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## **What changes will the Windows 11 update bring?**

One of Microsoft's main goals with the new version update is to help increase your productivity and help you develop a smoother workflow — which is exactly what you will immediately appreciate with the changes you will see in Windows 11.

There are a whole bunch of features that Microsoft has added, refined, and removed to make sure that your user experience is both familiar and intuitive for work or play.

The new Windows 11 user interface (UI) design was improved to look simple yet modern to make sure that you can focus more on your work. Also, Microsoft simplified the UI so the OS stays out of the way while you are working.

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Six years since the release of Windows 10, Microsoft has recently announced the release of a new version update for its Operating System (OS).

With the new Windows 11 update, a lot of features have been spruced up, polished, and improved to better cater to your productive and creative needs.

Along with this major update are some big changes and PC requirements and that is why it has created the question:

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## **What new features does Windows 11 include?**

A lot of improvements are made to previous features to accommodate the more modern look and simple interface of the new Windows 11.

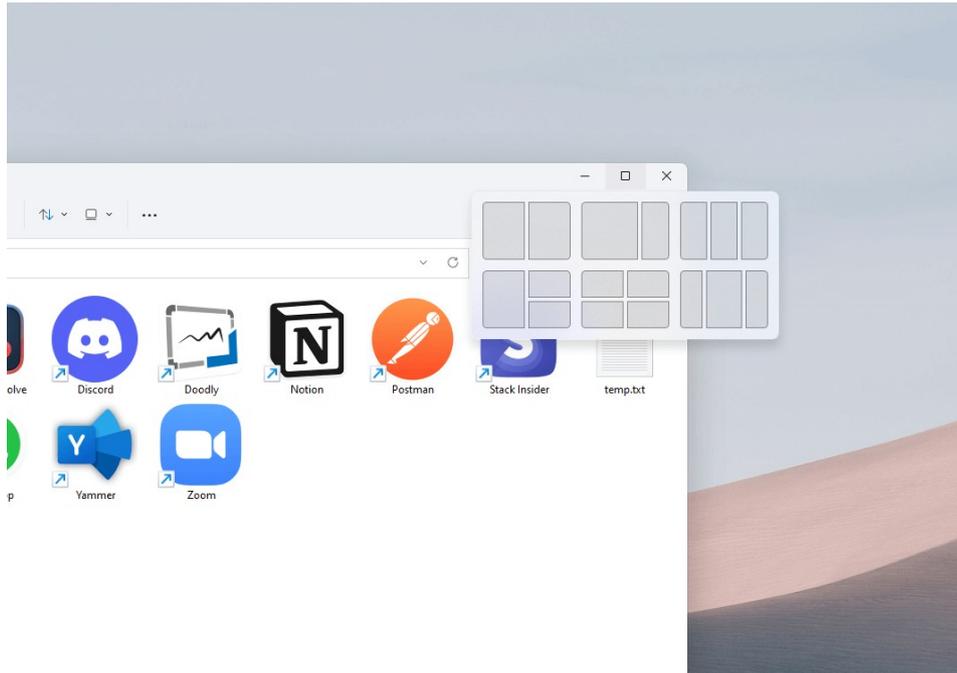
You can immediately check the changes the moment you see the desktop since they have modified the taskbar and placed the start menu in the centre as default.

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Here are some of the features in Windows 11:

## Window Management

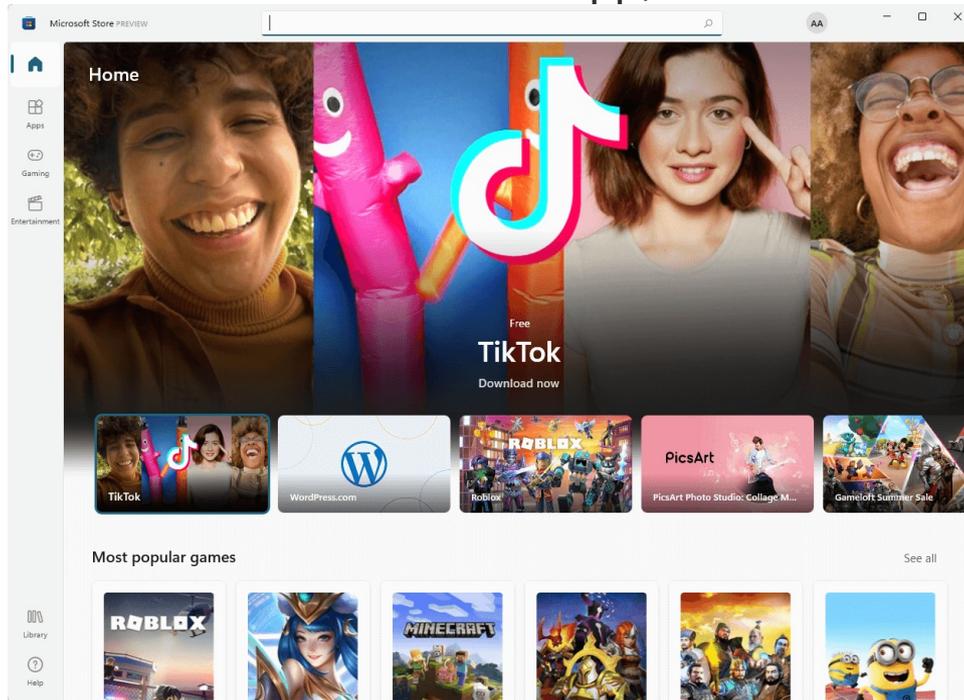
Windows 11 has a new window management feature that helps you snap your windows wherever you want them to be on your screen to assist you in organizing your windows and apps.



