



Microsoft Offers FREE Windows 10 Upgrade



During the Microsoft keynote of their newest operating system, Windows 10, the technology giant had some interesting news for both new and old customers.

For the first time in Windows history, Microsoft is giving Windows away, although not to everyone. Microsoft has announced that users running Windows 8 will be given a free upgrade to the latest version of Windows. As many predicted this upcoming event, this new statement from Microsoft clearly shows how they are looking to cover the small mistakes taken with Windows 8.

There is more to this upgrade madness, as Microsoft later said in the event that users running the popular Windows 7 operating system will also receive the free Windows 10 upgrade.

The cherry on top ends with Terry Myerson, the vice president of operating systems for Microsoft, stating that mobile devices on Windows Phone 8.1 will also receive upgrades to Windows 10.

It's very clear that Microsoft is making a strong push to get the world running on one operating system, rather than two, three, or even four. The only catch to all of this is that the free upgrade service will only be available during the first year Windows 10 is released.

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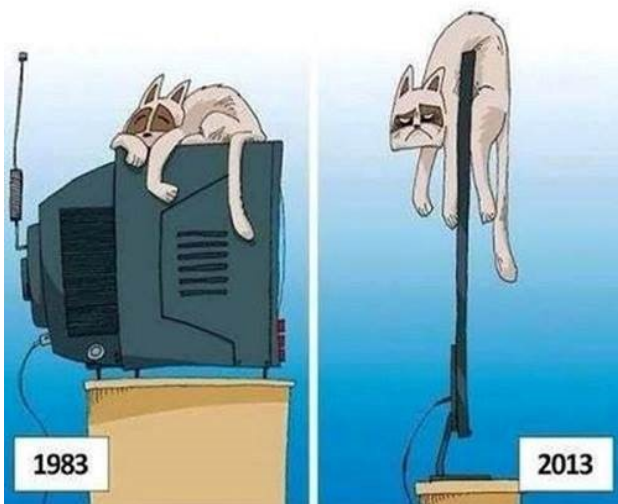
Joe's Corner

Give some thought to the demo you would enjoy seeing

Many times it's difficult coming-up with demonstrations that are interesting, educational and something our members will enjoy looking forward to. I would like to thank Bruce and also his son, Robert for their input in this direction. (*We need to encourage Robert to become 'one of us'.*) Robert offered the February Demo and did an excellent job relating to us some very successful methods of cleaning-up a computer system of malware, virus', and unwelcome programs, (PuPs). A job well done Robert! **March demo**; Joe3rd on Search methods. **April Demo**, Bruce will be giving us an insight into 'Solid State Drives'.

Meanwhile, give some serious thought to what demo you might enjoy or are willing to offer to the group.

Next Meeting: March 17th., 7 P.M. Hope to see you at Godfather's then. Joe

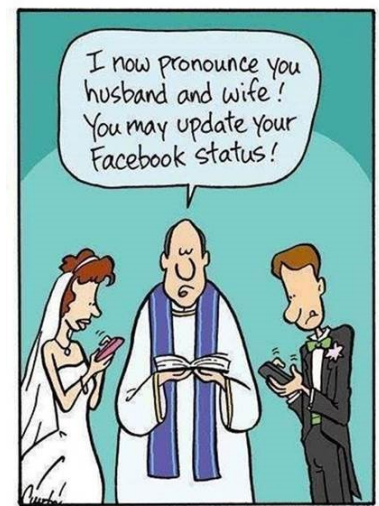


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From Tim Fisher, your Guide to PC Support

The latest [Patch Tuesday](#) was on February 10, 2015 and consisted of 9 security updates. Here's everything you need to know...

Patch Tuesday February 2015: 9 Updates

February's 9 updates correct a number of unique security issues across Microsoft Windows [operating systems](#) and some other Microsoft software.

The next Patch Tuesday will be on March 10, 2015

Important: If you're currently using Windows 8.1 but have not yet applied the Windows 8.1 Update package, you must do so to continue to receive these important security patches! See my [Windows 8.1 Update](#) piece for more on what this is and how to upgrade.

What Do These Patch Tuesday Updates Do?

These [patches](#) from Microsoft update several individual files involved in making Windows and other Microsoft software work.

These files were determined by Microsoft to have security issues, meaning that they have "bugs" that could provide a means to do something malicious to your computer without your knowledge.

How Do I Know if I Need These Security Updates?

You need these updates if you're running any supported edition of Microsoft's operating systems, 32-bit or 64-bit. This includes [Windows 8](#) (as well as [Windows 8.1](#)), and [Windows 7](#), and [Windows Vista](#).

Supported versions of Windows Server are also being updated

Some updates correct issues so serious that, in certain situations, remote access to your computer may be possible without your permission. These issues are classified as **critical**, while most others are less serious and classified as **important**, **moderate**, or **low**.

See [Microsoft Security Bulletin Severity Rating System](#) for more on these classifications.

Note: [Windows XP](#) is no longer supported by Microsoft and so no longer receives security patches. See [Support for Windows XP Ends April 8, 2014: Here's What You Need to Know](#) for more on this.

Are There Any Non-Security Updates This Patch Tuesday?

