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Thread: [Questions I Have Before Upgrading To Windows 10](#)

Underworldproblem - May 24, 2016, 12:29 pm

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Thank you for answering these questions.

Gt403cyl - May 24, 2016, 2:53 pm

To keep this short,

If you upgrade via Windows update you will not need to update drivers (although the it would be a good idea to check for updates after).

It will not format the drive unless you specify to.

If you do the free upgrade (only valid for a month or 2 longer) you will not need a key.

If you are going to do a factory reset I would do it before upgrading it will shorten the time it takes to upgrade as there will be less the process has to look at.

It doesn't take too long to upgrade but it really depends on the build faster machine obviously go faster.....

Granny Bacon - May 24, 2016, 2:56 pm

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Gt403cyl - May 24, 2016, 3:10 pm

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Win 10 is no worse than 7 or 8.1..... Regarding privacy...
It amazes me how many people are still living in fear of this.

Also for anyone who games DX12 will ONLY work on W10 so not sure how to explain it other than suck it up and learn how to disable the features that you don't want just like any other Windows OS since 3.1.

Underworldproblem - May 24, 2016, 4:44 pm

Can I reinstall Windows 10 on my PC after upgrading?

Yes. Once you've upgraded to Windows 10 using the free upgrade offer, you can reinstall or perform a clean installation on the same device. You won't need a product key to re-activate Windows 10 on the same hardware. For more info on how to create your own Windows 10 installation media, go to the Microsoft software download website.

Can anyone here confirm that it won't ask me for a product key, if I upgrade to Windows 10 first, then do a fresh install?

webdev77 - May 24, 2016, 5:39 pm

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Thank you for answering these questions.

1. Yes you really should be upgrading.
2. No reinstalling needed. Updating your graphics driver is recommended, but you don't need to reinstall. You won't lose any data.
3. Update then do it. It honestly shouldn't matter though.
4. Just be sure you have the newest graphics driver installed after you are all done.
5. No. As long as windows is properly activated before hand, it will remain active after.
6. Not really. I wouldn't reinstall anything unless a program won't work without it.
7. Your mileage will vary. Fast hard drives allow it to be done in 15 minutes. Slower drives can take up to two or more hours.

Underworldproblem - May 24, 2016, 7:53 pm

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Gt403cyl - May 24, 2016, 8:17 pm

(May 24, 2016 07:53 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What about Intel Rapid Storage Technology and Realtek HD Audio Manager? Will they be automatically installed after I do a fresh install not an upgrade or will I have to manually install them?

They will still be there no worries.

Underworldproblem - May 24, 2016, 9:45 pm

If you use the media creation tool, and completely empty out my partitions, will all my drivers be gone and forced to be manually re-installed?

Judicious? - May 24, 2016, 10:00 pm

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 1. Would you recommend that I stick with Windows 8.1 or switch over to Windows 10? If you had Windows 7 I would probably suggest you stick with that. But you don't. You have Windows 8.1. So yes I would suggest you upgrade.

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do I have to re-install drivers and will I lose my data if I upgrade to Windows 10? The answer is most likely no. But in rare cases it does happen. I would always suggest you backup your sensitive data to an external device and backup your updated drivers to this drive as well (You should already be doing this).

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 3. If I want to do a factory reset, should I upgrade to Windows 10 first and then do it, or do it while I have Windows 8.1 and then upgrade to Windows 10? You can wait until you're in 10. But doing it before then will greatly speed up the process. Whatever you do just make sure you at least uninstall the main antivirus before making the jump.

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 4. If I factory reset do I have to download any MOBO, audio, graphics card drivers, etc? I have a Nvidia GTX 770 and a Gigabyte Z87-D3HP. Nothing really for the motherboard (but there may be a bios update) — You should definitely update the graphics card driver using the GeForce experience found via nvideas support page.

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 5. If I factory reset after upgrading to Windows 10, do I need a product key or something? No because this is done via the reset and refresh pc functionality. No product key is needed. The process is just like on Windows 8.1.

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 6. If I do a factory reset do I need to re-install Java, Microsoft Redistributable Packages, and drivers/ things of that nature? It usually brings a lot of stuff with it just fine. However I would suggest you make sure Java is up to date by downloading the latest version at java.com (and yes remove the outdated versions of Java if it prompts to do so) as well as flash is up to date: <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer> and reader as well <http://get.adobe.com/reader>

(May 24, 2016 12:29 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 7. How long does it take to upgrade? It's somewhat long. 2-3 hours tops. It really depends on a couple things. Speed of hard drive, the processor you have and amount of ram as well as internet connection speed. The longest I've seen it run for is 2 days and that was over some crappy satellite internet.

(May 24, 2016 09:45 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you use the media creation tool, and completely empty out my partitions, will all my drivers be gone and forced to be manually re-installed? No. Just click the upgrade. Unless you're installing via the iso on a disc then no-everything will still be right where it was. However, you should always backup your important stuff before upgrading.

Underworldproblem - May 25, 2016, 8:20 am

If I use the media creation tool, and completely empty out my partitions, will all my drivers be gone such as Graphics Drivers, Bios Driver, Lan Driver, Intel Drivers, etc and will I be forced to be manually re-install them? Like what happens if I do a fresh install and my USB ports don't work

since I don't have the USB Drivers install?

Also, I tried doing this earlier and got this error: Windows cannot be installed to this disk. The selected disk has an MBR partition table.

Judicious? - May 25, 2016, 9:01 am

If you do the fresh install using a boot USB or iso created by the media creation tool then you may need LAN or WIFI drivers depending on your computer. As far as USB the standard non 3.0 USBs should all be useable.

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Judicious? - May 25, 2016, 1:12 pm

(May 25, 2016 12:10 PM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I tried doing this earlier and got this error: Windows cannot be installed to this disk. The selected disk has an MBR partition table.

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Odd. You might need to disable UEFI/secure boot in the bios and enable legacy/csm boot.

Judicious? - May 25, 2016, 2:10 pm

(May 25, 2016 01:13 PM)Shame Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I upgraded from Windows 7 and disliked it so went back to w7. Computer started acting really buggy and saying I may have illegitimate software and then died, with a blue screen and driver failures. Just my experience.

Yeah. It's still a pretty buggy piece of shit depending on what system it's running on and what software you use. I went back to 7 on mine as well.

Underworldproblem - May 29, 2016, 8:14 pm

I just realized that I worried soo much. I literally did a fresh install with the Media Creation tool. Took literally 10 minutes to reinstall the OS. It was fast because of my SSD.

Drivers were already installed, just had to update my GPU driver, reinstall realtek hd audio manager, and intel rapid storage tech, which are kinda useless.

The Supreme Leader - May 29, 2016, 8:17 pm

I had Windows 10 when it first came out and I immediately switched back to 8.1.

It's shit.

sadny1641 - May 29, 2016, 9:25 pm

How is the gaming performance in windows 10?

Underworldproblem - May 30, 2016, 4:56 am

(May 29, 2016 09:25 PM)sadny1641 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How is the gaming performance in windows 10? No difference what so ever in gaming performance.

rivalzone3 - May 31, 2016, 3:01 pm

(May 30, 2016 04:56 AM)? HYFR ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) No difference what so ever in gaming

performance.

I used over the past 2 months Win 7, 8.1, & 10. I have to say this is accurate though i do prefer Win 7 for gaming.