

TRYING "WINDOWS 10" FOR FREE

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SUMMARY

There are two ways for you to try "Windows 10" for free for a limited amount of time:

"Windows 10.." Without Activation
and

"Windows 10 Enterprise
Evaluation"

TOPICS

- Two Methods to Try "Windows 10" for Free
- Platforms For Running The Trial Methods
- Method 1: Run "Windows 10.." Without Activation
- Method 2: Run the "Windows 10 Enterprise Evaluation"

TOPICS (continued)

- Litigation Warning for Using the Two Trial Methods In An Organization

TRYING A TIME-LIMITED COPY OF "WINDOWS 10" FOR FREE

- Trial Method 1:
"Windows 10" without activation
- Trial Method 2:
Time-limited free "Windows 10
Enterprise Evaluation" (90/270 days)

PLATFORMS FOR RUNNING THE TRIAL METHODS

- ❑ A real physical computer
- ❑ A "virtual machine" inside a "virtual machine" program inside a real physical Windows/Mac/Linux computer
- ❑ The "Boot Camp partition" of a Mac
- ❑ A "virtual machine" in a "cloud storage service" (such as "Amazon Web Services")

**Real, host computer runs
"Windows 7"**

**"VMware Workstation 12 Player"
virtual machine program**

**Virtual Machine runs
"Windows 10 Home" without
activation (Trial Method 1)**

**Real, host computer runs
"Windows 7"**

**"VMware Workstation 12 Player"
virtual machine program**

**Virtual Machine runs
"Windows 10 Enterprise Trial
64-bit" (Trial Method 2)**

DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 1 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION) (continued)

- Use the free "Media Creation Tool" to download "Windows.iso" as described at http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/win10/win10-MediaCreationTool.pdf

DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 1 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION) (continued)

- Details of Trial Method 1:
(continued)

Then burn the Windows.iso file to a DVD disc.

Then use the DVD disc to install "Windows 10.." into your computer.

DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 1 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION) (continued)

- Details of Trial Method 1
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for the first time, click on the
"Skip" button:



Windows Setup

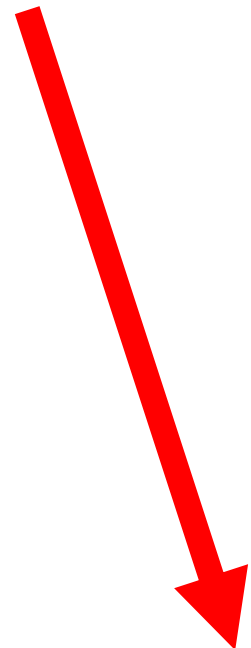


Enter the product key to activate Windows

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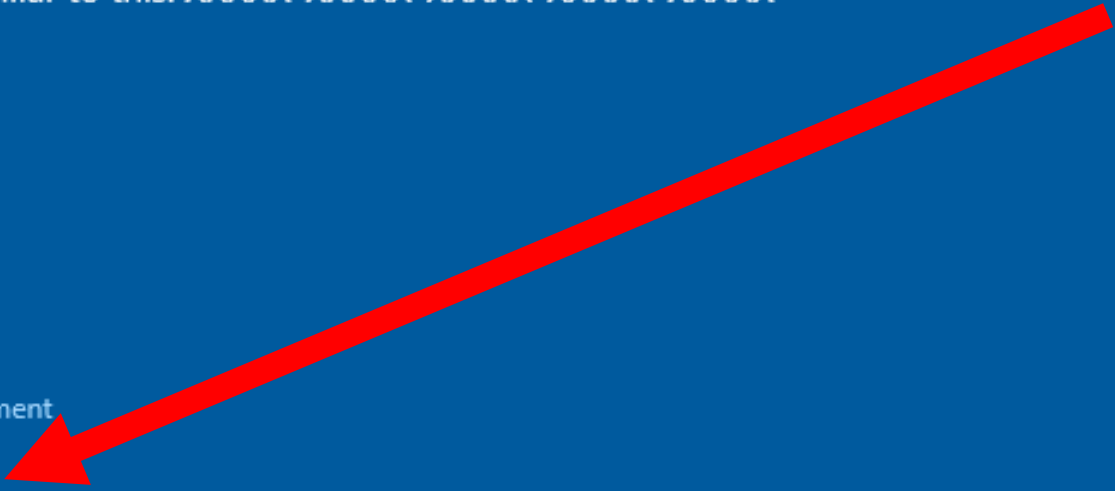
Look for it on the box that your Windows DVD came in, in an email that shows that you bought Windows, or on the Certificate of Authenticity sticker, which you'll find on your PC, power adapter, or inside the battery compartment of your laptop. (It's okay to remove the battery, so long as your laptop is plugged in.)

