



MICROSOFT ACCOUNT AND MICROSOFT SERVICES

Why might I want a Microsoft account,
what does it do for me?

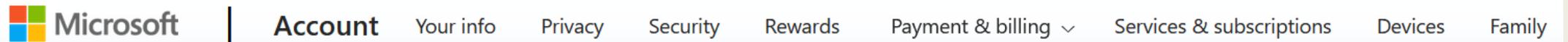
MICROSOFT ACCOUNT ALLOWS USERS TO SIGN INTO WEBSITES THAT SUPPORT THIS SERVICE USING A SINGLE SET OF CREDENTIALS. USERS' CREDENTIALS ARE NOT CHECKED BY MICROSOFT ACCOUNT-ENABLED WEBSITES, BUT BY A MICROSOFT ACCOUNT AUTHENTICATION SERVER

- When you get a new Windows 10 device or install Windows 10 on an existing device the first thing the install or setup process will ask you for is an email address – that becomes your Microsoft account. It can be any email address.
- The other option is to use a local account (this is the way the ASA PCs are setup) but Microsoft is making that more difficult to chose.

There are advantages to using a Microsoft account. What are they?

Your Microsoft Account

- Access your Microsoft products and services with just one login. From Office and Windows to Xbox and Skype, one username and password connects you to your files, photos, people, and content.
- To access your MS account and your information go to <https://account.microsoft.com/>



From here find all the devices linked to your account and their status. Find out what you have been doing and what Microsoft knows about you from tracking your activity. Ensure only the information you care about and find useful is there.

How does having a MS account help me?



New to Microsoft?

Get started with Microsoft products and more.

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Security

Change a password, update security information, and keep vital account details up-to-date.



Privacy

Review your search history, browsing and location activity, and more.



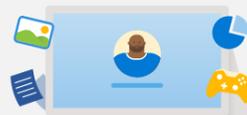
Family

Keep your family safer online and stay connected even when you're apart.



Payments & billing

Update your payment information, check your order history, redeem gift cards, and get billing help.



Subscriptions

Quickly renew and manage your favorite Microsoft subscriptions and services in one place.



Devices

Find, lock, or erase a lost or stolen Windows 10 device, schedule a repair, and get support.



Help

Get expert answers and advice on Microsoft products and services.

Tools and resources

Just sign in and go

Access your favorite Microsoft products and services with just one login. From Office and Windows to Xbox and Skype, one username and password connects you to the files, photos, people, and content you care about most.



Outlook

Email and calendar together. All you need to be your most productive and connected self—at home, on the go, and everywhere in between.

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Skype

Skype's text, voice and video make it simple to get closer to the people who matter most across all of your devices.

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Microsoft Edge

The faster way to get things done on the web with built-in features for staying organized, researching, and discovering.

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Bing

Intelligent search features make it quick and easy to find what you need – answers, news, entertainment, and more.

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Xbox

Play your favorite games in more places than ever. Easily access your games, friends, and community across Xbox One, Windows 10 PC, and mobile.

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Office

Achieve what matters to you with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more. What will you do with your next 365?

[Learn more >](#)



OneDrive

Safely store and access your files and photos on all your devices. Your Microsoft account comes with 5GB of storage and the option to add more when you need it.

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Windows

Find, lock, or erase a lost or stolen Windows 10 device, schedule a repair, and get support.

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Mixer

Mixer is where gamers come together to play, celebrate, and share the best moments in gaming.

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Microsoft Store

Experience all that's possible with Microsoft, from the best in productivity and creativity to gaming and entertainment.

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Cortana

Save time and stay organized—Cortana helps handle day-to-day tasks so you can stay on top of what matters most.

