# Introducing Windows 10 S.

Windows 10 S is a familiar, productive Windows experience streamlined for security and superior performance.

## Security.

Windows 10 S has all of the complete, built-in and ongoing protections of the most secure Windows ever, and with the Microsoft Edge browser, you get extra protection against phishing and malicious software while you are online[1].

## Performance that lasts.

Streamlined for quick start-ups and built to stay that way. Also, Microsoft Edge is designed to optimize battery life so you can stream video and browse longer.

## A range of modern devices.

Windows 10 S is instantly familiar - with the same taskbar, action center, file explorer and experience that people depend on to-day. Plus, it adds features that most older PCs don't offer, like Hello, Cortana, and Windows Ink. And now, updates are always-enabled for the supported lifetime of your device.

## The power of apps.

Run full-featured applications including Microsoft Office, Minecraft, Evernote and Halo Wars 2, plus the full suite of robust built-in apps, like Paint 3D and Photos[2]. Also, choose your cloud storage, with fully integrated OneDrive and support for most cloud storage services.

## Peace of Mind

By exclusively using apps from the Windows Store - which are Microsoft-verified for security - and by ensuring that you browse safely with Microsoft Edge, Windows 10 S keeps you running fast and secure day in and day out. And if you decide you'd rather run non-Store apps, you can easily and affordably switch to Windows 10 Pro at any time.

1  Streamlined for security and superior performance. Windows 10 S works exclusively with apps from the Windows Store.  Some accessories and apps compatible with Windows 10 may not work, and  performance may vary.  Certain default settings, features, and apps cannot be changed.  Easily and affordably switch to Windows 10 Pro at any time.

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| | Windows 10 S | Windows 10 Home | Windows 10 Pro |
|---|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| Non- Windows Store Applications | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Domain Join on premise | | | ✓ |
| Azure AD domain join | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Windows Store Apps | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Default browser set to Microsoft Edge | ✓ | Configurable | Configurable |
| Windows Update for Business | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Mobile Device Management (MDM) | ✓ | Limited | ✓ |
| Bitlocker | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Enterprise state roaming with Azure AD | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Shared PC Configuration | ✓ | | ✓ |

# Common Questions

### What is Windows 10 S?
Windows 10 S is a specific configuration of Windows 10 Pro that offers a familiar, productive Windows experience that's streamlined for security and performance. By exclusively using apps in the Windows Store and ensuring that you browse safely with Microsoft Edge, Windows 10 S keeps you running fast and secure day in and day out.

### How does Windows 10 S compare to Windows 10 Home and Windows 10 Pro?
Windows 10 S has many of the features of Windows 10 Pro, but for security and performance it exclusively runs apps from the Windows Store and uses Microsoft Edge as its default browser. For more details on the differences, see the feature comparison chart.

### Who is Windows 10 S designed for?
Windows 10 S was inspired by students and teachers and it's the best Windows ever for schools. It's also a great choice for any Windows customer looking for consistent performance and advanced security. By limiting apps to those in the Windows Store, Windows 10 S is ideal for people who have everything they need in the Windows Store and prefer the peace of mind that comes with removing the risk of downloading apps from other places.

### Which apps and hardware work with Windows 10 S?
Windows 10 S works exclusively with compatible apps from the Windows Store. Since Windows 10 S has just been recently announced, we are working with our partners on app compatibility and to provide more detailed information. Please check with your app publisher in June for the latest information. Many hardware peripherals (such as printers) that work with Windows 10 today will work with Windows 10 S, but may have limited functionality. Since Windows 10 S has just been recently announced, we are working with our partners to provide more detailed information. Please check with your hardware manufacturer in June for the latest information.

### I bought an app on  another  Windows 10 PC. Can I use it on my Windows 10 S PC?
Apps purchased from the Windows Store are linked to your Microsoft account. In most cases, if you install an app from the Windows Store on another Windows 10 PC, you should be able to install it on your Windows 10 S PC as long as you sign in with the same  Microsoft account.

### What happens if I need to use an app that is not compatible with Windows 10 S?
If you try to use an app that is not available in the Windows Store, you will see a reminder that apps used with Windows 10 S must come from the Windows Store. In some instances, you may also see a suggestion for a category of similar apps or a specific app that is already available in the Windows Store. Since Windows 10 S has just been recently announced, we are working with our partners to provide more detailed information. Please check with your app publisher in June for the latest information.

### Where can I go if I have other questions?
Check the Windows blog at **blogs.windows.com** for the latest on Windows and Microsoft. For more information on Windows 10 S please visit **microsoft.com/windows/windows-10-s**.