

## WINDOWS 10 CREATOR UPDATES

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### Quiet Hours

Stops all app notifications

Click the Action Center icon on the taskbar.

Click Quiet Hours to turn them on or off. (Creator = 18 hours quiet)

### Night Light

Microsoft has built its own version of [F.lux](#) into Windows 10 with the Creators Update.

Dubbed Night Light, you can allow Windows 10 to reduce blue light from a screen after sunset or at a specific time in the evening. It's much like what's already available on iOS, macOS, and Android, but at least you don't need a third-party app to enable this on Windows anymore.

### Dark Mode

Instantly change your apps from light to dark mode – great for low-light conditions like working at night or on a plane.

### Better Control Over Updates and Privacy

One of the smaller changes in Windows 10 Creators Update will have a big impact for those wishing to better control updates. You can now pause updates for a week, or configure active hours in Windows 10 for up to 18 hours a day. This should reduce complaints about Windows 10 automatically rebooting machines for updates, and provide the ability for users to control them better.

Microsoft is also tweaking its privacy controls in Windows 10 Creators Update. You'll be prompted to review and configure features like diagnostics, speech recognition, location, and relevant ads. It's part of [Microsoft attempts to be more transparent](#), and a response to some widespread criticism over

### Windows 10's Privacy Controls

You can now set up to 18 hours of the day as your [Active Hours](#), so Windows 10 won't restart for updates during those hours. Previously, the maximum was 12 hours.

Windows Update also attempts to detect whether the PC display is being used for something—projecting, for example—before automatically restarting the PC.

Microsoft is finally trying to [allay some of the concerns](#) about Windows 10's privacy settings. First, there's a new [Your Privacy](#) page for your Microsoft account. This page allows you to see the information stored about you and delete it, if you like. It provides more information about what information Microsoft is collecting and why.

The Windows 10 setup experience you see when setting up a new PC is changing, too. The "Express" setup option that encourages you to be hands-off and select the

default settings is gone. Instead, there's now a "Choose privacy settings for your device" page that provides information and encourages you to make choices.

**Sticky Notes Insights:** The Sticky Notes app offers [more "Insights"](#). For example, it can detect stocks, flights numbers, email addresses, web addresses, phone numbers, and times and automatically provide more information. This now works for many more languages. Sticky Notes also received various performance, reliability, and interface improvements.

**A New Screenshot Hotkey:** Windows 10 gains [yet another screenshot tool](#). Press Windows+Shift+S to capture a region of your screen and copy it to your clipboard. This feature was originally part of OneNote 2016, but has been added to Windows itself.

**Settings Changes:** Microsoft has streamlined the Settings app yet again. App-related settings have moved from the System category to a new category named Apps. You'll find more information about related settings at the bottom of every settings page. The Devices > Bluetooth & Other Devices page provides a single place to manage your connected devices. The System > Display page has been reorganized, and now lets you change the display resolution without visiting the Control Panel first.

**Control Panel Is Harder to Get To:** You can no longer right-click the Start button and select "Control Panel" to easily launch the Control Panel. It's been removed from this menu and replaced with a link to "Settings".

**A New Windows Defender Interface:** Microsoft has overhauled [Windows Defender's interface](#) in the Creators Update, replacing the old desktop application with a modern "Universal Windows Platform" app that looks more at home on Windows 10. The [Refresh Windows tool](#), which downloads a new Windows system from Microsoft and wipes any manufacturer-installed bloatware, is being incorporated into Windows Defender.

**Windows Remembers Which Built-in Apps You Don't Want:** When you uninstall built-in apps like Mail and Maps, they won't automatically be reinstalled when you upgrade Windows. Windows will now respect your choice. You can always reinstall those apps from the Store, if you want them.

#### **Action Center Improvements:**

Action Center gives you quick access to the things you need – like notifications from email, apps, Cortana, and Defender – all in a single, easily accessible spot on the right side of your taskbar.

**Quick Action icons** for quickly controlling settings have been improved. In addition, you'll find volume and brightness sliders directly in [the Action Center](#), making it easier to adjust these settings. Developers can now group their app notifications and override the timestamp displayed for notifications if it makes sense to do so. Notifications can now

have progress bars. You'll now see a progress bar in the "Downloading" notification while downloading an app from the Windows Store, for example.

**Start Menu Folders:** Windows 10 now allows you to group the tiles on your Start menu into folders. Drag and drop a tile onto another tile to create a tile folder that can contain two or more tiles. Click or tap the tile folder and it will expand to display its contents.

**Start Menu Customization:** A new option at Settings > Personalization > Start allows you to hide the All Apps list, which always appears at the left side of the Start menu in the Anniversary Update.

**More Interface Color Options:** The Personalization screen now has a color picker, allowing you to choose any interface and [window title bar color](#). On the earlier versions of Windows 10, you can just select from a handful of available colors. It also shows a list of recent colors, so you can quickly choose between your favorite colors.

**Theme Management:** You can now manage and select desktop themes from Settings > Personalization > Themes. This previously required the Control Panel. Themes are now [available in the Windows Store](#), too.

**Desktop Icon Placement Improvements:** Windows now more intelligently rearranges and scales desktop icons when you switch between different monitors and scaling settings, seeking to preserve your custom icon layout rather than scrambling them.

### **3D Paint**

In Paint 3D it's a snap to create 3D objects from scratch or modify someone else's creation. Easily change color, texture or turn a 2D picture into a 3D object with a click. When you're ready, share to your favorite social sites or the Remix 3D community.

### **Microsoft Edge Improvements**

Microsoft is tweaking its Edge browser with the Creators Update. A new feature lets you set tabs aside and save them for use later on. It's essentially a method to save a snapshot of your current browser window. If you're a heavy user of tabs then it's a welcome feature, but for everyone else the new buttons that enable the feature are likely to be confusing.

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