

Find out which Windows 10 edition is right for you.



Business experience

Productivity & user experience

Familiar and productive user experience

	Home	Pro	Enterprise	Education
Continuum for phones ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cortana ²	✓	✓	✓	
Windows Ink ³	✓	✓	✓	✓
Start Menu and Live Tiles	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tablet Mode	✓	✓	✓	✓
Voice, pen, touch, and gesture ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Edge	✓	✓	✓	✓

Management and deployment

Enhanced management features to empower device and app management and deployment

Group Policy		✓	✓	✓
Mobile Device Management ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓
DirectAccess			✓	✓
AppLocker			✓	✓
Enterprise State Roaming with Azure Active Directory ⁶		✓	✓	✓
Windows Store for Business ⁷		✓	✓	✓
Assigned Access		✓	✓	✓
Managed User Experience			✓	✓
Dynamic Provisioning		✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Application Virtualization (App-V) ⁸			✓	✓
Microsoft User Environment Virtualization (UE-V)			✓	✓
Windows Update	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Update for Business		✓	✓	✓
Shared PC configuration		✓	✓	✓
Take a Test		✓	✓	✓

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Security

Delivers critical security capabilities, system and app updates, and the compatibility you need to help secure your devices and infrastructure from modern threats

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Windows Hello ⁹	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Hello Companion Devices ¹⁰	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Information Protection ¹¹		✓	✓	✓
Device encryption ¹²	✓	✓	✓	✓
BitLocker ¹³		✓	✓	✓
Credential Guard ¹⁴			✓	✓
Device Guard			✓	✓
Trusted Boot	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Device Health Attestation service ¹⁶	✓	✓	✓	✓

Windows fundamentals

Core features included in Windows

Domain Join		✓	✓	✓
Azure Active Directory Domain Join, with single sign-on to cloud-hosted apps ¹⁶		✓	✓	✓
Enterprise Mode Internet Explorer (EMIE)		✓	✓	✓
Remote Desktop		✓	✓	✓
Client Hyper-V		✓	✓	✓
Windows to Go			✓	✓
BranchCache			✓	✓

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	Mobile	Mobile Enterprise
User customizable Start screen and Action Center	✓	✓
Voice, touch, and gesture	✓	✓
Continuum for phones ¹⁷	✓	✓
Cortana ¹⁸	✓	✓
Microsoft Edge with reading view, PDF reader	✓	✓
Outlook Mail, Calendar, Office and OneDrive for Business pre-installed	✓	✓
Remote Desktop	✓	✓

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Mobile device management	✓	✓
Conditional access	✓	✓
Windows Store for Business	✓	✓
Side-loading of LOB apps	Limit of 20 self-signed apps	Unlimited self-signed apps
AppLocker	✓	✓
Dynamic Provisioning	✓	✓
Assigned Access	✓	✓
Background apps for IoT	✓	✓
Manage updates		✓
Current Branch for Business		✓
Control telemetry		✓

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Trusted Boot	✓	✓
Hardware based Credential Protection	✓	✓
BitLocker	✓	✓
Windows Hello ¹⁹	✓	✓
Windows Hello companion device ²⁰	✓	✓
Support for Biometrics	✓	✓
Azure AD device join and single sign-on to cloud-hosted apps	✓	✓
Windows Information Protection ²¹	✓	✓
Data separation and containment	✓	✓
Device Guard	✓	✓
App triggered VPN	✓	✓
FIPS 140 and Common Criteria certified ²²	✓	✓

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Buy Windows software or devices

How to purchase Windows for your business

Microsoft offers several ways to purchase software and devices for your business

How to purchase multiple software licenses

If you need multiple software licenses contact a partner.

How to purchase multiple devices

If you are looking to buy several devices, you can find a partner or work directly with the Microsoft Store Sales team.

- 1 - Limited to Continuum-capable phones. External monitor must support HDMI input. App experience varies. Feature may require Continuum-compatible accessories, all sold separately.
- 2 - Cortana available in select markets; experience may vary by region and device. Cortana is disabled in the Education edition.
- 3 - Touch capable tablet or PC required.
- 4 - Hardware dependent; pen accessory may be sold separately.
- 5 - Not all MDM capabilities are available in the Home SKU. MDM requires an MDM product such as Microsoft Intune or other 3rd-party solutions (sold separately).
- 6 - Separate subscription for Azure Active Directory required.
- 7 - Available in select markets. Functionality and apps may vary by market and device.
- 8 - Requires either App-V Server (available at no additional cost as part of [Windows 10 Assessment and Deployment Kit](#)) or System Center Configuration Manager (sold separately).
- 9 - To use Windows Hello with biometrics specialized hardware, including fingerprint reader, illuminated IR sensor, or other biometric sensors is required. Hardware based protection of the Windows Hello credential/keys requires TPM 1.2 or greater; if no TPM exists or is configured, credentials/keys protection will be software-based.
- 10 - Companion devices must be paired with Windows 10 PC's via Bluetooth. To use a Windows Hello companion device that enables the user to roam with their Windows Hello credentials requires Pro or Enterprise 13- edition on the Windows 10 PC being signed into.
- 11 - Windows Information Protection, formerly Enterprise Data Protection (EDP), requires either Mobile Device Management (MDM) or System Center Configuration Manager to manage settings. Active Directory makes management easier, but is not required.
- 12 - Requires InstantGo or device that passes the device encryption HCK test.
- 13 - Requires TPM 1.2 or greater for TPM based key protection.
- 14 - Requires UEFI 2.3.1 or greater with Trusted Boot; Virtualization Extensions such as Intel VT-x, AMD-V, and SLAT must be enabled; x64 version of Windows; IOMMU, such as Intel VT-d, AMD-Vi; BIOS Lockdown; TPM 2.0 recommended for device health attestation (will use software if TPM 2.0 not present)
- 15 - Windows Device Health Attestation Service can be used for conditional access scenarios which may be enabled by Mobile Device Management solutions (e.g.: Microsoft Intune) and other types of management systems (e.g.: SCCM).
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- 22 - Microsoft has received [Common Criteria certification for Windows 10](#) Mobile running on Lumia 950, 950 XL, 550, 635, giving customers assurance that security controls and cryptographic functionality is implemented properly.