

How to upgrade to Windows 11

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If your Windows 10 PC is up to date and meets the [minimum hardware requirements](#), you're eligible to upgrade to Windows 11.

Note: Microsoft says your files and data will transfer during the upgrade, but we recommend backing them up OneDrive. **Learn more about** [OneDrive PC folder Backup](#).

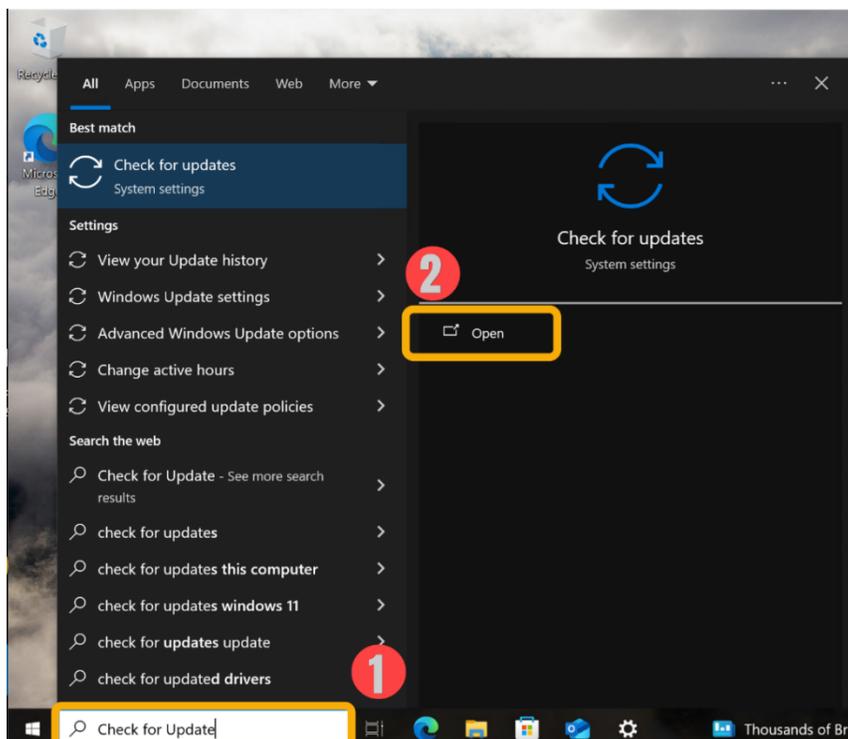
Upgrade Options:

Please start by using the first method. If the first method does not work, please proceed to the second method. If you want to update right away and method one is not available, please use method 2.

