

# **Windows 10**

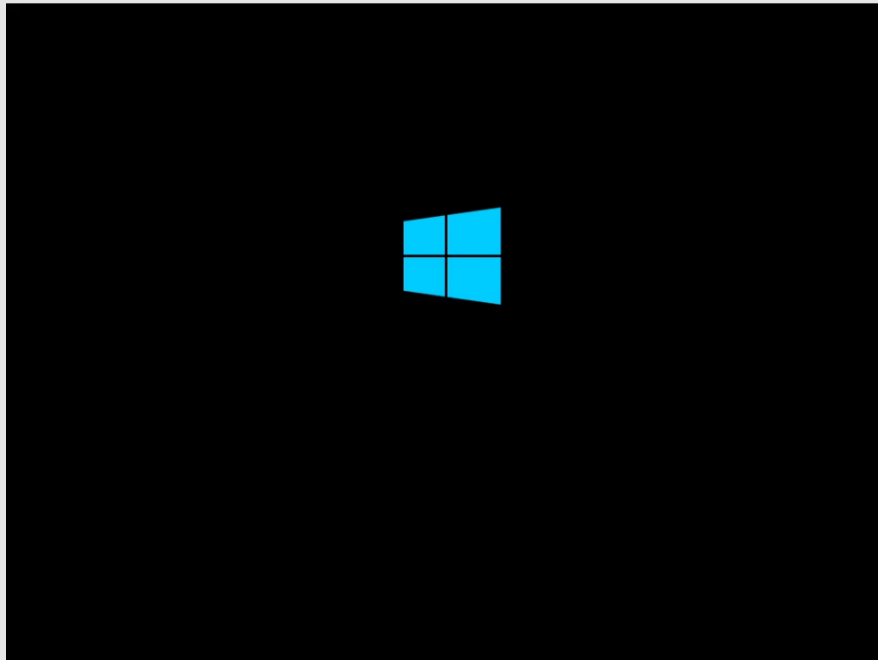
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## *How to Clean Install Windows 10*

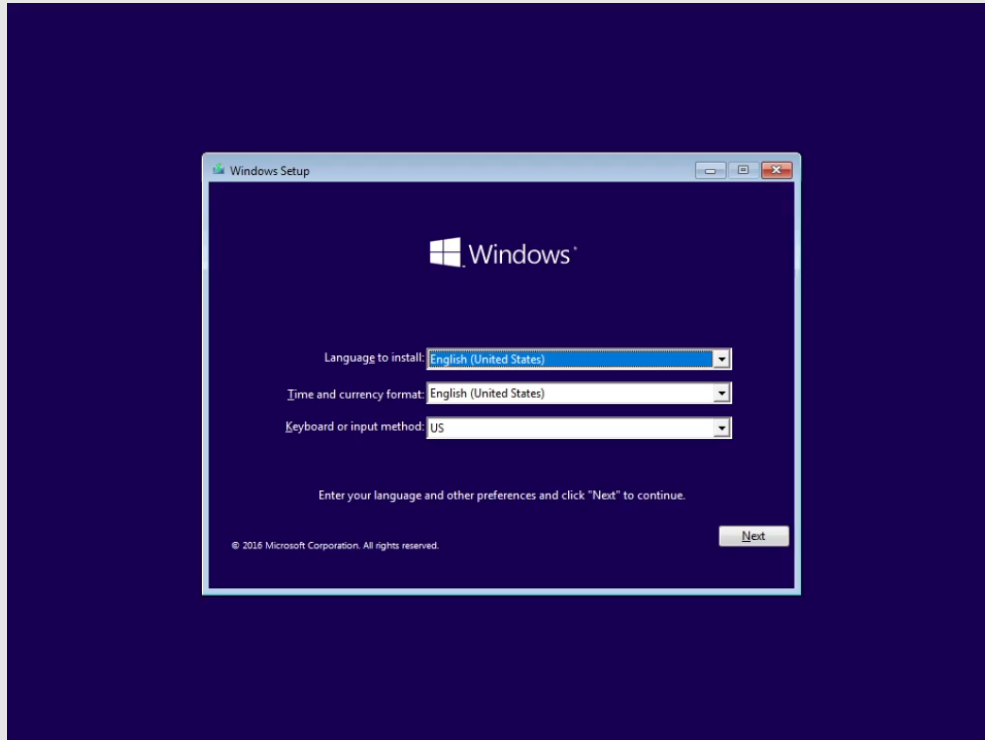
1. Insert the Windows 10 USB/DVD into the USB port or optical drive, and then turn on or restart the computer. (The USB flash drive was created using the installation media download tool from Microsoft)



