

Windows

February 15, 2023

Windows

Jeld-Wen

Andersen Windows

Pella Windows

Milgard Windows ...

Alside Excalibur ...

Marvin ...

Ply Gem Windows ...

Harvey Building Products ...

Windows



Microsoft confirms a Windows 11 bug is crashing some apps on Intel PCs

Mayank Parmar - February 9, 2023

Microsoft recently released several updates for Windows 11 and 10 as part of its Patch Tuesday cycle. After updates began widely rolling out, users have reported some apps crashing at launch on Intel hardware,...

Read more

Windows

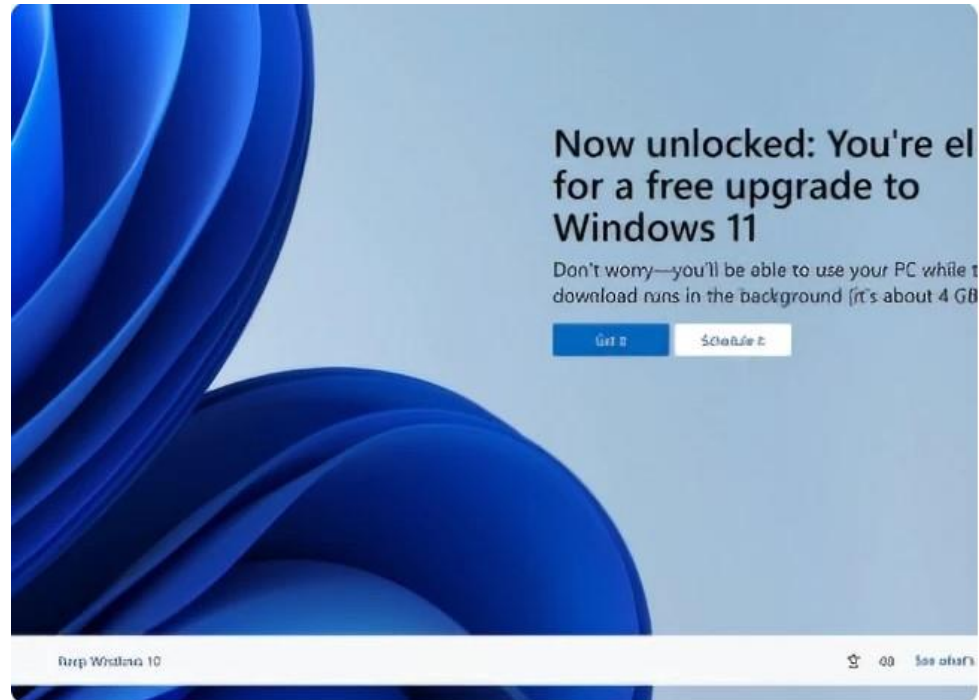


Windows 10 installation bug accidentally forces users to buy Microsoft 365

Mayank Parmar - February 4, 2023

Windows 10 has again started displaying a full-screen pop-up that takes up the whole screen (similar to the first boot experience) and attempts to sell Microsoft 365. The pop-up itself isn't new, but there's...

