

GWX PROCESS & APP

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SUMMARY

The "Get Windows 10" ("GWX") process is Microsoft's official way for you to get a free upgrade for your existing "genuine" "Windows 7" or "Windows 8.1" computer.

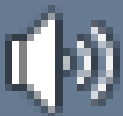
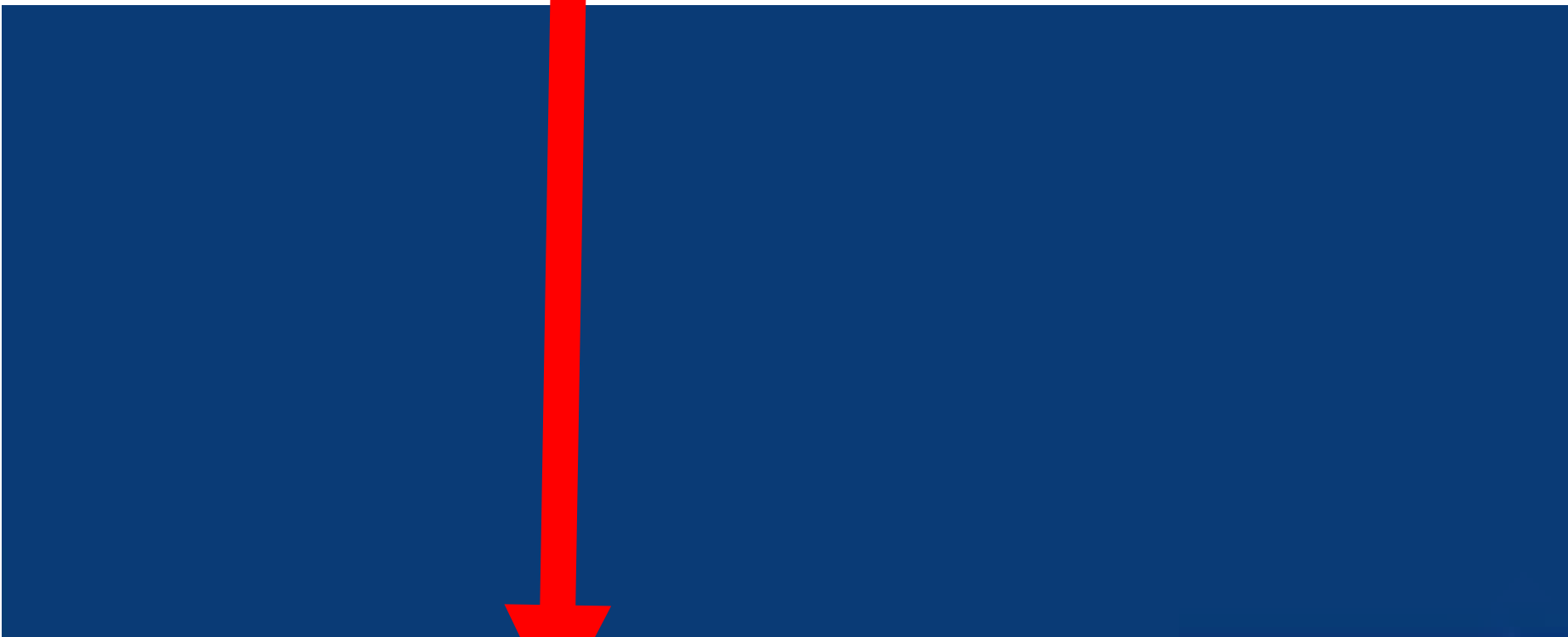
TOPICS

- Reserving a Free Upgrade with the GWX icon
- What the GWX Process Does For Your Computer
- Cancelling Your Reservation (if you change your mind)
- Disabling the GWX Process (to speed up your computer)

METHOD 1: RESERVING A FREE UPGRADE USING THE "GWX" ICON

- "GWX" stands for "Get Windows 10"
- The "GWX" icon will automatically show up during a "Windows Update" inside all non-Enterprise copies of "Windows 7.." and "Windows 8.1"





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How to get Windows 10 for free!