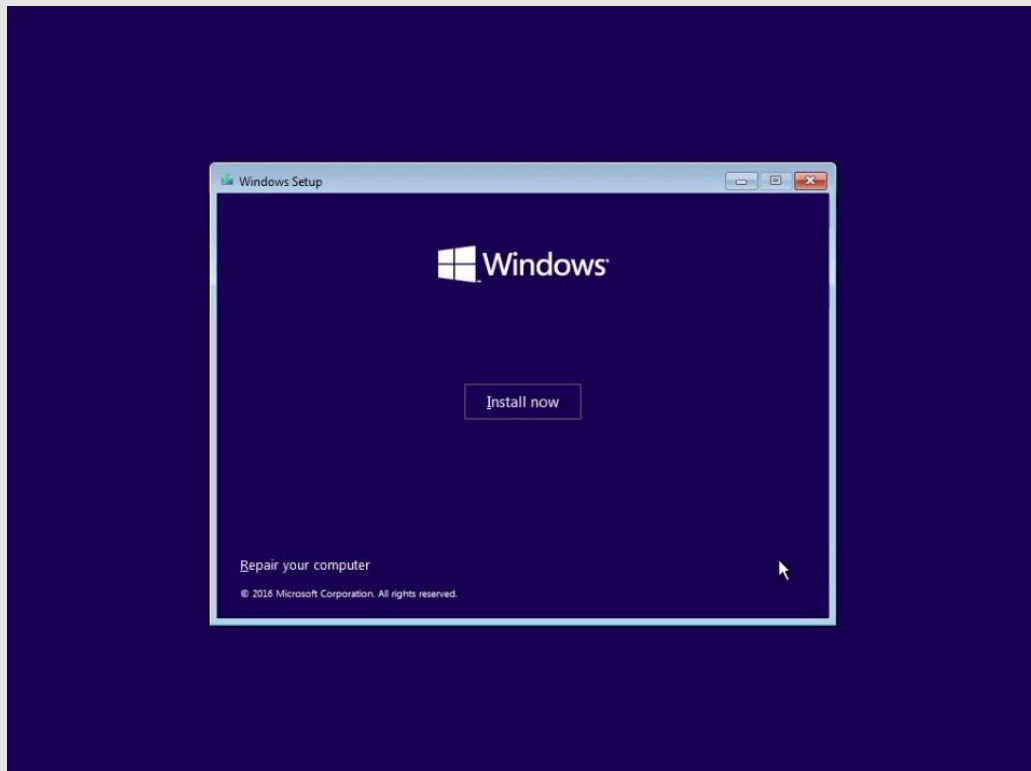
2. When the PC turns on, press the boot-device options menu key, this could be F12/F10/Esc. Then select the option that boots the PC from the USB flash drive.



