

Why Windows 10 Sucks or Everything Wrong with Windows 10

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This article was not created to say that Linux is better (it's [definitely](#) not). It was created to stop Microsoft fans roaring in regard to Windows 10 and how it's better than Windows 7 in every regard - it's actually worse in most regards aside from DirectX 12 (which is actually hidden from the user and it's only exposed in games).

There are two kinds of issues with the Windows operating system created by Microsoft. The first kind is the issues intrinsic to every Windows version starting from Windows Vista (XP is out of circulation and support so let's forget about it).

Problems which are present in every version of Windows for PC

- Devastating Windows rot.
- No enforced file system and registry hierarchy (I have yet to find a single serious application which can uninstall itself cleanly and fully). The \$USER directory in Windows, specially in Windows 10, is an inexplicable mess.
- [svchost.exe](#) (the whole philosophy of preserving RAM this way became outdated years ago).
- No true safe mode (some rogue applications manage to run in it).
- No clean state (for most OEM installations out there).
- The user as a system administrator (thus viruses/malware - most users *don't and won't* understand UAC warnings).
- No good packaging mechanism ([MSI](#) is a fragile abomination).
- No system wide update mechanism (which includes third party software).
- Windows is extremely difficult to debug.

- Windows boot problems are too often fatal and unsolvable unless you reinstall from scratch.
- Windows is hardware dependent (especially when running from UEFI).
- Windows updates are **terribly unreliable**, very slow (to install) and they also waste disk space.
- Windows keeps trying to reinstall failed updates over and over (in certain cases every such cycle of "updating" can render your PC disabled for hours!).
- There's no way to cleanly upgrade your system (there will be thousands of leftovers), etc.
- Ribbon in applications which clearly do not benefit from it in the slightest
- Windows OS installer doesn't give a damn about other OSes installed on your PC and it always rewrites MBR. In case of already existing Windows installations, it sets the newly installed Windows as the default OS - no questions asked. In **case of UEFI** booting of other non Windows OSes is **unsupported** and Windows actively prevents this.
- WinSxS, though a neat idea, turned into some madness: Windows keeps the versions of files the user won't ever need: for instance the English version of Windows will have copies of files for many other languages irrespective of the chosen locale or MUI.
- Cryptic error messages (considering the size of the OS (>9GB as of Windows 10) this practice is simply ridiculous).
- Hundreds of thousands of viruses.
- Windows loves thrashing your HDD.

Now the **second kind of issues is intrinsic to Windows 10 only**

- Windows 10 **spies on you** and even more so on your **children** aka **phones home** (welcome NSA/CIA/thoughtcrime/1984)!
- Windows 10 is a beta quality release (at the time of writing, i.e. as for August, 2015):
 - Microsoft **hides the information** about Windows 10 **updates**, so oftentimes you won't even know what certain updates are aimed to fix or improve. Also Windows 10 updates may have unintended consequences and unannounced changes in behaviour (it's already been confirmed).
 - Many users report that their sound card **stopped working** after upgrading to Windows 10.

- Windows 10 updates/upgrade can send your PC into an [infinite loop](#).
- In certain cases Windows 10 may kill your display if you are an unlucky owner of a laptop made by [Alienware, LG or Samsung](#).
- You've got **no real control** over crucial features of the OS:
 - Windows 10 will have [no service packs](#) which means it will always be a work in progress and you are a perpetual beta tester.
 - Forced upgrades you cannot opt out of (and Microsoft have borked quite a lot of them recently so prepare to see your Windows die after installing a new portion of updates - actually Microsoft has already borked one update, read horror stories about [KB3081424](#)).
- Windows 10 features terrible [UI inconsistency](#), not limited to:
 - Two kinds of fonts antialiasing (ClearType v2 for classic applications and some awful [dirty grayish shit](#) for Modern apps).
 - All kinds of varying visual decorations and styles (some people have discovered up to seven varying styles in Windows 10).
 - Absolutely dissimilar classic and modern (PC settings) control panels.
 - Different fonts faces and sizes all around.
 - Different styles of settings for modern apps.
 - Absolutely different context menus and their appearance in different applications and apps.
- Terrible hardly configurable appearance, dubious design choices and extremely limited functionality (vs Windows 7/XP):
 - Two Control Panels with absolutely zero thought given to how they differ and why each one should be used.
 - Some Control Widgets are spread between the two Control Panels which is utterly confusing (e.g. Users Management).
 - No Windows classic UI for windows decorations. Windows decorations can hardly be configured at all in Windows 10.
 - An awful choice of colors/palette.
 - Absolutely awful, childish and amateurish [icons](#) as if we live in the era of 8bit displays (only rivalled by those in [Windows 3.1](#) from 1992). Windows 2000 in 1999 [looked better](#) than Windows 10 in 2015.
 - A big number of Windows 10 apps are still NOT on par with their classical counterparts from Windows 7/Vista/XP (many features are missing or many options are not configurable).

- The start menu is an unusable abomination. Applications are listed as a list which is nigh impossible to scroll.
- Windows 10 sucks terribly if you are an unlucky user of a metered Internet connection:
 - It features huge mandatory system and apps updates (you cannot disable them, you can only postpone the system reboot after their installation).
 - As if it wasn't enough, Windows 10 gets downloaded automatically if you run Windows 7 or 8.1. We are talking about 3 gigabytes of data some people absolutely do not need.
 - It uses your free bandwidth to distribute updates to other users nearby you.
- With [Wi-Fi sense](#) enabled anyone you have in your Skype, Outlook or Hotmail contacts lists — and any of your Facebook friends — can be granted automatic access to your Wi-Fi network as long as they're within range.
- A newly created user profile weighs over 300MB (!) while containing zero (!) information about the user.
- A newly created user profile is populated with all the default apps instead of giving the user a choice.

Some ways to fix/configure Windows 10

- **Do not install it or upgrade to it if you're running Windows 7/8.1.** If you did, read further:
- Install [Classic Shell](#) aka Windows 7 (XP) Start Menu for Windows 10.
- Uninstall/remove *most* built-in Metro/Modern apps in Windows 10 (*quiet a lot of them are immutable and cannot be uninstalled no matter what*):
 - Fire up administrator's PowerShell (Start -> Search -> Power -> Right mouse click -> Run as Administrator).
 - Run `Get-AppXPackage -User` and `Get-AppXPackage -AllUsers` (remove the user's apps)
 - Run `Get-AppXPackage -User | Remove-AppxPackage` and `Get-AppXPackage -AllUsers | Remove-AppxPackage` (remove all system wide apps)
- Disable Windows 10 most [spying/tracking/call home features](#) (you may also try the DoNotSpy10 application but I don't recommend it).

- You can disable [built-in](#) torrent-line/bandwidth sharing feature by going to the Start Start button icon , then Settings > Update & security > Windows Update, and then select Advanced options.
- The other things mentioned above cannot be fixed unfortunately (UI inconsistency, two Control Panels, very little UI customizability, disabling of updates, etc.).

Busting Windows 10 myths

There seems to be a good number of myths which are spread on pro-Microsoft forums and websites and I want to take a bit of your time to debunk them.

Windows 10 is more secure than any previous version of Windows

Um, sorry, this is pure BS. Windows 10 offers exactly zero new protection mechanisms to the end user vs. Windows 7. I haven't forgotten that Windows 8/10 apps run a sandbox and they are all verified by Microsoft, that's true, but most of them are made purely for content consumption (so they won't cut it for power users), besides people will still download executables from the Internet and run them relentlessly. Normally you *should never run Windows without a decent antivirus installed* (Microsoft Security Essentials is **not** an AV you can rely on, in fact you're crazy if you believe it protects you). Head to av-comparatives and check out their [real world tests](#) to see what's best for you. According to various AV comparisons MS Security Essentials misses over 10% of in-the-wild viruses (i.e. over five hundred new viruses every day).

The truth is there are [some new security](#) features but they are invisible for most users out there.

Windows 10 is a more modern OS

Hey, what does it mean it's more modern? How exactly do Windows 7 and 8 differ from Windows 10? This is yet another BS claim from the Microsoft fanboys. DirectX 12? There are just **two games** being developed for DX12 right now. 99.99% of the games which are being published at the moment will be DirectX 9/11 games so your Windows 7/8 system will perfectly run them. Of, course there's the Universal Windows Platform but if you're not into Metro apps it means nothing to you.

Windows 10 is faster

According to [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#) there's no discernible difference between Windows 7, 8 and 10. Windows 10 features an improved memory handling for certain multithreaded applications like WinRAR but most other applications have the same performance.

"I have installed Windows 10 and it feels faster", right, like with every Windows release it feels fast when you install it from scratch. Then, strangely, it slows down significantly.

In conclusion

Just before you call me anti-Microsoft, a Linux shill, zealot or fanatic, here's a [wonderful list](#) of Linux problems that I've been compiling over the past six years. The truth is I don't plead allegiance to any OS on the market. So, sorry, Windows 10 sucks no less than Linux sucks, it just sucks differently. So far, Microsoft has two great modern OSes: Windows XP and Windows 7 (in the past they had rock solid Windows NT 4.0 and Windows 2000).

I have no attitude towards MacOS X, because I've never had a chance to use it, however from what I've seen on screenshots this OS has the worst fonts antialiasing among any existing OSes - I actually refuse to try it because I don't want to hurt my eyes.

I'm not a journalist and I've never been one.

Leave your comments, additions and hatred below.

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Everything You Need to Disable in Windows 10

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Kudos

Windows 10 is the most cloud-oriented version of Windows to date—yet, while this means you get [some nifty new features](#), it also means some of your personal data is being shared with Microsoft's servers.

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In general, Microsoft has proven to be a fairly trustworthy company when it comes to utilizing your data in order to streamline services like [Cortana](#), but an excerpt from their [privacy statement](#) puts the scope of this data mining into perspective:

**Finally, we will access, disclose and
preserve personal data, including your
content (such as the content of your emails,
other private communications or files in
private folders), when we have a good faith
belief that doing so is necessary...**

In all fairness to Microsoft, this type of behavior has become commonplace amongst tech companies across the world—but that doesn't mean we should sit idly by. Additionally, some of these features can cost you battery life and performance, so I'll show you how to disable them all below.

Disable Wi-Fi Sense

The first questionable Windows 10 feature I'd like to talk about is called "Wi-Fi Sense." Microsoft enabled this feature by default, and to summarize, your network passwords can now be shared with your social media friends automatically. It's a 2-way street, so the convenience factor is definitely appealing—no more asking for your friend's Wi-Fi password, and no more issues conveying your own complicated password to your friends.

The description sounds scary, but Wi-Fi Sense does not share passwords automatically—while it's enabled by default (so you can access shared passwords), you have to explicitly choose what passwords to share. None are shared without

you explicitly choosing to share them. When shared, the passwords are securely stored on Microsoft's servers and never revealed to others, even when shared, but that's just it—it's *my* password, and I never wanted Microsoft to have it in the first place. Encrypted or not.

So if you'd like to disable Wi-Fi Sense, open your Start menu and launch the Settings app. From here, choose the "Network & Internet" option to begin.



Next, click the "Manage Wi-Fi settings" option on the following page.



Settings



NETWORK & INTERNET

Find a setting



Wi-Fi

Data usage

VPN

Dial-up

Ethernet

Proxy

Wi-Fi



Nachos



ATT3K4V3E2

Advanced options

Manage Wi-Fi settings

Related settings

Change adanter options

From here, the Wi-Fi Sense options will be displayed at the top of the screen. Basically, you want to disable every last option in this menu.



MANAGE WI-FI SETTINGS

Wi-Fi Sense

Wi-Fi Sense connects you to suggested Wi-Fi hotspots and to Wi-Fi networks that your contacts share with you. By using Wi-Fi Sense, you agree that it can use your location.

Connect to suggested open hotspots



On

Connect to networks shared by my contacts



On

For networks I select, share them with my

- Outlook.com contacts
- Skype contacts
- Facebook friends

At this point, you'll no longer be participating in Microsoft's Wi-Fi sharing program, but your passwords may still be stored remotely. To disable Wi-Fi Sense altogether, you'll have to add a suffix of "_optout" to the end of your Wi-Fi network's name (SSID) through your router's settings menu.

Disable Bandwidth Sharing for Updates

In another strange act of opt-out data sharing between users, Windows now uses a sort-of peer-to-peer network for downloading updates. Similar to a torrent program, this means that when you download a Windows update file, you're also uploading parts of it to other users.

Since unnecessary bandwidth usage can be costly, you'll probably want to disable this one. Again, start by heading to the Settings menu, but this time open the "Update & Security" section.



