Subject: Windows 11

Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 17 Apr 2025 02:32:51 GMT

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Hi Everyone. I have a number of PCs and laptops around here. All were happy using Win 10 pro. It seems that in a few months MS was going to pull the plug on updates and patches. I can't be sure that they will do that as there are millions of machines out there that can't comply with the requirements. Regardless, I decided to try 11 on some of the machines. No sweat on the MS GO tablet. A few adjustments to fix things the way I wanted. Then two more using Rufus and a Win 11 ISO. OK and they seem happy. Both BTW are I7 machines that did not meet the specs. Give me a break...I7 16 GB Ram, 1 TB SSDs etc you get the picture. Very competent machines. One PC was past the point of all hope. A Dell core 2 duo running WIN 10 Home 32 4GB, 200 SSD. Just no hope for it so I got a refurb for just over \$200 to replace it. Another Dell I5 16 GB 500G SSD and a 1TB HHD with Win 11 on it to be installed. It took a bit of adjusting to make it do what I thought it should but now all is fine. I have two minis running PC scopes. One is Win 11 Pro (came with it) 16 GB 8 core celery and 128 SSD. It does fine on the scope (Pico). The other is a HP I5 with 16 GB and 500GB SSD running 10 Pro. If is off line and needs to stay that way to run the other scope (Velleman). That scope will run on either Win, but is best on 10. Now just one more to go (the one I am using now). It should update without issues as it meets the specs (HP OMEN I7 8 core 32 GB 1TB SSD and RTX video). Generally Win 11 is OK. What I don't like is it makes lots of "typical" settings. It can take quite a while to un-fix them. The various menus are one of the biggest beefs that and hiding stuff I want to use. I still don't like it insisting on using your Microsoft account to use the machine. MS probably thinks I run a business with all the machines registered. Fortunately you can use as many at a time as you want. Have fun when your time comes.

Subject: Re: Windows 11

Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 17 Apr 2025 13:54:50 GMT

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Thanks a lot for the mini-review feedback on Windows 11.

It has come a long way since Windows 3.1. But it's a bit fatter too.

Subject: Re: Windows 11

Posted by gofar99 on Fri, 18 Apr 2025 01:45:41 GMT

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Fatter and in spite of modern gear slower.

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Hi, An update. All the machines run OK on 11. But.... all are slower. Boot time on my OMEN is about double what it was on 10 pro (its running 11 Pro). On the MS Tablet (win 11 Pro) it can be quite a while (it has an M3 CPU). I have also had a number of crashes in Firefox, particularly going to sites like Amazon that WIN 11 says it will fix (usually does). I tell it OK to reconnect (it doesn't) then tell it to cancel and it goes through. Go figure the logic of that. My sense is that it caused the crash in the firs place. It is much slower with my Outlook email. I had it forget how to find the downloads folder once this week. Depending on your version and hardware it can be a bit tricky to recover it. Win 11 messes up the slider bars on Corel 9. It has a great tendency to stick things on the desktop even if you told it to save to someplace else. I had to run scan and DISM once and it would not complete the DISM. Nice to have the program that is supposed to fix stuff hang and not complete. (BTW all the anti virus programs came up negative) I'll post some more hints and issues as they occur. I feel that Win 11 fixes a problem we didn't have and in doing so causes more problems.

Subject: Re: Windows 11

Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 15 Jun 2025 03:05:34 GMT

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Stands to reason. Doing more, takes more cycles.

For grins, grab an old copy of Windows 95 or 98...

Subject: Re: Windows 11

Posted by gofar99 on Wed, 18 Jun 2025 03:03:04 GMT

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I Have done that it is amazing how fast it is and to my of thinking does everything a computer operating system should.

Subject: Re: Windows 11

Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 29 Jun 2025 16:43:58 GMT

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Hi The latest screw up in WIN 11. If something was wrong before yesterdays update it would stop and let you know what it was. The new way is you get a blue screen saying something went wrong and Windows will now reboot. Just hope it doesn't happen during something important as there is no way to recover now.

Subject: Re: Windows 11

Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 29 Jun 2025 17:09:15 GMT

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Oh man. What a drag. Hope they'll fix that one quickly. I think they will but it is so discouraging.

In fairness, it's such a large body of code, I expect lots of bugs at first. I tend to wait a while before deploying operating systems and some other code bases that are large.

But it's a balancing act of competing priorities 'cause security fixes need to be deployed right away...