

Windows 10 End of Life - 5/13/2023

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For those who still have PCs running Windows 10, Microsoft recently broke the news announcing that the current version of Windows 10, 22H2, released in October 2022, is the final feature update. Google “windows client roadmap update” for a link to their news update.

Microsoft also stated that all support for Windows 10 Home, Pro, Enterprise and Education, including security updates, will end for users on October 14, 2025. Windows 10 was released in 2015, and this end-of-life date was announced in 2021, so there has been plenty of time to plan for change. Running Windows 10 after October 14, 2025, is not recommended.

For those of you who have attended OTLC Windows 11 classes, this is old news and of little concern. For some, this is end-of-life is not good news since older hardware will not run Windows 11, which has higher hardware requirements that exclude many older PCs and laptops.

Recommendation: determine if your computer can be upgraded; if so, upgrade to Windows 11. This is the easiest option.

If your computer cannot be upgraded, the next easiest option is to purchase a new computer with Windows 11 pre-installed and then transfer your files to the new computer. Other options to consider are other hardware platforms, such as Chromebooks, Macs, or Linux, though there are new learning curves associated with all of the options.

In any case, you may consider doing nothing until closer to October 14, 2025, and then examining the options before you. For an electronic copy of this article, visit oakmont-learning.org under “Tech Articles”.