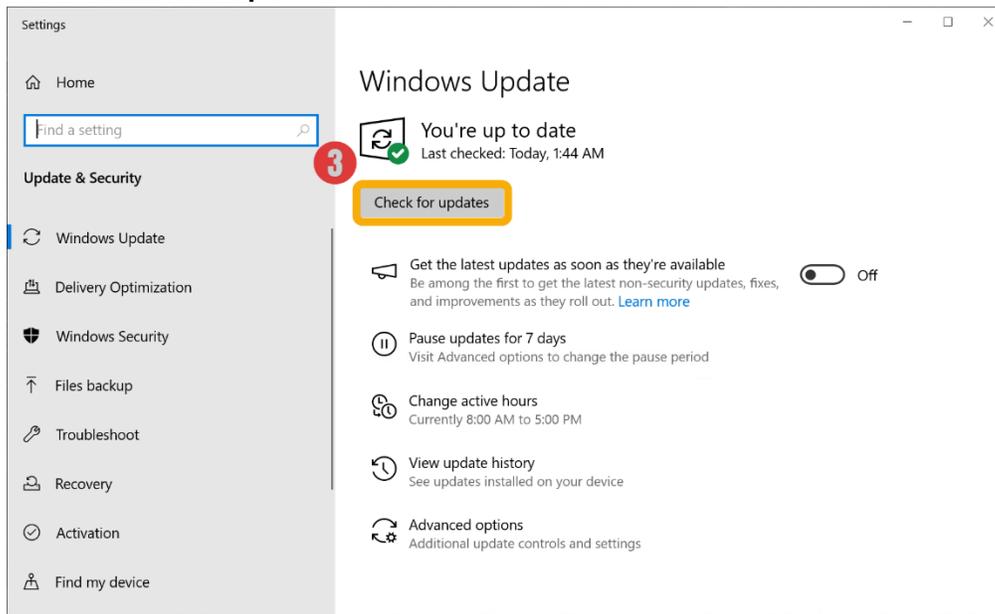
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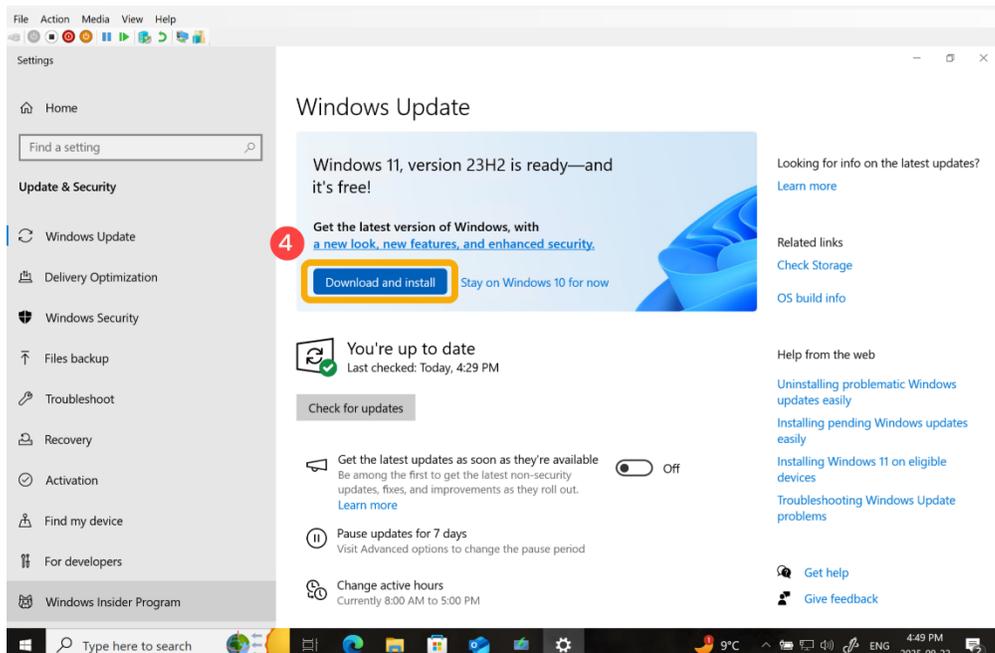
1. In the Windows search bar, type **Check for updates**, then click **Open** from the results.