Windows

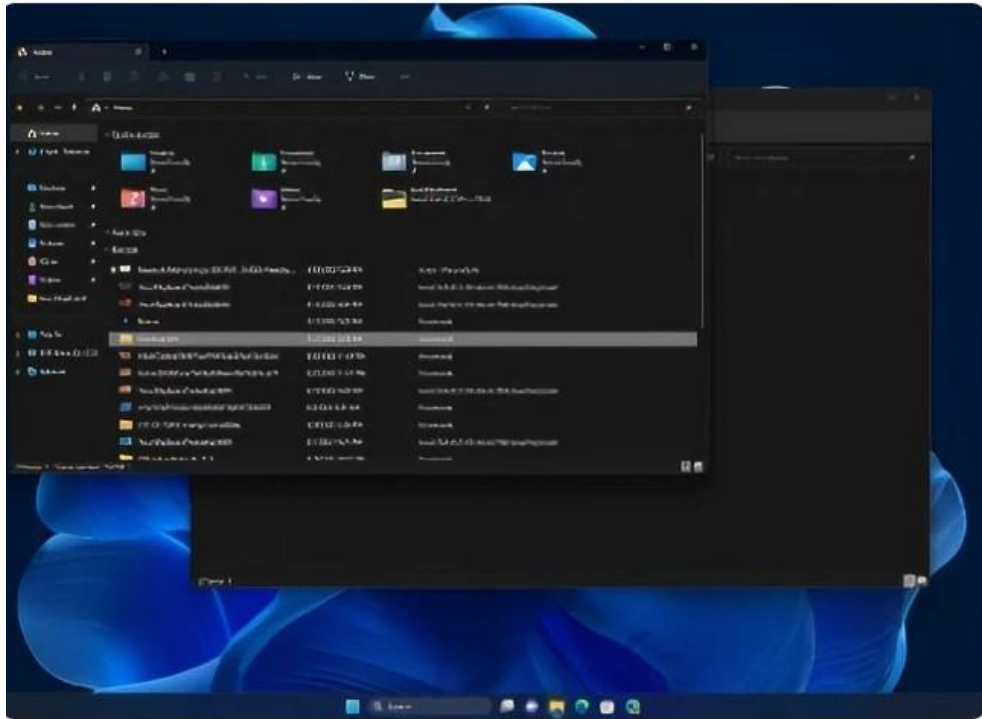


Windows 10 is nagging users with full-screen Windows 11 “free upgrade” notifications

Mayank Parmar - February 2, 2023

Windows 10's full-screen nags are back! Microsoft is bombarding Windows 10 users with "Now unlocked: You're eligible for a free upgrade to Windows 11" alerts. After installing the recent updates, users have started receiving full-screen Windows...

Windows



Windows 11 File Explorer's new feature lets you drag a tab to open it...

Mayank Parmar - February 2, 2023

Tabs have been part of all web browsers and were recently added to two Windows 11 apps - File Explorer and Notepad. In its first significant update to Windows 11, Microsoft brought tabs to...

[Read more](#)

Windows



End of an era: Microsoft stops selling Windows 10

Mayank Parmar - February 1, 2023

The end of an era is upon us, as Windows 10 is slowly being retired after more than eight years of launch. Announced in 2015, the official retirement of Windows 10 is on October...

[Read more](#)

Windows



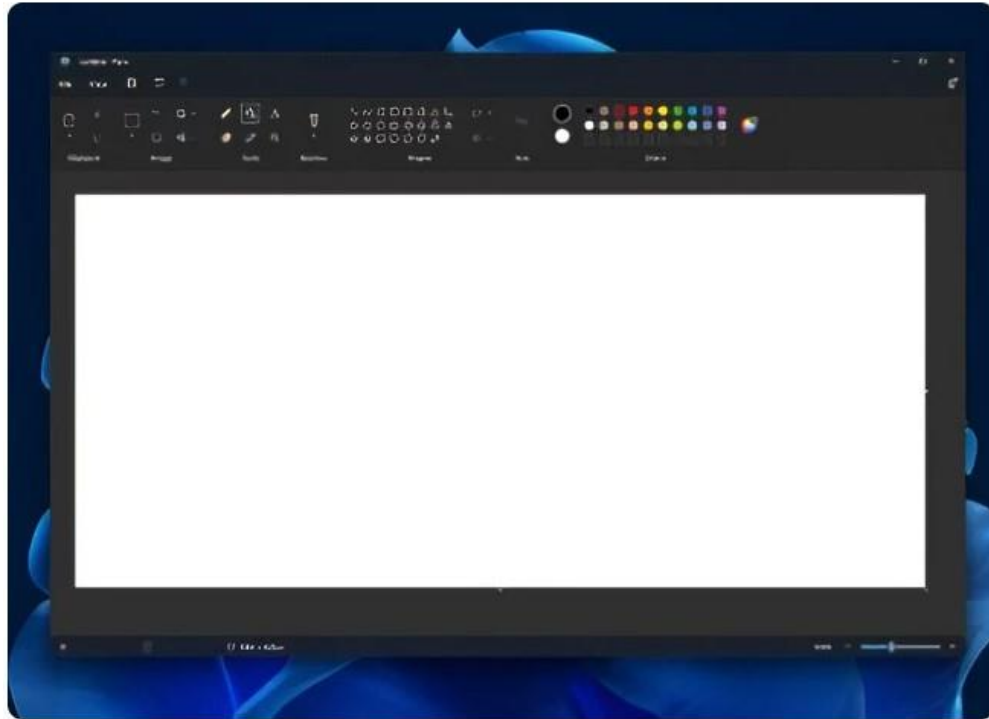
Microsoft: Windows 11 22H2 automatic update won't force reboot systems