SETTINGS

Find a setting 

Personalization
Background, lock
screen, colors



Accounts
Your account, sync
settings, work, family



Time & language
Speech, region, date



Ease of Access
Narrator, magnifier,
high contrast



Privacy
Location, camera



Update & security
Windows Update,
recovery, backup

From the "Windows Update" tab on the next screen, click the "Advanced options" button to find the setting we're looking for.



UPDATE & SECURITY

Find a setting



Windows Update

Windows Defender

Backup

Recovery

Activation

For developers

Windows Update

Your device is up to date. Last checked: Yesterday, 4:41 PM

[Check for updates](#)

Available updates will be downloaded and installed automatically.

[Advanced options](#)

Next, scroll down to the bottom of this page, then select the option labeled "Choose how updates are delivered."



ADVANCED OPTIONS

Choose how updates are installed

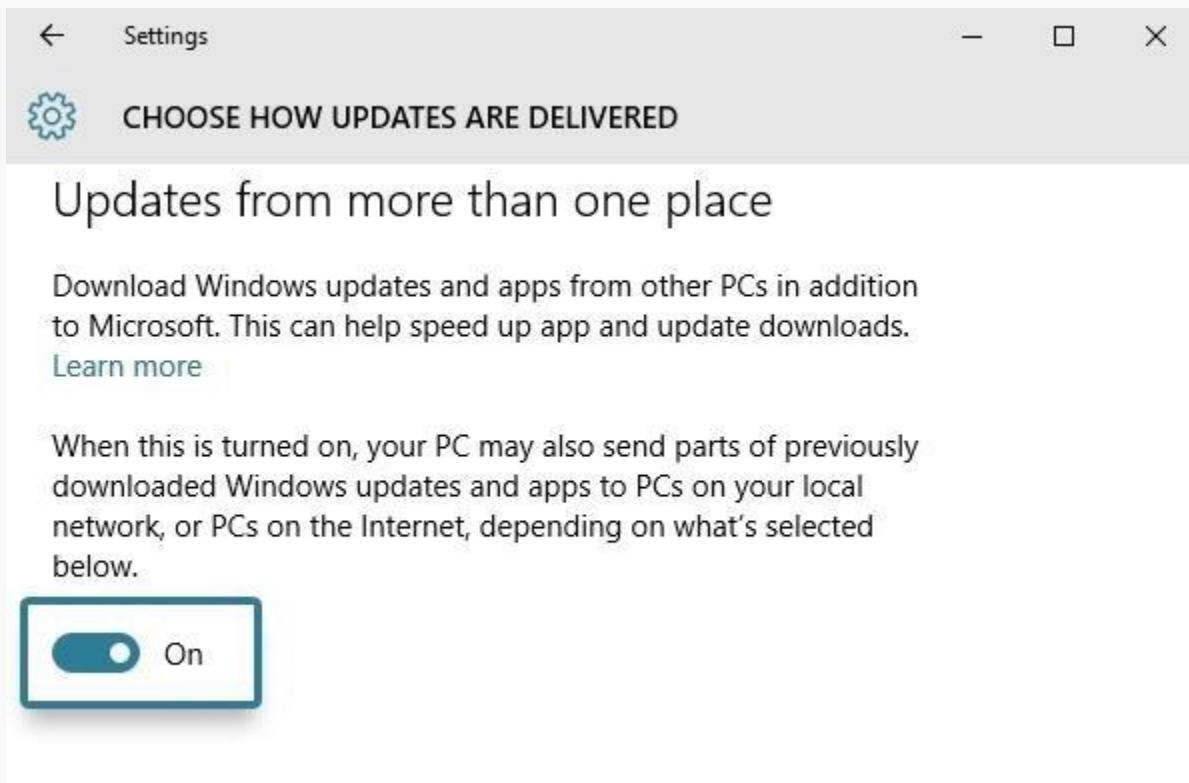
[Automatic \(recommended\) ▾](#)

Keep everything running smoothly. We'll restart your device automatically when you're not using it. Updates won't download over a metered connection (where charges may apply).

Give me updates for other Microsoft products when I update Windows.

[View your update history](#)[Choose how updates are delivered](#)

Finally, turn off the toggle switch directly beneath the excerpt about "Updates from more than one place." They really buried this one deep, didn't they?



Disable Automatically-Applied Updates

On the subject of updates, Windows 10 now automatically applies updates by default, which is a nice feature on the surface. The downside here, though, is that while they say it'll only restart your device while you're not using it, I can personally attest that this is not always true.

So if you don't want to run the risk of losing unsaved data when Windows decides it needs to update itself, head to *Settings*, then *Update & Security*, and select the "Advanced options" entry again. From here, click the drop-down menu directly beneath the "Choose how updates are installed" header.



ADVANCED OPTIONS

Choose how updates are installed

Automatic (recommended) 

Keep everything running smoothly. We'll restart your device automatically when you're not using it. Updates won't download over a metered connection (where charges may apply).

Give me updates for other Microsoft products when I update Windows.

[View your update history](#)

[Choose how updates are delivered](#)

Finally, set this option to "Notify to schedule restart." This will ensure that Windows at least gives you a warning before restarting itself to apply updates.



ADVANCED OPTIONS

Choose how updates are installed

Automatic (recommended)

Notify to schedule restart

Monthly. We'll restart your device automatically when you're not using it. Updates won't download over a metered connection (where charges may apply).

Give me updates for other Microsoft products when I update Windows.

[View your update history](#)

[Choose how updates are delivered](#)

If you experience any issues with Windows restarting multiple times in an attempt to apply the same broken update, be sure to check out our article on [disabling automatic updates on Windows 10](#).

Disable 'Getting to Know You' Features

Another disturbing feature that is meant to streamline your Windows 10 experience is called "Getting to know you." This one logs your typing history, saves recordings of your voice, collects information from your contacts, calendar, and even your handwriting—all in the name of giving you a more personalized experience with Cortana.

In addition to options for the "Getting to know you" feature, each of these last 4 sections will be dealing with options in Windows 10's *Privacy* menu—so open your Start menu and launch the Settings app, then select "Privacy" to begin.



SETTINGS

Find a setting 

Devices
Bluetooth, printers,
mouse



Network & Internet
Wi-Fi, airplane mode,
VPN



Personalization
Background, lock
screen, colors



Time & language
Speech, region, date



Ease of Access
Narrator, magnifier,
high contrast



Privacy
Location, camera

From here, select the "Speech, inking & typing" category in the left-hand menu, then click "Stop getting to know me" to take back a bit of privacy.



General

Getting to know you

Location

Windows and Cortana can get to know your voice and writing to make better suggestions for you. We'll collect info like contacts, recent calendar events, speech and handwriting patterns, and typing history.

Microphone

Turning this off also turns off dictation and Cortana and clears what this device knows about you.

[Stop getting to know me](#)

Speech, inking, & typing

Account info

Contacts

Manage cloud info

[Go to Bing and manage personal info for all your devices](#)

Calendar

[Learn more about speech, inking, and typing settings](#)

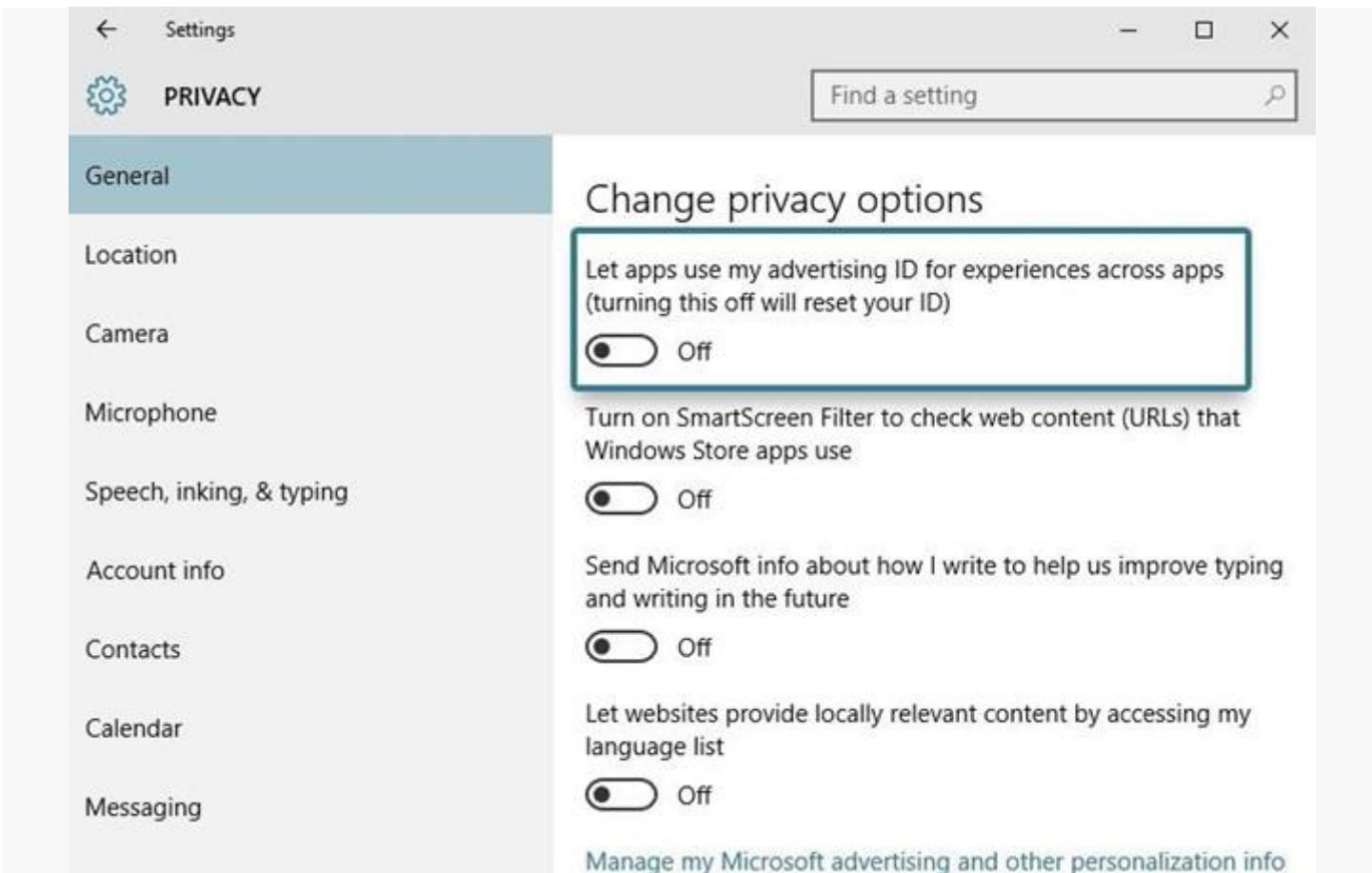
Messaging

[Privacy Statement](#)

Disable Targeted Ads

With Windows 10, you've now been issued a unique advertising ID to help "serve" you with more targeted ads. This ID cannot be removed permanently, but at the very least, you can prevent 3rd-party apps from accessing this data.

To begin, head to the "General" tab in Windows 10's *Privacy* menu. From here, make sure to disable the topmost toggle switch, labeled "Let apps use my advertising ID for experiences across apps."



Settings

PRIVACY

General

Location

Camera

Microphone

Speech, inking, & typing

Account info

Contacts

Calendar

Messaging

Change privacy options

Let apps use my advertising ID for experiences across apps (turning this off will reset your ID)

Off

Turn on SmartScreen Filter to check web content (URLs) that Windows Store apps use

Off

Send Microsoft info about how I write to help us improve typing and writing in the future

Off

Let websites provide locally relevant content by accessing my language list

Off

[Manage my Microsoft advertising and other personalization info](#)

Disabling this setting won't affect Windows apps like [Microsoft Edge](#), so you may want to take this a step further. To disable targeted ads in Edge, use the browser to navigate to [this link](#), then turn any available options off.

Prevent App-Access to Your Location, Microphone, & Webcam

In Windows 10, third-party apps can access your microphone, webcam, and location. While this makes sense for some apps—for instance, a video-chatting app needing access to your microphone and webcam—not all apps absolutely need these permissions. Additionally, apps accessing your location too frequently can lead to a reduction in performance and battery life, so you should at least familiarize yourself with these menus.

First up, head to the "Location" tab in the *Privacy* menu, then scroll down to the bottom of the page to review the apps that have permission to access your location. To block any of these apps from accessing your location, simply toggle the adjacent switch to "Off."