3. Windows Setup screen appears, choose the language, time and currency, and keyboard settings. Then select Next.



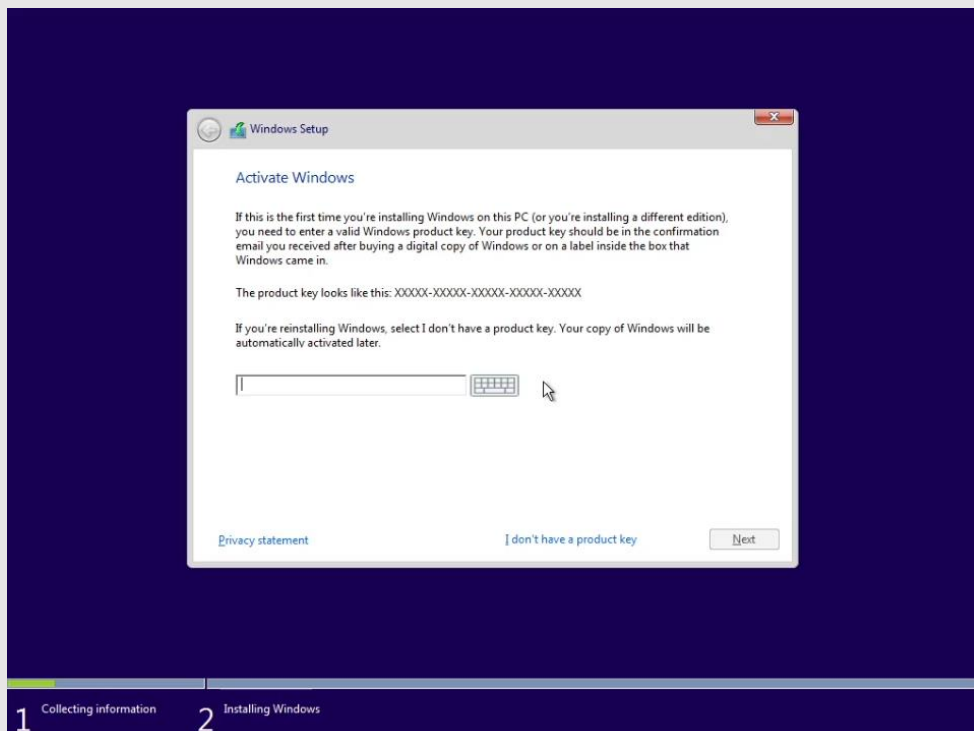
4. Click Install now



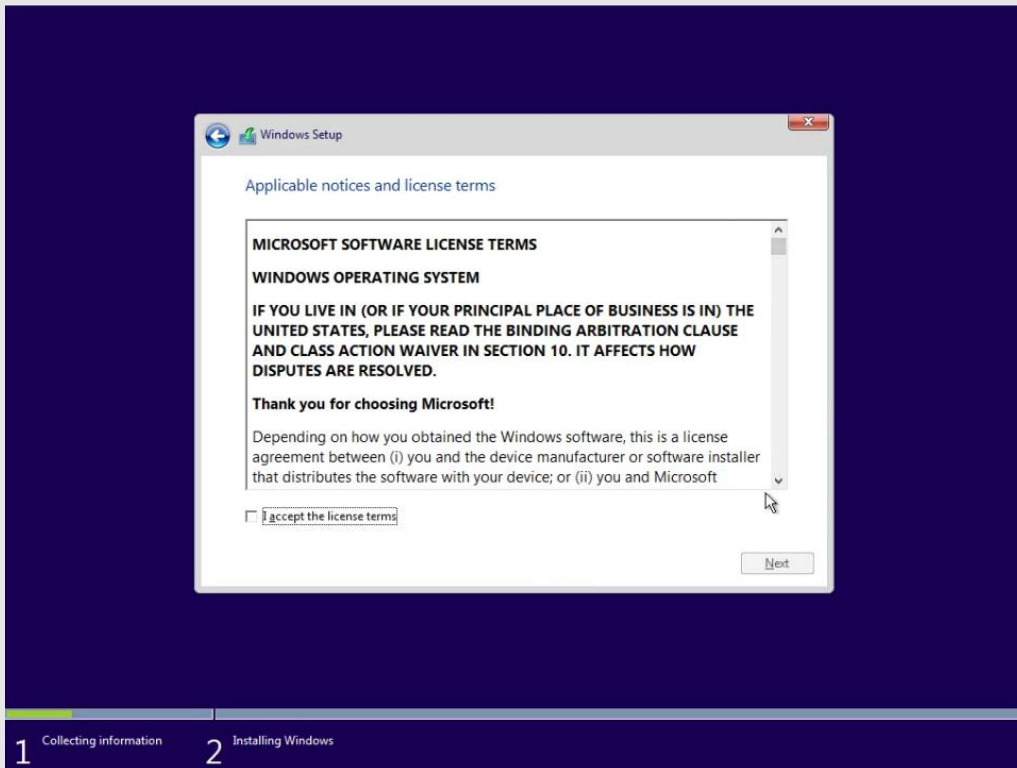
5. It will then indicate Setup is starting.



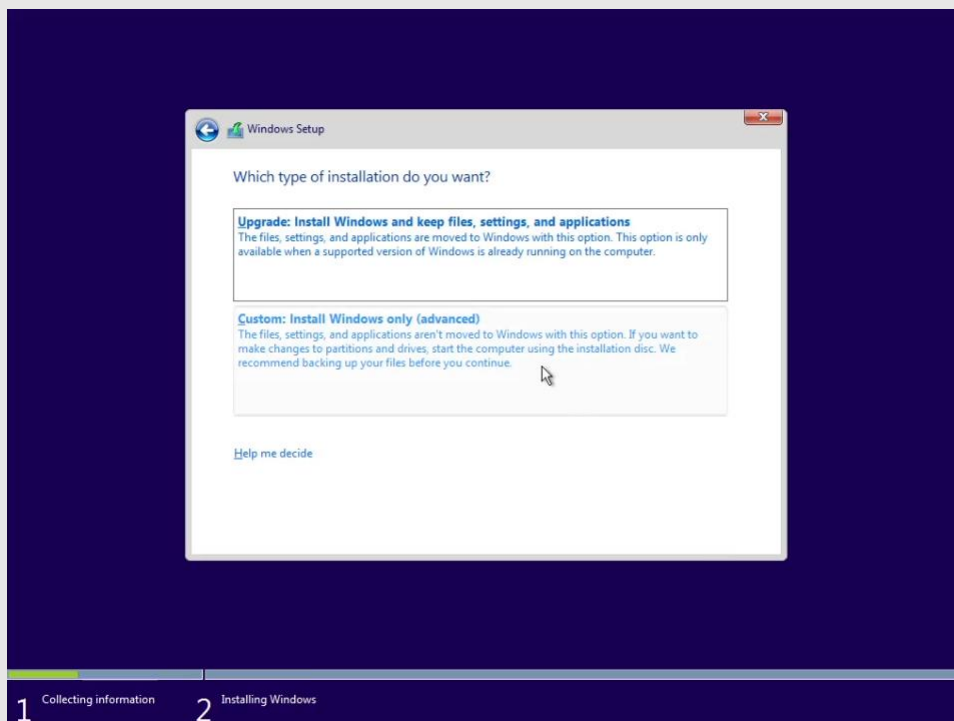
6. On some general setups, the Activate Windows screen will appear. This is where you enter the product key that came after buying the digital copy or inside the box that Windows came in.



