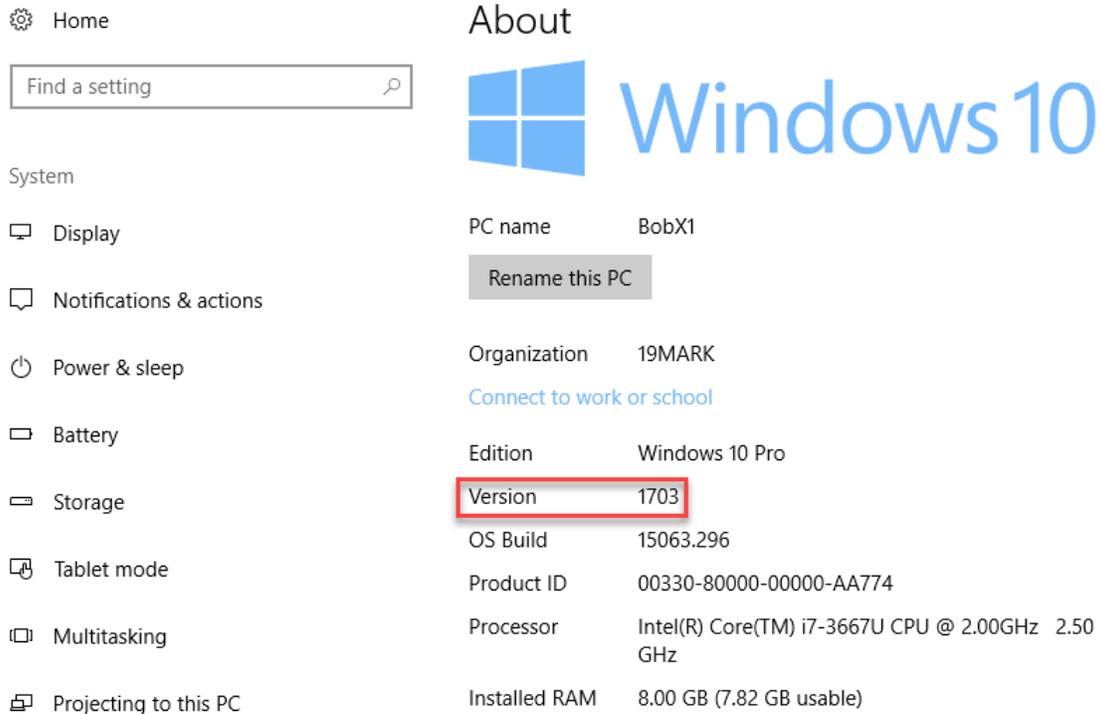


Windows Creators Update - How to know if you have it installed

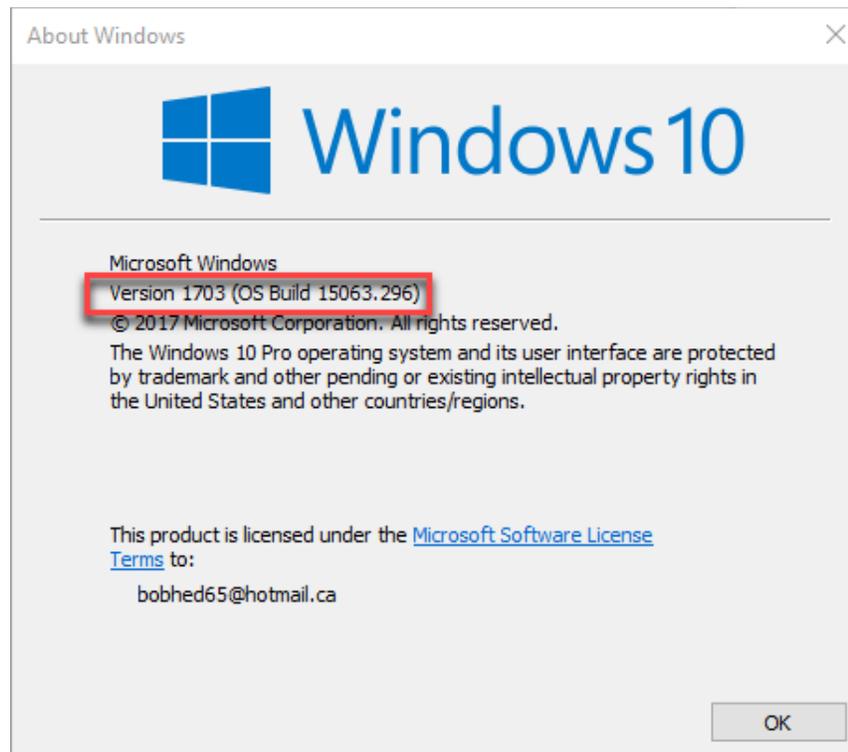
- Open settings from the Notification icon in the very lower right of the taskbar. Click on All settings, then System, then About at the bottom of the pane on the left. If you see Version 1703 it is installed.