- 1 **Reserve** your free, full copy of Windows 10 now.
- 2 **Upgrade** when you get a notification that Windows 10 has downloaded and is ready for you.*
- 3 **Enjoy** Windows 10 for \$119 free!*

 Issues requiring attention - [View report](#)



[Reserve your free upgrade](#)

** Yes, free. Full version of Windows 10, not a trial; 3GB background download required; internet access fees may apply. \$119 is estimated retail price of Windows 10 Home full license, actual price may vary.*



Reserve your free upgrade

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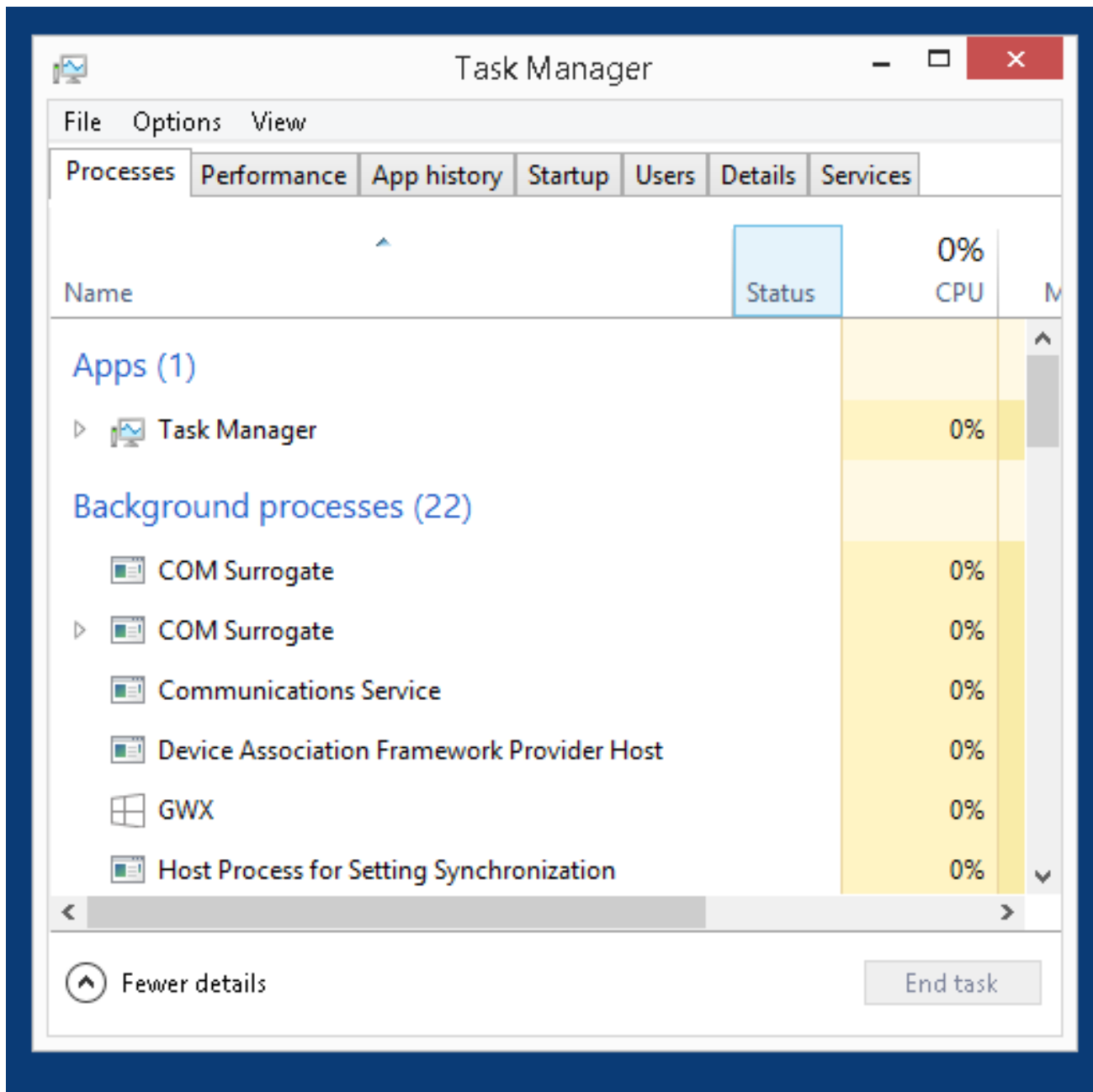
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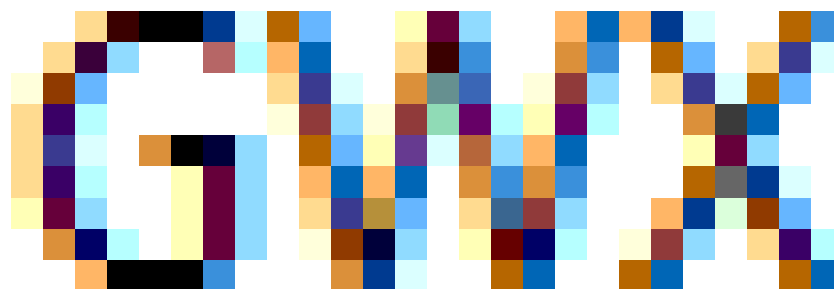
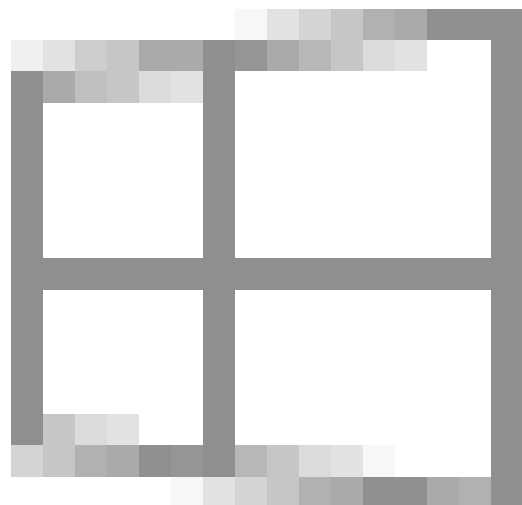
WHAT THE GWX PROCESS DOES FOR YOUR COMPUTER

