

Notes on Windows and Such

1. Windows 10 is scheduled to release July 29, the official line: *Windows 10 will be a free upgrade to existing Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows Phone 8.1 devices that upgrade within a year of its release.*
2. Furthermore Microsoft states “once a qualified Windows device is upgraded to Windows 10, we will continue to keep it up to date for the supported lifetime of the device, keeping it more secure, and introducing new features and functionality over time – for no additional charge.”
3. You can reserve a copy now, to be installed when it becomes available. A new icon in your notification tray may appear—an offer to reserve a free copy of Windows 10.
4. Microsoft explains what you’ll lose by upgrading to Windows 10. Say goodbye to Windows Media Center and control over your updates. <http://www.theverge.com/>
5. A DVD option for Windows 10 is coming "**later this year**". In the meantime, to watch a DVD, you can download VLC. <http://vlc.com/>
6. The worst news: you won't be able to turn off automatic updates, so when the update to the subscription-based Windows version comes out around 2018, your free version is lost.
7. Windows 10 comes with Windows Defender which is good anti-virus protection. However, it won't scan excluded files, which makes the PC vulnerable to malware.
8. Windows comes with a magnifier. You can also increase the print size in some programs: Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Word, Excel, Adobe Reader, OpenOffice. Some programs will magnify/demagnify with ctrl +/-.
9. Cut, Copy, Paste (ctrl x,c,v) are time savers (try right click). Also Undo and Redo (ctrl z,y).
10. If you make a file to store your IDs and Passwords on your computer, on Windows 10 click on the box “Save with password” in the “Save As” window when storing the file, so only you can retrieve it. In Word 2010 click File/Info/Protect Document/Encrypt with Password.
11. Start/Control Panel has three modes: Category, Large and Small Icons. If you don't see what you want in Category mode, click on the title of the Category that seems to cover the topic that you are interested in, to see the topics that it covers. The Large and Small Icon modes show all the topics.