

Find out which Windows 10 edition is right for you.

Core experiences

Familiar, and better than ever

| | Home | Pro | Enterprise | Education |
|---|------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Customizable Start Menu | x | x | x | x |
| Windows Defender & Windows firewall | x | x | x | x |
| Fast start up with Hiberboot and InstantGo ¹ | x | x | x | x |
| TPM support ² | x | x | x | x |
| Battery Saver | x | x | x | x |
| Windows Update | x | x | x | x |

Cortana⁵

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| Talk or type naturally | x | x | x | x |
| Personal and proactive suggestions | x | x | x | x |
| Reminders | x | x | x | x |
| Search web, device, and cloud | x | x | x | x |
| "Hey Cortana" hands-free activation | x | x | x | x |

Windows Hello³

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| Native fingerprint recognition | x | x | x | x |
| Native facial and iris recognition | x | x | x | x |
| Enterprise level security | x | x | x | x |

Multi-doing

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| Virtual desktops | x | x | x | x |
| Snap assist (up to 4 apps on one screen) | x | x | x | x |
| Snap apps across screens on different monitors | x | x | x | x |

Continuum⁴

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| Switch from PC to tablet mode | x | x | x | x |
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Microsoft Edge

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| Reading view | x | x | x | x |
| Built-in ink support | x | x | x | x |
| Cortana integration ⁵ | x | x | x | x |

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Existing Fundamentals

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|--|------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Device Encryption ⁶ | x | x | x | x |
| Domain Join | | x | x | x |
| Group Policy Management | | x | x | x |
| Bitlocker ² | | x | x | x |
| Enterprise Mode Internet Explorer (EMIE) | | x | x | x |
| Assigned Access 8.1 | | x | x | x |
| Remote Desktop | | x | x | x |
| Client Hyper-V | | x | x | x |
| DirectAccess | | | x | x |
| Windows To Go Creator | | | x | x |
| AppLocker | | | x | x |
| BranchCache | | | x | x |
| Start Screen Control with Group Policy | | | x | x |

Management and Deployment

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|---|----------------|---|---|---|
| Side-loading of line of business apps | x | x | x | x |
| Mobile device management | x ⁸ | x | x | x |
| Ability to join Azure Active Directory, with single sign-on to cloud-hosted apps ⁷ | | x | x | x |
| Business Store for Windows 10 ⁸ | | x | x | x |
| Granular UX Control | | | x | x |
| Easy Upgrade from Pro to Enterprise Edition | | x | x | |
| Easy Upgrade from Home to Education Edition | x | | | x |

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Security

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| Microsoft Passport | x | x | x | x |
| Enterprise Data Protection ⁸ | | x | x | x |
| Credential Guard ⁹ | | | x | x |
| Device Guard ⁹ | | | x | x |

Delivering Windows as a Service

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|-----------------------------|------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Windows Update | x | x | x | x |
| Windows Update for Business | | x | x | x |
| Current Branch for Business | | x | x | x |
| Long Term Servicing Branch | | | x | |

Buy Windows software or devices

How to purchase Windows for your business

Microsoft offers several ways to purchase software and devices for your business

How to purchase multiple software licenses

If you need multiple software licenses contact a partner.

How to purchase multiple devices

If you are looking to buy several devices, you can find a partner or work directly with the Microsoft Store Sales team.

1 - Requires InstantGo or device that passes the device encryption HCK test

2 - Requires TPM 1.2 or greater

3 - Windows Hello requires specialized hardware, including fingerprint reader, illuminated IR sensor or other biometric sensors

4 - Requires touch screen capabilities; App experiences may vary

5 - Cortana is available only in certain markets; Experience may vary by region and device; Requires Microsoft Account to use

6 - Requires InstantGo or device that passes the "Device Encryption Requirements Test"

7 - Separate license for Azure Active Directory required

8 - Coming Later. Subject to Change. [Learn more](#) about delivering Windows as a service

9 - Requires UEFI 2.3.1 or greater; Virtualization Extensions such as Intel VT-x, AMD-V, and SLAT must be enabled; x64 version of Windows; IOMMU, such as Intel VT-d, AMD-Vi; TPM 2.0; BIOS Lockdown