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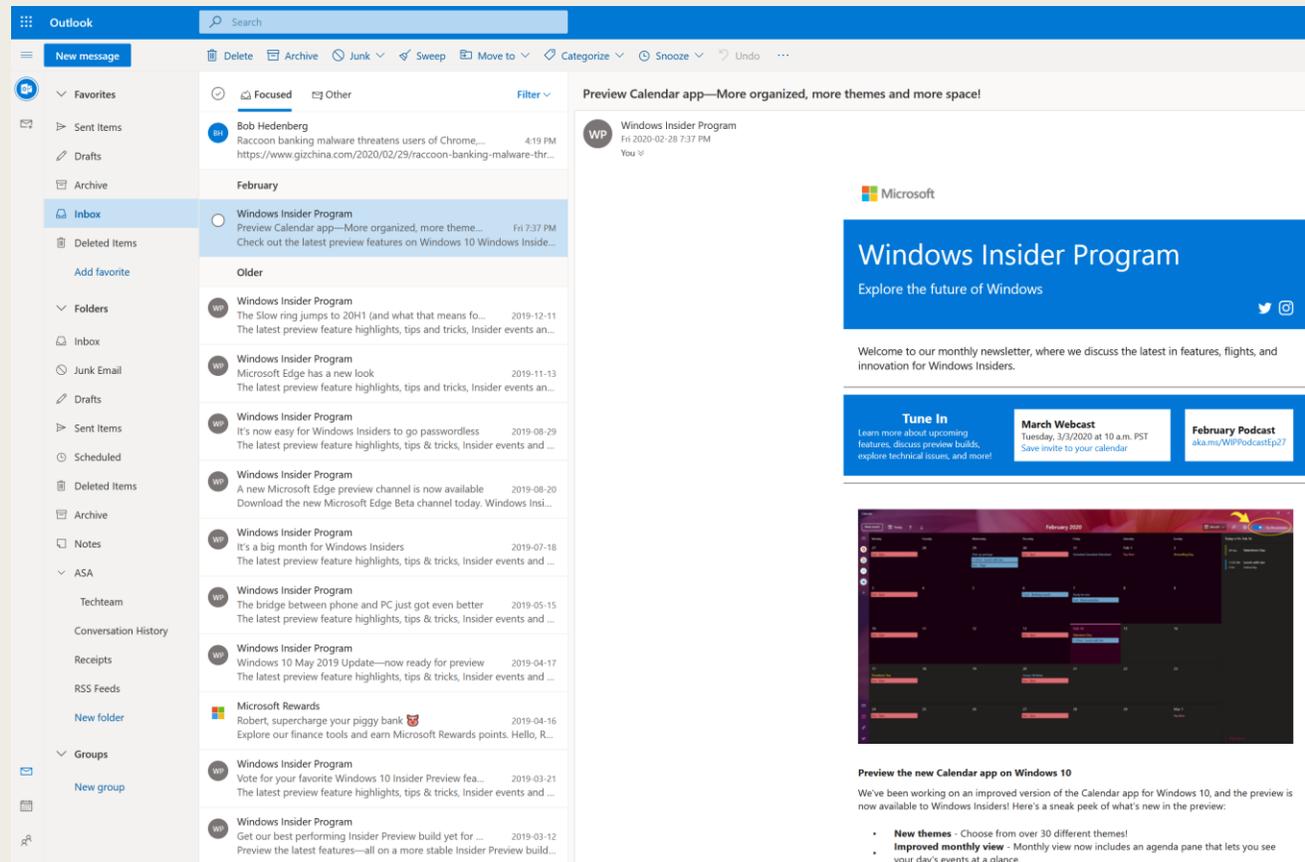
MSN

With MSN, the information that enriches your life is accessible every moment of every day.

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Outlook

- Access your email, contacts, calendar, attachments and to-do lists from one place
- Outlook mobile app for iOS and Android



Skype - <https://www.skype.com/en/>

Get the most out of Skype

Discover why hundreds of millions people use Skype to chat and call every day.



Audio and HD video calling

Experience crystal clear audio and HD video in one to one or group calls – now with call reactions too.



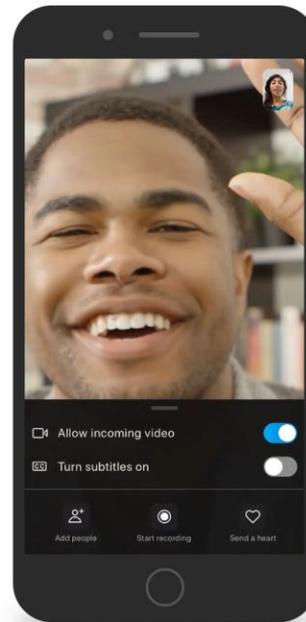
Smart messaging

Instantly react to any message with fun reactions or use @mentions to grab someone's attention.



