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Windows 11 is ready for business.

Windows 11, version 22H2 is ready—and it's free!

Get the latest version of Windows, with [a new look, new features, and enhanced security.](#)

Download and install

Stay on Windows 10 for now

It is an optional download. Be sure to have a full backup and check compatibility of your hardware and software before trying to upgrade.

[WhyNotWin11](#) is a third-party program that enables you to find out if your Windows device is compatible with Microsoft's Windows 11 operating system.

[Rufus](#) allows you to bypass several of the restrictions or annoyances that Microsoft put in place when installing Windows 11, including the requirement for a personal Microsoft account.

[Another way](#) to get around the personal account requirement during setup.

Microsoft [adds MS Office subscriptions](#) to Windows 11 account settings.

Reminder: [Support for Internet Explorer 11 ended](#) on June 15, 2022.

You may see [this message](#):



message informing IE users they are being redirected to Microsoft Edge

Out of scope at the time of this announcement (unaffected):

- Internet Explorer mode in Microsoft Edge
- Internet Explorer platform ([MSHTML/Trident](#)), [including WebOC](#).

If you have a custom or third-party app that relies on the MSHTML platform, you can expect it to continue to work.

IE 11 retirement: [What this means for Microsoft Access apps](#).

QuickBooks recently released a new [custom internal browser](#) that replaces the Internet Explorer (IE) 11 browser. All QBDT-supported versions (2020, 2021, and 2022) have already been using it since June 10, 2022. Be sure to update to the latest patch.

Users report some problems with this fix:

The [browser opens too big inside the QB window](#), and **the title bar is gone**. You can go to the left edge of the window and resize – this brings back the title bar.

The release notes for QuickBooks 22 say that they've removed the dependency on Internet Explorer in R5... [however, this is not the case](#).

[Technical details on IE11 dependencies](#).

Office 365 price increases have taken effect. You will see notifications of price changes as products renew. We are a Microsoft reseller and can get you these same products at about a 5% discount – provided you contact us before it renews. Over time this can add up.

The planned price increases, as previously announced by Microsoft:

Microsoft 365 Business Basic: going from \$5 to \$6 per user per month.

Microsoft 365 Business Premium: going from \$20 to \$22 per user per month.

Office 365 E1: going from \$8 to \$10 per user per month.

Office 365 E3: going from \$20 to \$23 per user per month.

Office 365 E5: going from \$35 to \$38 per user per month.

Microsoft 365 E3: going from \$32 to \$36 per user per month.

The [Visio web app](#) is now part of Office 365. The Visio tile is under 'All apps' on [www.office.com](#). [Compare Visio versions and features](#).

Gmail has removed the option for "[less secure app](#)" and requires an app password for all programs connecting now. Copiers and software using @gmail account to forward email may stop working.

One-terabyte **SSD drives** are [now affordable](#). HDD-to-SSD upgrades breathe new life into older PCs by speeding them up. [Don't buy new PCs with \(older\) HDDs for the boot drive](#). It's not worth the savings. **Back up your SSD's contents to cloud storage**. When a hard drive develops data corruption, recovery services may be able to recover your data, but [SSDs can lose data irretrievably](#).

[NEXTGEN TV available from five new local stations](#).

What is [NextGen TV](#)?

AI chatbot company Replika, which offers customers avatars that talk and listen to them, says it receives messages almost every day from users who [believe their online friend is sentient](#).

A new FCC ruling will allow SpaceX (Starlink) [Internet service on moving vehicles](#).

ECONOMY

The **Crypto-currency** market continues to [spiral downward](#).

[Crypto hedge fund Three Arrows files for chapter 15 bankruptcy](#).

[MicroStrategy's Bitcoin Holdings takes \\$3.4 Billion Hit](#).

[US Court ruling may take some truckers off the road](#), adding to supply chain problems.

70,000 owner-operators have seven days to cease long-standing independent businesses.

[More details](#) on AB5.

[State budget provides direct tax](#) refunds for 23 million Californians to help address rising costs.

Included is a provision to reduce the cost of Diesel fuel.

Power supplies for server racks are [scarce](#) as data centers grow quickly.

Microsoft Azure data centers are operating "with [limited server capacity](#)" amid the cloud boom and supply shortage.

TSMC, the world's largest contract chipmaker, has seen its major clients [cut computer chip orders](#) for the rest of 2022.

Gartner is projecting the **semiconductor supply chain** will "[step into the normal zone by 3Q22](#), with normal inventory across major chip categories expected by 2Q23."

Another wave of [layoffs in tech](#).

SECURITY

[Malware Is Attacking Routers](#) made by **Cisco, Netgear, Asus, and DrayTek**. Be sure to update firmware if your router is one of these brands. Always disable management access from the Internet on routers.

[State unemployment, and jobs services are down around the country after cyberattack](#).

The labor departments and related agencies have been affected in at least nine states (including California). A cyberattack has hit a company that handles unemployment claims and job placement for state governments, disrupting online services across the country.

[EDD statement](#) (PDF).

Cyber-insurance companies are cracking down on cyber-security prerequisites when paying claims, such as [requiring a third-party attestation form](#) to be filled out or asserting that Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is used everywhere. Be sure you actually meet the requirements you are attesting to when getting insurance.

[Malicious CCleaner](#) search results spread information-stealing malware.

[MaliBot Android malware](#) steals passwords, bank details, and cryptocurrency wallets from users – and it does so by bypassing multi-factor authentication protections.

[Names, addresses of every CCW \(concealed carry gun\) holder in California exposed](#), Sheriff's Office confirms.

Experts [warn against storing passwords in Chrome](#) after hackers target remote workers. When you use Chrome passwords, or store passwords in any browser, [getting access to your accounts](#) is as simple as gaining access to the device you use.

HUMOR





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