

General Discussion of Upgrade to Windows 10

- Focus is on the process not the benefits.
- As of today over 10 upgrades performed.
 - 3 here at the library
 - All others on personal workstations
- Free windows upgrade only works on activated Win7 and Win 8
- Link to see if your PC is eligible. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-specifications>
- Clean install not possible with the current ISO
 - If you want to upgrade to Windows 10 for free, you need to use the **Upgrade this PC now** option. If you haven't upgraded to Windows 10 yet and perform a clean installation, you'll need to enter a product key or buy a license in order to activate Windows 10.
 - Windows XP or VISTA is possible after purchasing a Win10 product key.
 - Recommendation: Don't do it.
- The media creation tool can be used to upgrade your current PC to Windows 10 or to create a USB or DVD and install Windows 10 on a different PC.
 - <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=616935> Link to 32 bit update
 - <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=616936> Link to 64 bit update

What should be done before you start?

- Clean up the PC to be upgraded. Remove all unwanted programs, empty recycle bin, delete history files.
- Run all the Windows updates available for the OS.
- My Personal Recommendations:
 - For a desktop or laptop, purchase a solid state drive. A 250GB drive costs around \$100.
 - After cleanup of PC, CLONE the drive to what would be an external SSD.
 - This gives a fallback position to current OS.
 - Swap out the current hard drive for the SSD.
 - Perform the upgrade on the SSD.
- Have ready a Microsoft ID that has already been created to get all the features.
 - Not REQUIRED
- Have either a cell phone that can get text or a PC/tablet with an e-mail address that can receive the authentication codes to enter in the upgrade process.

Experience:

- Shortest time to upgrade was 3 hours.
- Longest time to upgrade was 10+ hours.
- While never attempted it is possible to downgrade from Win10
- Finally a link to "Should I upgrade to Windows10?"
<http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/feature/windows/should-i-upgrade-windows-10-advice-better-good-3618139/>