

Microsoft News

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- End of support for Internet Explorer (IE11)
- Released in 2013, the 11th version of IE will be the last
- In 2015, Microsoft said it had stopped building new tools for the browser, as it prepared to promote Edge
- In the forthcoming launch of Windows 10
- It ended support for IE8, 9 and 10 in 2016
- It has continued to support IE with security updates, and you can still run it in Windows 10
- But axing support in Microsoft 365 is a significant step towards the company abandoning the browser completely

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- Microsoft will end support for the old 'legacy' Edge on 9 March 2021
- Having upgraded "most" Windows 10 users to the latest version, which it calls "our best expression of a modern browser"
- Programs and sites built to use the old Edge will continue to work, but Microsoft will no longer fix problems with it
- If you are not yet using the revamped Edge, download it from www.microsoft.com edge
- You'll see its blue-green 'wave' logo appear in your taskbar, replacing the old blue 'e' of Edge
- Microsoft will be upgrading your version of Edge in their Windows update
- Both versions are an improvement on Internet Explorer but the latest version of Edge is the best

Microsoft October Update brings new Start menu for Windows 10

- Microsoft has launched a new-look "streamlined" Start menu as part of the Windows 10 October 2020 Update (codenamed 20H2), which is now being rolled out to computers
- It has replaced the solid colour background for tiles with a partially transparent background
- Microsoft claims the new design makes the icons stand out more and are therefore easier to see
- On its blog Microsoft shows how the menu looks, with before and after
- How soon you'll get the October 2020 Update will partly depend on how smoothly Microsoft thinks your computer can handle it
- As with previous major updates, Microsoft will delay releasing 20H2 on machines that it thinks might have problems installing it
- If the update appears, and you're running Windows 10 version 1903 or later, click Download.
- When it finishes, you'll see a message asking you to pick a time to finish the installation and reboot your computer