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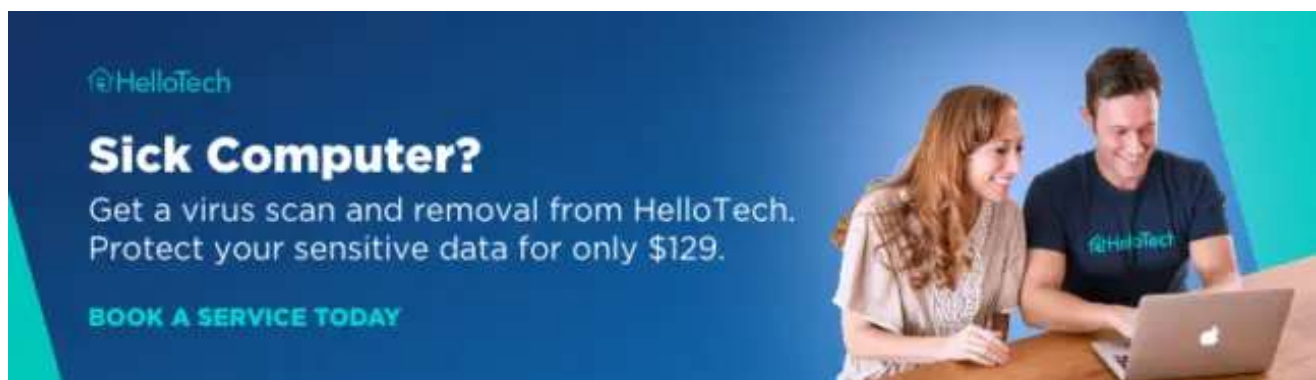
# How to Create a Windows 10 Bootable USB

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How to Create Windows 10 Bootable USB Using Media Creation Tool

If you own a Windows 10 PC, it is a good idea to create a bootable USB drive of your OS (operating system). This way, you can install or reinstall Windows 10 to repair a PC that won't turn on or connect to the internet. Here's how to create a Windows 10 bootable USB.



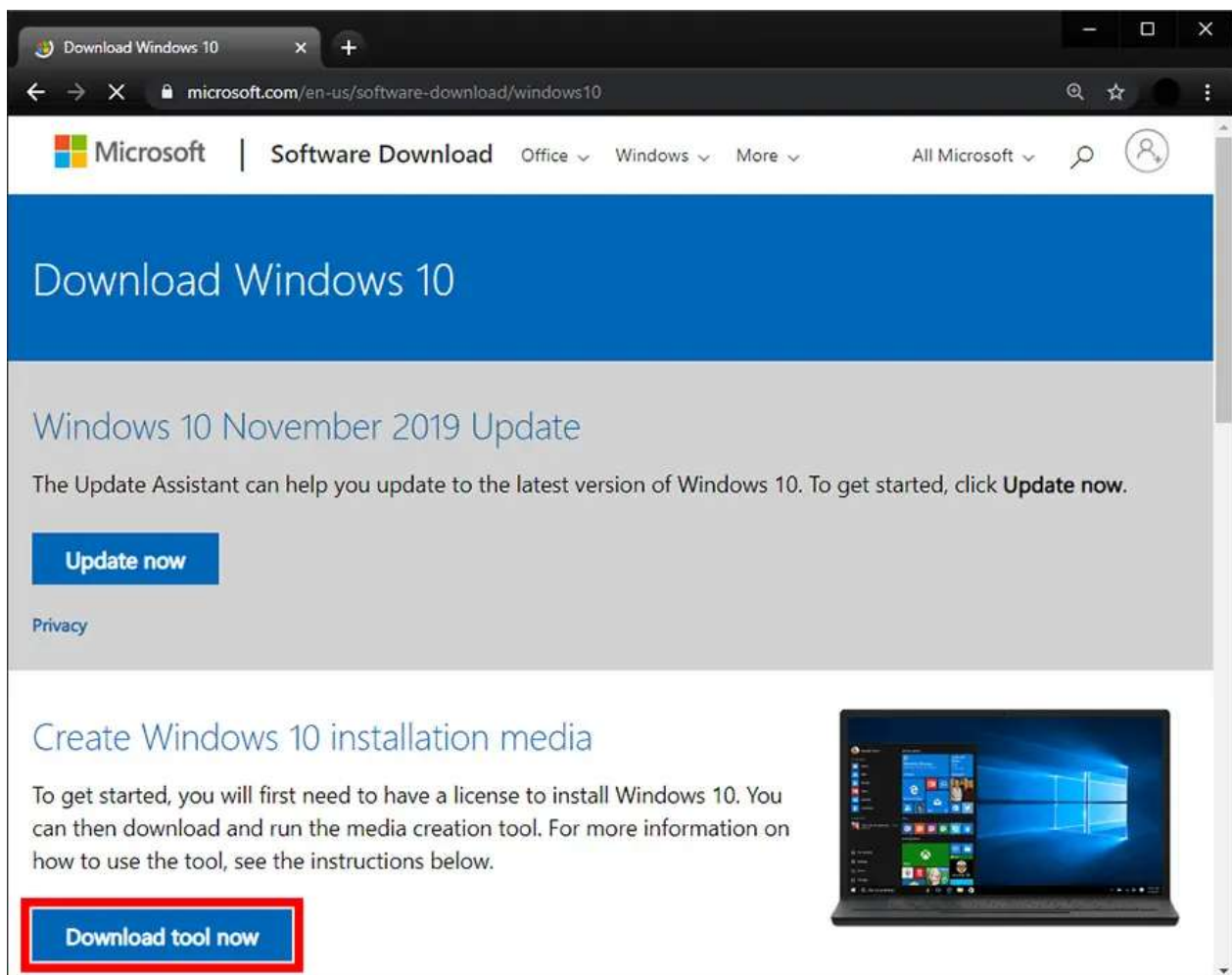**Before you start the process, make sure you have the following:**

- A reliable internet connection

- A USB drive with at least 8 GB of free space

- Your 25-character product key (you don't need this for digital purchases).

