

Computer Bytes – December 2021 – Windows 11 Upgrade

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Happy Holidays! We hope the season finds you and yours happy and successful, both professionally and personally.

It's been challenging to keep providing articles consistently as I'm happy to complain we've been super busy. That said, I do enjoy sharing and look forward to this helping you out with your computer operations.

Some of you may have noted prompts, alerts, etc. when running Windows updates that read "This PC doesn't currently meet the minimum system requirements to run Windows 11." This message looks a bit scary and can lead to concern for security and compliance on your Windows system(s). For your review, within this message, there are actually links that take you to a Microsoft page that provides the details.

While the message seems intimidating, some systems may actually be pretty far back for the requirements and require extensive upgrades but many just require some simple updates to become compliant so again, don't panic.

Also, and in my opinion more importantly, Windows 10 is just fine for now. Every new release of Windows ends up having issues. I always recommend to let others be the 'testing victims' and work out the issues. You can load once it's cleaned up. To also support our position, Windows 10 is supported until 2024. So – while the new version may be ready and Microsoft is pressing, you have no urgency to upgrade. Heck, some of you may still have Windows 7 or Windows 8 in which case I do recommend you upgrade to Windows 10 for security patches and fixes. You're entitled to the software at no charge with these pre-existing operating systems.

Should you choose to actually go with the Windows 11 upgrade, just be sure you meet compliance requirements and be prepared for the learning curve any new operating system presents.

Once again, this discussion also brings up the side point to run your Windows Updates. Sometimes they can interfere with unique functions and may require 'rollbacks' or disabling specific ones that create issues for you but it's definitely the lesser of evils.

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Until next time, don't forget your backups! For more information, contact Harv Oliver, HANDS-ON Consultations, (805) 524-5278, www.hocsupport.com