2. Click Check for updates .

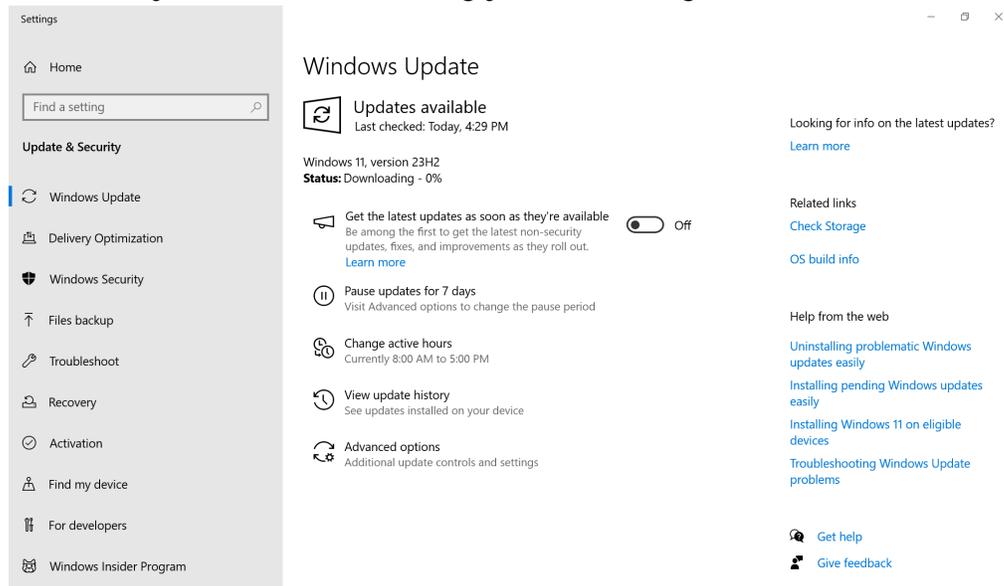


3. If you see a Windows 11 upgrade notification, click **Download and install** to begin.



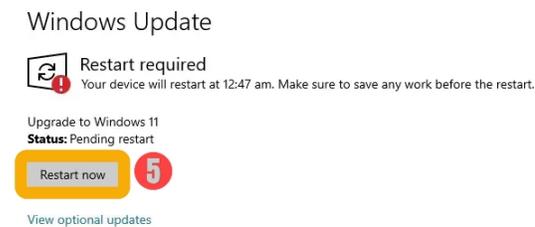
Note: If you don't see the notification yet, Microsoft may still be rolling out the update. You can proceed to Method 2 (further down in the document) if it is not available and you want to install immediately.

4. Windows Update is currently downloading Windows 11. This process may take a while, but you can continue using your PC during the download.



5. Once the download is complete, click **Restart now** to begin installing Windows 11.

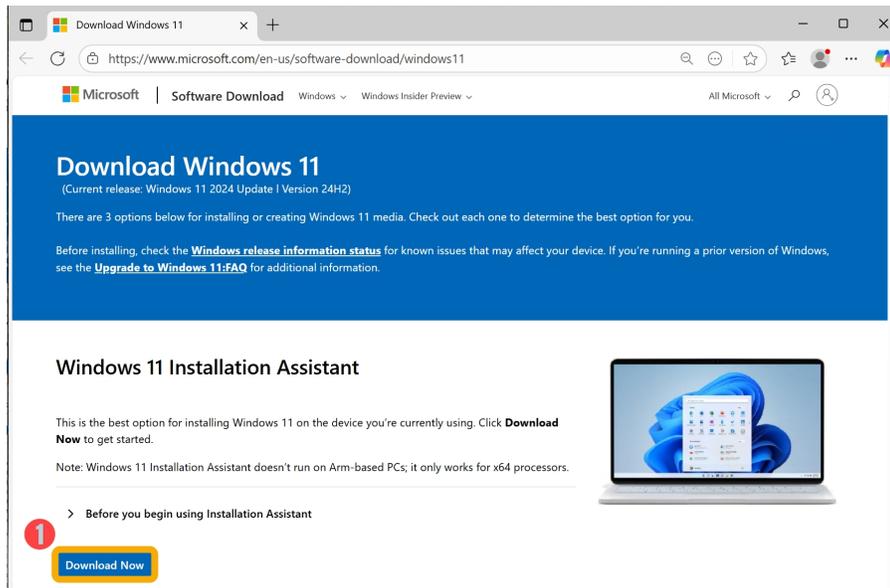
Note: The update process will take some time. Please ensure your AC adapter is connected throughout the update, and do not force shutting down your PC to avoid potential issues.



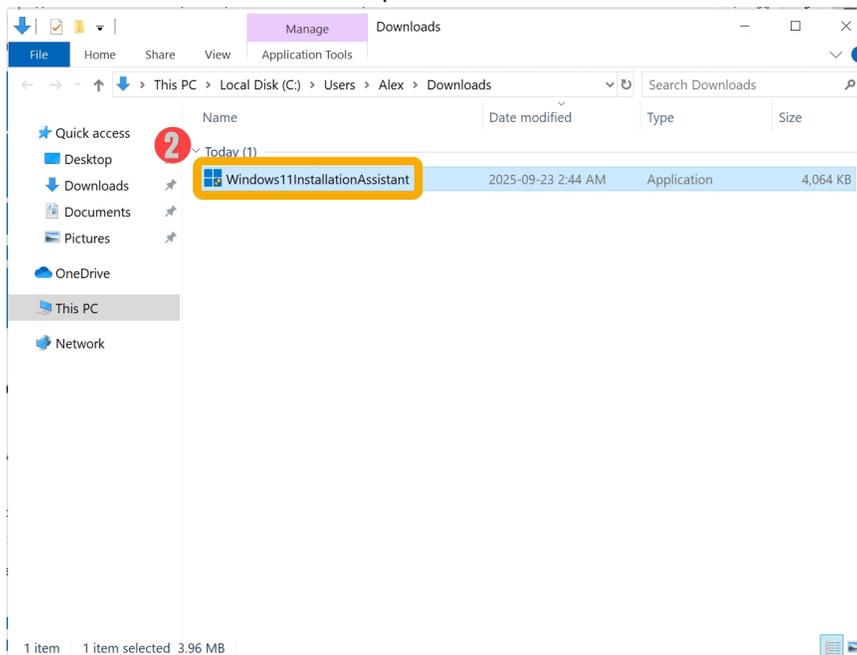
6. After the computer enters the desktop again, it means Windows 11 installation is completed.

