

Windows 10 (Updated 6/29/15)

- FREE Upgrade
 - If you have “Qualified” version of Windows 7 SP1 or Windows 8.1 or Windows Phone 8.1
 - Available from 7/29/15 until 7/29/16
 - Most will get Win 10 Home
 - If you have Windows 8.1 Pro or Windows 7 Pro or Windows 7 Ultimate you will get Windows 10 Pro
 - Price if not qualified or after 7/29/16 is \$119 for Windows 10 Home and \$199 for Windows 10 Pro
 - Pro comes with features Microsoft claims will “meet the needs of small businesses”
 - A Windows 10 Pro Pack (allows upgrade from Home to Pro) will be \$99
 - There is a workaround if you do not have qualified version which involves signing up for the Windows 10 preview. See:
<http://www.redmondpie.com/get-free-windows-10-upgrade-without-windows-8-or-7-heres-how/>
- Reserve now
 - Confirm device is qualified
 - Downloads files needed for upgrade
 - Notification after 7/29/15 that your upgrade is ready
- Windows 10 specifications
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-specifications>
- What’s New
 - Microsoft Edge
 - Replaces Internet Explorer
 - Faster and smaller
 - Cortina (*core-tah-nah*)
 - Digital voice assistant
 - SIRI for the PC
 - Start Menu
 - Returns after leaving in Win 8
 - Continuum
 - Allows you to switch between PC mode and Tablet mode
 - Windows Hello
 - Biometric (eye, fingerprint, etc.) security
 - Requires special hardware

- Windows Media Center is gone
- Time table
 - If necessary upgrade to Win7 SP1 or Win8.1
 - Reserve now (click on icon in system tray)Download arrives after 7/29 at Microsoft's convenience
 - Install upgrade at your convenience
- Note
 - Rollback to Windows 7 or Windows 8.1 has been announced
 - <https://techingiteasy.wordpress.com/2015/03/24/how-to-rollback-to-a-previous-version-of-windows-from-windows-10/>
 - It would be ultra-safe to make an image copy of your existing Windows
- More Info at Microsoft Community
 - http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows_10-win_upgrade?sort=lastreplydate&dir=desc&tab=Threads&status=&mod=&modAge=&advFil=&postedAfter=&postedBefore=&threadType=All&tm=1433612544839
- CNET review
 - <http://www.cnet.com/products/microsoft-windows-10/>
- Susan Bradley, writing in Windows Secrets 6/18/15, has a lengthy article on "What you should know about the Win 10 launch"
 - <http://windowssecrets.com/newsletter/what-you-should-know-about-the-win10-launch/>
- Kim Komando has written, on 6/23/15, Is Windows 10 right for you and your old PC?
 - <http://www.komando.com/tips/313311/is-windows-10-right-for-you-and-your-old-pc>
- Recommendations
 - Enable automatic updates
 - Reserve your copy
 - Do not be the first kid on the block to install it
 - There will, no doubt, be problems and patches
 - Remember: The pioneers get the arrows

"I'd say Windows 8.1 users should jump at the upgrade, which can't possibly be worse than what they have now. But Windows 7 users might want to wait for the reviews of Windows 10 before dumping a tried and true operating system."

- David Einstein, SF Chronicle 6/8/15