Mayank Parmar - January 31, 2023

Microsoft has started forcibly installing Windows 11 22H2 on systems still on Windows 11 21H2 (the original release). Version 21H2 won't reach the end of the service period until at least October 3, but...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Our first look at Windows 11's redesigned MS Paint with unreleased dark mode

Mayank Parmar - January 30, 2023

Microsoft Paint, otherwise known as just 'Paint', is the famous drawing app that's been included in all versions of Windows. MS paint was one of the first apps to receive a significant redesign on...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Windows 11 users are wrestling with yet another Windows Update installation bug

Mayank Parmar - January 30, 2023

According to posts in the Feedback Hub, Windows 11 updates are failing to install for some folks, a problem that has been going on for several months. This issue can also be reproduced when...

[Read more](#)

Windows



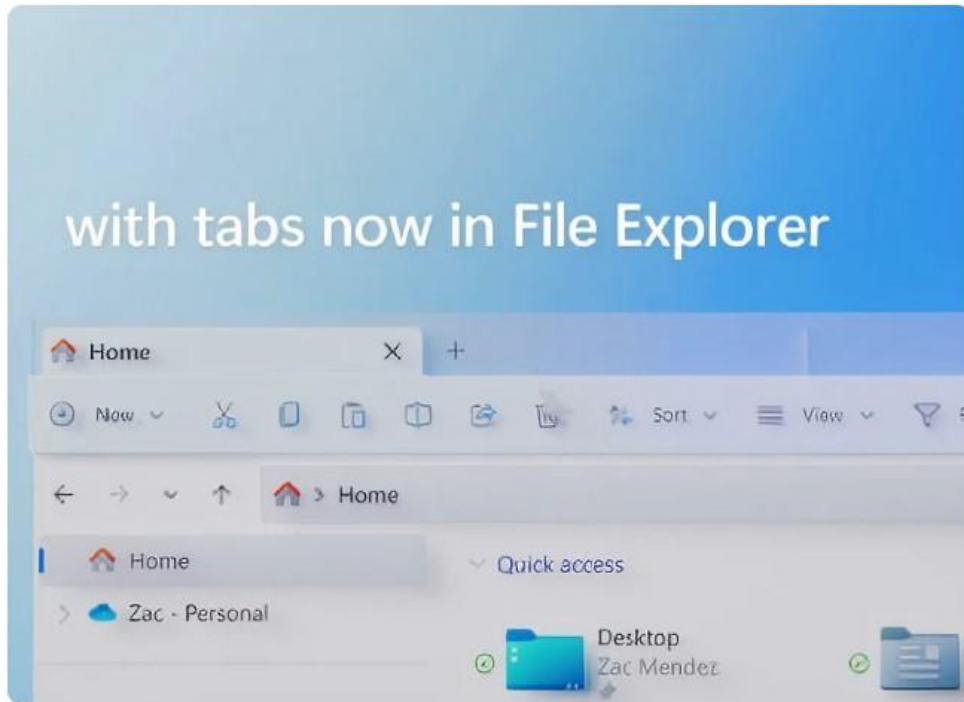
Windows 11 could soon let you run an in place upgrade without installation media

Mayank Parmar - January 30, 2023

For many years, an in-place upgrade was something IT companies performed to grab the "free upgrade to Windows 10" offer. Over time, consumers also started to prefer in-place upgrades to "fix" issues with the...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Windows 11 update leak: Modern volume mixer, experiment tool, and a new File Explorer

Mayank Parmar - January 30, 2023

Windows 11 is due for another big update later in 2023. While we've had a good idea of what's coming next to the OS, thanks to the preview build release notes, it looks like...