Enter the product key

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System

Control Panel > System and Security > System

Control Panel Home

- Device Manager
- Remote settings
- System protection
- Advanced system settings

View basic information about your computer

Windows edition

Windows 10 Pro

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System

Processor:	Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-4790 CPU @ 3.60GHz 3.60 GHz
Installed memory (RAM):	5.66 GB
System type:	64-bit Operating System, x64-based processor
Pen and Touch:	No Pen or Touch Input is available for this Display

Computer name, domain, and workgroup settings

Computer name:	DESKTOP-B4HKD1E	Change settings
Full computer name:	DESKTOP-B4HKD1E	
Computer description:		
Workgroup:	WORKGROUP	

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See also
Security and Maintenance

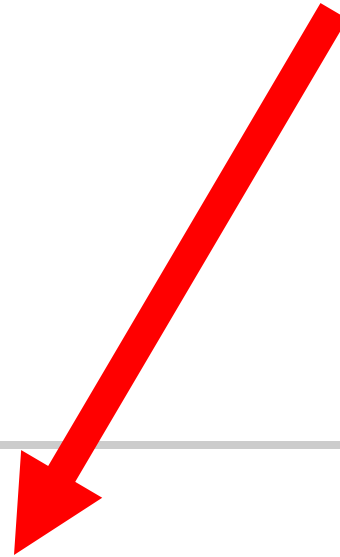
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DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 1 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION) (continued)

- Disadvantage of "Method 1":
When you use an not-activated copy of "Windows 10", you cannot use many of the "Personalize.." settings in "Settings" such as the background image of the monitor screen(s).

DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 1 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION) (continued)

- However, you can perform "workarounds" to configure some of the "Personalize.." settings in "Settings":
See <http://www.intowindows.com/how-to-change-windows-10-wallpaper-without-activation/>

DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 1 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION) (continued)

- For more details about "Method 1,
see also

[http://www.windowscentral.com/you-
do-not-need-activate-windows-10](http://www.windowscentral.com/you-do-not-need-activate-windows-10)

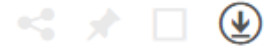
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DETAILS OF TRIAL METHOD 2 ("WINDOWS 10" WITHOUT ACTIVATION)

- See http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/win_hardsig/win10/win10enteval.pdf

⊖ Windows 10 Enterprise
Evaluations | 90 days



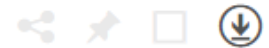
⊖ Download

Please sign in to download Windows 10 Enterprise. If you have not registered before, you will be asked to do so.

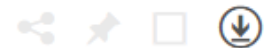
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- ⊕ Explore
- ⊕ Try
- ⊕ Learn

⊕ Windows 8.1 Enterprise
Evaluations | 90 days



⊕ Windows 8 Enterprise
Evaluations | 90 days



LITIGATION WARNING FOR USING THE TWO TRIAL METHODS IN AN ORGANIZATION

- If you use either of the two methods to run "Windows 10" for free in a business or in any type of an organization (government, military, corporation, non-profit, religious, etc.), you will risk litigation and civil lawsuits from the "Business Software Alliance" (BSA) and the "Software & Information Industry Association" (SIIA).