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**Windows 7 End of Support**

# Introduction

Microsoft has ended support for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008R2. This means customers still running these versions of Windows / Windows Server will no longer get regular security updates and bulletins. This marks the end of Windows 7's 11-year official lifespan.

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# Windows 7 computer options.

Do nothing.

Try and upgrade to Windows 10.

Purchase a new Windows 10 computer.

## Upgrade Article

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/118829143/heres-how-to-upgrade-to-windows-10-and-pay-nothing>

## Do nothing

Windows 7 was a massive hit for Microsoft. And it still is. Some sources suggest that a whopping 26 per cent of desktop PCs continue to run Windows 7. That's an interesting statistic considering Microsoft made upgrading to Windows 10 free. Microsoft says it won't be releasing any more patches for the old operating system. I'd take that statement with a pinch of salt, though. As Microsoft has released several security updates for Windows XP after it announced it had ended support for the expired OS.

### Antivirus

It is important that the antivirus application used is kept up to date.

If Microsoft Security Essentials is used for the computer antivirus, the definitions can be updated manually.

### Browser

The Microsoft Internet Explorer browser has been replaced by Edge in Windows 10.

If you use Chrome or Firefox these products attempt to operate outside the operating system and have their own software updates.

## Upgrade to Windows 10

Some upgrades have been a great success and others have been a catastrophic failure. Upgrades will fail if some device driver software cannot be loaded.

### How long does it take to upgrade to Windows 10?

Windows 10 Download time depends on your internet speed and how you download it. One to Twenty hours depending on internet speed. Windows 10 Install time can take anywhere from 15minutes to three hours based on your device configuration.

### Windows 10 Updates

Patch Tuesday is the unofficial name of Microsoft's scheduled release of the newest security fixes for its Windows operating system and related software applications, as detailed in the Windows Security Updates Guide.

Patch Tuesday occurs on the second Tuesday of each month.

Windows 10 professional users can have the option to install updates.

### Windows 10 Versions

There are two basic versions of Windows.

Windows 10 professional should be used by business customers.

Windows 10 Home.

These can be 64 or 32 bit.

This gives 4 download versions.

## New Windows 10 computer

The new computer option will ensure the Windows 10 computer will have certified hardware.

Updates are less likely to fail.

### Application Software

Windows 10 only has the Edge browser installed by default.

All other applications need to be installed.

### Data

All data needs to be copied from the Windows 7 computer.

### Revision

200120 Original

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