General

Location

Camera

Microphone

Speech, inking, & typing

Account info

Contacts

Calendar

Messaging

Choose apps that can use your location



App connector

 Off

Mail and Calendar

 Off

Microsoft Edge

Sites still need permission

 Off

MSN News

 Off

MSN Weather

 Off

Search

Uses location history

 Off

In the same vein, head to the "Camera" tab to check on apps that can access your webcam. Again, scroll down to the bottom of the list, then turn off the toggle switches next to any unnecessary apps in this list.



General

Privacy Statement

Location

Learn more about camera privacy settings

Camera

Choose apps that can use your camera

Microphone

Some apps need access to your camera to work as intended. Turning off an app here might limit what it can do.



App connector



Microsoft Edge



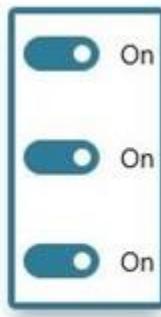
OneNote

Account info

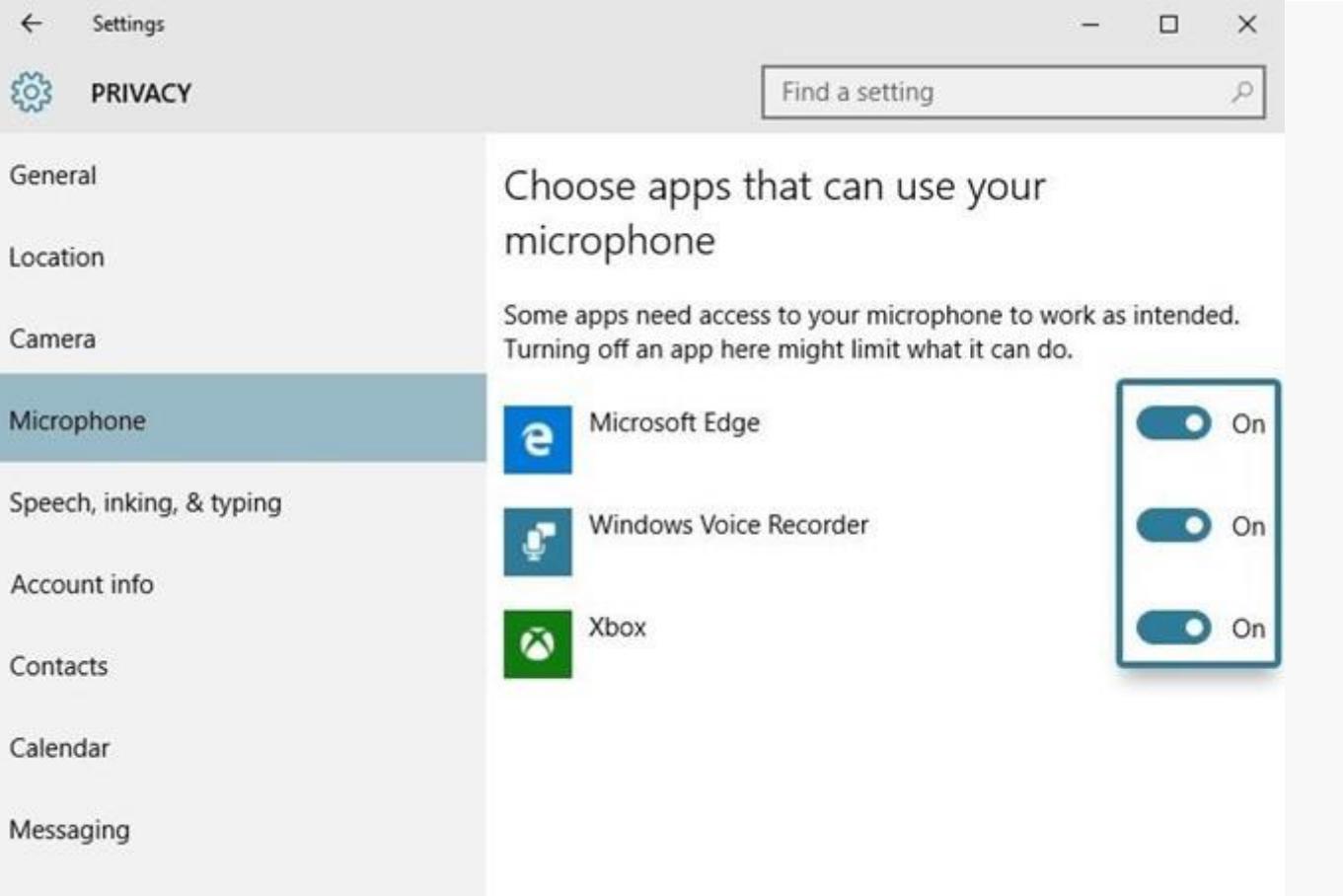
Contacts

Calendar

Messaging



Finally, head to the "Microphone" tab in the *Privacy* menu to view apps that can access your microphone. Again, simply turn off any switches here if you don't want an app to access your microphone.



← Settings

PRIVACY

Find a setting

General

Location

Camera

Microphone

Speech, inking, & typing

Account info

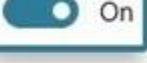
Contacts

Calendar

Messaging

Choose apps that can use your microphone

Some apps need access to your microphone to work as intended. Turning off an app here might limit what it can do.

	Microsoft Edge		On
	Windows Voice Recorder		On
	Xbox		On

Disable Unwanted Background Apps

This last option is a bit less privacy-oriented, but it can make a big impact in terms of battery life and performance. Many "Universal" Windows apps are set to start up alongside your computer, and this is a drain on your computer's resources.

From the *Privacy* menu again, scroll down to the bottom of the menu on the left side of the page, then select the "Background apps" option. From here, simply use the toggle switches to prevent these apps from running on startup and staying open in the background.

Speech, inking, & typing

Account info

Contacts

Calendar

Messaging

Radios

Other devices

Feedback & diagnostics

Background apps

Let apps run in the background

Choose which apps can receive info, send notifications, and stay up-to-date, even when you're not using them. Turning background apps off can help conserve power.

Privacy Statement

App	Status
Alarms & Clock	On
Calendar	On
Get Office	On
Groove Music	On

Other Elements You May Want to Disable

While these don't deal with privacy, there are some customization options that you may want to take a look at.

- [How to Disable the Lock Screen](#)
- [How to Disable the Search Bar & Task View Button](#)
- [How to Disable Adaptive Brightness](#)
- [How to Remove Live Tiles from the Start Menu](#)

Which of these Windows 10 settings were you most alarmed by? Let us know in the comment section below, or drop us a line on [Facebook](#), [Google+](#), or [Twitter](#).

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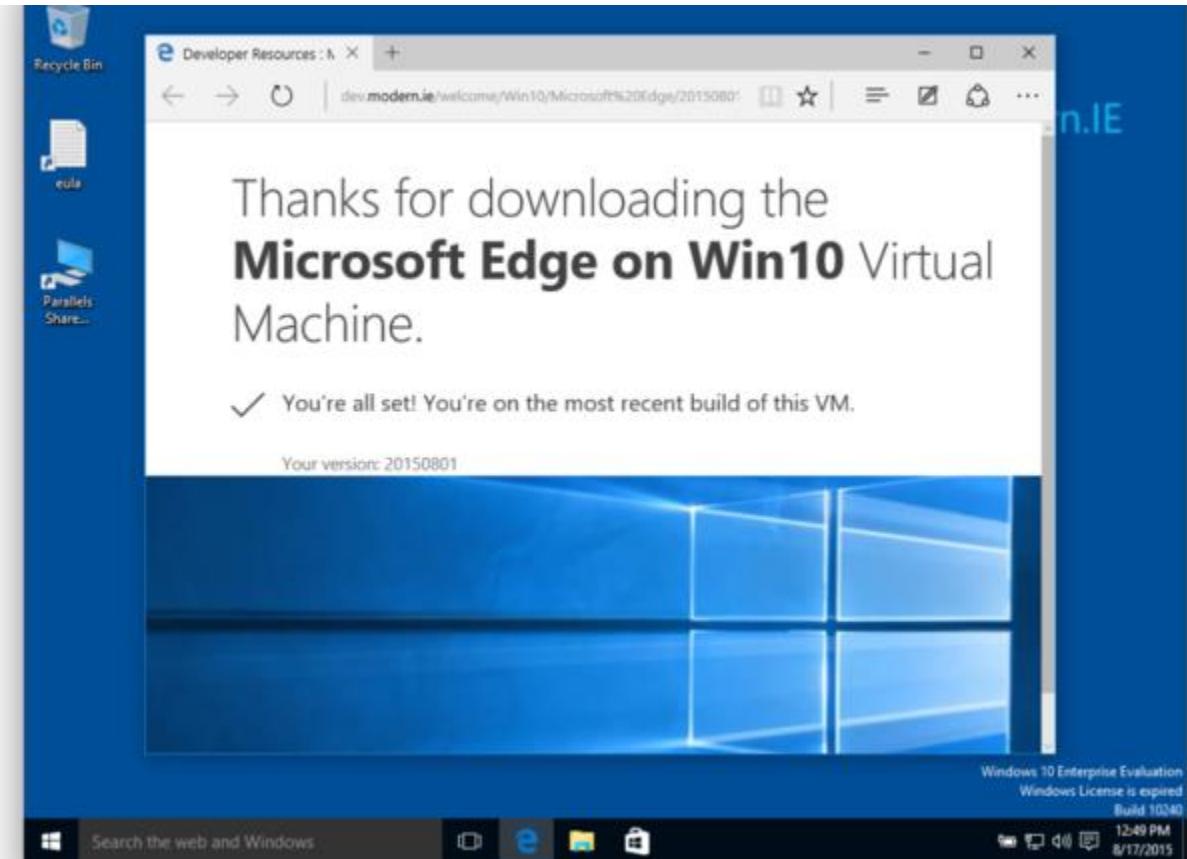
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Security

Microsoft will explain only 'significant' Windows 10 updates

Microsoft is offering the choice between terrible or woeful security



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+Comment Microsoft has explained its policy about how much information it will offer on the content of Cumulative Updates to Windows 10.

In a statement sent by a spokesperson to us, Microsoft said: “As we have done in the past, we post KB articles relevant to most updates which we’ll deliver with Windows as a service. Depending on the significance of the update and if it is bringing new functionality to Windows customers, we may choose to do additional promotion of new features as we deploy them.”

The Register asked Microsoft for clarification on the policy after the company issued a [new cumulative update for Windows 10](#) and refused to say what it does other than to say it offered “improvements to enhance the functionality of Windows 10.”

EI Reg comment

To your correspondent's mind, Microsoft's stance flies in the face of years of sensible security advice to trust nothing. Asking users to just swallow Windows 10 updates is very hard to consider as best practice.

Microsoft will say that Windows Update is super-secure and back that stance until the heat-death of the universe. And it probably is, but as Cisco's [recent admission](#) that attackers have crafted malicious firmware shows, nothing is completely secure and attackers know the value of subverting vendor software. Updates that offer minimal information about their functions don't inspire confidence. They should inspire the opposite – suspicion - not least because of Microsoft's historic sermonising about trust.

Second, Microsoft has recent form [flubbing patches](#). If Microsoft's papering over the cracks of a failed patch with unexplained updates, and therefore failing to disclose to users that they remained vulnerable at a time they felt Microsoft had their back, it's using a nasty form of misinformation.

Third, suspicion of Microsoft is justified because Windows 10 is a [data-slurper par excellence](#). An “enhancement” to Windows 10 that benefits Microsoft might therefore be to the detriment of your privacy. If Microsoft had nothing to hide, surely it would let us know what it's up to with each update? Or is it hiding behind the fig leaf of the permissions assigned when Windows 10 was installed?

Fourth, Redmond has form charging more when it thinks it's done enough to deserve it, as it did [for Office 365](#). If hiking prices because of enhanced functionality is Microsoft's policy, surely it owes users an explanation about just what enhancements it has bestowed upon them.

Lastly, we also asked Microsoft if it intends to release unexplained updates for Windows Server 2016. The spokesperson told us “Microsoft has nothing to share on this matter in regard to Windows Server 2016 as it's not available yet.” Which doesn't rule out unexplained patches appearing in Windows Server, complete with the assumption you'll happily use them in production environments.

Microsoft surely won't go there. And if it did, would you follow? ®

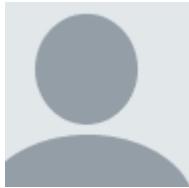
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The big thing! The new operating system! The this and that... bla-bla-bla. I have so much to write about this "new" OS but will try to stick to a few points. IT SUCKS! BIG TIME! NOTHING NEW here besides a few cosmetic "improvements."

