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Migrating from Windows 10 to 11

Everything you need to know



The Windows 10 end-of-life is coming: are you ready?

Microsoft's Windows 10 software is set for its official farewell on 14th October 2025 - and that's much closer than it sounds.

That means no more security updates, no more patches and no more peace of mind.

If you're running your business on Windows 10, you're running out of time - and you're not alone. As of April 2025, Windows 10 remains the dominant desktop operating system, holding 53% of the global market share, but 35% of small and medium-sized businesses admitted they were either unaware of the Windows 10 end-of-support deadline or have no plans to upgrade.

But don't worry; with the right plan - and the right IT partner - this is your chance to futureproof your tech stack and give your users a smoother, more secure and overall smarter experience.

With over 600 customers, we're experts in helping teams like yours take the leap - without the headache.



Why does it matter?

Here's what's at stake if you stick with Windows 10 after the end-of-life deadline:



Security risks

No updates means vulnerabilities will go unpatched



Compliance issues

Presenting risks to industry standards and audits



Compatibility problems

Software will move on and you're at risk of getting left behind



Performance gaps

Windows 11 is faster and better designed for hybrid work



Cost implications

The longer you wait, the more complex and costly your migration becomes

Whilst businesses can, in theory, purchase up to three years of extended security updates (ESUs), the cost of this increases year-on-year. Microsoft has confirmed that ESUs will cost \$61 per device in the first year, doubling to \$122 in the second year, and then doubling again to \$244 in the third year.

Importantly, if a business starts with the ESU program in the second year, it must still pay for the first year as well because the updates are cumulative.

5 steps to a smooth migration

Migrations don't need to be painful; we've done this before - *hundreds of times* - for companies big and small. Here's how we help IT managers like you move from Windows 10 to 11 without downtime, disruption, or nasty updates.



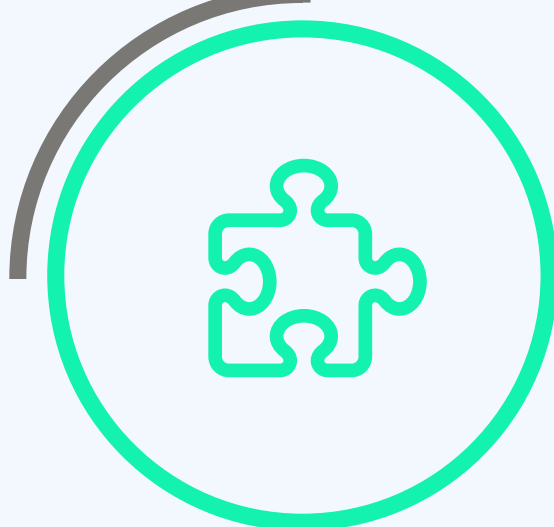
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Discovery & audit

We get to know your setup. Devices, users, critical apps - the lot. No assumptions, just data.

Compatibility check
We assess which devices are good to go, which need upgrades, and where Windows 11 might break things (before it actually does).

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Planning & timeline

We build a roadmap that works for your business. With clear milestones and fallback options, you're in control.

Migration & testing

Our engineers handle the rollout in waves, so your teams stay productive. We test as we go - no guesswork, no surprises.

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Support & optimisation

We build a roadmap that works for your business. With clear milestones and fallback options, you're in control.



Why partner with Arc?

- ✓ Award-winning IT managed services provider
- ✓ Microsoft-certified experts
- ✓ Proven track record with over 600 customers and businesses, from 50 to 500 seats
- ✓ Flexible support models, from guidance to full rollout
- ✓ Security-first mindset embedded into every step


Ready to chat?

Let's make your next move the right one.

Talk to our team to understand where you're at and how we can help make your Windows 11 migration simple, smooth, and secure.

Get in touch →

Email us →

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“Arc’s support throughout this migration has been invaluable. Their phased approach allowed us to make a seamless transition to the Cloud, and the training and ongoing assistance ensured that our team could confidently embrace the change.”

Tom Hawes | IT Manager, PIP Electrics and Business Services