The screenshot shows the Windows Settings application, specifically the 'About' page. On the left, there is a navigation pane with 'Home' at the top, followed by a search box labeled 'Find a setting'. Below that, the 'System' category is expanded, showing options like Display, Notifications & actions, Power & sleep, Battery, Storage, Tablet mode, Multitasking, and Projecting to this PC. The main area on the right is titled 'About' and features the Windows 10 logo. Below the logo, system information is listed: PC name (BobX1), Organization (19MARK), Edition (Windows 10 Pro), Version (1703), OS Build (15063.296), Product ID (00330-80000-00000-AA774), Processor (Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-3667U CPU @ 2.00GHz 2.50 GHz), and Installed RAM (8.00 GB (7.82 GB usable)). The 'Version' field is highlighted with a red box.

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- Or click in the search box at the lower left of the taskbar and enter “winver”



The screenshot shows the 'About Windows' dialog box. It features the Windows 10 logo and the text 'Microsoft Windows'. Below the logo, the version information is displayed: 'Version 1703 (OS Build 15063.296)', which is highlighted with a red box. The dialog also includes copyright information: '© 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.' and a license notice: 'This product is licensed under the Microsoft Software License Terms to: bobhed65@hotmail.ca'. An 'OK' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

What is new and different in the Creators Update

There are many changes some of which are useful to specific users like gamers but not so much for everybody. So what is new that is useful to an average user? Yes I know, there probably is no such thing.

- 3D content is supported. There is a new Paint app, 3D Paint. The Edge browser also now supports 3D content.
- Mixed Reality works with 3D and the HoloLens headset. See through the headset to the real world, and digital images are superimposed on that image of the real world.
- Security and hardware. Take a look at the Windows Defender icon on the lower right taskbar. Notice it now has a check mark which can be different colours depending on the status of your PC. Green is good. Right click the icon and click open to see the Security Center. You get a quick overview of the status of the PC and what anti-virus program and firewall is in use.
- Settings has been enhanced with more capability and it is easier to find some things. New categories are Gaming and Apps. If you have eleven categories instead of nine you know you have the Creators Update installed.
 - It used to be more difficult to add a device or deal with your bluetooth devices. Now bluetooth and other is one category. Easier to add or remove a device.
 - Apps is it's own category now. Easier to uninstall apps vs using Programs and Features. Find your default App selections here - web browser, email, photos, etc.
- Recycle bin always too full, hard to remember to clean it up? Temporary files taking up too much room? Now you can let Windows manage this for you. Go to Settings, System, Storage and turn on Storage sense.
- Now you can change your screen resolution without having to go to advanced settings. Select Display in System settings. You can also change your night light settings to warmer here.
- Windows will no longer take control of your PC to put major updates on while you are in the middle of something. Now you will get a notification for up to 35 days and you chose one of three options.

We've got an update for you

Windows is a service and updates are a normal part of keeping it running smoothly. We need your help installing this one.

Ready? Restart now. Not ready? Pick a time that works for you.

Restart now

Pick a time

Snooze

After 35 days you will get a Remind Me Tomorrow Button vs a Snooze button.

- If you acquire a 4K display and some programs seem to be blurry it might be because the program developer has not yet updated the software to run with so many pixels. You can fix that now by overriding the DPI Scaling Behaviour setting. If you have no clue what I am talking about but you have the problem see one of us and we will show you how to make the change. It is a bit tricky but can be easily done.

- Cortana can now remind you to do things monthly or annually in addition to the previous options.
- Windows can now warn you if you are installing Apps from anywhere other than the Windows Store. Apple has been doing this for a long time.

Here is a good reference that covers most of the changes in reasonable detail.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/278132/whats-new-in-windows-10s-creators-update/>

Windows 10 S

- A new version of Windows 10 that has many of the features of the Pro version. It will be secure and fast. Less than 15 seconds to boot, login less than 5 seconds.
- It will only run Apps from the Microsoft Store. Standard “desktop” apps like Microsoft Office can be packaged by the developer to be available in the store. Office will be.
- It will only run the Edge web browser.
- Bing is the standard search engine.
- It was “inspired” by students but has a number of business features that will make it suitable for business users who use Microsoft software. Bitlocker encryption, active directory domain support, mobile device management.
- Can be upgraded to Windows 10 Pro. Free on the Surface through the end of 2017. \$49 after that and \$49 for any other PC that comes with Windows 10S.
- The user’s data will be in the cloud, similar to a Chromebook.
- There will be higher end PCs that run the system like the Surface and compete well with Mac PCs like the MacBook Air.
<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2492661,00.asp>
- There will also be lower end PCs that will compete with Chromebooks. HP and ACER have said they will have laptops that run Windows 10 S for as little as \$189.

Should you consider a Windows 10 S PC? Whenever you are purchasing a piece of technology the most important question is what will you do with it? If only Internet, email, basic document creation and managing and sharing photos a tablet or low end PC could be all you need. Do you want a keyboard? How mobile do you want the device to be?

Are you a power user? Will you be doing video editing, processing raw digital photo files or doing more complex desktop publishing or building complex spreadsheets? You need a PC for this kind of work but it can still be pretty portable and could be a Windows 10 S PC as long as you are a happy Microsoft software user.