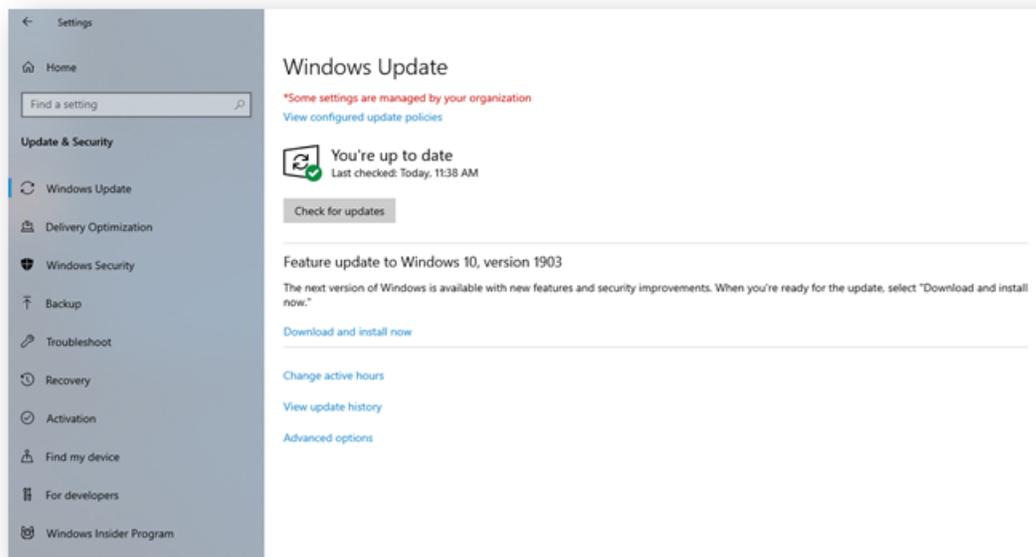


Windows 10, version 1903

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Introduction

For users of Windows 10, you may have recently noticed the following:



In particular, please make note of the following:

Feature update to Windows 10, version 1903
The next version of Windows is available with new features and security improvements. When you're ready for the update, select "Download and install now."
[Download and install now](#)

So, what exactly IS, Windows 10, version 1903? I am so very glad that you asked!

A Concept

Years ago, I formulated the following, "If I do not know the questions to ask, how will I ever be expected to obtain the answers?" Therefore, based on this principle, I would like to offer to you the question – along with an answer to that question.

The Question? ... and the Answer is ...

The question then is: "What exactly is Windows 10, version 1903? The answer is ... well ... well ... I have actually been unable to locate an answer to this question! Though I have been able to obtain information *about* the question, I have been unsuccessful in obtaining a *direct answer* to that question.

- Note: This inability to obtain answers to simple questions is sadly *not all that uncommon today*. For example, the most common response to my query is, "*Windows 10 version 1903 will be arriving soon for many of those individuals and organizations not presently using it.*"¹

As stated in an article that I wrote back in February of this year entitled, "*Windows 10 Versioning and Updates*"², Windows 10, version 1903, is a major Windows release akin to a completely new version of Windows. As a result, users should be extremely cautious of installing such an "update".

Again, for example, here are a number of known issues with regards to the version 1903 update: The phrase "*known issues*" as used here in this context, always refers to issues that the developer was aware *prior* to releasing that particular update. Interesting!

- Display brightness may not respond to adjustments.
- Error attempting to update with external USB device or memory card attached.
- Unable to discover or connect to Bluetooth devices.
- Error code 0xC1900101: This error code in particular is driver related. And there are many...
- Intel Audio displays an intcdaud.sys notification.
- Cannot launch Camera app.
- Intermittent loss of Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Duplicate folders and documents showing in user profile directory.

Thankfully, no one has been experiencing issues with regards to actual data loss – which had occurred back in 2017. I must admit however, that the *duplicate folders* issue is a somewhat interesting anomaly.

A Potential Solution

One very interesting *solution* with regards to this update process is, "*With these major upgrades, the most successful method is to upgrade from the Windows 10 ISO – you download the ISO and then perform an Offline Upgrade.*"³

Notice the use of "*major upgrades*". What I found particularly interesting here is how the "Independent Consultant, Windows Insider MVP and Windows & Devices for IT MVP" – tends to leave one with the *impression* that performing this whole upgrade process is rather *an easy one ... just download the ISO and move on from there!*

Other Interesting Information

One site that I happened upon states, "*12 Things You Should Do Before Installing Windows 10*" – one being "*Check this List to Determine if Your Computer is Compatible with the Windows 10 1903*".⁴

- Note: Interestingly, this fellow also suggests, "Ultimately, I would wait until the ISO file is available then upgrade offline...". Again ... interesting!

In closing...

It was once told to me, "*On time and wrong is never right. Stay on target and deliver a solid upgrade.*" "Microsoft ... Are you listening?"

Sincerely,

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