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## A DIFFERENT WAY TO I.T.

#### Windows Update

Upgrade to Windows 11 is ready-and it's free!

Get the latest version of Windows, with a new look, new features, and enhanced security,

Note: Some Windows 10 features aren't available in Windows 11. Certain apps and features may have additional requirements. <u>Check device specifications</u>

Download and install

Stay on Windows 10 for now

## Windows 11 is out! Do you want it?

You may have noticed a message in lower right of your screen (or under the Updates area) that your system may be able to be upgraded to Windows 11. Your computer may be telling you that your computer either meets the requirements of upgrading or it does not. If it says that your PC does not meet the requirements, there may be ways to circumvent that issue, but we don't recommend it. Chances are your PC is old enough that it just shouldn't be upgraded to Windows 11. The good news is that Windows 10 will still be supported for several more years!

But what if your computer IS capable? Well, then, all you need to do is click the update button and let it roll, right? WRONG! You still need to do some research and even then some things could still go wrong. You MUST make sure that your software is Windows 11 compliant. You should check your software vendor minimum requirements and be sure that it will even run Windows 11 environment, or feel free to contact us, and let us do the work for you!

## Why isn't my computer upgradable?

TPM is a tiny chip on your computer's motherboard. It's like the keyboard you use to disable your home security alarm every time you walk in the door, or the authenticator app you use on your phone to log in to your bank account.

#### SUGGESTED REQUIREMENTS!

-Core i5 (8<sup>th</sup> Gen or Newer) or Ryzen R5 processor (or better)

-500Gb or larger Solid State Drive (SSD)

-Min 8Gb of memory (16GB is better)

-Trusted Platform Module (TPM) version 2.0

-Your device must be running Windows 10. Version 2004 or later, to upgrade. Free updates are available through Windows Update in Settings>Update and Security Most likely, you have an older version of TPM. Microsoft requires TPM 2.0, which was first released in 2014. One of the many features a TPM enhances is Secure Boot. This feature prevents malware from running when you first start up your computer by only allowing software that's cryptographically signed to run when you turn it on.

Assuming your computer is able to run Windows 11 and your software and drivers are compatible, the next question is... should you? What's in it for you?

The biggest reason we have seen users upgrade is performance. Many older systems that have had Windows 10 installed for several years, especially those with Solid State Drives, experience a dramatic increase in computer speed.

Another reason is the interface. Many have compared the new Windows 11 desktop as more "Apple-like" and there are new robust ways of showing or manipulating the information you see on the screen. Windows 11 uses Widgets to display content that matters more to you as well as Snap Assist, which is an easier way to personalize the way your various windows look.

Maybe it's a great idea to upgrade. Maybe it would be a horrible decision. Ultimately, everyone's situation is different. If your organization would like to investigate whether Windows 11 is right for you, feel free to reach out to use and we can assist in the decision-making process!



# What if you work remotely?



Working from home or remotely? Windows 11 remembers how your windows and apps are laid out on the desktop or external monitor, so that everything stays in place even when you move from one location to another.

Other things such as faster booting, faster video and photo editing and Microsoft Teams improvements are also part of the upgrade. Overall, the interface looks cleaner and more modern.

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