

R.I.P. Windows 7 Now What?

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Today's Agenda

- What happened on Jan 14th?
- What can I do about it?



Jan 14th. Windows 7 is Dead

1. No more Security Updates
2. You can buy three additional years of support for \$50, \$100 for 2021, \$200 for 2022.
3. Is my antivirus/malware software that I paid for enough?



Is my antivirus enough protection?

No. The security vulnerabilities fixed by MS are NOT for malware.

These are flaws in Windows itself and other core Windows apps like Internet Explorer and Edge web browsers.



What can you do?

Buy a new laptop/desktop with Windows 10

Upgrade your laptop (for free) to Win10

Junk Windows entirely and run Linux on your current Win7 machine.



Buying a new laptop/PC

Do not spend over \$400.

Get at least 8GB of RAM

Get a \$15 64GB thumb drive and backup all your photos/documents to put back on your new PC.



Upgrade your current laptop to Win10

Go to:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download>



Join the modern world and run Linux Mint instead of Windows

1. It's free.
2. It looks similar to Win7.
3. Runs awesome on 4GB of ram. Or less.
4. Comes with tons of free high-quality apps - Chrome, Office, etc.
5. At least 2-3 dozen folks in AV are running it.



How do I get Linux Mint?

1. Buy two USB drives. 64GB to back up your files. Another 4-8GB to put LinuxMint on.
2. Download LinuxMint from linuxmint.com
3. Download the usb burner from rufus.ie
4. Burn the 1.9GB iso file onto the smaller USB.



How do I get Linux Mint?

1. Backup your files on the larger USB drive
2. Boot your PC into the BIOS. (this can be hard)
3. Adjust the BIOS initial boot sequence to boot from the USB drive instead of the hard disk
4. Reboot and install linux. And have your wifi password ready.
5. Re-load your pictures and documents.



Start enjoying your PC again!!!

Linux Benefits

1. Rock-solid security. The best there is. No anti-virus SW needed.
2. Automatic updates of OS and apps
3. Tons of excellent quality apps for Office, image editing, movie editing, photoshop-like stuff.
And yes, plenty of Games.



What's the downside?

This option is not for you if you have Windows apps that you've installed on your PC that don't have equivalents on Linux.

Like Garmin, Quickbooks, etc

Note: The Linux LibreOffice is file-compatible with MS Office. Word, Excel, etc.



How popular is Linux?

- All 2 Billion Android phones run Linux
- 99.99% of servers on the internet run Linux
- All Chromebooks run linux

Those numbers dwarf Windows.

And it's open source meaning every part of Linux is peer-reviewed. You have no idea what Windows is actually doing with your privacy.