I installed Win 10 on a SSD disk and it is SLOWER than Win 8.1! SLOWER!!!! I checked everything - from performance issues, system and application point of view and everything is OK. But Win 10 runs SLOWER. PERIOD! I will go back to Win 8.1 because this is unbearable. I feel as though Microsoft has not made ANY progress with its new OS at all.

When will Microsoft STOP calling its throwing around and mixing, hiding, changing of features' places of their "new operating system" a "new OS?" Hello! There is NOTHING NEW in the fact that some features are simply missing from their previous places and are hidden in some other places around the system. Why? Oh, I know why! How else could someone justify calling this new thing new? Besides, what will all sysadmins around the globe do if everything were in its "old place?" Now they need time to find out where Microsoft has hidden all these... "new features." Why is Windows update removed from the Control Panel? Why ripping off some features from one place and making a new group called "PC Settings" and sticking them there?" Aaaa, I know! Microsoft likes to play games with its users, "user-friendly games" called "Find where we hid the OS features," "Guess how this new OS is different from the old one," etc.

One particular thing gets on my nerves and it is hiding, or showing icons in the down right corner. For instance, you install Skype and want to see its icon all the time. By default Microsoft has hidden all newly installed icons and now comes the Microsoft's "User-friendly game" called "Guess where we hid this feature?" In order to get just one icon to be visible on your status bar you have to click 10 times. WHY??? Does the term "time management" mean ANYTHING to Microsoft? Obviously NOT! It seems to me that the only time management Microsoft cares about is its own and not that of its users.

The biggest issue, however, is SPYING!

Yes, the "new OS" is spying on its users more than any OS. I seriously doubt it that those who installed the new Fancy-Shmancy Windows 10 have ANY clue as to how much info is leaking from their

PCs!!! I know your reply: "I have nothing to hide," to which I quote an interesting thought: It's the same as saying that if you have nothing to say, you should not say anything.

I PREDICT, PROPHESY, if you wish, that a time is coming when we will not have any computers but just screens and the "Friendly" Government, company, police, or anyone else in power, will "kindly" allow us to use a VPN-type of service when we need to write a document, check our e-mail or play a game. Oh, wait! But it's happening right now and it's called "cloud." The only difference is that our PCs have not been (yet) taken from us. However, most of us believed the lie that the Cloud is everything we need.

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[fiosfiend](#) • 2 days ago

All very valid points. The update process in particular drives me mad. With regard to Mac OSX you should have just stopped at "I've never had a chance to use it".

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Windows 10 spies on you and is junk. It runs like a turd probably because of the constant updates that I heard can't even be shut off. Microsoft can go to hell. No one asked for a tablet/desktop hybrid. Morons should stick with making Desktop Operating systems. Why the hell do they need to combine the two like d-heads?

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[Julian Warren](#) • 3 days ago

Your appraisal is accurate and well written (are you a native English speaker?).

I "upgraded" my i7 windows 7 laptop yesterday which had rotted to the point of being unusable. It now works on 10 but that's about it. The UI is awful, apps vary in appearance and there is no worthwhile difference between focussed and unfocussed windows (and they both look flat and primitive. Even hacks

don't fix this properly. It looks worse than Vista emulating 2000. Come on, Microsoft, we don't all use tablets for everything.

Windows 10 IMHO is not even beta quality. Its alpha. I'm a web developer so I have to see what its like and I don't like what I see.

Chrome looks particularly awful if it's not skinned. It would not surprise me if the whole UI mess was deliberate just to make Chrome look bad and get people to use IE 11!

What ARE the two control panels about?

Now what shall I do? Ubuntu? The only thing I have to use windows for is Xara!

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When Bill Gates appointed an Indian a CEO, I knew downfall of Microsoft has started. Windows 10 is one piece of shit at consumer level and soon you will see disasters at corporate level.

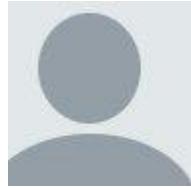
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Thats racist dude...

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[Kookamungus](#) • 5 days ago

Installed it yesterday. IT SUCKS! De-installed it back to 8.0. Fk MS!

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you serious? windows 8 is a worthless operating system

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Sadly MS is following other OS makers in taking away control from the user and making the user less secure. Some things that P'ed me off.

I mentioned the update nonsense. You have no option to decide what updates you get nor do you even get to see them. This alone is going to make me not use W10. But here are a couple more.

I hate that not only did they not clean up the interface inconsistencies but they actually made it worse.

I hate the apps that are difficult or impossible to delete. MS is becoming like other OS's in that they are taking control away from the user. I despise every phone OS for this reason.

I hate that everything needs it's own hole in the firewall. Seriously why does every app have to make your machine less secure? No one with any hint of desire to keep their machine secure should use any of the new apps because they don't work unless you punch a hole in your firewall for them.

I've used Windows since Windows 286 but with W7-W8 I made a huge professional decision ... As Director of Engineering I made the switch to Linux for more than 6000 computers. It was a painful transition but MS gave us little choice since they were moving away from being a business friendly environment. I still used both W7&W8 at home for my desktops but now I'm looking at having no machine with a MS OS for the first time in 25 years.

I get that they're going this way because it's what the twenty-somethings and below are screaming for. The current philosophy is "I don't want to know how anything works just let me share as much personal info as humanly possible" but I'm just not willing to give up all security. Bye Windows... I'm going to miss you.

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[someone glacia](#) • 2 days ago

While I do agree with your opinion on the newer Windows versions, especially 10, there's no need for stereotypes. I've never heard or seen anyone in that age range with that "philosophy." If anything, the closest I've seen is a few 35+ folk say something like that whole "Well I don't have anything to hide!" way of thinking.

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We'll have to agree to disagree then.

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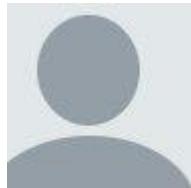


Gun Control • 8 days ago

I thought about it, but then it dawned on me. If W10 is the bomb, why is M\$ trying so hard to give it away? I'll be sticking with W7 for as long as I possibly can.

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Glacier • 9 days ago

Boy o boy o boy am I glad I found this thread. I'd wanted to ?upgrade? to 10 but had a homesteaders hunch that Win10 was pure PR crapola (their insucker support never answered countless email) and I wuz right. I'm delighted to stick with Win7.

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[M S i N Lund](#) • 10 days ago

I tried it today.

Spent an hour trying to figure out how to change the desktop background.

(I wanted white)

All googling just pointed to ugly hacks, for this ... "advanced tweak".

Im back on 8.1 now.

Bitch SO had to die!

This is the most half-assed, amateurish OS i have seen in decades, including Win 8.

Literally, within minutes of beginning to use it, I started to notice obvious bugs than never should have made it into even a beta.

Pathetic!

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The Wi-Fi sense feature alone makes me wonder of the common sense of Microsoft. My experience as a system admin and the attitude of the users in my network was frustrating to say the least. The average user will not bother with the privacy settings and Microsoft knows it. I was the guy who cared about other users privacy and security because it was my job. Most people could care less. Too bad.

I shut down my business and never looked back. Why bother caring about others privacy if they did not. Bad attitude, sure, but how long does one bang their head against a wall.

For those who have watched firewall logs as much as I have will understand the web is a war zone in it self. If you can't trust your OS what good is it. So many people sleeping at the keyboard.

I gave Mic and Mac the boot years ago. After reading the comments here I just feel I will keep my Debian and spend more time getting work done than getting the computer to work.

It's bad enough the undersea cables are suspect but why be an easy target to anyone.

Mic and Mac have been off the rails years ago. Trust is earned and once it is broken the damage is done. Maybe people will take their privacy seriously one day without thinking it is paranoia. maybe.

Sheep get Sheared.

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glacia • 18 days ago

Until they fix the update bug (yes I see it as a bug) I'm sticking with 7. A lot of the spying stuff annoyed me but you can turn those off at install. A lot of things get put into the firewall at install so first thing should be

to get those out. Apps... *sigh* man I hate apps. I know it's the direction of the future with phones and tablets being the norm but geez I despise the way everyone implements them.

Good to see other people who are tech agnostic. Being an engineer for 25+ years I use what works. I like Linux/Unix for what it's good for and I've liked that Windows has historically been the swiss army knife of OS's. It gets trashed a lot but you throw it on a random computer and it works. I've used Macs and always love getting back to linux or Windows. I don't need my OS to be a fashion statement or a platform for selling me something.

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John Tyler • 18 days ago

I foolishly downloaded Windows 10 when my hard drive crashed about a month ago. WORST MISTAKE OF MY LIFE! Some of my daily work programs from the reliable, faithful Windows 7 could not be used in Windows 10. I get this message: "Sorry, this program is not compatible with Windows 10, but for a small fee, we can upgrade your program." The desktop gadgets like the clock and the calendar can't be used in Windows 10. Finally, I had so many glitches in the programs (like N-Track mixing studio) that I tried to revert to the old faithful workhorse...Windows 7. SURPRISE! Windows 10 told me, "You can't go back to 7. If you do, all your files and programs are history! From now on...you will live, eat, sleep and breathe only Windows 10 - or die!" So, talented guy that I am, I formatted my hard drive and re-uploaded Windows 7 and all of my programs...an eight hour event! But, today...August 19, 2015, I'm a happy, satisfied Windows 7 fan again. All of my programs work perfectly, and I have my desktop gadgets back. Windows 10 sucks really badly! If God said, "Your eternal punishment is hell - or enduring Windows 10"...it might be a tough decision to make! John Tyler, Norton, MA

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Guess I'm the only one that absolutely loves windows 10

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Why do you love it (and which do you compare it with). Do you use a large screen or tablet size?
Personally on multi-head I thinks it looks primitive

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I use it on a large screen pc and comparing it to 7

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[Loman DemonSeed](#) · 11 days ago

Seeing as windows 7 8 and 10 are basically just slight changes on the Vista build MS haven't created a new OS in many years.

I've tried win10 and went back to 7 within a week. Don't mess with something if it isn't broken. But I guess they have to milk some money somehow.

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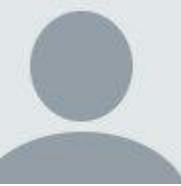
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Or there just doing there job lol they can't just stop making operating systems cause one of them is good

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[the_prodigal_coder](#) [DemonSeed](#) • a day ago

I genuinely would like to know why you think windows 10 is better... cause I am on windows 10 pro... I have done everything to make it good... including shutting down auto updates completely (I still dont get to pick which update I want, but atleast I can say NO completely to all updates indefinitely)

Now windows 7 for me was great. I have never really "used" linux on my systems for an extended period of time.

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I don't really give a care if it auto updates not really a problem. But i find win 10 so much easier to use

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[RedShadow DemonSeed](#) · a day ago

It is probably because you are not a "power user." Most people don't even know updates are occurring, and even if they did, they don't care.

For IT people, it just doesn't work that way as you want to have control over what's going on. Which is the reason why there isn't an update from Win 7/8 Enterprise to Win 10 Enterprise. Corps can't have this shit and still being able to manage their computer pools. The Win 10 Enterprise is a paid version, not free. But that doesn't changes much anyway... Win 10 was not made for enterprises in mind.

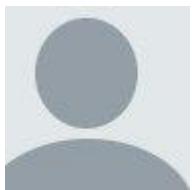
It was made for the smatphone users generation (clueless people), that are used to smartphones interfaces and don't want to mess with settings. They don't care that they are the product of M\$ and not the other way around.

For these people, Win 10 is great.
For pros, it's pure ass. Just like iPhone vs
Android.
Pretty much the same issue.

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Dan · 19 days ago

Windows 7 was the 'Concord' of OS's, its all down hill since then. It's all about M\$soft getting as much out of their users as possible, that's all there is too it. Its NOT FREE when you are paying with your privacy and resultant advertising. I will never user Windows 10.

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ScottCA · 19 days ago

Installed on my PC. Regretted it immediately.

I will not install it on my touch screen PC, because its a massive downgrade for any touch screen user. 8.1 is still the best option for any touch screen user. The full screen start in windows 10 is terrible compared to 8.1. The notable lack of a large desk top tile in large start screen mode is frustrating for any touch screen user, as is the vertical scroll only design. It would be much better if we could move the tiles and arrange them vertically or horizontally as we choose.

Microsoft needs to bring back Aero glass. It may be slow, but for users who are casual PC users and appreciate the added looks, let it be an option for them to have a nice looking OS.

After having used Windows 10, my disappointment is so complete that I now believe Microsoft is self-destructing. They seem to lack common sense and the ability to produce a user friendly product.

Any potential competitors who want to enter the PC OS market should be jumping at this opportunity. Microsoft is drowning itself in failure. There is blood in the water. Google OS and others should be leaping at this opportunity to deliver a fatal blow.