Screen sharing

Easily share presentations, holiday photos or anything on your screen during a call with integrated screen sharing.



Call recording and Live subtitles

Record Skype calls to capture special moments, note key decisions and use live subtitles to read the words that are spoken.



Call phones

Reach friends who aren't online with affordable international calling rates to mobiles and landlines.



Private conversations

Keep your sensitive conversations private with industry standard end to end encryption.

One Skype for all your devices



Phone



Desktop



Tablet



Web



Alexa

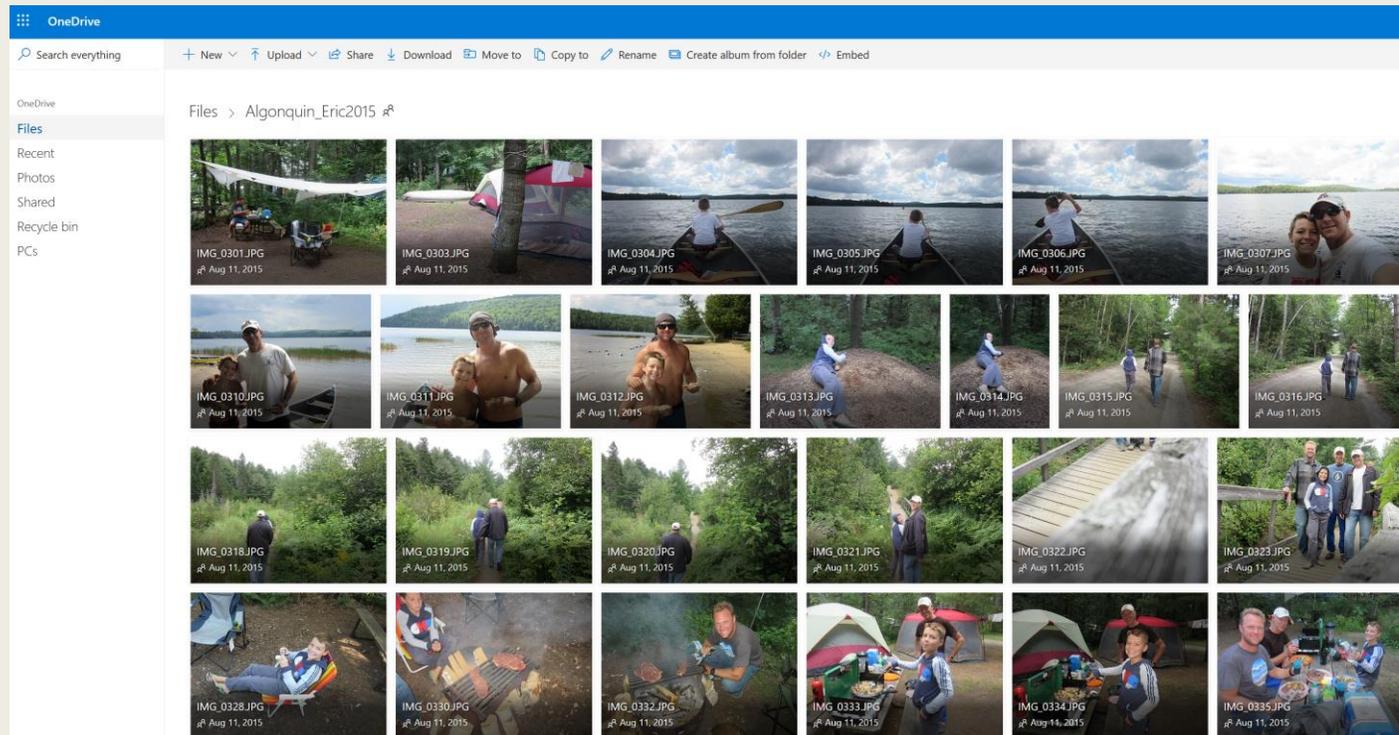


Xbox

Download Skype

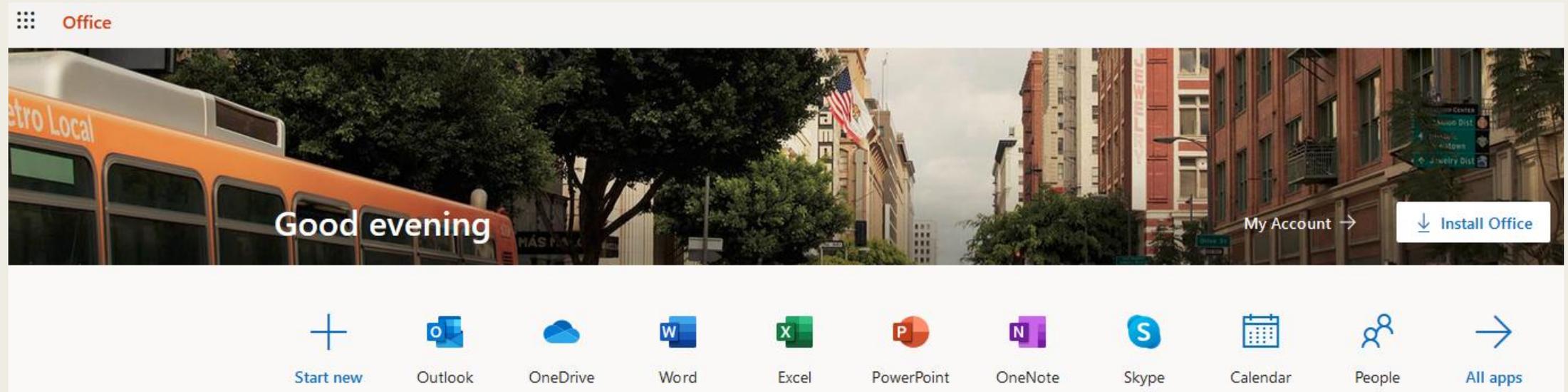
OneDrive

- Safely store and access your files and photos on all your devices. Your Microsoft account comes with 5GB of storage and the option to add more when you need it.
- Easily share photos without sending them as email attachments.
- Easily share files as well. Only the person you share with has access and you control the editing of the file or photo.



Office Online

- Microsoft's **Office Online** is a completely free, web-based version of Microsoft **Office**
- Similar to and competes with Google Docs - <https://www.office.com/?auth=1>



Windows 10 Version Support

