**UPGRADE GUIDE** 

# Unlock business results on Windows 11.

## The time is now.

Equip your workforce to achieve more and boost productivity at scale when you upgrade to AI-enhanced experiences on Windows 11 devices, supported by a full suite of services from Lenovo.

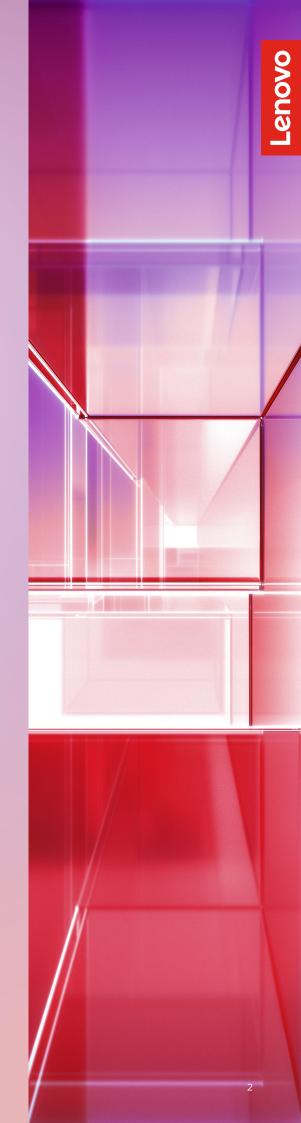




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## **Support for Windows 10 ends on October 14, 2025.**

From this date, Windows 10 devices in your fleet will no longer get free software updates from Windows Update, technical assistance, or security fixes from Microsoft.

While you do have the option to purchase Extended Security Updates to safeguard against advanced threats, it's important to note that its cost will increase year on year.

Not upgrading will also have a knock-on effect for other applications: No bug fixes for glitches, no time zone updates and no technical support. It also means missing out on powerful AI or Gen AI solutions that could give you a competitive edge, boost productivity and save time for your employees.

## Windows 11 is the most secure version of Windows yet

Backed by layers of powerful default protection, Windows 11 Pro devices reported a

58%

drop in security incidents compared to Windows 10 devices.<sup>1</sup>

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Beyond security, upgrading to Windows 11 also ensures that your enterprise fleet is AI-ready. AI is becoming a fundamental part of how we interact with technology and is setting new benchmarks in productivity and personalization. These AI applications demand increasingly powerful devices.

Lenovo AI PCs can further amplify these benefits while offering IT teams dependability and built-in protections for wherever work happens.

To make sure you're really getting the best return on your investment, it's important to have a clear vision of the potential of AI for your business and how to get there. This upgrade guide aims to help you do so.



Lenovo ThinkPad X1 2-in-1 Aura Edition





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## Unleash your workforce's potential with Lenovo AI PCs on Windows 11 Pro

As demand for AI-driven insights and automation rises across industries, the pressure is now on ITDMs to deploy solutions that balance innovation with security.

Amid this backdrop, AI PCs like the Lenovo Aura Edition Copilot+ PCs will be a cornerstone of forward-thinking organizations' AI strategies - offering a unique combination of on-device processing power, data privacy, and user-centric design.

#### **Microsoft Defender for Endpoint**

Running on Windows 11 Pro, Lenovo AI PCs are powered by the latest Intel® Core™ Ultra processors and deliver productive, personalized and protected AI experiences for your users. Copilot in Windows brings AI-powered multitasking and content creation to a whole new level.



#### **Smart Modes**

Activate modes for different scenarios to automate common tasks and boost productivity



#### **Smart Share**

Easily share photos between devices by tapping your phone to your PC



#### **Smart Care**

Real-time troubleshooting from expert technicians and personalized self-help resources

#### Award-winning, end-to-end protection

All Lenovo AI PCs come with built-in Lenovo ThinkShield designed to give you full control over your PC fleet. A comprehensive suite of advanced hardware and software-based security features use AI technologies to deliver best-in-class protection against issues like IP leaks, data loss and confidentiality Breaches.