[Read more](#)

Windows



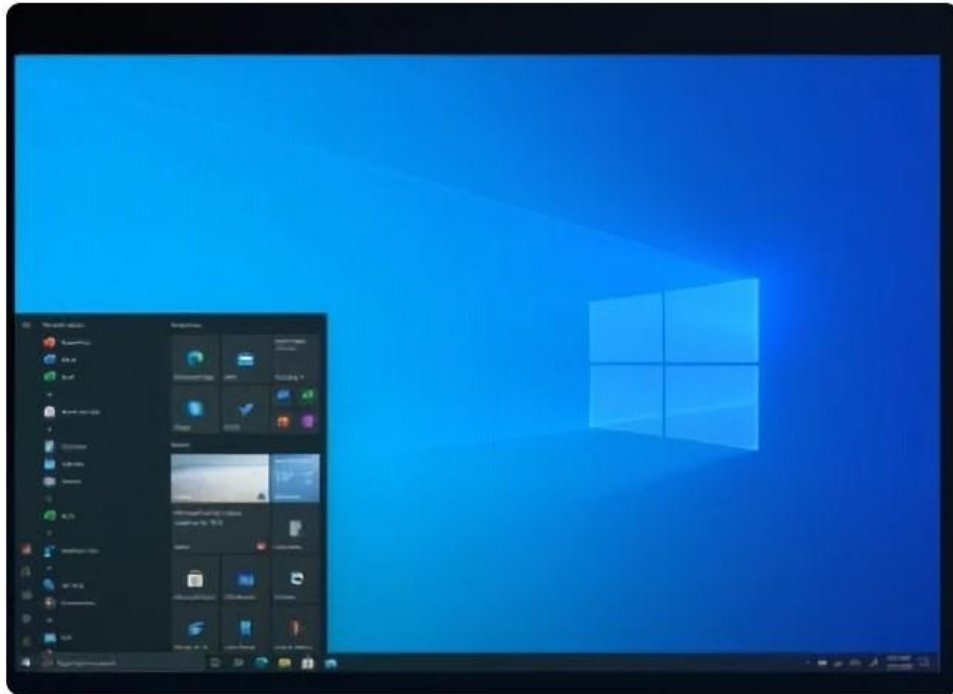
Windows 11 22H2 update brings full-screen widgets to all PCs

Mayank Parmar - January 29, 2023

We have good news if you like the widgets board but need a better view of the widgets in Windows 11. Microsoft is rolling out a new update that enables full-screen widgets mode in...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Microsoft is not planning to kill off Windows 10 downloads (installation media)

Mayank Parmar - January 26, 2023

Microsoft has confirmed that it would stop selling Windows 10 product keys/licenses on February 1, which means the 31st of January would be the last day to buy a copy of the old OS....

[Read more](#)

