



Windows 11

How to Verify If Windows 11 Supports Your PC

Windows 11 is a free upgrade for PCs running Windows 10, just as Windows 10 was a free upgrade for PCs running Windows 7 and Windows 8.

Not sure what hardware your PC has and whether it will support Windows 11? Microsoft offers an official “PC Health Check” app that will tell you whether your PC can officially run Windows 11. If not, the PC Health Check will tell you what the problem is to get the support needed to perform the upgrade.

Computers with Intel processors must have an Intel 8th generation or newer processor. AMD PCs must be running at least AMD Zen 2. ARM PCs must have Qualcomm 7 or 8 Series hardware. Not exactly sure why Microsoft has limited support to only certain CPU’s.

Microsoft will continue to support Windows 10 with security updates until October 2025, which you have another four years after Windows 11’s release.

Microsoft has said existing PCs may not be upgraded until early 2022, so the standard upgrade process will be slow and gradual even for existing PCs. This will allow Microsoft to gradually test the update and ensure it performs well on PCs like yours before it’s automatically offered to you.

There’s no need to go out of your way to get the upgrade if you aren’t excited about running Windows 11 yet. If you wait a few months until Windows Update offers your PC the update, you can be sure there’s less breaking.

Fidelity Systems can help you guide through the steps identifying compatibility with your PC.