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Windows 11

Success or Failure?

Close to a decade ago, Microsoft revealed Windows 10 as the last version of their OS ever. And yet, Microsoft decided it was time for a new version of Windows. A version that, was implied, wouldn't be possible as yet another Windows 10 update. A new OS that would, eventually, end up replacing Windows 10. It would bring significant updates, new features, a cleaner desktop, and...



...and a collection of annoyances that could make you reminisce about the glorious days of Windows 98 SE. So, between 2021 and 2022, Windows 11 officially hit the market. And just like with its ancestors, users all around the world wondered: should we upgrade? Let's find out.

Let's look at the Pros & Cons:

The Pros of Windows 11

Windows 11 isn't just a fresh set of wallpapers for Windows 10. Many more modifications and enhancements, thankfully, make upgrading to the new OS appealing. That said, the backgrounds on the new OS are stunning!

1. Beautiful Glass

The new desktop aesthetics in Windows 11 attempt to imitate the appearance of glass. As a result, multiple desktop objects, such as windows and menus, have a lot of clearness.

2. Bar to Dock

Windows 11's taskbar may be docked, just like Mac OS and several Linux Desktop Environments. It allows you to center the icons, which is useful while using Windows 11 on a touch-enabled device.

3. Return of the Widgets

In Windows 11, the new widgets are displayed in a separate pane that slides in from the left side of the screen. They also seem to be more focused on providing information than serving as mini-apps.



4. Upgraded Security Features

In Windows 11, security features are upgraded and even more powerful.... However, most of these security features operate in the background without you even knowing about them.

List Of Cons of Windows 11

Quite Expensive Hardware

As if Windows 11 uses a more powerful background and user interface it needs a more costly GPU. Also, you can't install Windows 11 on your outdated and older system because of Hardware incompatibility.

Doesn't support older computers

It is bad news for you if you use older computers then you can't install Windows 11 in your system. You must have fulfilled some basic system requirements to update your OS to Windows 11. Some of the system requirements to install Windows 11 are:

- At least 4GB RAM
- It should have 64GB or more than that
- 2.0 version TPM
- 1 GHz or faster with 2 or more cores on a compatible 64-bit processor

Redesigned Start Menu

The start menu in Windows 11 completely differs from Windows 10. When we open Windows 10 the start menu appears at the left-hand side of the desktop but in windows 11 the start menu is redesigned and appears At the center of the windows desktop.

due to the massive change in the interface of Windows 11, you may find it great difficulty to use it at starting.



No Cortana

Microsoft Cortana is an AI-powered virtual assistant like Google Assistant and Amazon Alexa which works on your voice command. It is one of the best features in the previous Windows OS but in Windows 11 you will not have this feature by default. You can download and install Cortana individually.

Doesn't have Skype

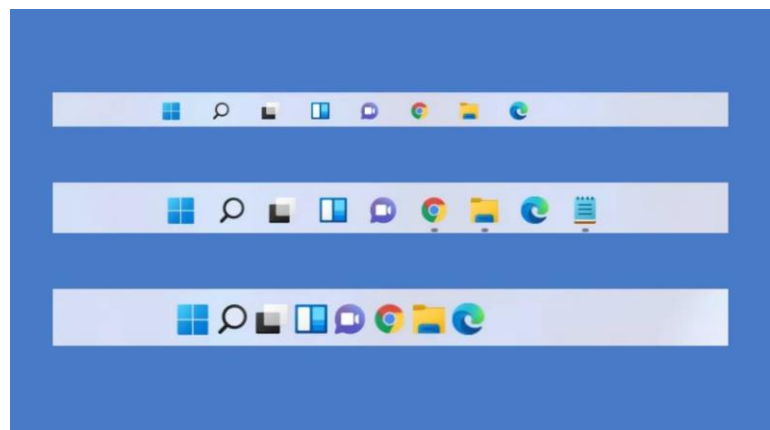
Who doesn't know about Skype? It is a great application that allows people to communicate with each other through video calling. But in Windows 11 you will not get this feature as it has been replaced with other video calling alternatives.

User Interaction

Windows 11 interface is completely different from the previous OS so it is quite difficult for the users to smoothly access Windows 11. It takes a lot of time to get familiar with the interface as most of the things like the start menu, taskbar and many more operate differently. Windows 10 users will face utmost confusion in using the Windows 11 interface.

Taskbar

The Taskbar of Windows 11 is not the same as Windows 10. In the previous OS, you can drag the taskbar to any side of the window but now it is stabbed at the bottom of the screen.



Takes more Boot-Time

When you start Windows 11 it takes more time to startup. It takes more booting time than windows 10.... However with faster hard drives and hardware, you probably won't know any difference.

Is there a reprieve for older computers?

Maybe not... there appears to be some work arounds to have Windows 11 work on older computers, however no guarantees. One report says that you won't get crucial security updates. Some are saying that future changes to Windows 11 may crash when used on older PC's that don't meet specifications. The last thing you want is to do the upgrade and have everlasting problems.

When you purchase a new PC, chances are it has Windows 11. You cannot go backwards by installing Win 10.... It's no that simple.

This is where your club comes in. We have some of our workstations already loaded with Windows 11 and our tutors are learning the strengths and weaknesses. There has been no reports of Windows 10 programs NOT working, so good so far.

The tutors have taken a conservative approach. Our advice is keep using Windows 10 until October 2025 (which is when Microsoft will no longer apply security and other updates). Now Microsoft can always change their mind and continue to support Win 10 after that date (maybe wishful thinking). However, we suggest waiting for at least six months before re-visiting the upgrade path.... That way, Win 11 will have a few more problems ironed out and hopefully will be the true successor it wants to be.

