**[Before you begin](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10/?7d5c905c-2314-414e-8702-8441e26eb0ae=True)**

1. Make sure you have:
* An internet connection (internet service provider fees may apply).
* Sufficient data storage available on a computer, USB or external drive for the download.
* A blank USB or DVD (and DVD burner) with at least 4 GB of space if you want to create media. We recommend using a blank USB or blank DVD, because any content on it will be deleted.

Check these things on the PC where you want to install Windows 10:

* **64-bit or 32-bit processor (CPU).** You’ll create either the 64-bit or 32-bit version of Windows 10 that’s appropriate for your CPU. To check this on your PC, go to**PC info** in PC settings or **System** in Control Panel, and look for **System type**.
* **System requirements.** See the [**system requirements**](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-specifications) before installing Windows 10. We also recommend that you visit your PC manufacturer's website for info about updated drivers and hardware compatibility.
* **Language in Windows.** You'll need to choose the same language when you install Windows 10. To see what language you're currently using, go to **Time and language** in PC settings or **Region** in Control Panel.
* **Edition of Windows.** You should also choose the same edition of Windows. To check what edition you're currently running, go to **PC info** in PC settings or**System** in Control Panel, and look for **Windows edition**. Windows 10 Enterprise isn’t available here. Please see the [**Volume Licensing Service Center**](https://www.microsoft.com/licensing/servicecenter/default.aspx) for more information.
* **Microsoft Office products.** If you just purchased a new device that includes Office 365, we recommend redeeming (installing) Office before upgrading to Windows 10. To redeem your copy of Office, please see [**Download and install Office 365 Home, Personal, or University on your PC**](https://support.office.com/article/Download-and-install-Office-365-Home-Personal-or-University-on-your-PC-7a28382b-7015-4b5a-9d9b-650d15742c95). For more information, check[**How to upgrade to Windows 10 on new devices that include Office 365**](https://support.office.com/article/How-to-upgrade-to-Windows-10-on-new-devices-that-include-Office-365-6176455a-d152-4c3b-a2fa-723d1f6980f0).

If you have Office 2010 or earlier and choose to perform a clean install of Windows 10, you will need to locate your Office product key. For tips on locating your product key, check [**Find your Office 2010 product key**](https://products.office.com/2010-microsoft-office-suites-license-designations) or [**Enter the product key for your Office 2007 program.**](https://support.office.com/article/Enter-the-product-key-for-your-Office-2007-program-fabe03d9-fbc3-452e-8fd4-d1c2e661d518)

1. [**Download the Media Creation Tool Here**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/uar03hos0x8esk2/MediaCreationTool.exe?dl=0)

[**Perform a clean installation using a USB or DVD**](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10/?34de222e-6944-44aa-8f45-8e96988880a4=True)

Follow these instructions to perform a clean installation of Windows 10. If you want to upgrade to Windows 10 for free, follow the instructions in the**Upgrade to Windows 10 using the tool** section. If you haven’t upgraded to Windows 10 yet and perform a clean installation, you’ll need to enter a qualifying product key for Windows 7, Windows 8.1 or Windows 10 or buy a license in order to activate Windows 10. Click [**here**](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/Windows-10-specifications#upgrade) for information on qualified editions.

**Warning**

If you format a drive partition during installation, any data on the partition will be erased. Be sure to back up any data you want to keep before you begin.

1. Run the media creation tool.
2. Select **Create installation media for another PC**.
3. Choose the language, edition, and architecture (64-bit or 32-bit) for Windows 10.
4. Follow the steps to create the installation media, and then select **Finish** when it’s done.
5. When you’re ready to perform a clean installation, turn on your PC, insert the DVD or USB flash drive you created, and then shut down your PC.
6. Restart your PC, and then press any key to boot from the DVD or USB flash drive.

If you restart your PC and your current version of Windows starts, you might have to open a boot menu or change the boot order in your PC's BIOS or UEFI settings so that your PC boots from the media. To open a boot menu or change the boot order, you'll typically need to press a combination of keys (such as F2, F12, Delete, or Esc) immediately after you turn on your PC. For instructions on changing the boot order for your PC, check the documentation that came with your PC or go to the manufacturer's website.

If changing the boot menu or order doesn't work, try again by signing in to Windows, shutting down, and then starting your PC.

1. On the **Install Windows** page, enter your language and other preferences, and then select **Next**.
2. Select **Install Windows**.
3. On the **Enter the product key to activate Windows** page, click on SKIP.
4. On the **License terms** page, if you accept the license terms, select **I accept the license terms**, and then select **Next**.
5. On the **Which type of installation do you want?** page, select **Custom**.
6. On the **Where do you want to install Windows?** page, select the partition that you want, select the formatting option you want to perform (if needed), and then follow the instructions.
7. When you've finished formatting, select **Next**.
8. Follow the rest of the setup instructions to finish installing Windows.