

Windows 10 Looks Like a Winner

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Microsoft gets every other release of their Windows operating system right. Windows XP and Windows 7 were individual and corporate favorites that enjoyed huge popularity. The alternate releases, Windows Vista and Windows 8, were much maligned.

Windows 10 is coming by the middle of 2015. The previews available now suggest that this alternating trend of popular operating systems will continue. One could even speculate that Microsoft skipped a version, jumping directly to Windows 10, to further distance the new Operating System from Windows 8.

Windows 10 might actually succeed at Microsoft's desire to unify the desktop, tablet, and phone interface. Boot up a Windows 10 computer and you will be presented with your traditional desktop with your traditional Start button. Click on the start button and you will be presented with your traditional list of programs, just like in Windows 7. But appearing to the right of the list of programs you will find the Live Tiles that was the Windows 8 Start Screen, with their ever present changing information. You can click on a Live Tile and that Modern (Windows 8) application will run in a window on your desktop. The Live Tile section of the Start Menu can be customized to your liking or eliminated entirely.

Another highly anticipated feature of Windows 10 is Virtual Desktops. These can be thought of as independent workspaces, one for home, one for business, one for gaming, etc.

By acknowledging the negative feedback to Windows 8, and promising device specific interfaces that cater to users who prefer desktops as well as tablets, Windows 10 looks like a winner.



Windows 10 Start Menu with Live Tiles