- The "GWX" process gradually downloads installation files for upgrading your computer to "Windows 10" into a hidden folder called \$Windows.~BT at the top root level of your C: drive

WHAT THE GWX PROCESS DOES FOR YOUR COMPUTER (continued)

- After the "GWX" icon shows up, if you press **Ctrl + Shift + Esc** on the keyboard:





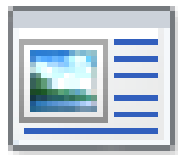
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View

Search

Browse folders



Open each folder in the same window

Open each folder in its own window

Click items as follows

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Folder views



You can apply this view (such as Details or Icons) to all folders of this type.


Apply to Folders

Reset Folders

Advanced settings:



Files and Folders

- Always show icons, never thumbnails
- Always show menus
- Display file icon on thumbnails
- Display file size information in folder tips
- Display the full path in the title bar
-  Hidden files and folders
 - Don't show hidden files, folders, or drives
 - Show hidden files, folders, and drives



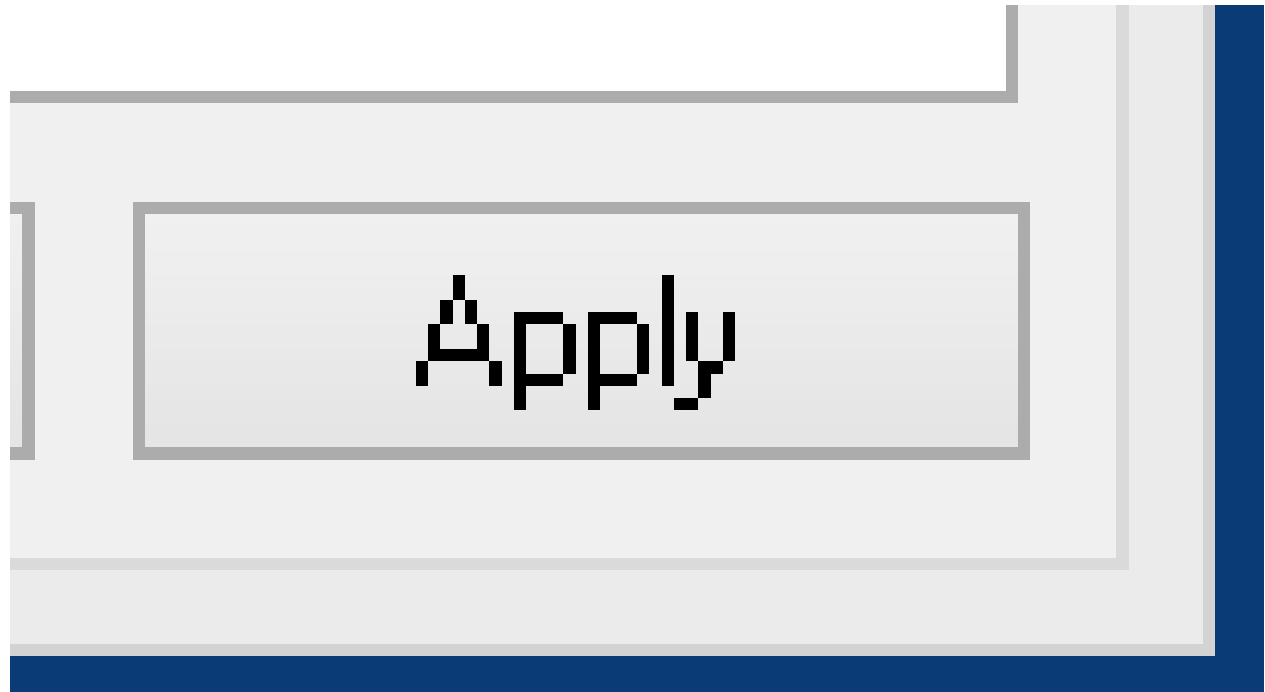
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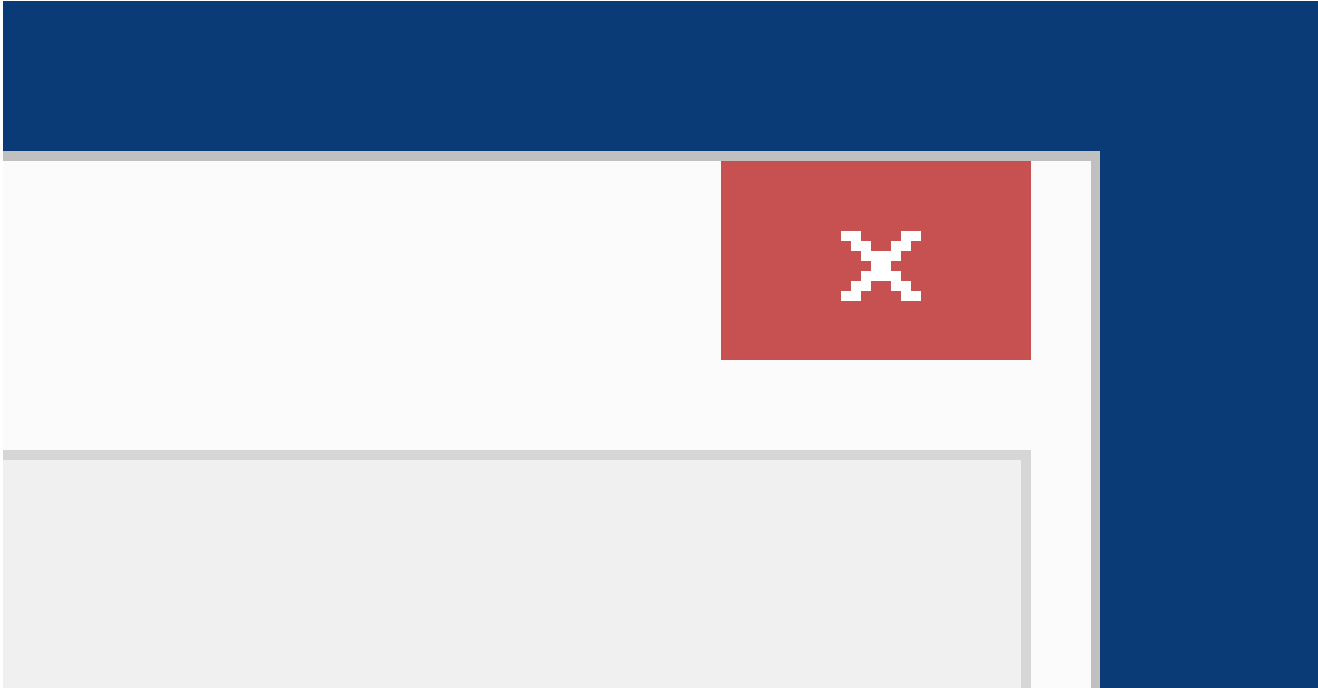
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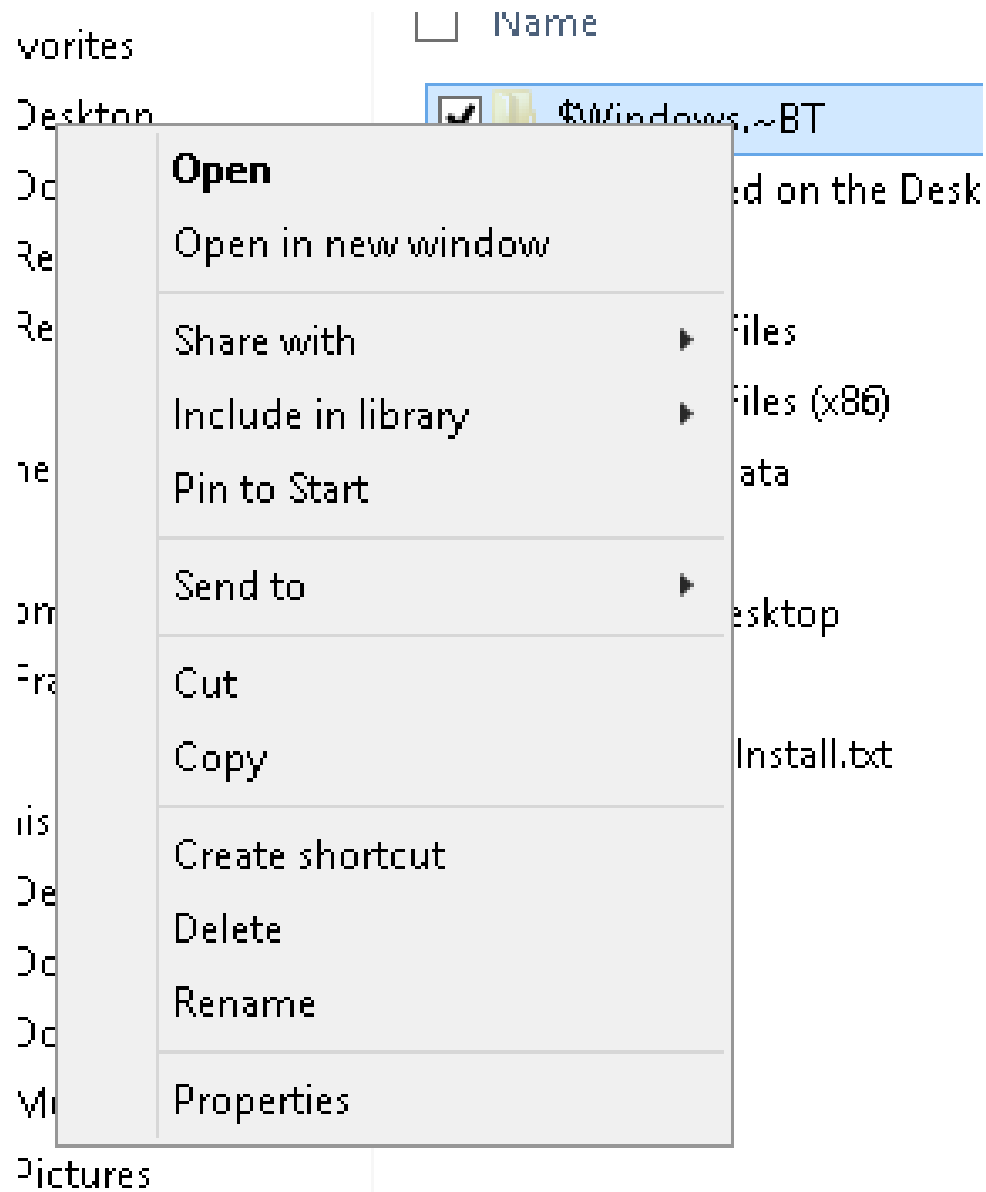