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Could just put it into tablet mode and win 10 isn't supposed to be as much touch screen friendly as 8

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Tablet mode is terrible, it doesn't even allow access to the desktop in tablet mode. 8.1 was better.

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givemeabreak • 19 days ago

... i hate all aspects of w10 ... reinstalling windows 7, and when the day comes where w7 becomes obsolete, i am either buying apple or going ubuntu ...

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drtybirds5 · 20 days ago

Installed it Sunday morning. Uninstalled it later Sunday morning. Ha-ha! What a joke. No wonder it was free. All I know is videos that played just fine before the new version. All of a sudden couldn't be played in their current format in any of Microsoft's video players. So that was enough to let me know it would be more harm than help. So I am back to 8.1 until the laptop goes bye bye.

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Windows 10 doesn't have a media player it's called vlc media player

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[drybirds5 DemonSeed](#) • 18 days ago

Sorry but there was a media player from windows and it wasn't a vlc. Point was none of the movies that always played of Microsoft video or wmp played on any of their media players after install. So that was a terrible mess. Don't fix something while breaking another thing.

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Actually i found the media player and it works a lot better than the old one doesn't stop responding on long videos

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[Tony Scavone](#) [drtybirds5](#) · 4 days ago

WRONG! It IS vlc!

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[drtybirds5](#) [Tony Scavone](#) · 3 days ago

Nope! Just used it yesterday. Ha-ha! How could it be vlc when it clearly states wmp? How does it feel to be that wrong again? Lmao!! Go play somewhere I'm busy.

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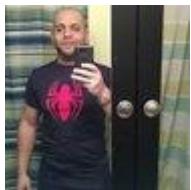
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He is saying if wmp doesn't work then use vlc.....asshole

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So let the battle begin! Now I was thinking while you live at home and play with your computer in mommy basement. Do you put on noise canceling headphones so you don't hear me bangin your mom's back out? Does she still tuck you in and kiss you to sleep? How does that taste with my cum still in there? And what about your sister? She showed me this thing she does with her tongue!!! It's awesome!! But please tell her to stop requesting anal so I don't have to wear a condom. Hit me back with your lame rebuttal and I'll sling that fire back your way. Do not bark up that tree that tree will fall on you!! Look at your picture. Lmao! Is that what you look like a cartoon of people? Scared to show the world your real self? Oh what's a matter not half the man your moms is? Lmao!! Don't address a man if you can't be a man and show the world who you are. I'm sorry your dad didn't show you this stuff. He probably left for a better family. God knows I would have!!

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[DemonSeed](#) [drybirds5](#) · 13 hours ago

Lol I think a saw all the 12 year olds on Xbox just converge into your mind to make up that paragraph. (ie: assuming I have a daughter and a sister (I don't) assuming I have noise canceling headphones (only through the mic) saying you know my mom and my dad has left (far from it). and it did seem like you were having a conversation with yourself that entire paragraph.

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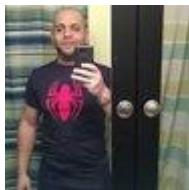
I assume that you're a total douche who doesn't read or comprehend english and got schooled. So your rebuttal is this??? Wow I almost feel sorry for you. But since I am throwing this BBC in your mom on a daily basis hard to feel bad for you. You should feel bad for her. She love ATM. Remember that as she tucks you in and kisses you goodnight...ha-ha!!

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Ah no! Go back and reread. And thanks for the compliment. Yes I do have a asshole. I know because you mom was licking it last night while you were commenting on my post. Tell your sister and daughter I'll be over this weekend :-)

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Except for being on your ass its plastered to your face.

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Either way your mom still kisses it! Tell her I said to stop calling me late night for booty calls. I'm busy at your sisters house and will be over as soon as I'm done blowing my nut all over her face. Then I'll facial your mom with my seed. But not until I am done at your sisters house. Please tell her. Thanks :-)

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Still don't have a sister. Well, anyways I'm done here. I can only go so long with a person this dumb before it starts to affect my rational thinking so...."nice" talk whatever you are.

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You're done because you can't fight this battle. Don't start none won't be none. But since you hurled the first insult. Don't be mad at me. And no you don't have a sister. She is my bitch now. Going to put her out on the corner and start making me some money. Would put your mom out there. But she needs to keep my house clean!!

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[Alan Ralph](#) · 20 days ago

Hi Artem, great article - as a former tech support person, I've had first-hand experience of most of the Windows problems you mention. I've also been a Mac user since the early 2000s, and switched over to an iMac as my personal/work computer in 2012 after several less-than-happy experiences with different PC vendors. I do still run Windows 7, though, inside of a virtual machine on the Mac, for some Windows applications that I still occasionally use. At the moment I'm not really inclined to 'upgrade' to Windows 10 - from what I've seen trying out the Insider Preview, it won't offer any real improvements for me, and if anything would probably get in the way more.

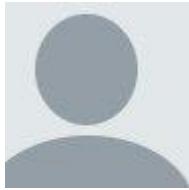
Regarding OS X's type rendering, that is one thing that I do miss from Windows - previously, I would have made of the ClearType Tuning Tool to set the level of anti-aliasing to something that was most comfortable to my eyes. It's not a huge issue, and in any case I use f.lux to tone down the display brightness during the evening and night time.

As for other issues with OS X, I'll echo most of what Austin Hemmelgard wrote in his comment. The Finder in particular (Apple's equivalent to Windows Explorer) has always been a pain to work with, and I've been using the excellent PathFinder as a replacement now for several years. Regarding the flat UI of recent version, I ended up going into the Accessibility section of System Preferences (OS X equivalent of Control Panel) and using that to tone down the flatness and lack of contrast. Oh, and not only are hidden files sprinkled around everywhere - including on removable media, if you write files to that - but there is just as much cruft left around by the OS and application as on Windows, just hidden in different ways. Instead of just dragging applications to the Trash, I now use an application called CleanMyMac to identify all the preference files and other data linked to that application.

Overall, I'm happy with OS X, now that I've hammered it into submission. :) Like you, I'm no longer carrying a flag for any particular OS - they all have their good and bad points, and they all suck, just to varying degrees and in varying ways.

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Repent while there is still time, Microsoft. Two strikes.

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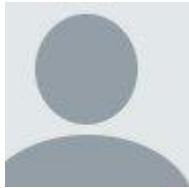


Houtex77 · 21 days ago

I hated it, no loathed it from the beginning. The initial install was OK but the appearance was awful. My beautiful green calculator become a grey/white cheap graphic and so did my timer. The start menu is nothing short of a joke, an afterthought. On day 3, the system prompted me for updates and hijacked my laptop for 3 days. It was a blessing because the tech on the phone told me to go the Microsoft store in the Houston Galleria. These people know what they're doing. Best customer service ever, and I should know, I teach it. My tech, Mike, restored the laptop back to Windows 8.1 and I could not be happier. Do NOT accept the W10 "upgrade". It sucks.

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I guess one more thing ... I'm actually a fan of their "propagation updates" method. If you're on a metered connection, yeah, it sucks that they have it setup to default do this. However, if you're on a home cable/dsl network where you're not constantly downloading or torrenting stuff and going over huge data limits, then being able to leave that on and propagate updates helps increase the speed with which updates are transferred to other users.

It's basically them taking advantage of P2P torrenting .. torrent updates amongst swarms of users. This can be an AMAZING thing to do in a corporate environment when you have hundreds or thousands of computers. Just let them all swarm the updates amongst themselves.

The downside to this is that they're going to have to be very, very careful someone doesn't find a way to send out hacked updates. I know they probably have your computer double-check the file against an MD5 checksum or something, but it'll be interesting to see if some ingenious hacker finds a way to have virus or trojan-laden updates get swarmed off their computer/server. MS is basically letting others have the updates, then pass them on to others instead of making sure everyone gets the updates directly from MS.

This could bite them in the ass big time if a hacker finds a way to abuse it.

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I agree with quite a lot of this. However, Win 10, as a WINDOWS OS (not comparing it to Linux or OSX or Chrome) is a good OS at its core.

I used to always know when updates were rolling in behind-the-scenes, because my system would slowdown. Now, in Win 10, I just notice the notifications icon highlight. I check it "you need to schedule a restart for updates". Wow. I didn't even know it was downloading or rolling in updates. I turn off my comp when done, so I just turn it off and restart in the morning ... adds maybe 10 seconds to (ssd) boot time to finish the update.

Now, I will say this ... the Windows Update process is archaic and out-dated, which is why a lot of folks are miffed that MS is forcing updates on folks. Also, you can either opt-in to "download third party updates" or opt-out... there's no choosing which 3rd party updates to take and avoid any more. Those graphics drivers you want? Yeah, we'll give them to you. But, we're also going to keep trying to cram that Synaptics touch-pad driver down your throat even though the built-in driver in Win 10 is good enough.

Likewise, because Win 10 isn't an RTOS (real-time OS), it can't selectively shut-down ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING; it still requires restarts sometimes... which is a very out-dated method to do things. QNX which was bought by Blackberry and turned into BB10 is brilliant in how it does updates. Roll an update in, selectively restart whatever part of the micro-kernel needs to restart, and the user keeps using their device w/o even noticing.

In Win 10 (and all previous versions) they can't restart some services. Some are mission-critical to the OS running, so they require an entire reboot. This is just out-dated and annoying. So, forcing folks to restart is a big pain. The system nags you. In the past it sometimes auto-restarted even when you had work open unsaved! That is why people hate the update system being crammed down their throats.

The other issue with Win 10 is that you are not a customer... you are a CONSUMER. You are cattle, and everything about Win 10 is designed to sell you stuff ... apps, music, movies, etc. MS is monetizing Windows, and it's designed to do so. The real customers are the third parties MS will work with that want to sell you stuff through app stores or mine the data MS aggregates off of users.

The impact of this is that Win 10 WILL NOT CHANGE unless MS gets some monetization benefit out of it. Think a cool feature from Mac or Chrome or Linux will show up? Not unless MS can make money off you from it.

MS has a track record of letting their software stagnate if they can. We'd all still be using IE6 if Google and Mozilla didn't light a fire under their ass in the browser wars. MS philosophy has always been "is it good enough and cheap enough to get and keep the majority market share?" They sell 2nd-best software, but it's cheaper than the competition, that's what keeps them in business.

The issue is that MS woke up and realized that an OS doesn't mean "lock in" anymore. Users can do everything they want to do (social media, movies, web, etc) on ANY OS PLATFORM these days. Mac, Linux, Windows, Chrome, ... smartphone...

MS realized they were going to lose market share, so they retooled Windows to be a merger of what Google & Apple are doing ... walled garden of monetization stores and info gathering to do data mining for market research and ad placement.

This is the new lock in strategy... get you hooked on their cloud storage, their music library, their movie store, etc, etc. Get Cortana set up the way you like her... then you get to watch Win 10 stagnate. And if you want to leave ... well, sorry, but you get to leave all that stuff you spent money on behind in MS' walled-garden. So, is the pain / loss worth the change? They're hoping your answer is "no".

So, I keep telling my friends and family "Win 10 IS good, but you have to know what you're getting into."

I will also agree that the UI is a hot mess. It's like an archaeological dig where you can see the stratas of the past coming up the more you dig. Their "modern" settings menu... eventually goes to control panel ... eventually goes to old-school applets. It's a hot mess of touch interface with web-style interface with applet interface. They did this for backwards compatibility (I guess), but it's just ridiculous how hard they hid some things.

Likewise, they ticked off a lot of power-users by making Win 10 Pro edition still be so much like Home edition... ie: you can't uninstall some apps (which are just app stores they're trying to monetize you on). Folks that have Win 7 Pro / Ultimate have it because they want more control. MS is making it clear that even in Win 10 Pro edition you are just a consumer... you don't have full control. They want you to just suck it up, but power-users can use powershell to really tweak the crap out of it... but, they risk breaking things.

What's also funny is MS finally got with the program and made a "reset" feature that lets you restore a PC to "fresh install" w/o needing a restore cd or some manufacturers OEM disks.

However, I tired doing it on a PC I was going to give to a relative after updating to Win 10 ... the stupid thing is now stuck booting up to a screen saying "INACCESSIBLE_BOOT_DEVICE". I have to create a recovery USB drive on one Win 10 pc in order to fix this on the other.

shake my head

Windows 10 is a decent OS for "no brainer" folks... folks that just want something handed to them. However, if MS is going to monetize folks off it, then they need to make the Home verison free for anyone forever going forward.

If I build a new PC in 2 years, as it is right now I'm going to have to PAY for a Win 10 license. That's not happening. I'm not going to PAY for an OS that's designed to monetize me and treat me like cattle.

