

## When Windows 10 support runs out on 14th October 2025-Updated

Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or technical support for W10 after 14th October 2025.

W10 users have several choices:

1. Continue running W10 as it is and hope that any new exploits do not compromise their systems.

2. Continue running W10 until at least 2030 with the PRO version of 0patch at £21 per annum:

<https://0patch.com/pricing.html>

<https://blog.0patch.com/2024/06/long-live-windows-10-with-0patch.html>

<https://www.ghacks.net/2024/06/28/windows-10-support-until-2030-0patch-makes-it-possible/>

3. Subject to hardware driver availability and the absence of any Windows-only software (e.g. Family Tree Maker), then it may be possible to migrate to a Linux system.

4. Buy a new expensive W11 computer.

5. Buy an even more expensive new computer from Apple.

W10 users may hate the idea of Microsoft bullying them into buying new hardware just to run an MS Windows operating system, which, remember, is not owned by the user.

Windows users only have a license to operate MS Windows, subject to Microsoft's terms and conditions.

Looking further ahead:

It is almost certain that Microsoft will go the way of Adobe and Google etc and introduce the subscription model, Software as a Service (SaaS), just like they already do with Microsoft 365 (formerly Office 365).

Eventually W11 or W12 or Microsoft W365 (or whatever MS decides to call it), will only be available via subscription.

That will be the new reality for Windows users wishing to use MS software.

Microsoft hints that Windows 11 could become a fully cloud-based subscription service:

<https://www.techspot.com/news/99227-microsoft-has-plans-make-windows-11-cloud-based.html>