Windows



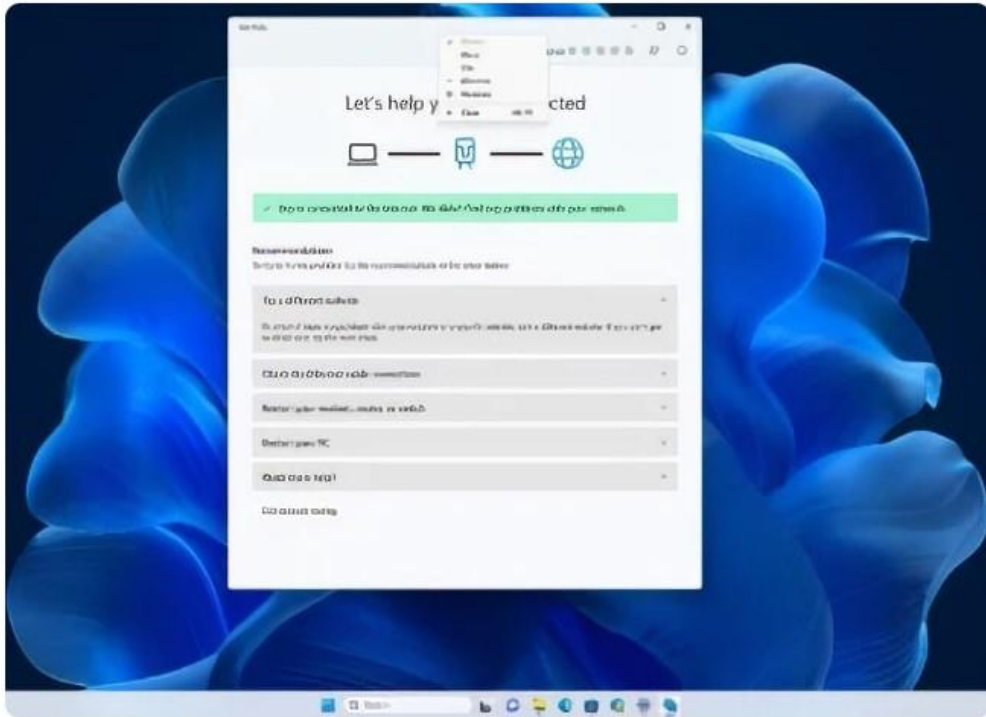
Windows 11 is getting a new file system (ReFS), but Microsoft won't ditch NTFS

Mayank Parmar - January 24, 2023

Windows computers are pre-formatted to NTFS, including storage drives in laptops, external hard drives and USB sticks. Microsoft could be planning to bring ReFS (a new file system) to replace NTFS on specific systems,...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Windows 11 is getting a new API-powered feature to troubleshoot network issues

Mayank Parmar - January 18, 2023

When your Windows PC has network issues, it isn't always immediately apparent where the problem is. It's easy to imagine that your ISP is having issues. However, networking on Windows laptops is not always...

[Read more](#)

Windows



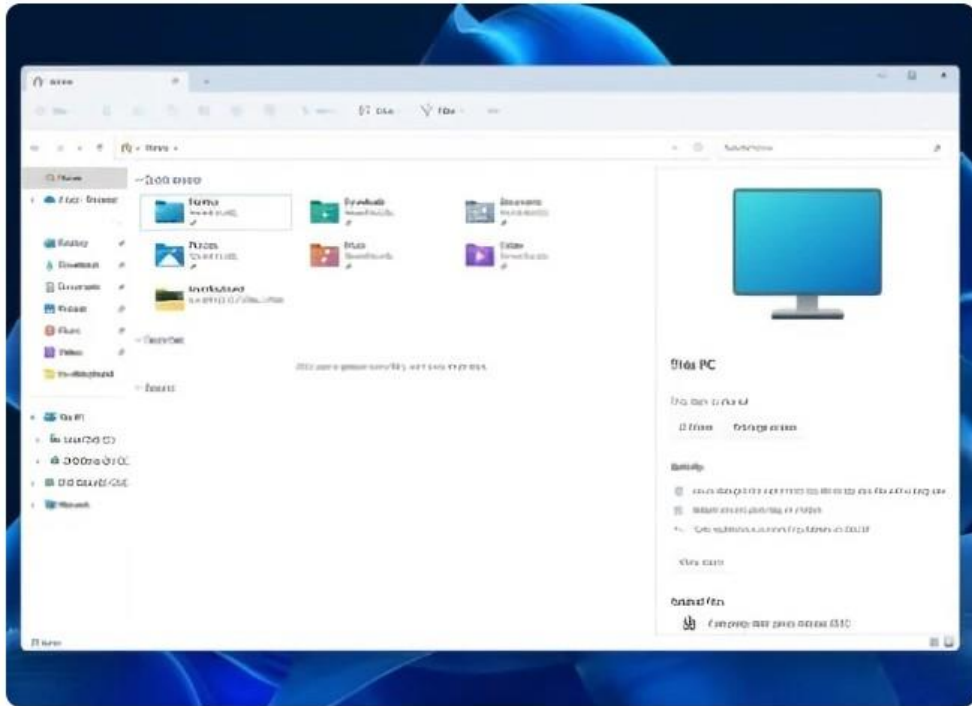
Windows 11's new experiment forces Microsoft Edge rounded corners everywhere

Mayank Parmar - January 15, 2023

Microsoft Edge's latest version comes with an exciting but weird change that lets you experience Windows 11's rounded corners feature in its full glory. Microsoft has published a new version of Edge Canary with...