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## Windows App Store

In the App Store, Microsoft made their software available for you to choose from. You can even download Android Apps by searching for the app you want and be directed to Amazon Apps where you can download and run the app, even on the PC.



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## **Touch Features, Surface Pen Configurations, and Voice Typing**

Microsoft has improved its touch features for tablet devices since you can now more easily adjust window sizes and even perform three or four-finger gestures.

Enabling the haptic feedback makes your device respond with vibrations whenever you touch the screen. You can also customize your pen configurations to respond to different taps (double tap, tap and hold, and many more).

Windows 11 also recognized voice commands and can automatically add punctuations for you when you decide to use voice typing.

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## **When will Windows 11 be released?**

Microsoft released an Insider Preview build for those who are part of the Windows Insider Program. The public beta is scheduled for July. The official release is scheduled sometime in the Autumn of 2021 with hints that suggest it could arrive around October.

## **How much does the upgrade to Windows 11 cost?**

Updating your eligible Windows 10 to Windows 11 is absolutely free! But first, you need to make sure that your device's compatibility is within the minimum specifications before updating to avoid any problems.

Along with the announcement of Windows 11, Microsoft has also guaranteed that if you purchase any PC, with Windows as its OS, after the announcement will surely pass the minimum system and hardware requirement.

Meaning, new units are compatible with the new Windows 11. So if you are thinking of getting a new Windows device you can think of Windows 11 as a freebie that comes with the purchase.

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## **Built-in Microsoft Team Features**

The chat feature from Microsoft Teams is also integrated into the taskbar to instantly connect with your loved ones. You can send texts, do voice or video calls, send pictures or videos to all of your personal contacts.

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## **What minimum specifications are needed for Windows 11?**

You can check if your device meets the minimum specifications by comparing your device's specifications to the one provided by Microsoft on their website.

A downloadable app was provided by Microsoft to check your PC's compatibility with the new update but was removed due to some feedback. However, Microsoft will release a more up-to-date version of the compatibility checker once further testing has been done.

Nevertheless, Microsoft has published the minimum specifications for the update but they are subject to change since development is still going on and as we get closer to the official release date.

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## What minimum specifications are needed for Windows 11?

Processor	1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster with 2 or more cores on a compatible 64-bit processor or System on a Chip (SoC)
RAM	4 gigabyte (GB)
Storage	64 GB or larger storage device
System Firmware	UEFI, Secure Boot capable
TPM	Trusted Platform Module (TPM) version 2.0
Graphics Card	Compatible with DirectX 12 or later with WDDM 2.0 driver

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## Potential Problems With Windows 11

At the writing of this article, Windows 11 is still in its beta phase which is why some bugs are sure to come up if you choose to upgrade your eligible Windows 10 to Windows 11. However, if you feel confident that you can handle those bugs then the update is a welcome experience.

Another thing to note is that Microsoft has stated that Windows 11 will require Intel 8th Gen Coffee Lake or Zen 2 CPUs as the minimum for its processors which is unusual from their previous releases (Windows 8 and 10 only requires the 1 GHz Processor, 1 GB RAM and at least 16 GB of storage).

This would mean that **not all devices** with Windows 10 (especially older models from four years ago) are eligible to update.

Microsoft explained that the hardware requirements were to support the added security feature which was only optional in Windows 10 but they made it mandatory in Windows 11.

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## **Compatibility**

Most accessories and associated drivers that work with Windows 10 are expected to work with Windows 11. Check with your accessory manufacturer for specific details.

Windows 11 preserves the application compatibility promise made with Windows 10, and does not require changes to existing support processes or tooling to sustain the currency of applications and devices.

Microsoft 365 customers can continue to use programs such as App Assure and FastTrack to support IT efforts to adopt and maintain Windows 11.