- Al-powered threat detection monitors CPU telemetry for anomalous behaviors
- Secure Wipe removes all data including password protection mechanisms
- Human presence detection automatically locks systems
- Firmware, BIOS, RAM, and TPM 2.0 protections are built directly into the silicon

#### **Easy IT manageability**

Take control of your hybrid workplace and reduce complexities with a full suite of scalable and flexible services from Lenovo.

With Lenovo Digital Workplace Solutions, you can elevate productivity, support employees wherever they're working and achieve business outcomes faster. What you get is a single point of access from which to manage all servers, apps, and workflows – ensuring a seamless, secure technology experience.

Meanwhile, Lenovo TruScale Device as a Service (DaaS) helps you simplify the procurement, deployment and management of your new AI PC fleet powered by Windows 11 Pro - through a scalable, pay-as-you-go model.



## Lenovo devices are designed to make the most of Windows 11



Lenovo ThinkPad X1 Carbon Gen 13 Aura Edition

Lenovo ThinkPad X9 Aura Edition

Lenovo ThinkPad T14s Copilot+PC

#### Lenovo ThinkPad X1 Carbon Aura Edition Series

Unlock unmatched productivity with ThinkPad X1 Carbon Gen 13 Aura Edition, the highest-performance version of our premium business laptop.
Meanwhile, ThinkPad X1 2-in-1 Gen 10 Aura Edition is as flexible as your mobile workforce.

#### Lenovo ThinkPad X9 Aura Edition Series

Perfect for managers, this ultra-light laptop comes with incredible battery life and a full ecosystem of accessories, complete with connectivity options so they can plug in almost anything and work almost anywhere.

Lenovo ThinkCentre M90a

#### Lenovo ThinkPad T14s Copilot+ PC

Give your multitaskers true freedom and unmatched CPU performance with this portable powerhouse. Featuring multi-day battery life and WiFi 7, unlocking internet speeds more than 4x faster for real-time responsiveness.

### Push the limits of productivity and innovation

Lenovo Workstations

Engineered for power, performance, and industry-leading reliability, our range of Al-ready Lenovo Workstations can handle even your most demanding workflows – and enable faster time-to-insight, maximum efficiency and while lowering your total cost of ownership.

Lenovo ThinkPad P1 Gen 6



### Uncompromised computing power for the modern workplace

Lenovo ThinkCentre

Our durable and reliable Lenovo ThinkCentre desktops are designed for your changing workplace. Unleash new levels of efficiency, power and Al-based innovation with our full range of desktops that are modest in size, big on workloads, and built to leave a smaller footprint on the planet.



## Productive, personalized and protected AI experiences

The future of enterprise computing is AI PCs. These machines will be pivotal in scaling AI across organizations, making it a simpler, more cost-effective way to introduce next-gen AI capabilities to more employees.

Lenovo AI PCs are powered by Windows 11 Pro and Intel® Core™ Ultra processors. With up to 45 trillion operations per second, users can master the most intensive workloads and complex AI prompts with ease. These innovative devices are also designed to support evolving AI software eco-systems like Microsoft Copilot.

#### Al-ready devices and services from Lenovo elevate Windows 11's user-focused features



#### More productive

Lenovo AI PCs powered by Windows 11 Pro enhance daily productivity with features like real-time transcription and intelligent camera enhancements while maintaining energy efficiency. With Copilot in Windows 11, you can get things done more effectively and efficiently with the help of Al-powered search and content generation.



#### More secure

Stay ahead of evolving threats with multilayered Lenovo ThinkShield that detects and defends automatically, keeping your business safe without constant monitoring. The new Al-powered Lenovo Cyber Resiliency as a Service (CRaaS) brings the full power of the Microsoft security stack – fully managed by Lenovo.



#### More control for IT

Streamline IT management and up your IT teams for more strategic, innovative work with Lenovo Digital Workplace Solutions. What you get is a productive, satisfied hybrid workforce and IT that runs smoothly without disruptions, barriers, or unnecessary overhead – as well as a secure infrastructure that adapts as your business evolves.





