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# Windows 10 In A Business Environment: Should You Upgrade?



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# Thinking of Upgrading To Windows 10?

Beyond the face lift they've given their latest Operating System, Microsoft has taken the opportunity to address some of the main pain points enterprises faced with Windows, putting together a package that many businesses will want to take a hard look at.



## COOL FEATURES OF WINDOWS 10

Check out our August newsletter for a review of some of the coolest features of Windows 10 that **Tyson Rasanen**, Fulcrum Group Renewals Specialist experienced during his recent upgrade.

The August edition can be accessed on The Fulcrum Group's website at <http://www.fulcrum.pro/newsletter/august-2015-newsletter/>

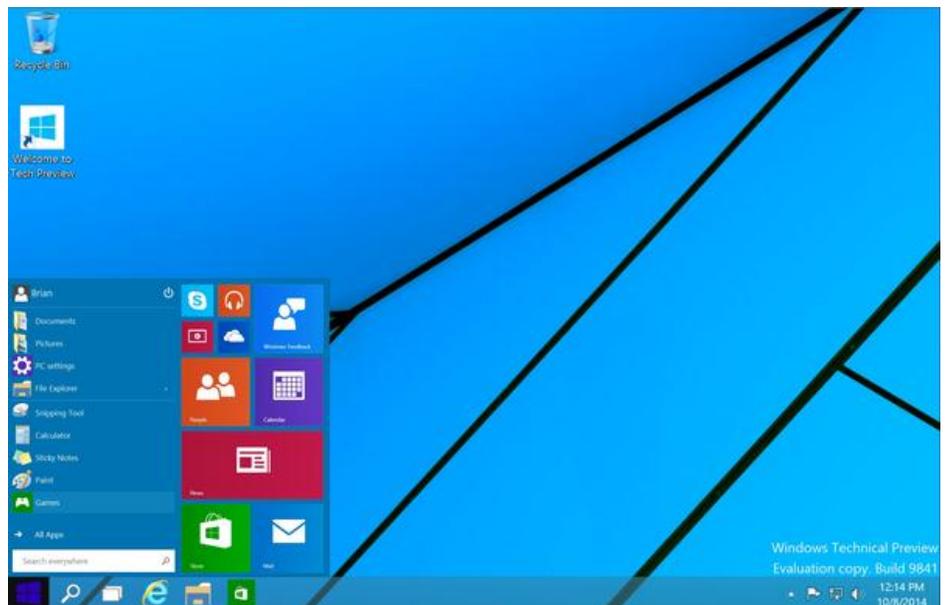
Other new features we think are great, from an enterprise perspective, include:

- **The Start Menu is back.**

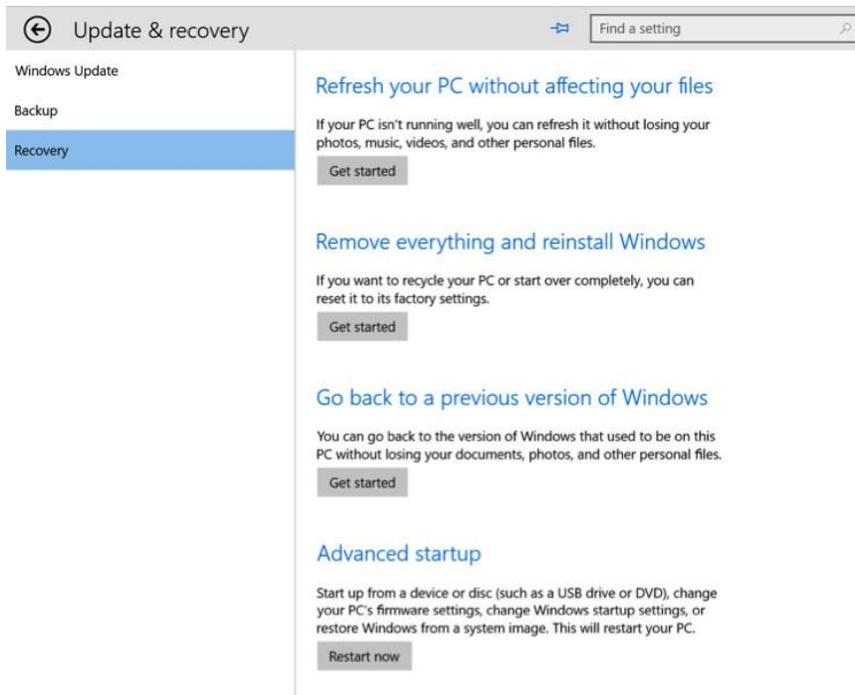
This is a critical move for the business environment.

Bringing back the interface that users have years of experience with means *that the learning curve is significantly less.*

This will reduce the amount of end user training needed to get users up to speed on the Windows 10 interface.



- **Rollback Recovery Option**



Some of the recent update and recovery options may come in handy for some users. Especially those who tend to use their systems for testing out new applications.

A number of options are offered, but using this feature, *it is possible to roll back to a previous version of Windows (if the user performed an upgrade from Windows 7 or Windows 8).*

- **Great choice for touch screen tablets and laptops**

When Microsoft released Windows 8 they tried to create a single interface for multiple hardware platforms, including devices that used different input types such as tablets and desktops.



The results were less than stellar as the interface that worked for a touch screen did not translate to the traditional keyboard and mouse.

When this latest release of Windows 10 is installed on a desktop, the traditional start menu returns with a slight influence of the live files. However, when Windows 10 is installed on a tablet the live file interface is used to provide a touch screen interface.

While this would normally indicate two separate operating systems or versions, in fact, it is one operating system that can adapt to the hardware that it is on and even change between the two as needed.

This means when Windows 10 is installed on a tablet, the interface can change from touch screen or tablet mode to desktop mode when the user plugs in a keyboard and mouse. This gives the end user the best of both environments without having to be restricted as they were with Windows 8 and 8.1

## A FEW POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING IF WINDOWS 10 IS RIGHT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

Fulcrum Group's IT experts have a few bits of advice regarding Windows 10 in an enterprise environment:

- If you currently run Windows 7 and everything is functioning rock-solid, *the time may not be right to rock the boat.*
- Speaking of time, when you are ready to make the leap, *we highly recommend making the move during your least busy times of the year.*
- Planning on deploying Windows 8.1? *Think about going directly to Windows 10* – by all available accounts, the transition should be smoother than rolling out Windows 8.1.
- There are a few “*missing apps*” from previous versions of Windows that won't be available in Windows 10, such as Windows Media Center, DVD player, Windows 7 desktop gadgets,



and Solitaire. *The good news is that there are plenty of free apps and work-arounds for any of these that you might need.*

- *Consider pilot testing* before rolling out the new system with all your users. In smaller test groups, issues can be discovered in a more controlled environment.
- *For new PCs, Windows 10 is probably the best bet*, keeping in mind End of Life for Windows 7 is four and a half short years away (2020).

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