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# Windows 11 Upgrade Guide

**Windows 10 End-of-Support is Oct. 14, 2025**

Don't leave your business open to disruptions and cyber attacks. Get ahead and upgrade now with this guide.



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# Windows 10 End of Support

## What Does End of Support Mean?

The End of Support (EOS) for a Windows OS means that Microsoft will no longer provide security updates, patches, or technical assistance, leaving systems vulnerable to security threats and operational issues.

As Windows 10 reaches its end of support, it's important to be aware of the following considerations to ensure your systems remain secure and functional:

- **Security Risks:** Without regular security updates, your system is more susceptible to malware, viruses, and other cyber threats. It's essential to have robust security measures in place if you plan to continue using Windows 10 post-EOS.
- **Software Compatibility:** Over time, new software and applications may not be compatible with Windows 10. This could hinder productivity and limit access to new features and improvements.
- **Technical Support:** Microsoft will no longer offer technical support for Windows 10. This means any issues that arise will need to be resolved without official assistance from Microsoft.

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# Windows 10 End of Support: What You Need to Know

**An upgrade that should be prioritized in 2025 is the transition to Windows 11.**

Microsoft has announced that as of October 14, 2025, Windows 10 will reach End of Support (EOS).

## How does this impact your business?

EOS for Windows 10 means that Microsoft will no longer provide free software updates, technical assistance, or security fixes for this operating system after October 14, 2025.

While your PC will still function, it will become increasingly vulnerable to security risks and compatibility issues, as mentioned on the previous page.

## How to prepare now

- **Upgrade to Windows 11:** If your PC meets the minimum requirements, upgrading to Windows 11 is the most straightforward solution. Windows 11 offers enhanced security features, improved performance, and a modern interface designed to meet current demands.
- **Evaluate Your Hardware:** If your current PC cannot support Windows 11, consider investing in new hardware.
- **Backup Your Data:** Ensure all your important files, photos, and documents are backed up. Using cloud services like OneDrive can make the transition to a new system seamless and secure.

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# Windows 11: Key Features

**In addition to the functional and security reasons to upgrade, here are some key functions, features, and benefits your business will get with Windows 11.**

## Advanced Security Features

Windows 11 introduces advanced security features designed to safeguard your data and enhance overall system security. Some features include:

- Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
- Data Protection
- Identity
- Smart App Control

## Enhanced Productivity Tools

With Remote Desktop, you can access your PC from anywhere, making it easier to work remotely. The Professional version also supports Hyper-V, allowing you to create and manage virtual machines.

## Improved Performance

Windows 11 Professional is optimized for better performance, with faster boot times, improved app performance, and enhanced system responsiveness.

## Better Management & Deployment

Windows 11 Professional includes tools like Group Policy and Windows Update for Business, which help IT administrators manage and deploy updates more efficiently.

## Integration with Microsoft Services

Seamless integration with Microsoft 365 and other Microsoft services ensures a smooth and productive workflow.



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# How to Prepare for the Upgrade

**Preparing for the end of support for Windows 10 is crucial to ensure your systems remain secure, functional, and up to date. Here's what you should do:**

- **Upgrade to Windows 11:** If your PC meets the minimum requirements, upgrading to Windows 11 is the most straightforward solution. Windows 11 offers enhanced security features, improved performance, and a modern interface designed to meet current demands.
- **Evaluate Your Hardware:** If your current PC cannot support Windows 11, consider investing in new hardware. Many retailers and PC manufacturers offer trade-in and recycling programs to help offset the cost of a new device.
- **Backup Your Data:** Ensure all your important files, photos, and documents are backed up. Using cloud services like OneDrive can make the transition to a new system seamless and secure.

## Minimum Hardware Requirements

To install and run Windows 11, your PC must meet the following minimum hardware specifications:

- **Processor:** A compatible 64-bit processor with at least 1 GHz clock speed and 2 or more cores. Windows 11 supports processors from Intel, AMD, and Qualcomm.
- **RAM:** At least 4 GB of RAM.
- **Storage:** A minimum of 64 GB of storage.
- **System Firmware:** UEFI, Secure Boot capable.
- **TPM:** Trusted Platform Module (TPM) version 2.0.
- **Graphics Card:** DirectX 12 compatible graphics / WDDM 2.x.
- **Display:** >9" with HD Resolution (720p).
- **Internet Connection:** Internet connectivity is necessary to perform updates and to download and take advantage of some features.