## Future-proof your fleet with a smarter Windows 11 deployment

As productivity and security demands increase, your users will need devices that can adapt to continuous advancements in Windows. Lenovo has developed a future-proof solution for your deployments and evolving AI strategies.

Lenovo TruScale Device as a Service (DaaS) can help by taking care of everything from provisioning and deployment through end-of-life reclamation for one, predictable monthly fee.

In addition to freeing up resources (both IT and capital), Lenovo TruScale DaaS can help you equip more users for less upfront cost, adapt solutions to specific demands, and even pause when needed.

Keep users equipped with the most up-to-date hardware and software, eliminating the need to manage future upgrades and migrations.

Lenovo TruScale DaaS gives you worry-free, end-to-end lifecycle device management with flexible payment options, one point of contact, and accountability. Our experts help assess your needs and deliver a range of services to get you up and running quickly and smoothly.

Talk to your **Lenovo sales representative** today and download a detailed article and checklist on future-proofing your fleet with **TruScale**.





#### Six steps for migrating to Windows 11

Lenovo and Windows 11 are hybrid work's dynamic duo. Planning your company's upgrade today is a smart IT strategy.

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#### Enlist an expert.

As a trusted Microsoft partner with certified global expertise, Lenovo can help deploy, configure, and support the latest solutions so you can unlock all the benefits of Windows 11.

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#### Learn the system requirements.

Review the system and feature-specific requirements for installing Windows 11 on a PC.

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#### Inventory your fleet's compatibility.

Determine which devices in your network meet the minimum system requirements. Organizations will be able to move eligible PCs directly to Windows 11 using Windows Update for Business.

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#### Confirm with partners and check accessories.

While most software (including third-party ISV security solutions) and accessories that work with Windows 10 are expected to work with Windows 11, it is important not to risk your security protection. Check with your software publisher or accessory manufacturer for specific details on your products.

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#### Validate business-critical applications.

App compatibility is a core design tenet of Windows 11. For peace of mind, use **Test Base for Microsoft 365** to test your applications in preview. If any compatibility issues arise, Microsoft App Assure will remediate them.

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#### Develop a rollout schedule.

Keep the Windows 10 support deadline top of mind so you don't risk running an unsupported OS. Start getting ready for Windows 11 as soon as you can and plan to complete your migration well before October 14, 2025. **Lenovo Asset Recovery Services** can help you realize potential value from your old technology assets, meet your corporate and environmental responsibilities, and comply with your internal business security protocols.





## Migrating to Windows 11 is easy and secure with Lenovo

It's time to move to a more favorable environment. And whether it's a standardized migration, or a more complex one, Lenovo has the expertise, experience and services offerings to make the transition fuss-free and secure for you.

The process starts with two assessments guided by a Lenovo specialist:

#### **Cybersecurity Assessment**

- Analyze IT environment and current cybersecurity maturity level
- Define scope and deploy Microsoft Defender Vulnerability Management and Insider Risk Analytics
- · Perform a vulnerability assessment
- Assist with the prioritization of vulnerabilities and misconfigurations across your organization
- Perform a data security assessment to evaluate sensitive information and identify potential risks
- Plan next steps to improve your cyber and data security posture

#### Windows 11 Assessment

- · Assess current Windows environment and devices
- Explore identity and endpoint management capabilities
- Provide recommendations for Windows 11 and modern management plan based on Microsoft Endpoint Manager
- Setup Windows 11 deployment capabilities with Autopilot
- Design Windows servicing strategy
- Create a deployment plan for full Windows 11 adoption

## Following the assessments, we'll work closely with your IT team to plan the deployment and migration process, should you decide to move forward.

What the Lenovo PC Deployment & Migration Service comprises:

- Handling the OS, apps, and data for PCs that are being replaced
- Migrating from Win 10 to Win 11
- From the current user PC to a new user PC
- · OS and machine replacement
- Including associated app and data migration



## Seize the opportunities of tomorrow.

## The time is now.

The longer you wait, the larger the risks. Stay protected, stay ahead, and unlock limitless possibilities with Lenovo AI PCs powered by Windows 11 Pro.

Speak with your Lenovo representative today techtoday.lenovo.com/windows-11#contactus



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