### **Your Options After Windows 10 End of Support**

(Simple, Secure, and Cost-Effective Choices)

## Option 1: Pay for Extended Security Updates (ESU) - \$30/year

#### What this means:

Get one additional year of security patches to keep Windows 10 safe.

#### **✓ Pros:**

- Keep using your current PC without changes.
- Microsoft-supported security updates.

#### X Cons:

- \$30/year (only one extra year available).
- · No further extensions after 2026.

## **Where to go:**

Enrollment opens in 2025. Learn more:

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# **Option 2: Upgrade to Windows 11 (Free)**

#### What this means:

If your PC supports it, upgrade to Windows 11 at no cost.

### **✓** Pros:

- · Latest features & long-term security updates.
- Sleek, modern interface.

### X Cons:

- Strict hardware requirements (Check compatibility).
- Some UI changes may take getting used to.

## **Helpful Resources:**

- Windows 11 Guide <sup>¬</sup>
- Watch: Windows 11 Overview

# **Option 3: Switch to Linux (Free & Open-Source)**

#### What this means:

Replace Windows with a lightweight, free Linux OS.

#### ✓ Pros:

- Zero cost, frequent security updates.
- Great for older hardware.

### X Cons:

- Different from Windows (learning curve).
- Some apps/games may not work.

## **Popular Linux Choices:**

Distro	Best For	Download
Linux Mint	Windows-like feel	Get Mint <sup>对</sup>
Ubuntu	User-friendly	Get Ubuntu <sup>对</sup>

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