7. Read and accept the Microsoft License Terms, click Next.



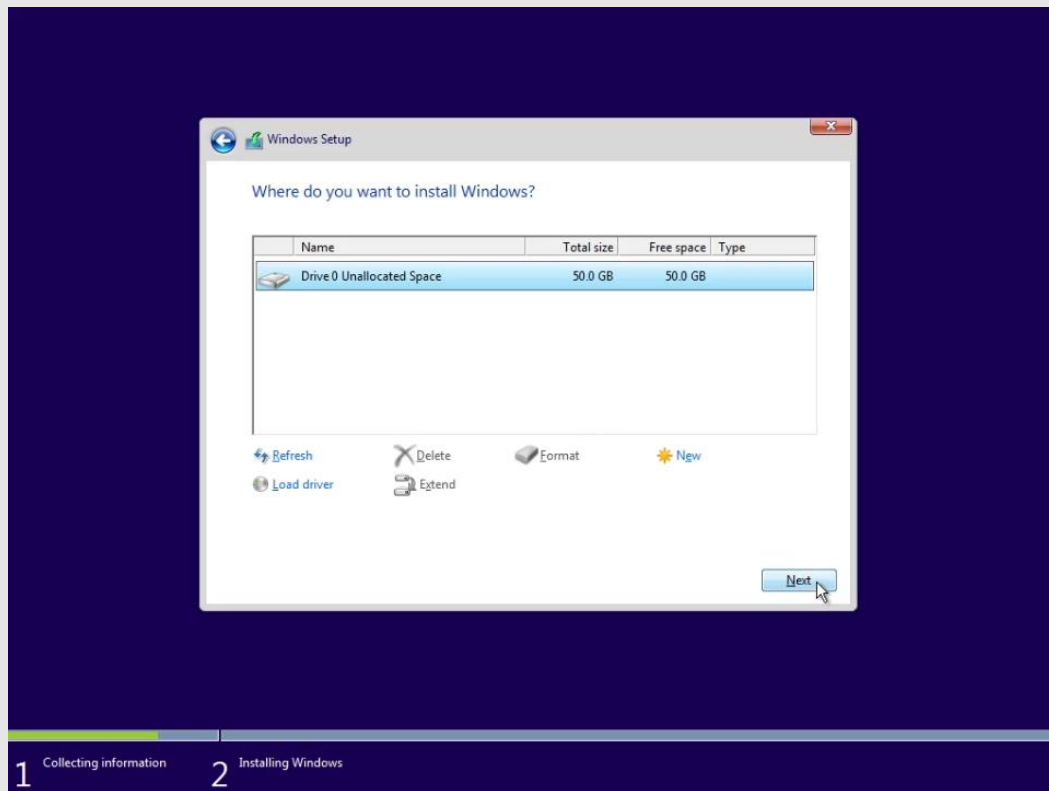
8. Select the type of installation. You can either do an upgrade or custom install. For this walk through we will be doing a custom clean install.  
Select Custom: Install Windows only (advanced)



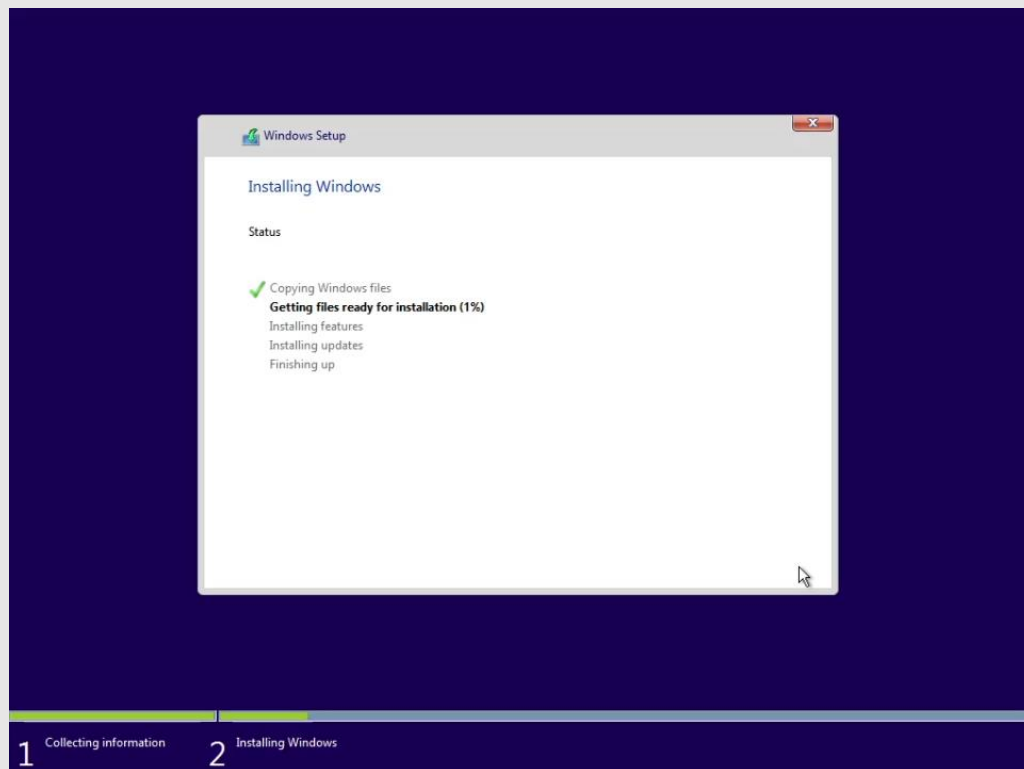
9. In my setup configuration I have no partitions because the space is unallocated.

(Optional) If there are current partitions on the drive being used you can either pick an existing partition or delete everything.

I will be using all the unallocated space. Select the partition where you want to install Windows and click Next.

