

WINDOWS 10's "VERSION 1809" STRUGGLES

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SUMMARY

After a 38 day delay and a series of stumbles, Microsoft finally released "Feature Update" "version 1809" to it's regular, non-Insider end-users.

TOPICS

- Time line of events
- 2018-10-04 "Known Folders Redirection" file deletion bug
- 2018-10-23 New bug discovered: Copy out of a Zip file fails to overwrite existing file of the same name

TIME LINE OF AN EPIC STRUGGLE

- 2014-03 Layoffs of the Quality Assurance employees at Microsoft
- 2018-10-02 "Version 1809" of Windows 10.. released
- 2018-10-04 "Version 1809" release halted due to "Known Folders Redirection" file deletion bug

TIME LINE OF AN EPIC STRUGGLE

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- 2018-10-23 New bug discovered: Copy out of a Zip file fails to overwrite existing file of the same name
- 2018-11-13 Re-release of "Version 1809" of Windows 10..

2018-10-04 "KNOWN FOLDERS REDIRECTION" FILE DELETION BUG

- "Known Folders" is a new term. They used to be called "Special Folders". They are the folders that show up in "File Explorer" that are for your convenience but they are not "real" folders.

2018-10-04 "KNOWN FOLDERS REDIRECTION" FILE DELETION BUG (continued)

- Marketing spin from Microsoft:
"Only affects 'seekers'
Self-congratulatory claims:
<https://blogs.windows.com/windowsexperience/2018/11/13/windows-10-quality-approach-for-a-complex-ecosystem/#B4sDz3h3hBvBHh8w.9>

- 2018-10-04 "KNOWN FOLDERS REDIRECTION BUG (continued0

Press criticisms:

<https://www.computerworld.com/article/3311469/microsoft-windows/lab-rats-windows-10-and-the-importance-of-being-last.html>

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/worst-windows-10-version-ever-microsofts-terrible-horrible-no-good-very-bad-october/>

- 2018-10-04 "KNOWN FOLDERS REDIRECTION BUG (continued)

Press criticisms (continued):

<https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2018/10/microsofts-problem-isnt-shipping-windows-updates-its-developing-them/>

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-needs-to-refocus-on-windows-10-fundamentals-not-just-new-features/>

- 2018-10-04 "KNOWN FOLDERS REDIRECTION BUG (continued0

Press criticisms (continued):

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/opinion-two-windows-10-feature-updates-a-year-is-too-many/>

2018-10-23 NEW BUG DISCOVERED: COPY OUT OF A ZIP FILE FAILS TO OVERWRITE EXISTING FILE OF THE SAME NAME

<https://www.itpro.co.uk/operating-systems/23119/windows-10-release-date-features-devices-and-free-upgrade-microsoft-issues>

Only occurs for for Windows' "File Explorer".

Does not occur when you copy out of WinZip, 7Zip, TugZip, PKZip, etc.