Microsoft has finally listened: Windows 10 is here

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If you are like me and adapt to change easily you will love this post. If not, you will have to broaden your horizons and adapt as technology is constantly changing. Either way there will always be pros and cons of change. Nonetheless, have you heard about Windows 10? Yes, Windows 10 is already here!

Just when you thought Microsoft was done enhancing its Operating Systems, as Windows 8 proved challenging for some to get used to, having to go through a training process or learning something new can sometimes be a really painful exercise.

Many businesses and individuals chose not to upgrade to Windows 8 as we were all used to the standard UI (User Interface) platform from the ancient times of Windows 95 (remember Windows 95? *smile emoticon* What a great OS!) to Windows 7 and the new Windows 8 may have brought that feeling of uncertainty.

Back to the drawing board

Well then, not to worry as Microsoft listened to your frustrations, went back to the drawing board and used a different approach on Windows 10, unifying your modern UI with the typical desktop interface. So if you are a fan of Windows 7 you will love Windows 10.

Windows 10 isn't just about correcting Windows 8's mistakes, though. There are new features that Windows 8 users will love too.

New features in Windows 10

I will only mention a few here:

- The first, which is one of the coolest new features, is Cortana, Windows 10's version of Siri, which appears next to the Start button on the taskbar. Cortana is Microsoft's personal digital assistant. So you can control Cortana by talking to your computer. You can say: "Hey Cortana" and it can do a command. You can also search information and Cortana can give you results;
- One of the confusing parts of Windows 8 was the difference between the settings app and control panel. Well now Microsoft has brought them together in a new familiar settings application that will replace the control panel;
- If you are a developer, Windows 10 features directX 12, which will give you total flexibility and ability to control how much hardware power is being used at what time. For the user, this basically means that CPU performance can be up to about 50% faster on avg and power consumption can be cut in half on avg;

- One of the biggest things in Windows 10 is the new web browser. I am not sure what it's going to be called yet, but it's code-named Project Spartan. It features a new rendering engine and a new UI that fits along with the new app designs that come with Windows 10. In addition to this is a new inking support that lets users annotate web pages and sync all of those notes to OneDrive and share them with collaborators. There's also a new reading mode that strips away the clutter of a page and makes it more like reading a book - it's a feature that Apple has offered for a while in Safari on both the Mac and on iOS devices.

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