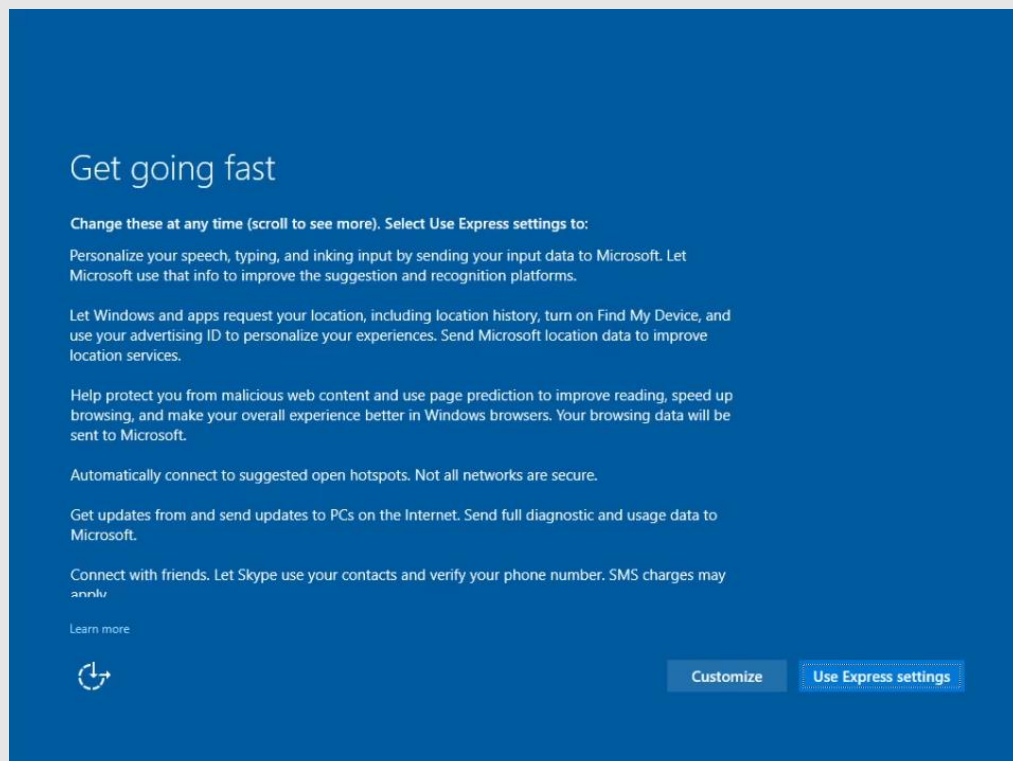


10. Windows 10 installation will begin. The computer will reboot a few times.

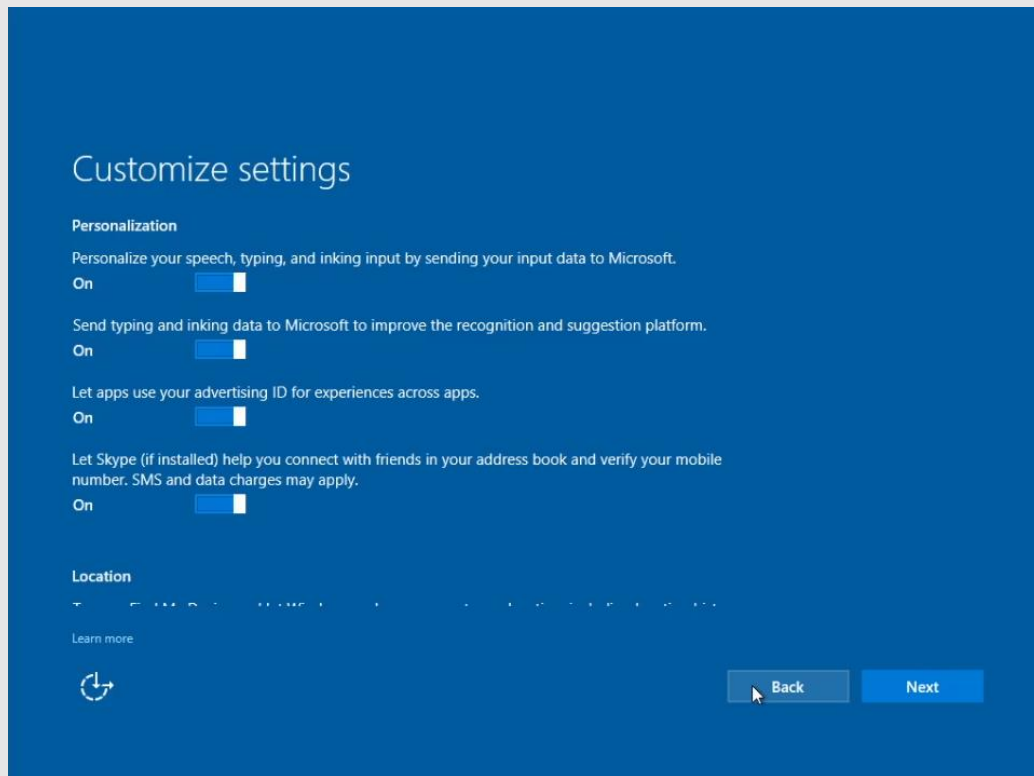


11. After the installation the system will boot into Windows 10 option settings.

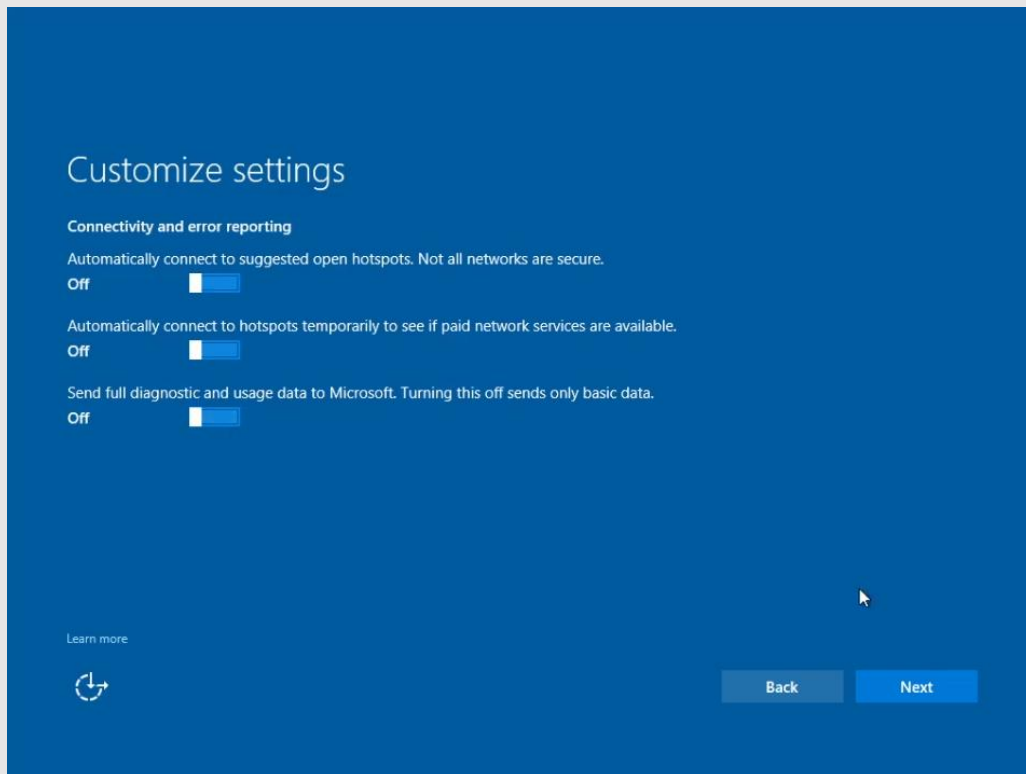
12. I will be customizing this setup to turn off default Microsoft settings, select Customize.



