Windows 7 End of Service Guide

The curtains are coming down on Windows 7. Microsoft will be ending extended support on January 14, 2020, so if you're one of the 37 per cent of people still using Windows 7, now is the time to start planning your upgrade to Windows 10.

SECURITY ALERT!

No more extended support means that, after January 14, 2020, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or support for PCs running Windows 7.

WHY WINDOWS 10?

Why skip Windows 8 and migrate directly to Windows 10? Mainstream support (i.e. product enhancements) for Windows 8 ended on January 9, 2018 and extended support (i.e. security and reliability patches) will finish on January 10, 2023. You don't want to be without any of these, so it makes more sense to upgrade Windows 7 straight to Windows 10 Pro. It features the latest technology and has been built for business.

WINDOWS 10 PRO IS BUILT FOR BUSINESS

BETTER SECURITY
Keep your files safe with BitLocker and Windows Defender Antivirus that's built on machine learning technology.

REMOTE ACCESS
Use Remote Desktop to securely access your files from any PC or tablet with an internet connection.

CLOUD STORAGE
Protect your Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files from system crashes with automatic cloud storage.

FASTER SIGN IN
Enjoy three-times faster sign in using facial or fingerprint recognition with Windows Hello.

WINDOWS 10 ALSO FEATURES:

Windows Ink
Digital pen and touch screen support.

Pairs with Office documents and other apps for easy markups.

Microsoft Edge
Faster, safer web browser optimized for Windows 10.

Write or type directly on webpages and easily share your markup.

Cortana
Voice-activated digital assistant for Windows 10.

Integrates with your calendar and other Windows apps.

YOUR UPGRADE OPTIONS

Choose to migrate your existing machines to Windows 10 or replace them with new devices that have Windows 10 pre-installed.

Upgrade to Windows 10

- Migrate existing hardware fleet to Windows 10.
- Acquire new devices pre-installed with Windows 10.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

If you're planning to migrate your existing machines to Windows 10, ensure they have:

- 1GHz processor or faster
- 1GB RAM for 32-bit; 2GB for 64-bit
- Up to 20GB available hard disk space
- 800 x 600 screen resolution or higher
- DirectX 9 graphics processor with WDDM driver

CHOOSE YOUR MIGRATION TOOL

Microsoft provides two migration tools – Windows Easy Transfer and User State Migration Tool (USMT) 10.0 – to help make the transition from Windows 7 to Windows 10 easier. Here's what you should consider when choosing between them:

PRO TIP:
Are your current apps compatible with Windows 10? Check Microsoft's app directory.

Windows Easy Transfer

- Best for a small number of computers or a single customized deployment.
- Transfer files and settings via a network share, **USB flash drive, or** Easy Transfer cable.
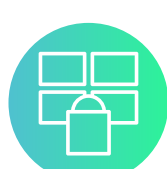- Note that you can't use a regular USB cable to transfer files and settings.

User State Migration Tool (USMT) 10.0

- Best for large-scale automated deployments.
- Uses **.xml files** to control which user accounts, files, and settings are migrated.
- Use for side-by-side migrations for hardware replacements, and wipe-and-load migrations.

PRO TIP:

If you need help upgrading your system, feel free to give us a call at 519-579-8777 or visit our website for more details www.reis.ca.