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In this lecture, we are going to download a Windows 10 ISO installation file from Microsoft. An ISO file is a disc image file that can emulate a CD or DVD. This file cannot be natively opened on Windows, but VirtualBox will be able to read the ISO and get the Windows installation files from the ISO. It's important for you to know that we are going to complete this lecture from our Host computer and not from a Virtual Machine.

To download Windows 10, open your preferred web-browser on your Host computer and navigate to google.com. In the search bar type in "Windows 10 Download Tool". The first result will be [Microsoft's software downloads](#) page that allows us to download the Windows 10 Media Creation Tool. Click the **Download tool now** button and wait for the download to complete.

Looking to install Windows 10 on your PC?

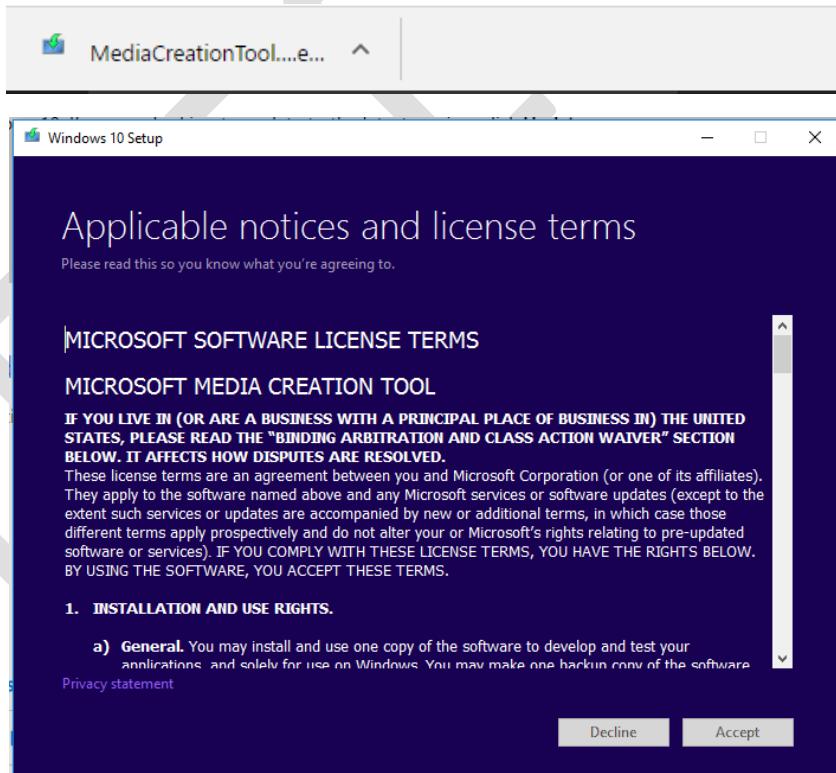
Download and run the media creation tool to get started. For more information on how to use the tool, see the instructions below.

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Once the download is complete, launch the installer file.



Once the installation has begun, accept the license terms and on the following screen you want to select **Create installation media for another PC** and click **Next**.



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What do you want to do?

- Upgrade this PC now
- Create installation media for another PC

On the next screen you can leave the default settings or if you want you could customize them by unchecking the **Use the recommended options for this PC** checkbox. I am going to leave them at the default setting and click **Next**.

Select language, architecture, and edition

Please select from one of the available options to continue.

Language: English (United States)

Edition: Windows 10

Architecture: 64-bit (x64)

Use the recommended options for this PC

On the next screen choose the **ISO file** checkbox. This option allows us to download an ISO file that we can later mount to a VM and use to install Windows 10.

Choose which media to use

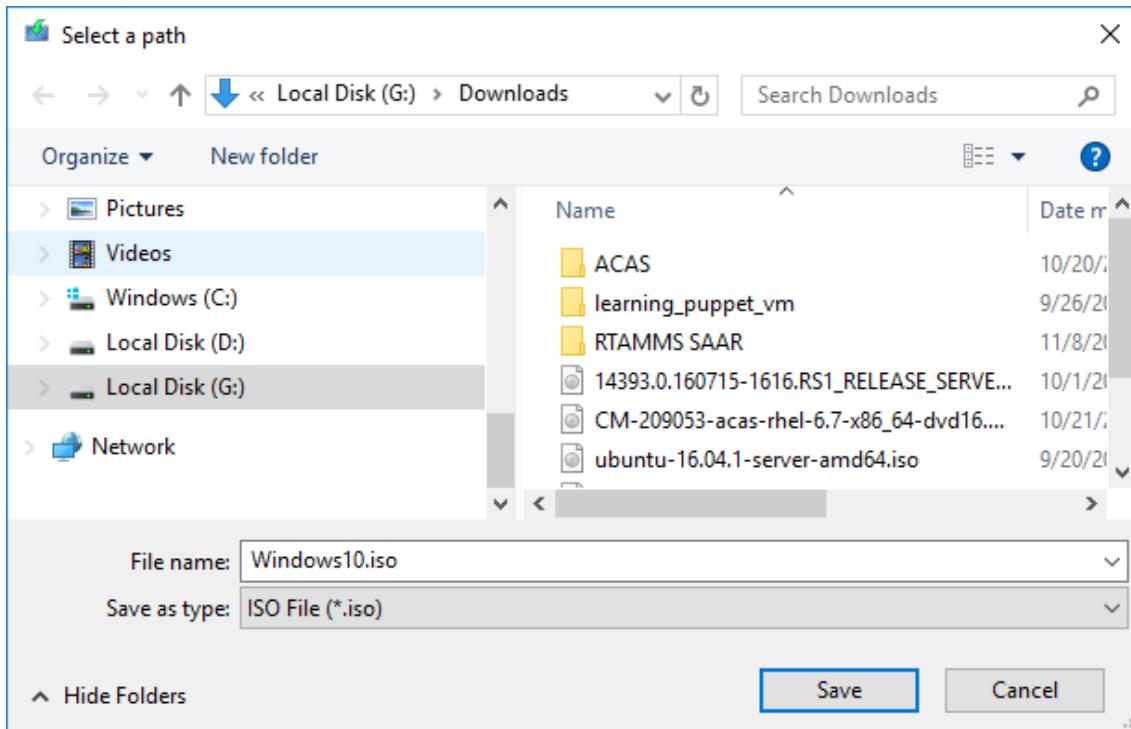
If you want to install Windows 10 on another partition, you need to create and then run the media to install it.

- USB flash drive
It needs to be at least 4 GB.
- ISO file
You'll need to burn the ISO file to a DVD later.



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Click **Next** and choose where you want to save the new ISO file. I recommend that you change the name from **Windows.iso** to **Windows10.iso**. We don't want to be confused between this ISO and Windows Server ISO later on down the road.



Click **Save** and now we simply need to wait for the download to finish.