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## Windows 10 is now available

*Official release date was July 29th*

Windows 10 is the direct successor to Windows 7 and 8. There was no "Windows 9" – that version designator was skipped entirely.

Windows 10 was formally launched on July 29th, and it is now available as a free upgrade on every qualified device running Windows 7 (SP1) or Windows 8.1.

This free upgrade offer is a full version of Windows 10 ... it's not an introductory or limited trial version. It is only available online, requiring a 3GB download. The offer will be available for one year, until July 29, 2016.

### The reviews of Windows 10 are universally positive.

In the words of a reviewer at PC World, "Windows 10 absolutely rocks, especially when compared to its predecessor[s]. It's nothing less than a refined blend of the best parts of [XP], Windows 7 and Windows 8. CNN says "You'll love Windows 10!"

Security is perhaps the single most important reason to upgrade. Each new Windows version has delivered significant increases in security, and Windows 10 promises to be no exception. One example is that, with Windows 10, routine security updates are automatic – previous options to ignore or manually select periodic updates will no longer be available.

To get started with the free upgrade process, [\[click here\]](#) to go to the Microsoft Windows 10 website.

Although buying a new computer should not be necessary for those currently running Windows 7 (SP1) or Windows 8.1, **if your computer is more than three years old** you might want to consider moving on. Why? For one thing, we know that all computer hardware is going to fail eventually, and regular replacement helps to mitigate this reality.

And, while everything you're currently running on your Win7

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or Win8 computer should still work under Windows 10, there are new features that may not.

For example, the new “Windows Hello” security feature can use your webcam to allow access to your computer when it recognizes you. According to another PC World reviewer, “Hello is terrific. You simply train the machine by letting the PC camera look at you for a moment or two.

“Thereafter, when you sit down at your PC, it recognizes you and logs you in [with no need to type a password]. And if you share that PC with others in your family, it can recognize them too, automatically logging them in and picking up where they left off.”

The catch is that only newer webcams can do this, and older PCs, laptops and tablets probably don’t have that technology.

Another new feature is Cortana, Microsoft’s natural language digital assistant. Older equipment may not have

the voice support needed to make Cortana work properly.

So if you’re in the market for a new computer, you’ll find that manufacturers are now selling new models with Windows 10 already installed. (Note that the “Hello” feature requires special 3D depth-sensing webcams, which may not be available on all models.)

Microsoft says it will be operating under a “Windows as a service” approach from now on, using automatic updates – meaning that Windows 10 will be the company’s last major OS release.

At OCS, we’re transitioning to Windows 10. We think this is appropriate and necessary in order to be able to continue providing up-to-date support to our customers. Please contact us with any questions you may have!

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