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\$Windows.~BT Properties

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Type: File folder (.~BT)

Location: C:\

Size: 2.61 GB (2,809,667,250 bytes)

Size on disk: 2.61 GB (2,807,119,872 bytes)

Contains: 96 Files, 8 Folders

Created: Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 1:47:39 PM

Attributes: Read-only (Only applies to files in folder)

CANCELLING YOUR RESERVATION

- If you change your mind about upgrading a computer up to "Windows 10", you can cancel your reservation:

CANCELLING YOUR RESERVATION (continued)

- Click on the GWX icon
- Click on the hamburger icon in the upper left corner
- Click on "View confirmation"
- Click on "Cancel reservation".
- Click on "Cancel reservation" (again)
- Click on "Close"





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We're validating Windows 10 for your PC

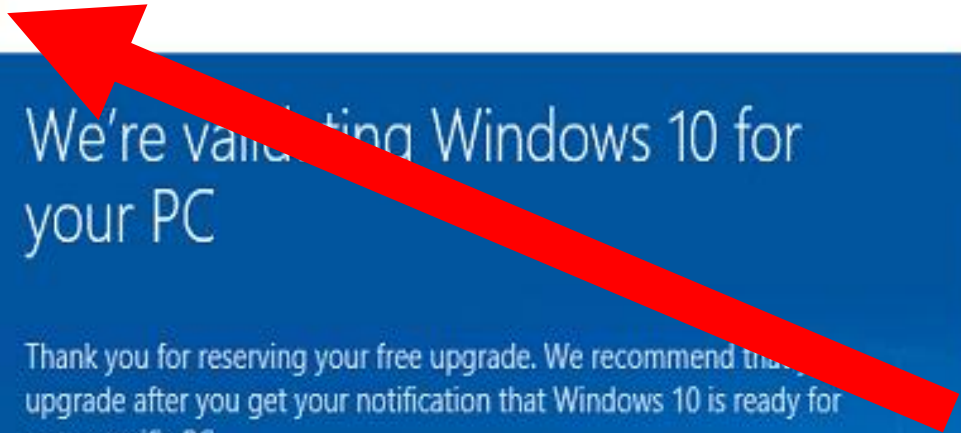
Thank you for reserving your free upgrade. We recommend that you upgrade after you get your notification that Windows 10 is ready for your specific PC.

While upgrades have started for most PCs, we're continuously working with our partners to ensure that even more PCs work well with Windows 10.

Your notification to upgrade could come as soon as a few days or weeks.

OK, notify me when ready

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About Windows 10

- Upgrade for free
- Familiar and easy
- Designed for speed
- Amazing new features
- Apps & games