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# Common FAQs

## What happens when Windows 10 reaches EOS?

According to Microsoft, once Windows 10 reaches end of life, users that haven't upgraded will no longer receive software updates, technical assistance, or security patches. This leaves users open to security vulnerabilities, operational slowdowns, and more.

## Is upgrading to Windows 11 free?

Yes, upgrading to Windows 11 is free for eligible Windows 10 users. However, your device must meet the minimum hardware requirements set by Microsoft, such as TPM 2.0 and Secure Boot. Sourcepass can help assess your devices and ensure that your systems are ready for the upgrade.

## Can I use Windows 10 after EOS?

Technically, you can continue using Windows 10 after 2025, but it's not advisable. Without security updates or patches, your system will be at a much higher risk for malware, hacking, and data breaches. At Sourcepass, we recommend upgrading to Windows 11 before the EOL to ensure your systems stay secure and perform optimally.

## Is Windows 11 more secure than Windows 10?

Yes. According to Microsoft, "Windows 11 is the most secure Windows ever built, with comprehensive end-to-end security that covers antivirus, firewall, internet protections, and more. This means more security features, dashboard displays, and ongoing updates to help safeguard against future threats—all built-in at no extra cost."

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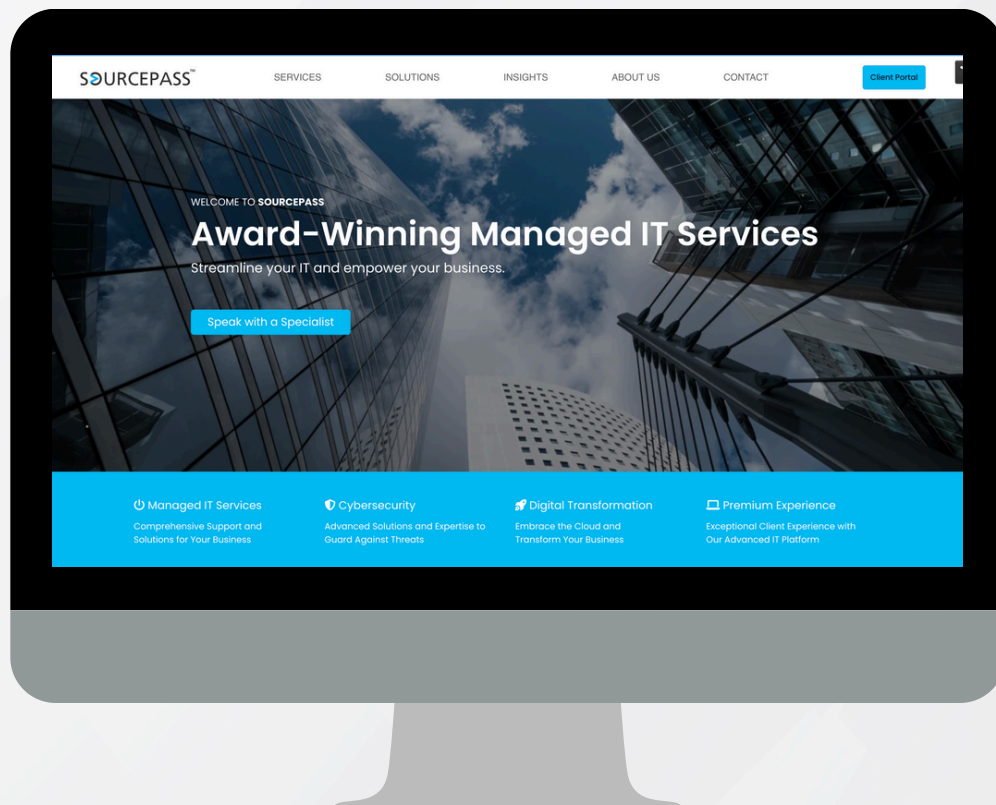
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