Yes, a number of non-security updates are being made available for all supported versions of Windows. Also, as usual, Microsoft is pushing this month's update to the Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool. Microsoft's Surface tablets also usually get [driver](#) and/or [firmware](#) updates on Patch Tuesday. You can get all the details on these, and previous, updates on the [Surface RT](#), [Surface 2](#), [Surface Pro](#), [Surface Pro 2](#), and [Surface Pro 3](#) update history pages.

There may also be non-security updates included this month for Microsoft software other than Windows. See the non-security update information in the section below for details.

Download Patch Tuesday Updates

In most situations, the best way to download patches on Patch Tuesday is via [Windows Update](#). Only the updates you need will be listed and, unless you've configured Windows Update otherwise, will be downloaded and installed automatically.

See [How Do I Install Windows Updates?](#) if you're new to this or need some help.

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The \$7 Israeli device that just might change the world forever

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Nissan Bahar of Israel and Francesco Imbesi of Italy

If you can put data on a USB drive, why not put an entire operating system on a stick? It's a simple but brilliant idea. Nissan Bahar of Israel and Francesco (Franky) Imbesi of Italy are making it happen in remote places of the world where computers aren't a dime a dozen. They discovered that five billion people, or 70% of the world's population, have no access to personal computing, and they intend to change that.

The \$7 Keepod thumb drive is loaded with a unique version of Google's Android 4.4 operating system. Plug it into the USB port of any old laptop, netbook or desktop, and – voila! – you've got a personal computer with your own password-protected settings, programs and files. Bahar and Imbesi have introduced the Keepod (Hebrew for “porcupine” but with obvious wordplay in English) to a school in the Mathare slums of Nairobi, Kenya, through a partnership with the organization LiveInSlums. They use refurbished computers that would otherwise clog landfills.

“We're breaking a few paradigms in the world of computing and digital devices,” says Bahar. “There are a lot of initiatives for bringing computers to developing countries, but it's impossible to bring a laptop per person. There's not enough material in the world for that. Our approach is that instead of providing a personal computer, we use shared computers and provide a stick with an operating system on it so you have your own PC environment on a shared computer.”

He likens the model to public transport. “Not everyone can have a shiny car, so you hop on a bus.” The other paradigm-smashing aspect of Keepod is the notion that fancier is better. Bahar maintains that using basic pre-owned computers without hard drives solves lots of cyber-security problems. “Instead of manufacturing cheap computers — which will never be cheap enough — we reuse old computers. In the US alone, 85,000 computers are thrown out every single day. We can give a big percentage of them a new life with Keepod in Nairobi or anywhere else, and that one computer can serve 25 to 30 people every week. Why continue to manufacture cheap hardware when you have all this material available? It's an ecosystem of ideas and things together.”

Principles ahead of profit

Bahar and Inbesi come from a background in information security and enterprise solutions. “We started selling to banks and telcos across Europe, and then about a year ago we started to think how to leverage this technology to do something better than selling it to executives,” says the 38-year-old Israeli.

Bill Gates' Words of Wisdom

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this! Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time..

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Minutes of February 17th Meeting

Business Portion

Pres. Joe opened the meeting in the restaurant portion of Godfather's at 7 P.M. with 11 members present. We held the business portion of the meeting in the outer area. We welcomed Roland Lynch as a member again. Good to have you back among us, Roland.

Once again the Party Room was 'double-booked'. Joe spoke to the folks who occupied the room and they were agreeable to vacate by about 7:45 so we could conduct our demo.

Benefit from Godfather's Goof

Because of the mix-up of the Party Room, the manager on duty offered club members Half-Off on whatever pizza we ordered and free drinks and Salad Bar, so some good came from their goof. Godfather's is still without wireless Internet.

Gift Card Drawing

Lem McIntosh was the lucky winner of the \$10.00 gift card for use at Godfather's.

Minutes and Treasury Report

In the absence of our Treasurer and Secretary, the Fehr's... Joe read both the Minutes of the January 2015 meeting and the Treasury Report. The Fehr's had a once in a lifetime event to attend for their Grandson so we'll excuse them This time:o) You certainly were missed!

\$100.00 Drawing

We sold three more \$5.00 tickets for the \$100.00 drawing, leaving only 7 more to sell. The winner will split with our Treasury - \$50.00 each.

Demo

After a short break from the business portion of the meeting, we were able to occupy the Party Room by 8 P.M. . Robert, who works at 'Computers To Go' in Bellevue gave an awesome demonstration on his method of cleaning malware, virus' and pups from the computer. Very informative and well planned demo Robert, thank you! Bruce helped Robert from the sidelines, but he really didn't need much help. Stop in and see Robert at Computers to Go on 23rd & Cornhusker..

March & April Demo

Joe 3rd will offer the March Demo showing SEARCH features and methods. Join in on this one.

Bruce will offer the April Demo, on the attributes, benefits and disadvantages of Solid State storage.

Stick-Around Drawing

Lem McIntosh was the lucky winner of the Stick-Around drawing, splitting \$8.00 with our treasury, \$4.00 each. Looks like some of Kevin's luck brushed-off on Lem this time!

The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

Minutes recorded by V.P. Joe Cavallaro 3rd

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