MS needs to figure that out damn quick. They need to give away their Home version for anyone that wants it. This would keep folks from pirating it, and staying on really old versions. Nobody wants to PAY \$100+ just to have their OS then shove app stores and crap down their throat. That's insulting.

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RedShadow blah blah · 18 days ago

I agree with everything you've just said. So far I have tried the technical preview and was surprised that the start menu was a big mess when that was almost their main selling point.

Then, like you I just couldn't administrate the OS because of missing options in the modern control panel... not good for anyone that will be using Win10 in a corp environment. It's a definite no-go.

The only thing I really liked was the new notification panel, and the old Win7 drop shadows for the windows ;)

I knew that the release would be a huge mess since I tried the TP 3 months before the RTM release. I was like, they can't fix this in 3 months nor in 6 months.

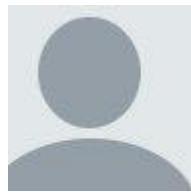
So at the time I decided to install Win10 around the early 2016... but now I am not sure anymore. Things don't look like they will be fixed/improved... as you said it is a new marketing model and all.

So I may skip Win10 completely to be honest.

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Don't skip it. If you have multiple computers, toss it on at least one computer. It's useful to figure it out, because a lot of computers are going to run it and it's going to be around for a while.

What I learned was the following...

- 1) all the "good" functions (eg: System, Control Panel, etc) show up when you right-click the start icon.
- 2) As of right now, Do NOT use the options to "Reset" your PC. I put Win 10 on a comp we were going to give my gf's sister. I wanted to refresh it to get all of the stuff my gf had on there off it quickly and easily. The "Reset" option seemed like the ticket. I'm guessing here, but what I think this does is create a partition on a drive and then use it as a temp boot/install drive. What happened, though, is after hours of watching the %'s count down eventually the thing rebooted with an INACCESSIBLE_BOOT_DEVICE error. There was no way to repair it. Vids talk about option buttons in the lower-left hand corner of the screen... I think that's only if you're installing from a cd. I created a restore/repair USB drive from another Win 10 computer, booted the borked one, and its "repair startup" option couldn't fix the issue.

So, Win 10 right now is a decent OS out of the box. It's lite on resources. It's decent for powerusers once they tweak it, but some of that tweaking requires CLI work (powershell apps off that won't let you uninstall them otherwise). And there's some features that are still broken.

MS is also (supposedly) working like crazy to fix things. They have a feedback app, and that thing has blown up with people reporting issues. That's probably one of the best things they created so far ... a way for common joes/janes to report an issue, then go in and +1 it and add their own feedback.

Likewise, Win 10 may not be perfect, but, like Linux, at least it exists and people can use it as it gets better. I keep looking at things like GNU Hurd, and it's been in development hell for so long it's become the "Duke Nukem Forever" of OS. So, Win 10 has some rough patches, but at least it's out there and being used and tested and fixed.

I actually don't mind experiencing bugs and helping fix things as long as ...

- 1) they actually GET FIXED (right now it's hard to determine if MS is just taking feedback and blowing it off or if they're really doing anything about it ... updates roll in, but do they fix the issues or are they just security updates?)
- 2) If I'm going to be a perpetual beta-tester, then some version of Win 10 needs to be free for me to download and install on any device I want for as long as it exists. If I built a computer in 2 years, I'm not going to PAY to get a license to Win 10 so I can be a monetized beta tester. Someone at MS needs to get that through their thick skull.

So, I do recommend Win 10. I've got it on all of my comps now. It's running smooth. There's some nuances. There's some tweaking. There's some pitfalls. It's just like any other OS.

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[Daniel Nebdal](#) • 23 days ago

The non-cleartype antialiasing on both macs and modern windows apps benefit a lot from high-res displays ("Retina", "HiDPI"), which makes them look quite good.

Of course, HiDPI doesn't work very well with classic windows applications ... not that that's a big issue on a mac, mind you.

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Artem S. Tashkinov [Daniel Nebdal](#) · 23 days ago

You're absolutely right about HiDPI displays but this article is about Windows on the desktop where most people sit in front of a roughly 21" FullHD or HD "ready" displays. And in the latter case these fonts look like shite.

For anything with 200 PPI or higher any font antialiasing will do, but for usual displays under 100 PPI ClearType is the best fonts antialiasing on Earth.

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[Daniel Nebdal Artem S. Tashkinov](#) · 22 days ago

Yeah true. Many new laptops are HiDPI, though; I guess choosing a tech that'll work well at high DPI is a decent bet for the future, but they're a bit too early to *require* it to look good.

It's slightly less of an issue on the Mac where they control the hardware and the only non-retina machine they sell is the cheap Air.

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[Austin Hemmelgarn](#) · 23 days ago

You forgot to mention in the list of things that are inherent problems with all windows versions:

1. In-place upgrades don't work more than 90% of the time (this goes double for W10, I know exactly 1 person who upgraded from 8.1 who didn't have any issues)
2. The networking stack is a ridiculously outdated direct copy of the stack from 4.3BSD with just enough changes for those of us who actually do networking work to be constantly ripping our hair out from frustration with eh inconsistent commands
3. Binary log files (although this also applies to a majority of linux distributions now, thanks SystemD)
4. Ridiculous degrees of indirection in the core API's (there is no reason you should ever be triple dereferencing a pointer, period).

5. Claims FIPS-120 (POSIX/SuSv3) compliance, and yet all of the functions that are actually needed for this are just stubs that do nothing.
6. 'Simple' Service Discovery Protocol (if you've never read the spec for this, and want a good laugh, I would suggest doing so).
7. Limited to no support for modern (at the time) internet standards (They still don't have proper SSH support, and were the last major OS to implement support for WebDAV).
8. Leaves hidden files on every external storage device that you connect to it.

I must at least give some credit for microsoft finally pulling their heads out of the sand and realizing that people really do want virtual desktops.

As far as OSX goes, it sucks too, just for different reasons, here's a small list:

1. Even more hardware dependent than Windows.
2. The executable parser design makes it trivial to write programs that infect other executables (ironically a result of the whole 'fat binary' support)
3. Doesn't consistently flush routing and ARP tables and the DNS cache when it should (for example, when connecting to a VPN).
4. Flat UI (no window borders, no drop shadows, and no visual effects to indicate where one window ends and another begins).
5. Serious design flaws that make infecting the system firmware almost trivial.
6. Really disk intensive, just in different ways than Windows or Linux
8. Also leaves hidden files on every external storage device you connect to it.

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Artem S. Tashkinov [Austin Hemmelgarn](#) · 23 days ago

1. Most sane people install Windows from scratch so it's not such a big issue.
2. Could you elaborate? I mean I've never had any problems with networking in Windows aside from some silly artificial limitations like half open connections limit in Windows XP.
3. They've always been binary, no one really cares. There are hundreds of third party applications to read them anyways. If I'm not mistaken the format of log files in Windows is documented and freely available.

4. Again, even if there are 10 layers of redirection, most applications still work. Maybe it's more work for the programmer, but the user is more or less happy. I would take multiple API layers redirection over constant API/ABI breakage in Linux any day.

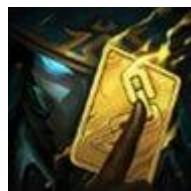
5. POSIX applications run just fine under classical POSIX OSes. Windows has always been primarily about Win32 and nowadays it's all about Metro (aka universal apps).
6. Could you elaborate? I simply don't know what that is.
7. Well, given that there are applications in Windows for your every whim, Microsoft doesn't really care. Besides, I do like CIFS.

8. Not such a big deal I guess. The "System Volume Information" and \$RECYCLE.BIN directories you're talking about consume next to no space.

Thank you for your comment!

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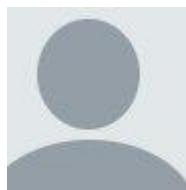
1. The point is if they offer an option to do an in-place upgrade, it should work. 99% of the time it doesn't.
2. Not problems as much as poor design and significant frustration. Windows is the only major OS these days where you can't type 'ifconfig -a' on a command prompt and get info about all the networking interfaces.
3. The point here is you shouldn't need a special tool just to read log files. There are also issues (especially on windows) with binary logs being less easily recovered if they get corrupted.
4. The indirection is more a performance issue than an API issue. x86 processors (and for that matter any other modernly used CPU) can't do more than a double pointer deference efficiently.
5. I'm not saying that it isn't, I'm saying they should quit lying about what they are.
6. SSDP is microsofts equivalent to Apples 'Bonjour' (more correctly called mDNS & DNS-SD). It uses special HTTP methods over multicast UDP, and is horribly complicated to implement right and also ridiculously over-engineered.
7. You will get no argument about CIFS from me, it's the best widely supported option out there (personally I prefer 9P2000 when it comes to file sharing, but that only works on Linux and Plan9). My point is that they have support built in for outdated and insecure protocols like Telnet and FTP , and ignore the ones people actually use.
8. This depends, \$RECYCLE.BIN can get rather big if you don't properly delete stuff, and System Volume Information can also if stuff tries to use the Shadow Copy/System Restore functionality. Compared to what OS X leaves behind though, they are tiny.

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Dan Austin Hemmelgarn · 18 days ago

That's correct, I am in the industry too and I can say that in the last 2 weeks I have seen over a dozen Windows 10 upgrade failures. Some could be rolled back, some could not. I was hoping 10 would be the answer to the horror of Windows 8 (which almost made me leave the industry) .. its not.

Microsoft don't just offer the upgrade, they are pushing it onto people like a drug pusher ... millions of computers flashing with the Windows 10 advertising, no cautions, warnings or clear information about the data collection and tracking just click here and upgrade your computer.

It's all about getting users onto the new revenue stream provided by all the spyware in Windows 10, they don't care what they do to the end user .. its dirty stuff.

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Austin Hemmelgarn Dan · 17 days ago

Ironically, I think I just stumbled upon one of the failure modes for the upgrade that Microsoft doesn't mention, anywhere. If your hardware has EFI support, then W10 will try to use it, period. If this is the case and you are booting your previous version of Windows using the 'Legacy BIOS' boot mode, then the upgrade will fail.

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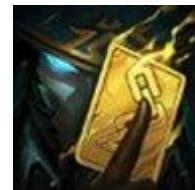
Very important stuff thanks.

It was a struggle to install Win 8/8.1 in UEFI since the USB key also had to be UEF as well.

Do you know if perhaps, the WIn10 install booted from a MBR stick can install itself in UEFI on the hard drive?

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If it's official media, it has the ability to boot both, but will only boot in UEFI mode on hardware that supports that. Having just a MBR instead of a GPT is supported for bootable removable media in the UEFI spec, but some systems don't actually implement that correctly.

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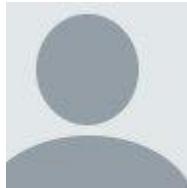
I have been writing about the mess that is Windows 10 as well. Other issues:

1. It doesn't work upon installation, or it works and then things quit (like your sound). It acts like a beta product, not a finished release.
2. I don't want creepy doll Cortana. To get rid of it means ripping out all basic search functions.
3. W10 takes things that should be easy via "turn Windows features on and off" and makes them hard by making users resort to PowerShell commands. It is clear they didn't want their stuff turned off.

4. Cramming features down our throats that are of no use. I don't own an XBOX. I have never owned one. I will never own one. I don't want XBOX integration.
5. Yes, the start menu is an abomination.

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It's been fingernails on a blackboard hearing about Cortana from the people who are willing to say they like it.

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Artem S. Tashkinov [The Man With No Name As A Name](#) · 23 days ago

1. YMMV but it does work for millions of users (the author of the article included). It has some feathering issues but they will be resolved over time.
2. Yep, I wrote about it (spying) but I didn't mention it specifically. My bad.
3. Windows 10 has become a service (whatever that means) unfortunately.
4. Likewise I don't want any Metro applications at all - they want to tie their services and products to you to generate more profit (after all they have to recoup for their investment in Windows 8/8.1/10 development).
5. ;-)

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On point 1, I have a friend who goes back with W10 to the early previews. He loved it and thought me an oddball for not liking it. Then his sound mysteriously quit. Now he has reverted back to 8.1. He asks me not to rib him about it.

It just still seems too flaky to be a released product, with too many cases of (a) it doesn't work right from the start or (b) it worked right until, out of the blue, it didn't.

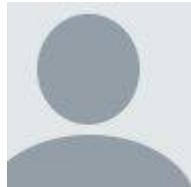
The only selling point of any weight to me is DX12 since I am a rabid PC gamer. However, I hold it against MS for not making this available to their loyal users of Windows 7 and above. I think that was kind of petty and cheap. Uh, sort of like what they did to Solitaire...