Getting the upgrade

- Check your PC
- View confirmation
- Get help

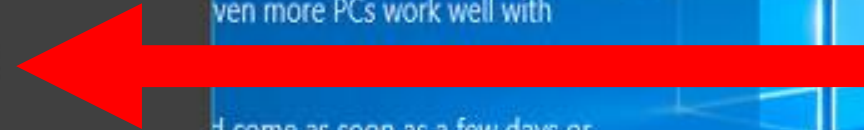
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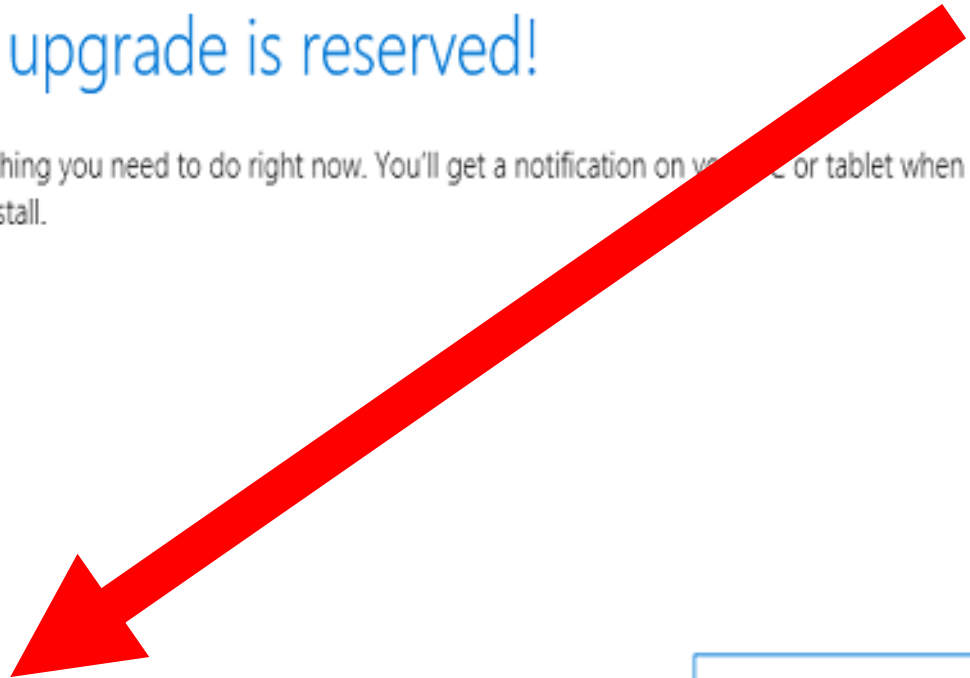
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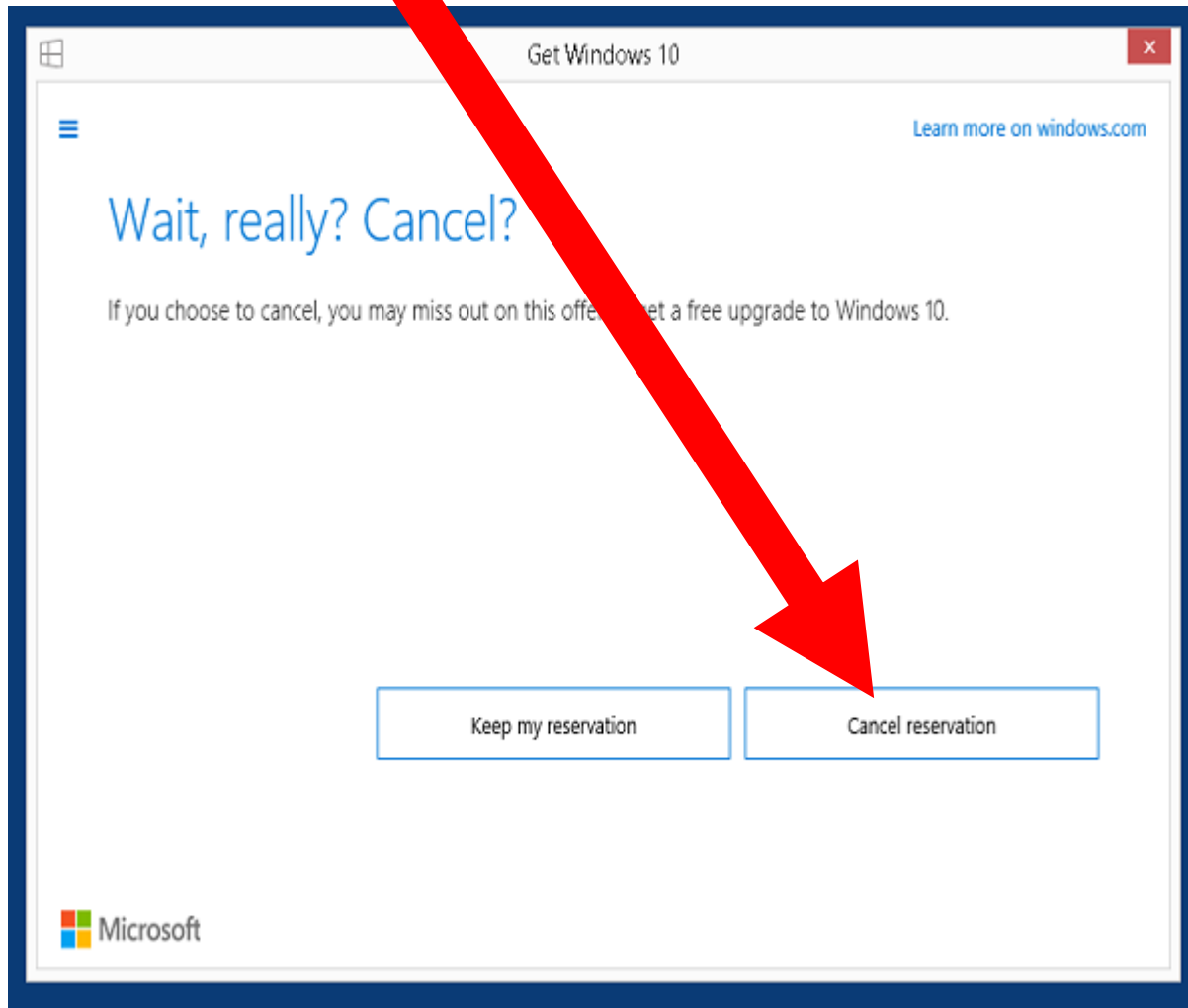
Your upgrade is reserved!

