

Windows 10 version 1903

Release due late May 2019

Which version of Windows am I running now?

- Microsoft issues security updates for only 18 months after a new version is released
- If you are running version 1703 or older, you need to update if you are using your computer for financial transactions or online purchases

Do I care which version of Windows 10 is on my computer?

- From the Windows search box or Cortana, type WINVER
 - Or from a Command prompt (DOS prompt), type WINVER.EXE
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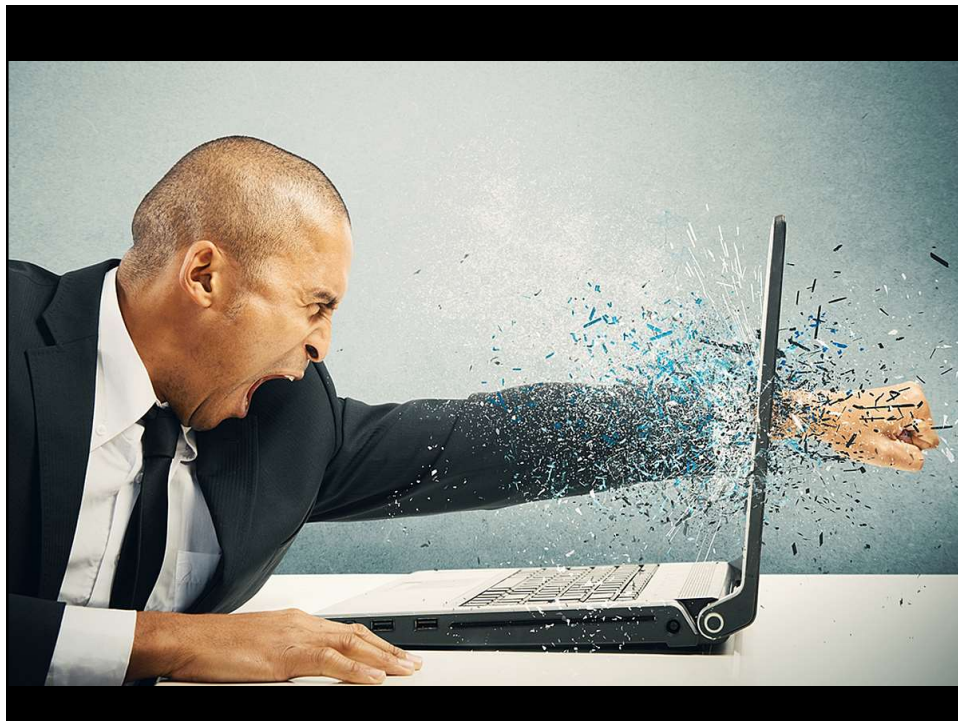
Is it OK to still run Windows 7?

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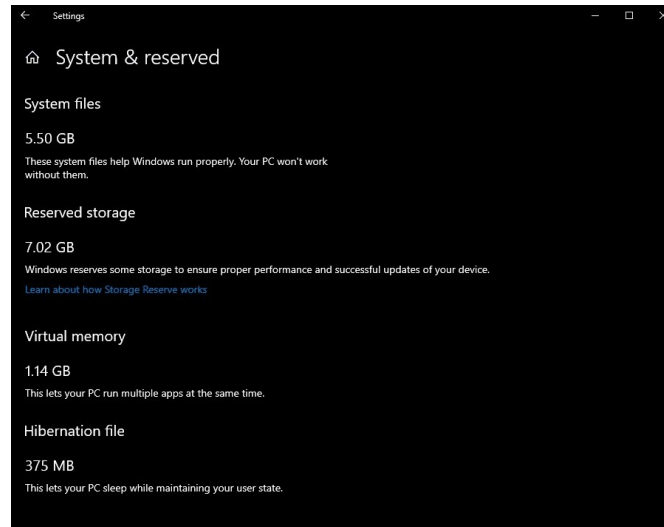
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System requirements for Windows 10 version 1903

- Processor: 1GHz or faster CPU
- Memory: 1GB for 32-bit or 2GB for 64-bit
- Hard drive space: 32GB
- System reserve partition 100 MB or larger
- Graphics: DirectX 9 or later with WDDM 1.0 driver
- Display: 800×600 or higher



Reserved storage



Windows 10 Pro sandbox



Windows search

- Separated from Cortana
- Can control which folders get indexed
 - (Settings / Search / Searching Windows)
- Easier to turn off indexing
- Link to phone for seamless transitions

Getting the search box back

To reinstate the search box in Windows 10, follow these steps:

1. Right-click on taskbar running across the bottom of the screen
2. Select Cortana / Show search box

(note that this method will likely no longer work in version 1903 of Windows)

Snipping tool

- Name has changed to Snip & Sketch
- Can now save as JPG and GIF, not just PNG



Look and feel

- More icons in taskbar (mike, brightness, etc.)
- Automatic scaling for blurry apps
- Can sign in with Face ID, fingerprint, PIN, or phone, in addition to password
- Easier to change mouse cursor size and color
- Default to conversational dates (5 hours ago) in File Explorer
 - Can revert to normal dates (5/3/2019)

For more info on version 1903

https://youtu.be/YcP1hhej5So?list=PL-9Q_DnVzAVVyiDqReRCNrzVEAgC4-0bJ

<https://pureinfotech.com/windows-10-1903-19h1-april-2019-update-features/>

Speeding up or cleaning up computer

Run MSCONFIG

1. On the Services tab, check box to hide all Microsoft services. Un-check things you don't need
2. On the Startup tab, click on Start Task Manager, and un-check things you don't need
3. Under Control Panel, go to Programs and uninstall programs you don't need. Be careful – some of these programs may be necessary for sound, WiFi, or other essential functions
4. Delete printers that you no longer use

New computer preparation

On any new computer, install:

1. Adobe Reader
(from www.adobe.com and go to bottom center of page)
2. Google Chrome
(from chrome.google.com)
3. Most people also will want Java
(from www.java.com)

Devirusing Google Chrome

1. Click on triple-dot menu in upper right corner
2. Click on More tools / Extensions
3. Keep extensions from Adobe, Google. Also keep HTTPS Anywhere.
4. Remove extensions referencing mail, security, maps, or anything else.
5. From triple-dot menu, go to Settings. Make sure search engine and startup pages are OK.

Backup and password

Please read and follow suggestions on Sue's Backup Bible

www.suekayton.com/backupbible.htm

Write down all your usernames and password – and don't forget your phone unlock code. Put a copy in your safe deposit box, a copy with your will/trust, and give a copy to a trusted friend or family member.

Back up your important files offsite, such as using Google Drive automatic backup

Google Photos

1. Free unlimited backup of photos and videos
2. Can tag photos for inclusion in one or more albums
3. Easy to share albums with individual people or public
4. Photos are sorted by date, and cannot be organized into folders
5. Easy to set up automatic backup of photos from cell phone or computer

Digitizing photos, movies and slides

I recommend using Costco. They do a quality job, it's very cheap, and they have fast turnaround.

www.costcophotocenter.com

Put groups of photos or slides into a shoebox and put a paper inside with the name of the group. They will burn them onto a disk and will label it with the name you have chosen.