Method 2: Use the Windows 11 Installation Assistant

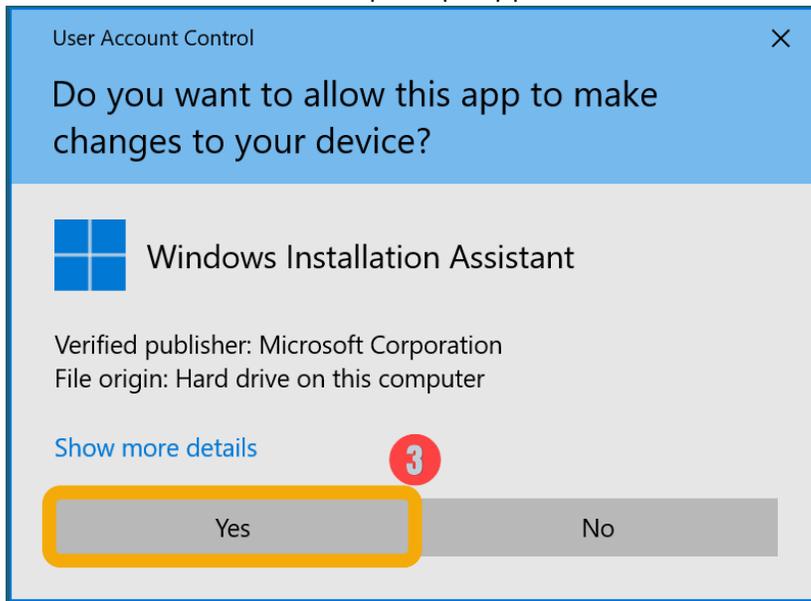
1. Visit the official Microsoft website to [download the Installation Assistant](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows11) tool. Click **Download now** to start the download.



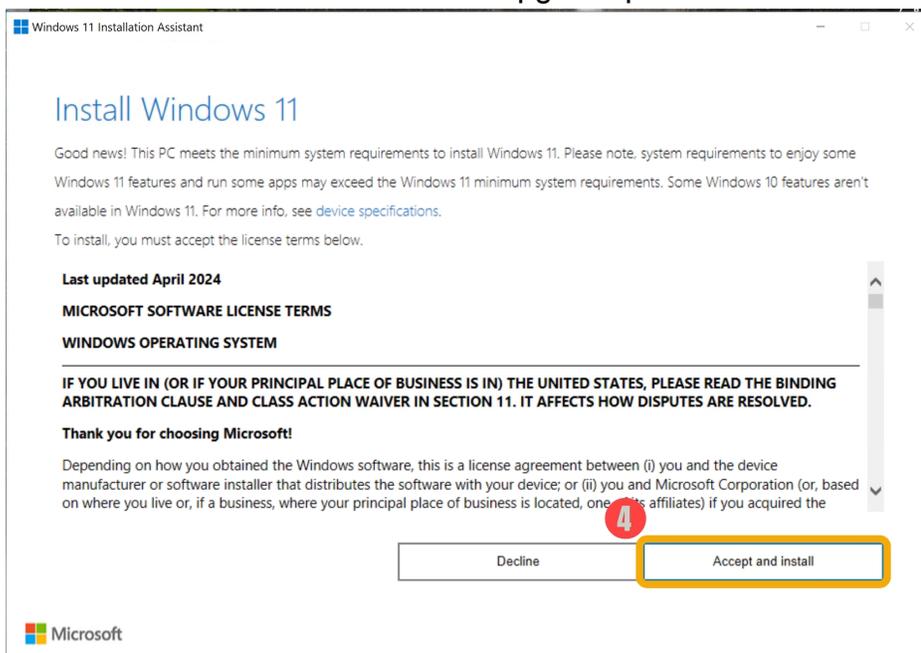
2. Once the download is complete, double-click the downloaded tool to launch it.