[Read more](#)

Windows



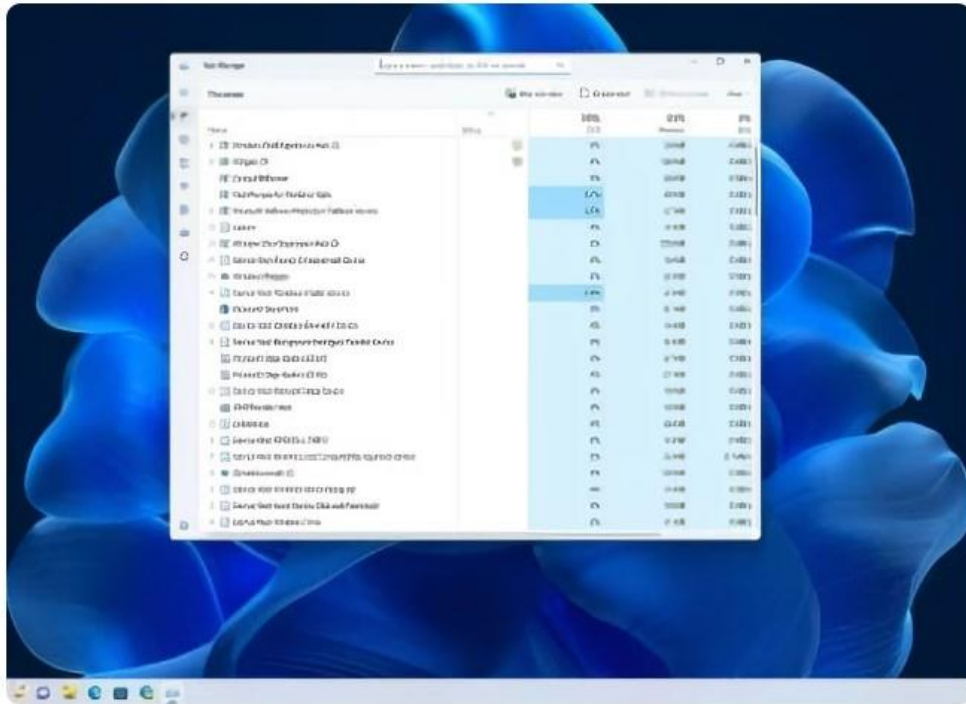
Hands on with Windows 11's new leaked File Explorer with modern design

Mayank Parmar - January 13, 2023

It's been nearly one and half a year since Microsoft released Windows 11 and almost six months since its first big feature update - version 22H2. We're expecting another major update to drop any...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Windows 11 Build 25276 released with new Task Manager feature and more

Mayank Parmar - January 12, 2023

Windows 11 Build 25276 is now available for PCs in the Dev Channel of the Windows Insider Program. It is the second preview update of the year, and it includes a couple of new...

[Read more](#)

windows



Windows 10 KB5022282 (22H2) is out with BSOD fix, here's everything new

Mayank Parmar - January 12, 2023

Windows 10 KB5022282 is now available for PCs with versions 22H2 and 21H2, and it comes with tons of bug fixes. However, there are no new features in this release. Microsoft is pushing the...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Windows 11 KB5022287 (21H2) released – here's everything new

Mayank Parmar - January 11, 2023

Windows 11 KB5022287 is now available for version 21H2 (original update) with a couple of notable bug fixes. This update is part of Windows 11's January 2023 Patch Tuesday update. You can download it...

[Read more](#)

Windows



Windows 11 KB5022303 (22H2) is out – here's what's new

Mayank Parmar - January 11, 2023

Windows 11 KB5022303 is now available for download on PCs running version 22H2 and it comes with a small set of bug fixes. That's because Microsoft had paused optional updates due to the holiday...

