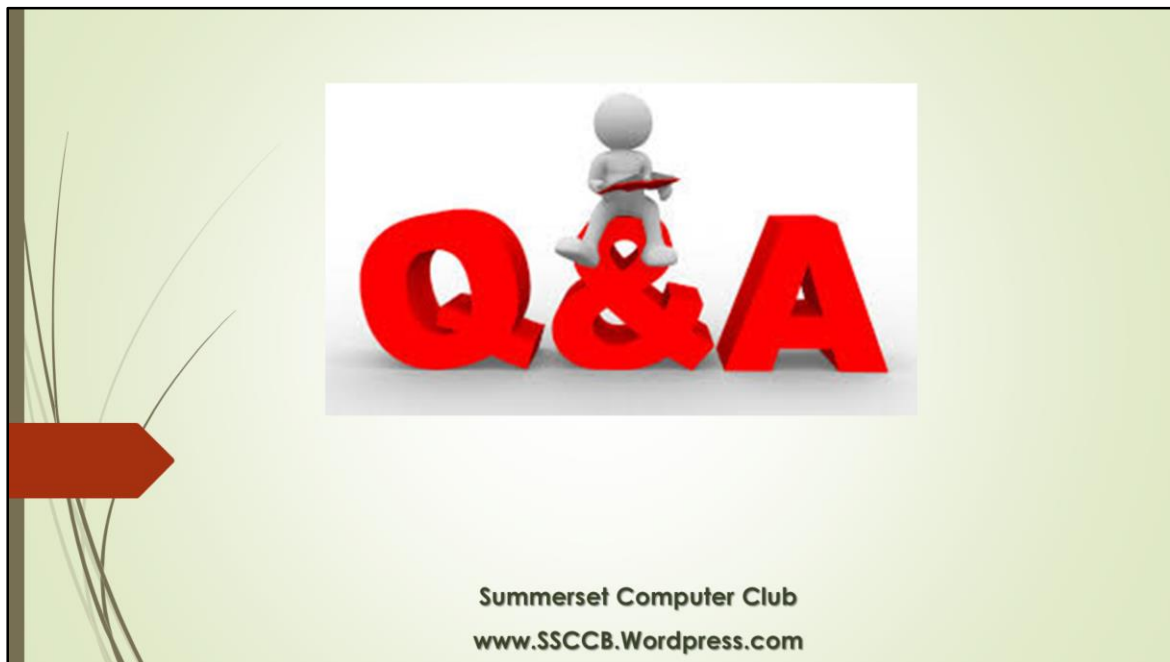
Notice the 'e' icon is for Microsoft Edge and NOT Internet Explorer. Your bookmarks/favorites won't be there...YET>

Follow the prompts to import your favorites into Edge and you will be set.

Or, go right to Chrome or Firefox (it will still be there) and go on as before.

Windows Live Mail will no longer work with Windows 10. Your Live Mail Account will still work but not the app itself. Use the Mail app or do email from the browser. You'll be happy about this—really.

Again, more upgrade details in the next Windows 10 for Beginners presentation .



Upgrading to a New Operating System is a big deal and should not be taken lightly.

If Your Computer Works Fine, then upgrading can be avoided.

If the Computer is NOT working nicely, then upgrading to Windows 10 is a good alternative.

Or get a new computer if the problem is the machine and not the operating system and it's apps.

A new computer means reinstalling the apps you like. Gather up the DVDs and web sites to do this.

If you don't have the DVDs, the purchasing the apps is the proper choice. Having someone install from their DVDs is not proper but has been done. Personally, I don't do this anymore. If the app is expensive, I either stop using it or I buy my own copy.