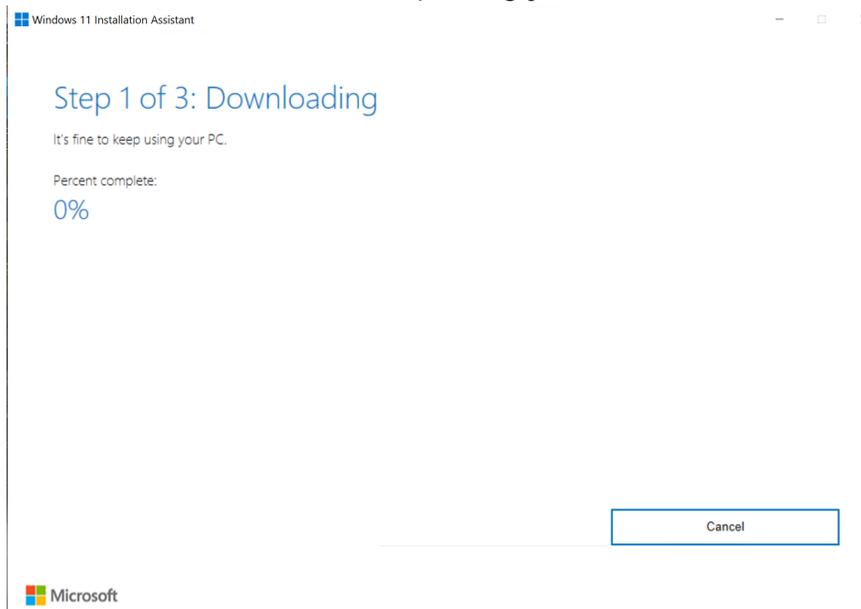
3. If a User Account Control prompt appears, click **Yes** to continue.



4. Please read through the Microsoft software license terms, then select **Accept and install** to continue the Windows 11 upgrade process.

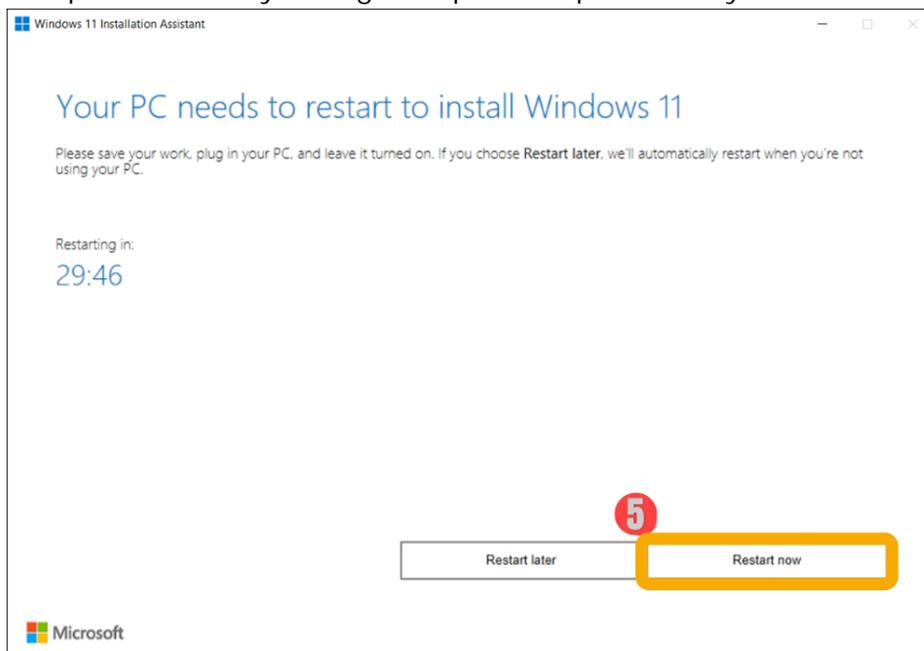


5. Installation Assistant is downloading Windows 11. It may take some time to download, and it's fine to keep using your PC.



6. Once the download is complete, click **Restart now** to begin installing Windows 11.

Note: The update process may take some time. Please ensure your device is connected to the AC adapter throughout the installation. Avoid shutting down the computer manually during the update to prevent any issues.



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