13. In Customize settings disable all settings to off. Then select Next.

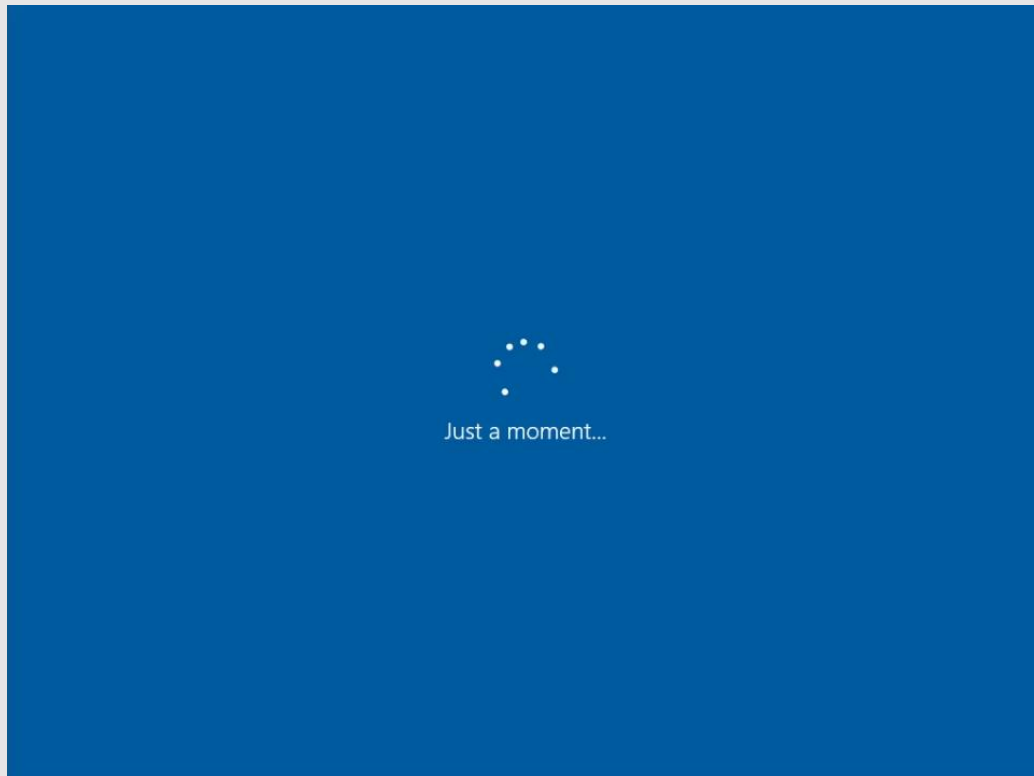


14. Another page, again disable all settings to off. Then select Next.



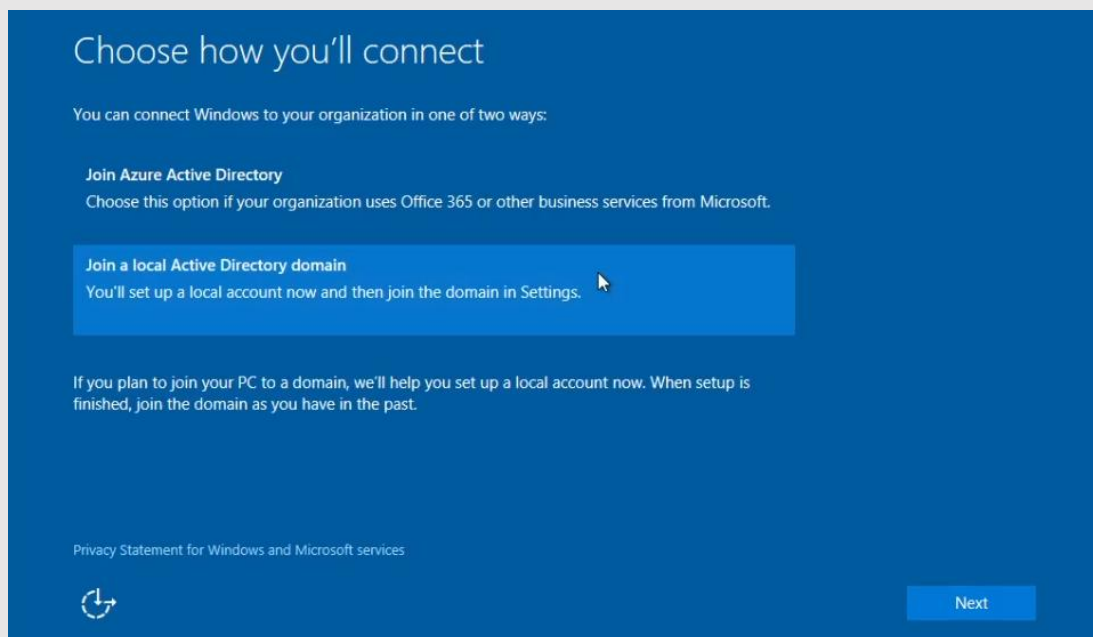


15. Wait while Windows 10 configures settings.



16. In some setups you can choose how you will connect. In Pro/Enterprise of Windows 10 you have the option to connect to Azure Active Directory or join an Active Directory domain.

Choose to join a local Active Directory domain and select Next.



