



Windows 10 and Office 16 becomes the Campus Standard in 2017

ITS-User Services is phasing in Windows 10 and Office 16 on all replacement and upgraded computers running the Windows operating system this summer. The migration follows a successful rollout of Windows 10 on all student laptops since 2015 and the installation of Windows 10 on more than half of the computer labs on campus.

How does the migration benefit you?

The current migration plan is to phase in Windows 10 on campus as new computers are purchased or replaced. However, you and members of your department may move to Windows 10 sooner by submitting a request to upgrade your existing computer. All requests may be submitted online at <http://myit.framingham.edu>.

What is the reason for the change?

The migration to Windows 10 is necessary for a variety of reasons, including:

- Windows 10 runs faster, is more secure than previous versions, delivers increased functionality and uses fewer system resources.
- January 2020 marks the end of life for Windows 7.
- Most hardware vendors (including Dell) no longer support older operating systems and in many cases are incompatible with Windows 7.

What to expect from Windows 10?

Windows 10 combines the latest and greatest operating system with familiar Windows 7 features such as the classic start menu with start button while preserving the enhanced security that was introduced in Windows 8. Some of the new features include: advanced security features, quicker start up time, and a new integrated Internet browser called Edge that uses fewer system resources to run. (Note: Edge will not replace your favorite Internet browsers. IE, Firefox and Chrome will also be installed.)

What to expect from Office 16

Office 2016 may look very similar to Office 13 but it includes a few new bells and whistles including, a “Tell me” dialog box, new graphs and charts and Office themes. The biggest reason for the move to Office 16 is that it is more [tightly integrated with Windows 10](#).

Where do I learn more?

Microsoft offers many [Windows 10](#) and [Office 2016](#) tutorials including videos and quick start guides. [Atomic Learning](#) also offers a number of Windows 10 and Office 2016 self-paced tutorials.

If you have additional questions, email IT@framingham.edu or call 508 215-5906.