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[Egon Ruuda](#) · 24 days ago

I think the worst "feature" is the constant syncing with onedrive that slows the system down. It is uninstallable however so i guess that is would pass the craptiest.

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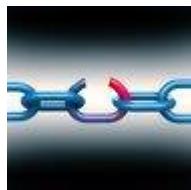
There are multiple ways to disable OneDrive in Windows 10: <https://techjourney.net/disable-onedrive-in-windows-10/>

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[Noun Verb](#) · 24 days ago

See the thing about OS X that causes me to throw an adult sized temper tantrum is the Dock. I hate the Dock. It's evil. Ever try using 5 or 6 text pads (Notepads) but only having 1 little icon that associates with all of them. All while bouncing back and forth with browsers and other windows on a laptop. Madness, I do like OS X besides that. However it was enough to make me stick with windows because of the Taskbar and Start Menu. Which Microsoft butchered. It is almost like they took user efficiency data and ran it backwards just to see how much they could slow people down. I don't expect that many people who use their computers for work would want to work on a tablet. I do use Classic Shell on my machine now but really I need to use 3rd party software to get a feature Microsoft pioneered. That is just beyond my realm of comprehension at times. I'm just kind of like a lost puppy right now. I like Linux but have had enough headaches with it. OS X i got in to above and now Windows is just stuck in a perpetual downfall.

Anyone out there want to purchase the rights to Commodore Amiga and see what we can do with it?

Oh and thank you for the list. Spot on for the most part. High five.

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[Mohit Kumar Noun Verb](#) · 23 days ago

Same issues I face with Mac. It is not for power users and has been built keeping dumb users in mind. Switching different Finder windows - Either right click from the single dock icon or use the 3 finger upward gesture on touchpad. No way to directly delete files as if I will accidentally delete them - gotta move them to trash first. No way to move files - first copy it and then paste it in new location and then trash from older location. No way to snap windows - finder opens in arbitrary sizes always which is really a messy experience for me. No way to double click Title bar to maximize it. And may I let you know that I have managed my Mac Pro to crash 4 times in just one month and that too using only Firefox and Netbeans nothing else.

Windows 7 is by far the best in terms of usability. Though I also like KDE based Linux desktop experience. Once you go with Icon-only Task manager in KDE and some tweaking according to the taste (KDE is heavily configurable) - you get almost the same experience you get with Windows 7.

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nice list. will consider. thanks.

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[Rob Dowdy](#) · 24 days ago

Windows 8 was too much change too quickly for many users, and a lot of those users seemed to feel it was change for change's sake, I think. Microsoft didn't help things by initially neglecting to ship Windows 8 with any sort of tutorial -- their rationale being that the user would "discover" hot corners and the charms

bar and all that stuff. Many users can't "discover" Internet Explorer if the shortcut on the desktop accidentally gets deleted.

I had high hopes after reading all the hype about Windows 10, but after using it on my 8" tablet for awhile now I find it pretty crappy without a mouse and keyboard, which defeats the purpose of an 8" tablet in the first place. It's as if they took the best parts of 8.1 on tablets and threw them out (or at least lobotomized them) to make the "it's not a copy of Windows 7, so we hate it" crowd happy.

What finally made me turn the thing off and put it back in the drawer was having to reboot it three times -- seriously, three times -- just to get the keyboard to pop up when I tapped in the login box to enter my login password. I mean, come on. There's no keyboard attached, right? When I click in a text box, show me the software keyboard. That seems like a pretty basic thing to just be totally broken *on the login screen where there's nothing you can do about it*. Think about that. I didn't have my external keyboard with me, so my **tablet** was utterly unusable.

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[AdamK](#) • 24 days ago

"Windows OS installer doesn't give a damn about other OSes installed on your PC and it always rewrites MBR. In case of already existing Windows installations, it sets the newly installed Windows as the default OS - no questions asked." is false for 10. I upgraded from 8.1 to 10, and my MBR is intact.

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Artem S. Tashkinov [AdamK](#) · 24 days ago

Are you absolutely sure? Have you actually checked the time stamps of the files in your boot partition? Do you have the md5 checksum of the first 446 bytes of your MBR before and after Windows 10 installation? I guess you've done nothing like that. So, the fact that you may now boot Windows 10 and your previous Windows version doesn't mean Windows didn't rewrite your master boot record and boot partition files.

Actually Windows has always allowed to boot into a previously installed Windows version, if you installed a new Windows version into a separation partition/logical disk.

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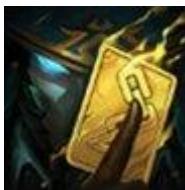


AdamK Artem S. Tashkinov · 24 days ago

You misunderstand me. I did not mean I can boot 8.1 and 10. I can boot Linux and Windows 10. I had (and still have) Grub in MBR and 8.1->10 upgrade did not touch it.

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Austin Hemmelgarn AdamK · 23 days ago

You are very lucky then, this is in fact the first time I've heard of any windows version not trying to overwrite GRUB.

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AdamK Austin Hemmelgarn · 23 days ago

I felt lucky, and in fact I was prepared for MBR recovery.

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See <http://answers.microsoft.com/e...>

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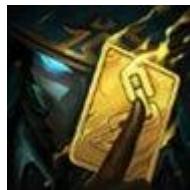
That's interesting but I attribute it to the fact that perhaps Microsoft programmers decided to check against an existing Windows 8.1 installation and in case it's detected, they do not overwrite MBR. Still, it's totally new in the world of Microsoft, however I won't remove this point from the article since it *only applies to a situation when an existing Windows is already present on your storage device.*

I'm still 100% sure that Windows 10 will wipe whatever MBR record already exists if you install Windows for the first time.

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Austin Hemmelgarn Artem S. Tashkinov · 23 days ago

Also, it changes the EFI boot order every time you boot into it so that it is the first thing in said boot order (the EFI boot manager is a bunch of BS for other reasons too though). Thank god I have a laptop that has an option in the EFI setup to disallow changes to the boot manager related variables.

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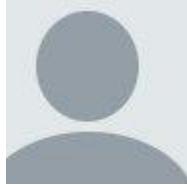
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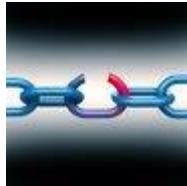
What I can't stand is how they act like you want to look at everything in the world except the C drive. The C drive is treated like it's this one faint dull thing among this whole big pile of glitz that I am supposed to be so interested in.

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What machine are you running with drives that small?? I wouldn't have even thought the Windows partition could be all of 3 GB. I was betting on a tablet but there appears to be a DVD drive attached. Perplexing,

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No, they are not ugly but they are nowhere near their Windows XP/7 counterparts. Old icons looked stylish and cozy while the new icons remind me of 80s and early 90s.

Actually iOS and Android have become equally unappealing recently, but that's a separate topic.

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Rocco Rizzo Guest · 24 days ago

ALL icons are ugly. Give me back my command prompt!

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K. Solowoniuk · 24 days ago

I happen to like it for the most part. I ran the technical preview at home since it was first released without another PC to use. I upgraded my work PC this week and it's simply more responsive and cleaner looking than windows 7, at least on this old dell. There is one thing which could drive me to use another OS and that is their poor execution of cloud computing. It was unclear to me at the time that when I signed in to Groove Music at work it was going to replace the local account, which are the only accounts on this computer, with my Microsoft account. After signing in to Groove Music, at least that's what I thought I was doing, I was shocked to find all of the setting from my home PC applied to my work computer and that the local user account had been changed to my MS account. If I had been at someones home and using their computer would my settings have been brought over to their PC? If I actually used cloud storage such as Sky Drive would my files now be plainly visible on their PC? I think it was a misunderstanding on my part but if so it was definitely not clear what was going to happen and I would never have guessed that the results would have been what they were. Anyway, I could see that having the option of pulling in settings and files from the cloud being useful e.g. after buying a new laptop, but it should be very clear that this is what is going to happen when it's doing so.

p.s. I'd like to discuss Microsoft's insistence on their constant attempt to re-brand themselves but that might be better discussed elsewhere. As one example: Zune Music, Music, Xbox Music, Groove Music, Groove? forgive me if I got some of the names wrong but who can really blame me. It's been the same service all along but for some reason they won't just leave it alone. Maybe they think that one of these times they'll find their iTunes.

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[timventura](#) • 25 days ago

After 20 years on Windows - I'm switching to Mac. Did every version, every beta, etc...just finished the Windows 10 beta, upgraded to the RTM release, and it's sloppy workmanship. Win7 was their last good release - they've consistently blown it since then. My customers are increasingly on Android & IOS tablets, and I can do web-apps on any OS, so why stick with Windows? Remember, Windows 8 was basically Microsoft betting their market-share on using their size to "push" Windows on the mobile world. They bet long, and lost the bet: rather than admit that & move on, now they're punishing their user-base with Win 10.

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[ddevito](#) [timventura](#) · 24 days ago

I switched to Mac in 2007, then just switched back to Windows. OS X is bloated, slow and has no concept of file management. External displays are a nightmare, lots of permissions issues, apps don't easily uninstall, and the user no control over the experience. Back in 2007 macs were great, but not anymore.

Retina displays are its best quality.

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Apps don't easily uninstall? Really? Because all I've done to uninstall an app on a Mac is drag it into the trashcan. No messing with uninstallers, no registry issues, no

orphaned DLLs. My guess here is that you were using badly written apps, and that's a problem for every OS out there.

Never had a problem with external displays either - my GF just plugs her MBP into my TV via HDMI and it just works. She can drag windows onto it and watch her Netflix on the big screen. The only issue I saw was with audio not automatically switching to HDMI when plugged in, but that was just a system setting to change, and the exact same thing applies for Windows.

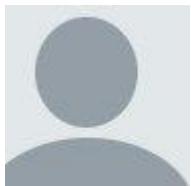
I've had permission issues once, years ago. I used the "Repair Permissions" option in Disk Utility and it was fixed. That 2004 iBook is still going strong today, 11 years later, without a reinstall. In that same time I've had to jump through all sorts of hoops to repair Windows installations that won't boot because of corrupt files, bad drivers and so on. A lot of the time it comes down to spending hours sifting through the registry in safe mode. Not fun.

File management isn't great I'll grant you, but being a Linux user it's quite familiar to me and never caused me a single problem. I do find the file selector annoying, but no worse than the Windows counterpart.

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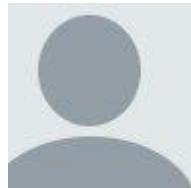
Updated from my lower end "browser" laptop... Hey look guys we gave you back the start menu where you can easily send us money or see random twitter bullshit. DX12 won't save the xbone and it's nowhere near enough for me to "upgrade" my gaming box dual booting win 7 & steam os to this garbage. Now I get why they skipped windows 9, they decided to skip the part where they get it right every other time. Win 8.3 at best.

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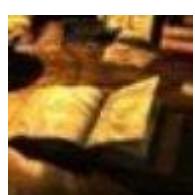
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[Novelist3](#) · a month ago

I completely agree with this. Windows 10 is an absolute UI mess. Who the hell thought it was a good idea to replace the blue title bars with all white? All white that doesn't have ANY indicator of which menu is the topmost menu? Oh, and if you change the theme to get it back your taskbar buttons change from white text (which is nice and visible) to black. Which of course can't be changed BECAUSE MICROSOFT REMOVED THE CONTROL PANEL for some damned fool reason.

It's like every time you think they've learned their lesson, they poke you in the eye to remind you just how stupid they really are.

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You can change the colors and the start menu is black

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The start menu is useless. Everything is in single column that you have to scroll for days to find something. Who the fuck thought it was better than the basic old one from XP/7?

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It looks terrible.

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Artem S. Tashkinov [Bo](#) · a month ago

Not only it looks terrible, its usability is equally bad. It feels like at least three different development teams developed Windows 10, and the end result is an utter mess.

Windows 7 promises to become another Windows XP in terms of people's dedication. Luckily Windows 7 will be supported until January 14, 2020 and I'm pretty sure its support will be extended just like it happened with Windows XP.

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[Lloyd Franklin](#) · a month ago

My hate for Windows 10 comes from the start menu being forced on us, Windows 10 preview started great with the ability to disable the start menu and enable the start screen but that's now been removed. So much for Microsoft learning from previous mistakes. They've gone and made new ones.

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[Austin Hemmelgarn Lloyd Franklin](#) · 23 days ago

They still have this option, it's just hidden even deeper in the system settings.

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Several points in your list are incorrect. Classic applications are listed in the Start Menu with everything else. You can choose whether they come before or after the other apps but they list just fine. Translucency is now also supported.