17. Create an account for the PC.

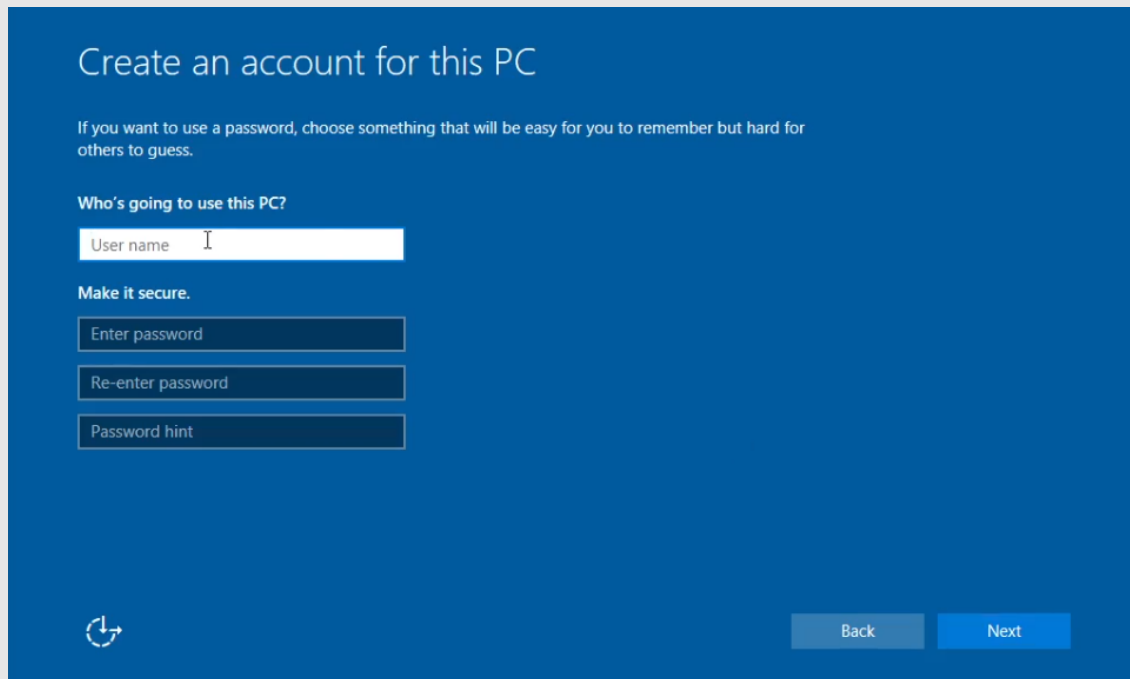
Enter a username: <GeneratedUsername>

Enter a password: <GeneratedPassword>

Re-enter the password: <GeneratedPassword>

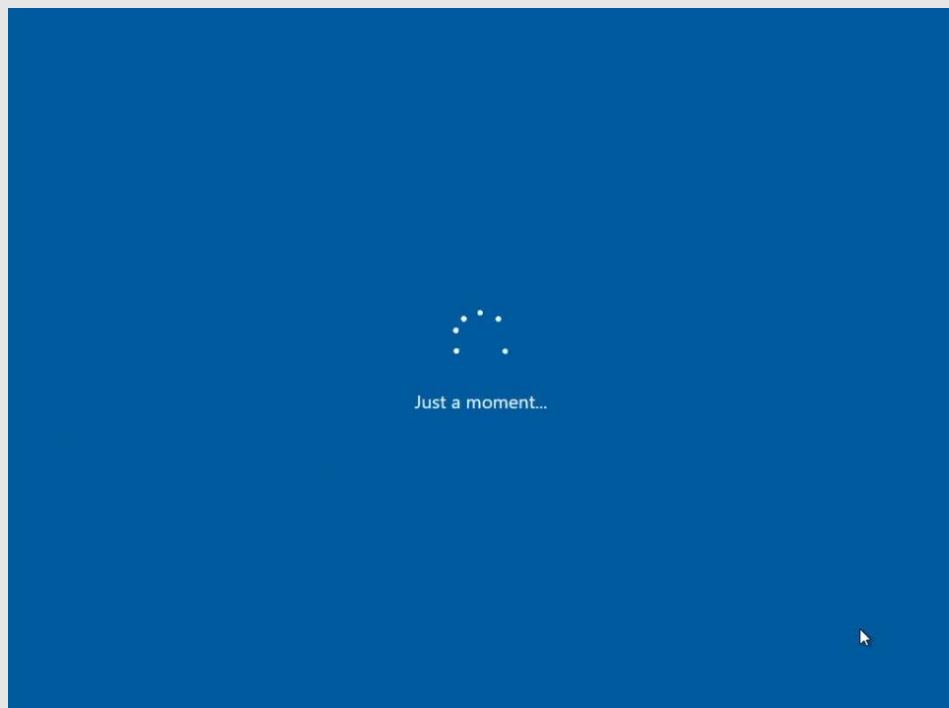
Enter a password hint: <Do not type the Password>

Then select Next.

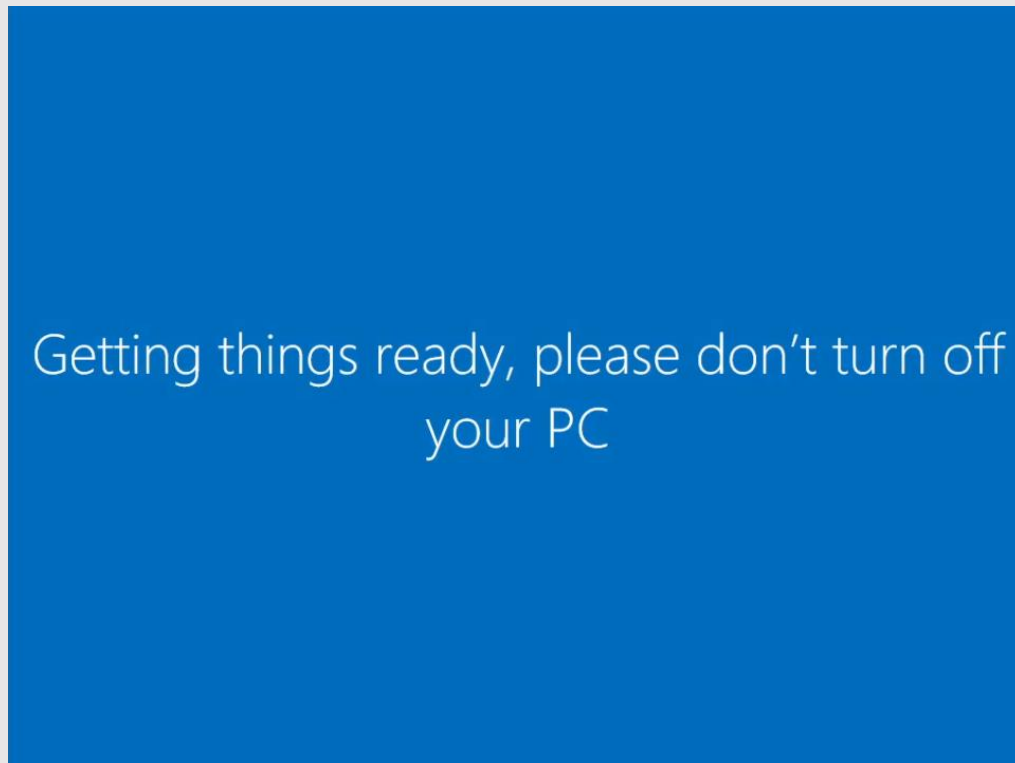


The screenshot shows the 'Create an account for this PC' window. At the top, it says 'Create an account for this PC'. Below that, a note states: 'If you want to use a password, choose something that will be easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess.' The section 'Who's going to use this PC?' contains a text box labeled 'User name' with a cursor. The 'Make it secure.' section has three text boxes: 'Enter password', 'Re-enter password', and 'Password hint'. At the bottom left is a circular arrow icon, and at the bottom right are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons.

18. Windows will finish setup. Wait just a moment.



19. Windows will get your PC ready. Wait a moment. Do not turn off your PC.



20. Your Windows 10 Clean Install is Complete.

This completes the final step of the clean install. (If you haven't activated Windows 10 with a license key, purchase and activate it in settings. Then update Windows in settings.)

Congratulations!

