



# Windows 10 Support Ends Soon – Don't Get Left Behind

Netcentrix is your trusted partner to support the transition to Windows 11



## Upgrade your tech with Netcentrix

Microsoft will officially end support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025. That means no more security updates, patches, or official assistance, putting your business at risk.

This document outlines the key risks of delaying your upgrade to Windows 11 and how Netcentrix can support a smooth, secure transition.

Now is the time to plan, avoid disruption, protect your data, and take advantage of the latest performance and security features Windows 11 has to offer.



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# Key Risks of Delaying the Upgrade

## Security Vulnerabilities

- End of support for Windows 10 means no more security updates or patches, leaving systems exposed.
- Outdated systems become prime targets for ransomware, malware, and vulnerability exploits.
- Lack of support for modern security protocols (e.g. TPM 2.0, secure boot) increases the attack surface.

## Software Compatibility Issues

- New and updated software may no longer support Windows 10.
- Many vendors are starting to optimise only for Windows 11, which may break workflows reliant on specific tools or platforms. This can break workflows and reduce application performance.

## Compliance and Regulatory Risks

- Running unsupported OS versions can result in non-compliance with data protection regulations like GDPR, HIPAA, or PCI-DSS and business critical certifications like Cyber Essentials Plus.
- Failure to comply can lead to fines, legal actions, or loss of certifications (e.g. ISO 27001).



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## Operational Disruption

- A forced upgrade later could lead to downtime, data loss, or unplanned costs.
- IT teams may face increased strain handling last-minute fixes.

## Competitive Disadvantage

- Windows 11 includes productivity enhancements, AI support, and better performance.
- Delaying the upgrade puts businesses at a tech disadvantage.

## Increased Total Cost of Ownership

- Delaying upgrades can lead to higher costs due to emergency updates, third-party support, or security incident recovery.
- Hardware and software upgrades later on may cost more than a planned transition now.



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