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[Micky](#) • 2 months ago

agree, specially about Windows 10 blurry fonts and inconsistent UIs. and this from a big Windows fan which says a lot. I hope Microsoft address all these points when they start develop the Redstone update for Windows 10, I can only hope.....

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Windows 10: How to block the personal data collection done by Microsoft

I'm gonna show you how to protect your personnal information. As you may know, Windows 10 is free (you have 1 year to download it). So many people upgrades their computer. But the Truth about Windows 10 is that there's a lot of process that retrieve your personnal data to "enhance the experience on the Windows OS". So how to block that ? Go to C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc . You will find a file named hosts . Open the file with Notepad (You must execute Notepad as an administrator) and add this following lines:

127.0.0.1 local

127.0.0.1 vortex.data.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 vortex-win.data.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 telecommand.telemetry.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 telecommand.telemetry.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 oca.telemetry.microsoft.com

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127.0.0.1 reports.wes.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 wes.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 services.wes.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 sqm.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 watson.ppe.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 telemetry.appex.bing.net
127.0.0.1 telemetry.urs.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 telemetry.appex.bing.net:443
127.0.0.1 settings-sandbox.data.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 vortex-sandbox.data.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 survey.watson.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 watson.live.com
127.0.0.1 watson.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 statsfe2.ws.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 corpext.msitadfs.glbdns2.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 compatexchange.cloudapp.net
127.0.0.1 cs1.wpc.v0cdn.net
127.0.0.1 a-0001.a-msedge.net

127.0.0.1 statsfe2.update.microsoft.com.akadns.net

127.0.0.1 sls.update.microsoft.com.akadns.net

127.0.0.1 fe2.update.microsoft.com.akadns.net

127.0.0.1 diagnostics.support.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 corp.sts.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 statsfe1.ws.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 pre.footprintpredict.com

127.0.0.1 i1.services.social.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 i1.services.social.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 feedback.windows.com

127.0.0.1 feedback.microsoft-hohm.com

127.0.0.1 feedback.search.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 rad.msn.com

127.0.0.1 preview.msn.com

127.0.0.1 ad.doubleclick.net

127.0.0.1 ads.msn.com

127.0.0.1 ads1.msads.net

127.0.0.1 ads1.msn.com

127.0.0.1 a.ads1.msn.com

127.0.0.1 a.ads2.msn.com

127.0.0.1 adnexus.net

127.0.0.1 adnxs.com

127.0.0.1 aidps.atdmt.com

127.0.0.1 apps.skype.com

127.0.0.1 az361816.vo.msecnd.net

127.0.0.1 az512334.vo.msecnd.net

127.0.0.1 a.rad.msn.com

127.0.0.1 a.ads2.msads.net

127.0.0.1 ac3.msn.com

127.0.0.1 aka-cdn-ns.adtech.de

127.0.0.1 b.rad.msn.com

127.0.0.1 b.ads2.msads.net

127.0.0.1 b.ads1.msn.com

127.0.0.1 bs.serving-sys.com

127.0.0.1 c.msn.com

127.0.0.1 cdn.atdmt.com

127.0.0.1 cds26.ams9.msecn.net

127.0.0.1 c.atdmt.com

127.0.0.1 db3aqu.atdmt.com

127.0.0.1 ec.atdmt.com

127.0.0.1 flex.msn.com

127.0.0.1 g.msn.com

127.0.0.1 h2.msn.com

127.0.0.1 h1.msn.com

127.0.0.1 live.rads.msn.com

127.0.0.1 msntest.serving-sys.com

127.0.0.1 m.adnxs.com

127.0.0.1 m.hotmail.com

127.0.0.1 preview.msn.com

127.0.0.1 pricelist.skype.com

127.0.0.1 rad.msn.com

127.0.0.1 rad.live.com

127.0.0.1 secure.flashtalking.com

127.0.0.1 static.2mdn.net

127.0.0.1 s.gateway.messenger.live.com

127.0.0.1 secure.adnx.com

127.0.0.1 sO.2mdn.net

127.0.0.1 ui.skype.com

127.0.0.1 www.msftncsi.com

127.0.0.1 msftncsi.com

127.0.0.1 view.atdmt.com

When it's done, register and reboot your computer !

Please note that you might not be able to use certain services afterwards, such as hotmail and skype.

Save the orginal host file in a different non-system folder for safety.

Check regularly if the changed file has been reverted by an update.

[Hide expanded replies.](#)

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Awesome! This has been confirmed! Thank you!

Windows 10: How to block the personal data collection done by Microsoft:

<https://archive.is/6mACK>

Windows 10 BUSTED, AND IT IS CREEPY (+ comments and confirmation):

<https://archive.is/FXyNX>

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So with this change, would it be possible to run windows 10 without worrying about security risks?

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For a guide on how to disable several telemetry options already, visit this website:

<http://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2015/08/windows-10-doesnt-offer-much-privacy-by-default-heres-how-to-fix-it/>

Another resource is available at:

<https://fix10.isleaked.com/>

Certain Windows updates in Windows 10 deliver extra "options" for telemetry on your machine. It is advisable to uninstall them:

<http://www.kernelmode.info/forum/viewtopic.php?f=11&t=4001>

For additional privacy, you can add these entries to your hosts file, which is located in:

C:\Windows\system32\drivers\etc

You can edit and save the file by opening Notepad as Administrator (Press Windows key ("flag" icon), in the search bar enter "notepad", right-click on notepad and choose Run as Administrator - then browse to the hosts file location).

Note: this does NOT block any Windows Updates.

Copy and paste the following below all the other text in there, save the file. That's all:

#Microsoft telemetry

127.0.0.1 vortex.data.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 vortex-win.data.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 telecommand.telemetry.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 telecommand.telemetry.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 oca.telemetry.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 oca.telemetry.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 sqm.telemetry.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 sqm.telemetry.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 watson.telemetry.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 watson.telemetry.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 redir.metaservices.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 choice.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 choice.microsoft.com.nsatc.net
127.0.0.1 df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 reports.wes.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 wes.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 services.wes.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 sqm.df.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 watson.ppe.telemetry.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 telemetry.appex.bing.net
127.0.0.1 telemetry.urs.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 telemetry.appex.bing.net:443
127.0.0.1 settings-sandbox.data.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 vortex-sandbox.data.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 survey.watson.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 watson.live.com
127.0.0.1 watson.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 statsfe2.ws.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 corpext.msitadfs.glddns2.microsoft.com
127.0.0.1 compatexchange.cloudapp.net
127.0.0.1 cs1.wpc.v0cdn.net
127.0.0.1 a-0001.a-msedge.net
127.0.0.1 65.55.108.23
127.0.0.1 65.39.117.230
127.0.0.1 23.218.212.69
127.0.0.1 134.170.30.202
127.0.0.1 137.116.81.24

127.0.0.1 diagnostics.support.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 corp.sts.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 statsfe1.ws.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 pre.footprintpredict.com

127.0.0.1 204.79.197.200

127.0.0.1 23.218.212.69

127.0.0.1 i1.services.social.microsoft.com

127.0.0.1 i1.services.social.microsoft.com.nsatc.net

127.0.0.1 feedback.windows.com

127.0.0.1 feedback.microsoft-hohm.com

127.0.0.1 feedback.search.microsoft.com

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Below is the list of "updates" that delivered by Windows Update as "telemetry and customer experience improvements". If you don't want upgrade to Win10 or send your "telemetry" to MS - remove them and do not install again.

Microsoft claims this is "telemetry" and customer experience blah-blah-blah. Well I call this simple - spyware.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3021917> - "Performance tracker update"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3035583> - "Get Windows 10 App" (delivers ready to use UAC backdoor as bonus)

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2990214> - "Upgrade to Windows 10"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3044374> - "Upgrade to Windows 10"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2952664> - "Compatibility update for upgrading Windows 7"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3022345> - "Customer experience and diagnostic telemetry"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3068708> - "Customer experience and diagnostic telemetry"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3080149> - "Customer experience and diagnostic telemetry"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3075249> - "Telemetry points to consent.exe" !!!WARNING!!! this update add spyware functionality to UAC

COPY/PASTE script below the line into you command shell/command line (cmd.exe). To disable the evil spying services spread by Microsoft.

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@echo off

echo

echo Step 1: Delete Updates...

echo Delete KB3075249 (telemetry for Win7/8.1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3075249

echo Delete KB3080149 (telemetry for Win7/8.1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3080149

echo Delete KB3021917 (telemetry for Win7)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3021917

echo Delete KB3022345 (telemetry)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3022345

echo Delete KB3068708 (telemetry)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3068708

echo Delete KB3044374 (Get Windows 10 for Win8.1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3044374

echo Delete KB3035583 (Get Windows 10 for Win7sp1/8.1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3035583

echo Delete KB2990214 (Get Windows 10 for Win7 without sp1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2990214

echo Delete KB2990214 (Get Windows 10 for Win7)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2990214

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echo Delete KB2952664 (Get Windows 10 assistant)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2952664

echo Delete KB3075853 (update for "Windows Update" on Win8.1/Server 2012R2)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3075853

echo Delete KB3065987 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7/Server 2008R2)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3065987

echo Delete KB3050265 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3050265

echo Delete KB971033 (license validation)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:971033

echo Delete KB2902907 (description not available)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2902907

echo Delete KB2976987 (description not available)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2976987

echo Step 2: Blocking Routes...
route -p add 23.218.212.69 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0
route -p add 65.55.108.23 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0
route -p add 65.39.117.230 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0
route -p add 134.170.30.202 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0
route -p add 137.116.81.24 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0
route -p add 204.79.197.200 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0
route -p add 23.218.212.69 MASK 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0

echo Step 3: Disabling tasks...
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Application Experience\AitAgent" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Application Experience\Microsoft Compatibility Appraiser" /DISABLE
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schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Application Experience\ProgramDataUpdater" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Autochk\Proxy" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Customer Experience Improvement Program\Consolidator" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Customer Experience Improvement Program\KernelCeipTask" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Customer Experience Improvement Program\UsbCeip" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\DiskDiagnostic\Microsoft-Windows-DiskDiagnosticDataCollector" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Maintenance\WinSAT" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\ActivateWindowsSearch" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\ConfigureInternetTimeService" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\DispatchRecoveryTasks" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\ehDRMInit" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\InstallPlayReady" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\mcupdate" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\MediaCenterRecoveryTask" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\ObjectStoreRecoveryTask" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\OCURActivate" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\OCURDiscovery" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\PBDADiscovery" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\PBDADiscoveryW1" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\PBDADiscoveryW2" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\PvrRecoveryTask" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\PvrScheduleTask" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\RegisterSearch" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\ReindexSearchRoot" /DISABLE
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schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\SQLiteRecoveryTask" /DISABLE
schtasks /Change /TN "\Microsoft\Windows\Media Center\UpdateRecordPath" /DISABLE
echo Step 4: Killing Diagtrack-service (if it still exists)...
sc stop Diagtrack
sc delete Diagtrack
echo Final Step: Stop remoteregistry-service (if it still exists)...
sc config remoteregistry start= disabled
sc stop remoteregistry
echo All done, go to reboot!
pause
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□ ►Windows 7 & 8.1 spies too. Anonymous 08/28/15 (Fri) 10:05:47 [No.587](#)

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Windows 7 & 8.1 spies too. Back to Windows 10 guide. <https://fix10.isleaked.com/oldwindows.html>

To remove "spyware" updates open Command Prompt as administrator by clicking right mouse button on Start button or by pressing Win+X shortcut, and enter the following:

Delete KB2976978 (telemetry for Win8/8.1)

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start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2976978 /quiet /norestart
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Delete KB3075249 (telemetry for Win7/8.1)

```
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3075249 /quiet /norestart
```

Delete KB3080149 (telemetry for Win7/8.1)

```
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3080149 /quiet /norestart
```

Delete KB3021917 (telemetry for Win7)

```
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3021917 /quiet /norestart
```

Delete KB3022345 (telemetry)

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start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3022345 /quiet /norestart
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Delete KB3068708 (telemetry)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3068708 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB3044374 (Get Windows 10 for Win8.1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3044374 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB3035583 (Get Windows 10 for Win7sp1/8.1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3035583 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB2990214 (Get Windows 10 for Win7 without sp1)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2990214 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB2990214 (Get Windows 10 for Win7)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2990214 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB2952664 (Get Windows 10 assistant)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2952664 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB3075853 (update for "Windows Update" on Win8.1/Server 2012R2)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3075853 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB3065987 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7/Server 2008R2)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3065987 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB3050265 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3050265 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB3075851 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:971033 /quiet /norestart

Delete KB2902907 (description is not available)

start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2902907 /quiet /norestart

Well done! Don't forget to check this guide once in a while for updates.

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