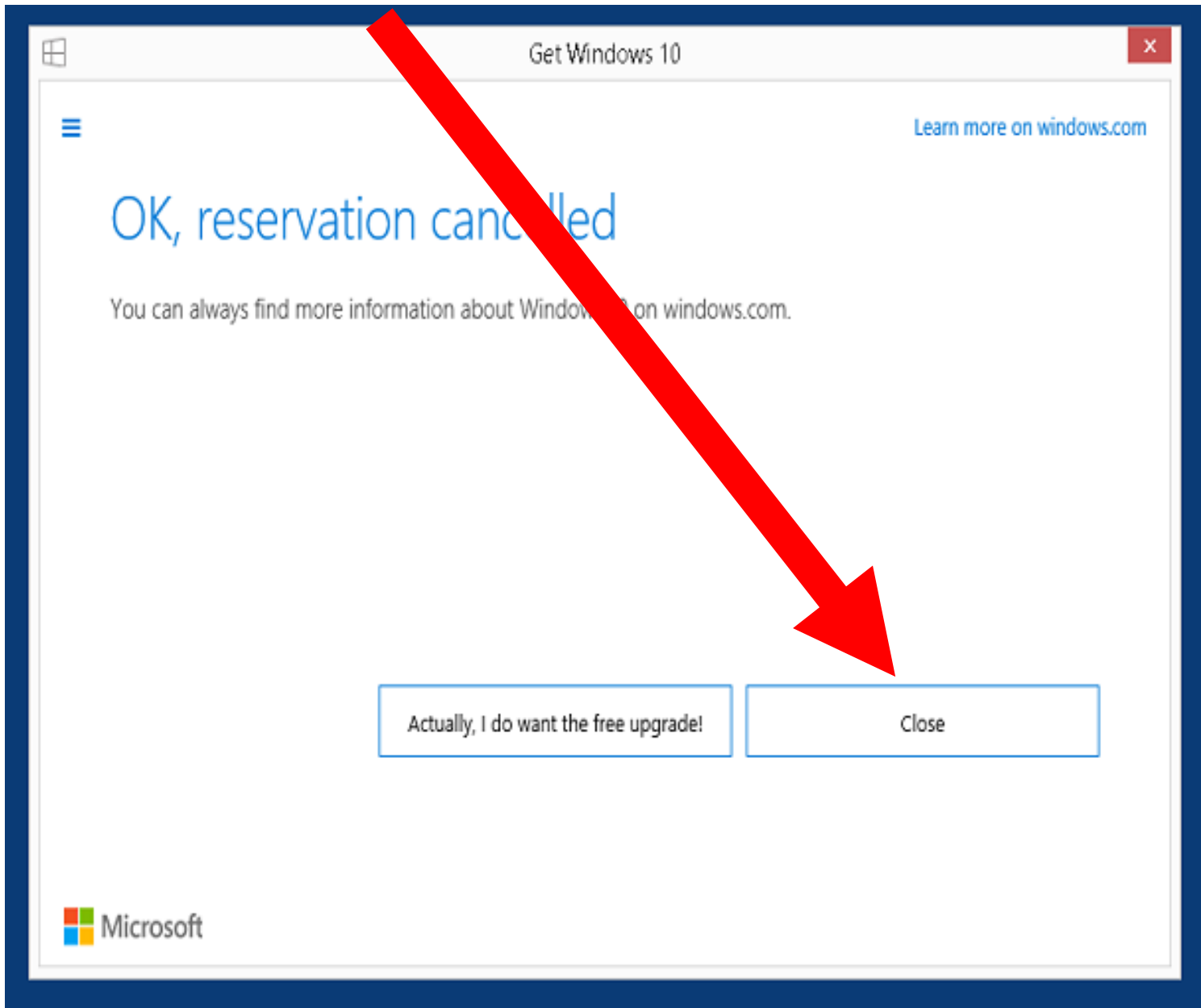
There's nothing you need to do right now. You'll get a notification on your PC or tablet when Windows 10 is ready to install.

[Cancel reservation](#)

Close







DISABLING THE GWX PROCESS

- The GWX process uses up RAM, CPU cycles, and a Internet bandwidth
- You might want to speed up your computer by disabling the GWX process

DISABLING THE GWX PROCESS (continued)

- Even if you disable the GWX process, you can still use the other two methods to upgrade to your "Windows 7" or "Windows 8.1" up to "Windows 10" for free.

DISABLING THE GWX PROCESS (continued)

- See <http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/22322-upgrade-windows-10-update-enable-disable-windows-7-8-1-a.html>

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- See <http://www.redmondpie.com/disable-auto-download-of-windows-10-upgrade-on-windows-8-and-7/>

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- See <http://winsupersite.com/windows-10/prevent-windows-10-upgrade-installing-after-making-your-reservation>

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