

Windows 10 Expected To Hit 1 Billion Users In 2020

Yesterday, Microsoft [announced](#) Windows 10 is now available [on more than 900 million devices](#). The figure includes standard Windows 10 desktops and laptops, as well as the Xbox and niche devices such as Microsoft's HoloLens and the Surface Hub.

The company added more new Windows 10 devices over the last year than ever before, [claimed](#) Yusuf Mehdi, corporate VP of the Modern Life, Search and Devices group at Microsoft. More than 50% of all PCs are now running the operating system, a milestone achieved after four years of its release.

[The world's third most valuable brand](#) first released Windows 10 back in 2015, and since then has continued to update the system with improved features. In April, support was added for Android notifications to the operating system, a feature part of Preview Build 18885. Additionally in July, the company introduced the "passwordless sign-in" feature, in an attempt to adopt modern authentication with Windows Hello Face, Fingerprint, or PIN.

The software has seen notable growth in recent months, with installations in over 800 million devices as of March, up from 700 million devices in September last year. At the current development rate, the one billion users milestone is most likely to be achieved in the next year. [The momentum also follows the termination of Windows 7 updates](#).

Introduced in October 2009, Windows 7 support will be terminated on January 14 next year at the end of the committed 10-year period. Technical assistance and software updated from Windows Update that offers PC protection will also no longer be available for the product after that date - a move that will encourage users to shift to the company's latest operating system.

In response to a recent [Windows 10 quality control issue](#), Microsoft has confirmed that it is changing the update experience, which will inform users of updates not mandatory to install. The new optional update control is forecasted to be released in spring next year, simultaneously with the scheduled Windows 10 20H1 upgrade.

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