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Update to Windows 10 NOW

If you're currently running Windows 7 or 8/8.1 then you need to upgrade your Windows operating system to Windows 10 . . . NOW! The End of Life for Windows 7 will be January 14, 2020. Windows 7 users who don't upgrade to the new version will no longer be able to get Microsoft's security updates or fixes, or technical support for any issues, thus leaving your computer at greater risk from viruses and malware.

Microsoft's Windows 10 is now a very substantial operating system. It is very stable, secure, and is just as easy to use as Windows 7. It is better than Windows 7. Plus, there will no longer be a reason to upgrade beyond Windows 10 because there will be no new Windows operating systems in the future. Just Windows 10. Updates will come at you once a month, and a few times a year these updates will offer significant features.

You will have THREE options:

1. Do NOTHING!
2. Buy a new computer.
3. Update your Windows operating system to Windows 10.

The first may be OK for you if you don't mind leaving your computer very vulnerable. Or if you never use the internet. I highly DO NOT recommend this option. The second option may be very appropriate if your computer is old enough to have Windows 7 running on it. Windows 7 was introduced in July 2009, and Windows 10 was introduced in September 2014. This alone may be a great excuse to buy that new computer.

But this article is focused on the third option. If you're running Windows 7, at the very least this third option will give you some time to consider what computer you need to buy. For now, you MUST upgrade.

On Microsoft's website, the Windows 10 Home operating system costs \$139 to download. On AMAZON's website, the Windows 10 Home operating system costs \$105 to download. No more discs in a box. Today everything is downloaded.

BUT here's how to get the Windows 10 Update file for FREE! First go to the Microsoft Download Windows website.

1. Go to the Download Windows 10 website.

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/>

2. Under Create Windows 10 installation media, click Download tool now and Run. Look in the Downloads folder.
3. Choose Upgrade this PC now, assuming this is the only PC you're upgrading. (If you're upgrading a different machine, choose Create installation media for another PC, and save the installation files.)
4. Follow the prompts. This will take time.
5. When the upgrade is complete, go to Settings Update & Security > Activation, and you should see a digital license for Windows 10.

NOTE: If you get the following error message – or any other error message - after you have downloaded the installation file: “We Couldn’t Update the System Reserved Partition” then you cannot upgrade this computer to Windows 10 without making other changes. You may contact me for some guidance.

Now you have Windows 10. Good luck!

Please come to our Computer & Technology Club meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the multi-purpose room in the Club House.

If you have any questions or if there are any topics you would like me to cover in the future, PLEASE send me a note by email to: brianmarder@comcast.net