



Should I Upgrade to Windows 10?

If you own a *Windows 7* or *Windows 8* computer, there is one more month to get *Windows 10* for free (deadline is July 29th). The question is whether you should upgrade your computer or not? Over the years it has often caused problems to upgrade *Windows* and *Windows 10* is no exception. Many people do not like the changes *Windows 10* makes and have asked me to help them revert back to *Windows 7* or *Windows 8*. So my routine answer is to leave your current version of *Windows* alone and you will get *Windows 10* on your next computer. *Windows 10* is fine when it comes on a new computer but it can cause problems when upgrading an older computer.

But for those of you who have a new computer (1-3 years old) and are thinking about going ahead with the upgrade I thought it would be a good idea to let you know what new features you would get with *Windows 10*.

Overview of Windows 10

I think that there is really only two main features that you might think are worth the time and effort to upgrade your computer to *Windows 10*, *apps* and *Cortana*. For a general overview of *Windows 10* see: [Introducing Windows 10](#).

Apps and the Store

Apps are what we used to call programs but are generally smaller versions made for smartphones, tablets and now computers. The *app store* first appeared in *Windows 8*. It is where you can download small apps

for specific purposes such as the *Netflix* app for watching movies on your computer or the *Wall Street Journal* app for reading the newspaper. Yes, you can still go directly to these websites but apps make it a more direct experience. To learn more about apps and the Store visit: [Explore the Store](#).

Cortana

Cortana is a voice activate digital assistant. With *Cortana* you can speak directly to your computer to ask for things such as a weather report, stock quote or to look something up on the Internet. Much like *Siri* on an *iPhone* or *OK Google* on an *Android* phone, you can ask your computer for information. To see an example of *Cortana* in action visit: [What is Cortana?](#)

If you decide that you would like to try the upgrade you have until July 29th to do it and if you don't end up liking it you will have 30 days to revert back to your old *Windows*. Let me know if you want to try it so we can get your computer ready for the upgrade.

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