

Software Notices from Microsoft

Ignore this message if you use Windows 11

If you are **not** a user of Windows 11 (ignore this for non-Windows users like Linux), then you may have already gotten a ‘warning’ or advisory that MS support for Windows 10 (and earlier) will be ending in October of 2025.

This does NOT mean this is the end of the world.

What it does mean is periodic updates (for whatever reason) for the product will cease. In addition, support for the product will also end, meaning that if you click on the Help or Support button, you’ll see a message that there is no support.

Don’t panic though. You can still continue using Microsoft 10 and all should be fine. If you should encounter a problem, you’re on your own to find a solution.

Office 2010 support ended in 2020 but it still works, but again, support is limited to mostly to help files on your PC.

You may see this when looking for help from Microsoft.

404 - File or directory not found.

The resource you are looking for might have been removed, had its name changed, or is temporarily unavailable.

Depending how Office was installed, you may still be able to repair an Office 2010 installation. You can look under Settings/App for the appropriate software and look for a repair or reset tab. And of course, you can always move to a Freeware or ‘Open-Source’ Office clone. Many will be a free download. Check Google for free office software to see what’s available. You can even use the on-line program Google Docs.

Fixing a Windows installation may be a bit more difficult. It may be possible IF your copy of Windows was installed via a CD. But it’s also likely the store didn’t include the CD with your computer but you can ask. If it’s really messed up you could also try moving over to the Linux operating system (which is a free download in most cases).

If you should get the notice from Microsoft, your first option is to see if your computer can handle an upgrade to Windows 11. However MS added some hardware minimums which older computers won't have. Fortunately there should be a link on the warning page to direct you to a test site on Microsoft. Make sure it is a Microsoft site (Microsoft.com or Microsoft.ca)

<https://www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-11#pchealthcheck>

If you're a computer nerd/geek or feel like one, there are several videos on YouTube where they show you how to defeat/bypass the hardware limitations. You're on your own for that. 😊

But remember, if you can't upgrade to version 11, or can afford a new computer yet (one of MS's solutions), then just hang in there. Support/etc doesn't end until next October.