

Project 2025

Preparing for Windows 10 End of Life
& Windows 11 Adoption



End of an Era

Windows 10 is the most successful desktop operating system ever released.

At time of writing, there are still more than 200 million PCs and other devices that operate Windows 10 around the world.

As of 2025, ten years on from its initial release, Microsoft will officially retire the platform, ending mainstream support for all Windows 10 PCs, and officially declaring the popular operating system to be End of Life (EOL).



What does ‘End of Life’ really mean?

When support for Windows 10 ends, devices such as PCs and laptops will receive no further security patches, feature updates or fixes from Microsoft. All customers are advised to begin their journey to Windows 11.

For businesses and organisations that follow common cyber security frameworks – such as Cyber Essentials – Windows 10 devices will also prevent certification.

Extended Support for Windows 10 will be available to purchase from Microsoft, but is priced per PC, and doubles in cost for each successive year that elapses.



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What happens next?

Windows 10 Home and Pro Editions will be supported under October 2025. Windows 11 was first released in 2021 and is now shipped as standard on nearly all new Windows PCs.

If your PC is eligible to update from to Windows 11 for free, you may already have seen prompts to do this via a download using Windows Update. Your eligibility to upgrade to Windows 11 will depend on your PC's technical specifications, including its processor, TPM version, storage and available memory.

Businesses and organisations with devices which cannot be updated should begin planning now, for an organised upgrade of their hardware estate.

Oct 2021

Windows 11
Released

April 2023

Windows 10
EOL Announced

Oct 2025

Windows 10
Support Ends

Oct 2028

End of Extended
Supp.

What should I do?

Don't Panic! Existing Lineal customers can ask us for a **Hardware Lifecycle Report.**

Your report will detail exactly what PCs you have, their age and Windows 11 upgrade eligibility.

We can also help organisations that are not existing Lineal customers to plan their transition to Windows 11.

Depending on your circumstances, we'll be able to assist with a staged roll-out of either operating system upgrades or device replacements.





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