I switched to Windows 11

**To start off, why did I do it?**

I’m the “switch things up every now and then” type. Hence, I felt the urge to switch things up a bit. Then I researched on how bad Windows 11 really is and turn out it’s not that bad anymore.

**The plan**

Because I’m also the “keep things clean” guy, I wanted to have a clean Windows 11 install. Further down the line I recognized that wasn’t a good idea… . Anyways, to achieve the clean install, I factory reset my machine. After one hour waiting for the reset to complete, I had a clean Windows 10 install. My initial goal was to reset to a fresh Windows 10 install and right away upgrade to Windows 11.

**The problem**

However, as I stated before my plan didn’t work out due to the safety prerequisite check that Windows does to see if the target system is suitable for Windows 11. So, there I was sitting at 2 a.m. waiting for that “Windows 11 available” message. Turns out, the checks take a random amount of time (I guess it depends on the windows server usage). As a result, next day I have set up my laptop as I would with Windows 11 and began using it as usual. Until now (one day after resetting) the message didn’t appear. At the end of the day I’m now using a clean Windows 10 until I can upgrade to Windows 11.

**Windows 11**

Finally, after 5 days of waiting: 🤩

![image](https://user-images.githubusercontent.com/95316598/176742352-fbdfa9a8-ffec-45ec-ae84-f9f4c9af7222.png)

After installing Windows 11, I immediately noticed how everything was already set up. Even all my online accounts in my browser were set up. All applications were installed, and everything was set up the same as with my previously set up Windows 10. What shook me, was that I was able to clean 25GB of disk space which was not used any more after the upgrade (old Windows 10 files).

After 2 hours of Windows 11, I’m pretty happy and didn’t notice any issues. However, what’s annoying me is the fact that I can’t remove the news on the widgets view.

Now, I’m going to use Windows 11 for one week and write a quick review about it and if I would do it again, further in this post. *Wish me luck!*

**1 week of using Windows 11**

After one week of using Windows 11, first let’s talk about design. I enjoy the new look and feel of Windows 11. I think the rounded corners and transparent effects lead to a sophisticated look.

Another thing I liked is that, even though I expected the opposite, my battery life got way better.

Concerning issues, there are not many I encountered:

* I couldn’t start Valorant anymore because Windows 11 is banned. It says TPM 2.0 is required.
* At first, I wasn’t able to install the newest NVIDIA drivers but that has been fixed by time.
* The widget view is cool, but I don’t want to have news in them. After some googling I didn’t find a way to disable them. I could disable the widgets in general but as I said before, in reality I like them.

Other than that, nothing bad happened until now.

In conclusion I’m happy to have switched to Windows 11. The issues don’t effect my experience too bad and now I have a stunning and clean installation.

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