[Read more](#)

Widows

- **The 10 Worst Things About Windows 11**

- **1. Windows 11's Hardware Requirements Are Too Stringent**
- **2. Changing Default Apps in Windows 11 Is Too Hard**
- **3. You Have to Sign in to a Microsoft Account to Use Windows 11**
- **4. Windows 11's Start Menu Is Less Usable Than Windows 10's**
- **5. Windows 11's Taskbar Is Less Helpful Than Windows 10's**
- **6. Windows 11 "Forces" You to Use the Edge Browser**
- **7. Windows 11 Ditches the Action Center, and Its Replacements Stink**
- **8. Windows 11 Is a Step Backward for Tablets**
- **9. You Still Need Third-Party Antivirus With Windows 11**
- **10. Windows 11 Is Not Innovative**

Windows 11's Hardware Requirements Are Too Stringent

- To be fair, many of the hardware requirements for Windows 11 are actually surprisingly *low*—a 1GHz CPU, 4GB of RAM, and 64GB of storage. Those sound like specs from 10 years ago. The real blockers are three specific hardware requirements.
 - 1.The CPU must be recent, from about the last three years.
 - 2.The PC must have a [TPM security chip](#).
 - 3.The computer's firmware must be capable of using Secure Boot.
- Those last two requirements have long come standard on PCs.

Changing Default Apps in Windows 11 Is Too Hard

- To [set a default app in Windows 11](#), you have to individually assign each file type to the app you want to use for it.
- Instead of one setting to change, for example, [CyberLink PhotoDirector](#) to your default photo app for all photographs, you have to go through *all* the file types and protocols a web browser deals with: BMP, DNG, JPG, PNG, TIFF, NEF, and on and on.
- There's no reason for default app settings to be so complicated.

You Have to Sign into a Microsoft Account to Use Windows 11

- Running the Windows 11 Home Edition requires users to sign in to a Microsoft account, which confers several benefits:
 - Single sign-in for Office,
 - Backup to OneDrive,
 - Syncing setting among multiple devices,
 - Full-disk encryption for the system drive, and
 - Ability to reinstall Windows without a serial number.
- People go nuts when they have to sign into a Windows account. Actually, only the Windows 11 Home edition has this requirement.

Windows 11's Start Menu Is Less Usable Than Windows 10's

- With nearly every major new version of Windows, the Start button and Start menu are major points of contention.
- Windows 10 Start menu gets it right and is an underappreciated feature.
- With Windows 10, having everything in the lower-left corner means the menu isn't covering apps running in the middle of the screen.
- Fortunately, you can left-align Windows 11's Start button if you dig into Settings.

Windows 11's Taskbar Is Less Helpful Than Windows 10's

- With Windows 11's centered taskbar, one problem is that the Start button is *not* centered. It's at the left end of the taskbar, and if you open more apps, its position changes.
- Thankfully, there's a fix for this annoyance. Go into Taskbar Settings and change it to left alignment.

Windows 11 "Forces" You to Use the Edge Browser

- Some Windows 11 users are complaining that they're now [forced to use Microsoft Edge](#) as their [web browser](#).
- This complaint has garnered more than its fair share of noise, *but it's misleading*.
- You can use any web browser you choose on Windows 11, though some limited OS functions like the built-in search and weather features do automatically open Edge.

Windows 11 Ditches the Action Center, and Its Replacements Stink

- The Windows 10 Action Center is one of the best Windows additions in many years, but in Windows 11, it's gone, replaced by a potpourri of separate settings and notification panels.

Windows 11 Is a Step Backward for Tablets

- Windows 11 doesn't always reliably switch to the new, watered-down tablet mode, either, meaning that the on-screen keyboard doesn't appear when I tap on a text box.

You Still Need Third-Party Antivirus With Windows 11

- Just like other Antivirus products, it depends on who you survey on this.
- Windows has spent vast amounts of resources on this.
- It still ranks very high within the industry.

Windows 11 Is Not Innovative

- Windows 11 is simply parroting Chrome OS and macOS.
- That's not a good reason for an OS upgrade.
- If you want to make a Chrome OS clone to go after the education market, create a separate OS rather than skinning your main product to look like it.