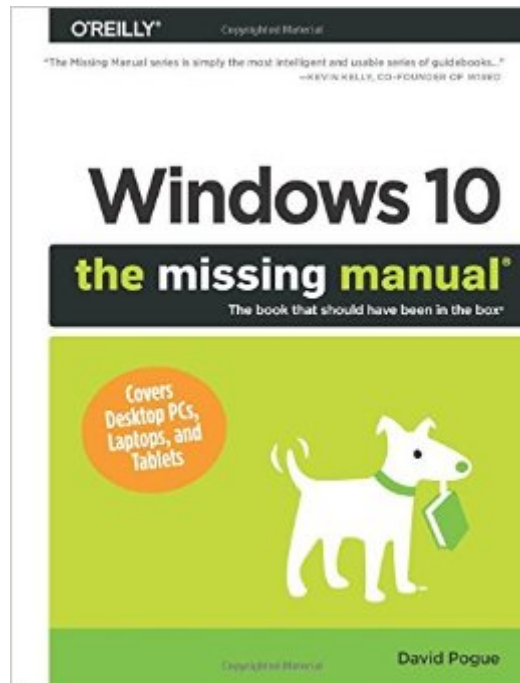


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Windows 10: The Missing Manual



Synopsis

With Windows 8, Microsoft completely reimagined the graphical user interface for its operating system, which now runs on both desktop PCs and tablets, but the overhaul was not without hitches and its dueling UIs (one designed for touch, the other for keyboards and mice) created significant confusion for users. Windows 10 (a free update to users of Windows 8 or Windows 7) fixes a number of the problems introduced by the revolution in Windows 8 and offers plenty of new features along, such as the new Spartan web browser, Cortana voice-activated personal assistant, new universal apps (that run on tablet, phone, and computer), and more. But to really get the most out of the new operating system, you're going to need a guide. Thankfully, *Windows 10: The Missing Manual* will be there to help. Like its predecessors, this book from the founder of Yahoo Tech, previous New York Times columnist, bestselling author, and Missing Manuals creator David Pogue illuminates its subject with technical insight, plenty of wit, and hardnosed objectivity for beginners, veteran standalone PC users, new tablet owners, and those who know their way around a network.

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Windows. Instead, it's going to be a work in progress—a continuously improved, living blob of software. The age of service packs—megalithic annual chunks of updates and patches—is over. Instead, Microsoft intends to fix bugs (there are plenty) and add features continuously via quiet, automatic software releases.

The Start menu. It may have taken four years, but Microsoft finally realized the foolishness and incoherence of the Start screen that, in Windows 8, replaced the Start menu. All apps work alike. In Windows 8, there were two kinds of programs: the traditional Windows programs like Word, Excel, and Photoshop, and then a new kind designed for touchscreens.

Cortana. You know Siri, the voice-activated 'assistant' on the iPhone? Or Google Now on Android phones? Well, Microsoft now has Cortana. Same exact idea, except it's not just on your phone—it's on your PC, which takes its usefulness to a whole new level.

The Edge browser. Microsoft has retired the wrinkly old Internet Explorer browser and replaced it with an all-new, bare-bones one called Edge. It's designed to eat up very little screen space with controls, so that the Web pages you're reading get as much room as possible.

Task view. With one click on this new taskbar button, all your open windows shrink into index cards, so you can see them all at once—a great way to find a program in a haystack.

Virtual screens. You can now set up multiple 'virtual monitors', each with a certain set of windows open. Maybe you like your email on screen 1, Facebook and Twitter on screen 2, and graphics apps on screen 3. And so much more. ..Action Center, Xbox streaming etc.

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