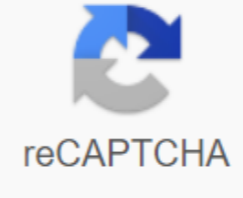




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Microsoft allows everyone to download Windows 10 for free and install it without a product key. It will constantly work in the near future, with only a few small cosmetic restrictions. And you can even pay to upgrade to a licensed copy of Windows 10 after you install it. Whether you want to install Windows 10 Boot Camp, put it on an old computer that doesn't meet the requirements for a free upgrade, or create one or more virtual machines, you don't actually have to pay a penny. How to download Windows 10 and install without key RELATED: Where to download Windows 10, 8.1 and 7 ISO Legally First, you will have to download Windows 10. You can download it directly from Microsoft and you don't even need a product key to download a copy. There is a Windows 10 download tool running on Windows systems that will help you create a USB stick to install Windows 10. If you're not in Windows, you can visit the Windows 10 ISO download page and download ISO directly (say, if you're installing Windows 10 in the Mac boot camp). If you visit that page on your Windows computer, it will point you to the download tool page. Just start the installation process and install Windows 10 as usual. One of the first screens you see will ask you to enter your product key so that you can activate Windows. However, you can simply click the I don't have a product key link at the bottom of the window, and Windows will allow you to continue the installation process. You may be asked to enter a product key later, as well as if you are, just look for similar small links to skip that screen. If you don't see this option, you can also provide the KMS client setup key to continue. These keys will not provide a copy of Windows that is activated unless you are in an organization that has a key management service, but they allow you to complete the Windows installation process. When you select this option, will be able to install Windows 10 Home or Windows 10 Pro. Remember that if you plan to pay to upgrade to a paid version later, it will be cheaper to upgrade to Windows 10 Home, so you might want to install the Home version. Regardless of which version you choose, Windows 10 will be installed normally. Cosmetic Restrictions RELATED: How does Windows activation work? After you install Windows 10 without a key, it will not be activated. However, there are not many restrictions for an unactivated version of Windows 10. With Windows XP, Microsoft actually used Windows Genuine Advantage (WGA) to turn off access to your computer. These days, Windows only complains about you in several small, cosmetic ways. At first you will not notice the difference. Eventually, Windows will start nagging you a little bit. You'll first notice the watermark in the lower-right corner of the screen. You'll also see Windows not activated. Activate Windows now. link at the bottom of the Settings app. This is the only form of nag you will see that there are no pop-ups, for example. Secondly, you won't be able to change your desktop background and settings app > background screen personalization. At the top of this window, you'll see a message You need to activate Windows to personalize your PC, and the options for changing wallpapers will be additional. However, you can still change the wallpaper in other ways. For example, you can right-click the image in File Explorer and select Set as Desktop Background. You can also open an image in the Photos app, click the menu button, click Set As, and then click Set as Background. Windows 7 eventually switched you back to a black background, but Windows 10 doesn't seem to be doing that. You can find the Windows 10 wallpapers in the C:\Windows\Web folder in File Explorer. Without these basic limitations, your Windows 10 system will continue to work forever. There are no nag prompts aside from the watermark, you will get all the system updates, and everything else is fully functional. The only thing that can change this is the Windows 10 update, but Microsoft is increasingly softening from Windows 7. How to upgrade Windows 10 to an activated version with Windows 10, you can now pay to upgrade a non-genuine copy of Windows to a licensed version. Open the Settings app and go to Update & Security > Activation. You'll see a Go to Store button that will take you to the Windows Store if Windows is unlicensed. You can buy an official Windows license in the Store that will activate your computer. The home version of Windows 10 costs \$120, while the Pro version costs \$200. This is a digital purchase that immediately triggers the current installation of Windows. You don't have to buy License. We installed Windows 10 Professional as an example, so the Windows Store will allow us to purchase only a \$200 Windows 10 Pro license. This option may not be available in all countries. Here prices are for the US version of Windows Store. Microsoft charges different prices in different countries and currencies. Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 8.1 worked roughly the same way. Microsoft just officially prevented you from downloading Windows without a product key, and there was no way to fully upgrade to the licensed system from Windows. This makes it even more tempting with Windows 10, for example, you can install Windows 10 Boot Camp on your Mac for free and if you often use it, you can quickly pay to remove the watermark if it's worth it for you. It's like a free demo, and you can use it to make all the virtual machines you like for testing purposes. Of course, the license agreement may state that you should not use it without a key, but Microsoft's license agreements say that there are various misleading things. The Microsoft License Agreement still prohibits the use of popular Copies of Windows 10 OEM on computers that you create yourself. If Microsoft doesn't want people to use unactivated copies of Windows 10 for a long time, it can run a system update that disables it. Wachiwit/Shutterstock If you want to use an older classic keyboard, such as an IBM Model M that doesn't have a physical Windows key, there's a neat way to add one using Windows 10 by borrowing a key that you don't use very often. Here's how. With Microsoft's free PowerToys tool, you can easily reassign any key so that you can work like any other key (or even give them a new feature, such as mute audio). In our case, we will assign the Windows key function to the selected key. (By default, the Command key on the Mac keyboard acts as a Windows key if connected to a Windows 10-based computer. You don't need to use this trick on your Mac keyboard with Windows— just use the Command key as a Windows key.) First, if you don't already have PowerToys for Windows 10, download it for free from the Microsoft website. Then start PowerToys, and then click Keyboard Manager in the sidebar. In Keyboard Manager, click Relink key. In the Remap Keyboard window that appears, click the plus sign (+) to add a key mapping. Now you need to decide which key you want to double as a Windows key. We found that the right alt key works very well (if you have one) because it is easy to use one-handed Windows shortcuts and most people use the left alt key more often. You can also select a rarely used key, such as scroll lock or right Ctrl. By defining the PowerToys, use the drop-down menu On the left side is the header Key: to select the key you want to function as a Windows key. In this example, we use Alt (right). In the Linked by drop-down section on the right, select Win (which specifies the Windows key). Click OK. Windows will probably warn you that the key you're using won't be available because you've reassigned it to another feature. In this scenario, click Continue anyway. After that, the new Windows key mapping must be active. Try. If you tap the key that you assigned to Windows, your Start menu should pop up. Since then, you should also be able to use it to start handy shortcuts such as Windows + I to open Settings. When you're ready, close PowerToys and you can use your computer as usual. You don't have to disconnect or restart your computer; your change will take effect immediately. How to remove a new Windows key mapping If you change your mind and want to assign a different key to Windows or restore the key feature you are restoring, start PowerToys, and then go to Keyboard Manager > Remap A Key. Find the mapping you defined above, and then click Trash to delete it. Then click OK to close the window. After that, you are free to create a new map or simply close Power Toys. RELATED: Why I still use the 34-year-old IBM Model M keyboard keyboard