Windows 10 version history	Date of availability	End of service for Home, Pro, Pro Education, and Pro for Workstations editions	End of service for Enterprise and Education editions
Windows 10, version 1909	November 12, 2019	May 11, 2021	May 10, 2022**
Windows 10, version 1903	May 21, 2019	December 8, 2020	December 8, 2020
Windows 10, version 1809	November 13, 2018	May 12, 2020	May 11, 2021**
Windows 10, version 1803	April 30, 2018	November 12, 2019	November 10, 2020
Windows 10, version 1709	October 17, 2017	April 9, 2019	April 14, 2020
Windows 10, version 1703	April 5, 2017*	October 9, 2018	October 8, 2019
Windows 10, version 1607	August 2, 2016	April 10, 2018	April 9, 2019
Windows 10, version 1511	November 10, 2015	October 10, 2017	October 10, 2017
Windows 10, released July 2015 (version 1507)	July 29, 2015	May 9, 2017	May 9, 2017

* Windows 10, version 1703 for Enterprise, Education, and IOT Enterprise editions were released on April 11, 2017.

** Serviced for 30 months from release date per policy updated at [September 6, 2018](#).

Note: Not all features in an update will work on all devices. A device may not be able to receive updates if the device hardware is incompatible, lacks current drivers, lacks sufficient storage space, or is otherwise outside the original equipment manufacturer's (OEM) support period. For more information on compatibility, review the [Windows 10 System Requirements](#) as well as the [Windows Processor Requirements](#).