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To create a Windows 10 bootable USB, download the Media Creation Tool. Then run the tool and select *Create installation for another PC*. Finally, select *USB flash drive* and wait for the installer to finish.
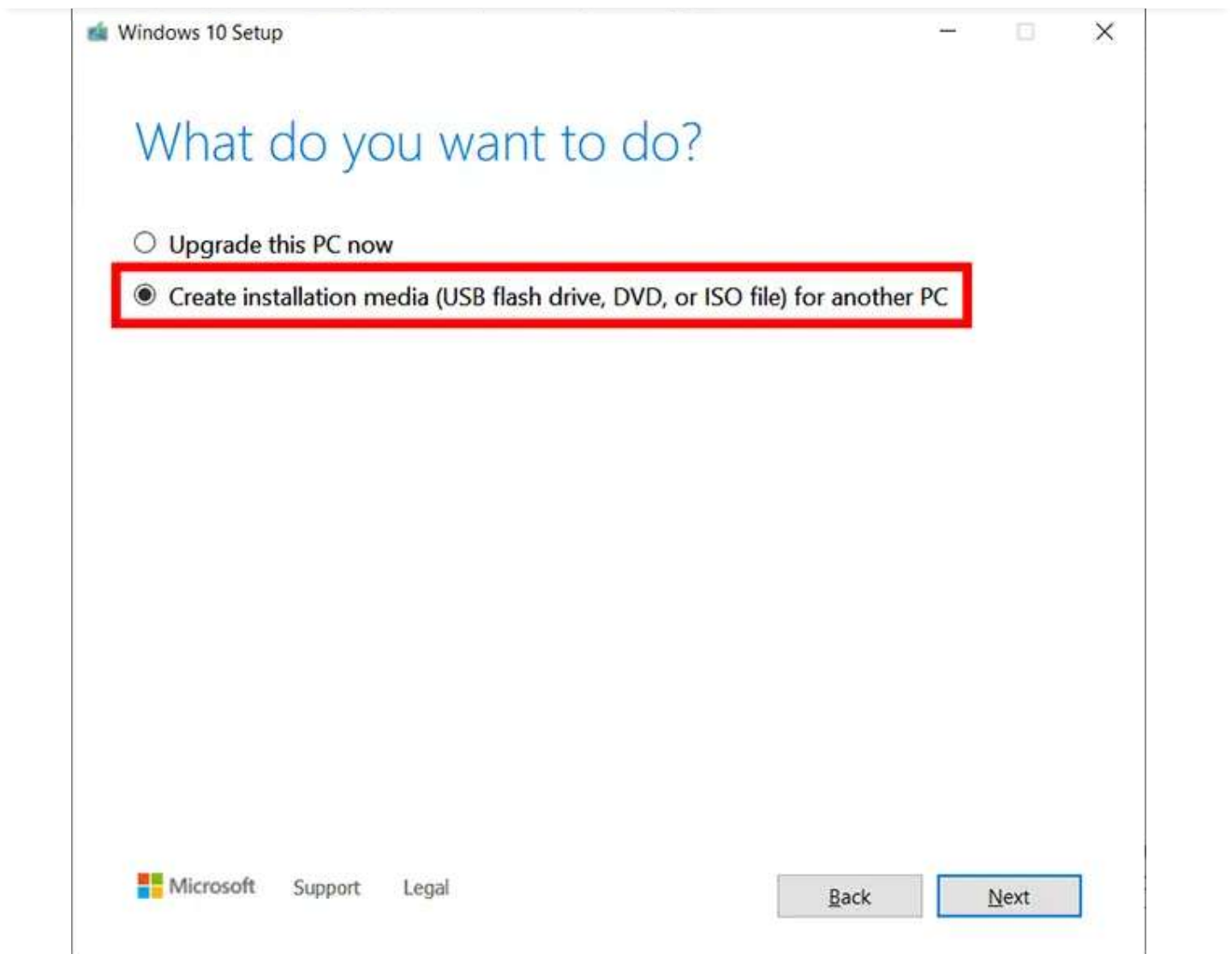
1. **Connect a USB to your Windows 10 PC.** You might need to format your USB drive to exFAT. If you want to know how to format a hard drive for Windows 10, check out our guide here.

2. **Then go to Microsoft's website to download the Windows 10 Media Creation Tool.** Click on the *Download tool now* button, which you will see under *Create Windows 10 installation media*.



3. **Double-click the file called MediaCreationToolxxxx.exe file to launch it.** This file should be in your *Downloads* folder or wherever you set downloads to go. The last four digits of the file name indicate the version of Windows 10.

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6. **Select the language, architecture, and edition that you want to use to create the bootable USB.** You can check the *Use the recommended options for this PC* box to use the same language, edition, and architecture you are using now. You can also use the drop-down options to change the options. If you're not sure about whether you need a 64-bit or a 32-bit architecture, select *Both* from the *Architecture* drop-down menu.

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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

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7.  **Next, choose *USB flash drive* and click *Next*.**

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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 8 GB.

◯ ISO file
You'll need to burn the ISO file to a DVD later.

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8. **Select the removable drive you want to use and click _Next_.** If you have more than one device connected to your computer and you're unsure which one to use, disconnect the other drives. If you don't see the drive you want to use, click _Refresh drive list_.

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The Media Creation Tool will then start to download the latest Windows 10 installation files on your computer. This process can take around 30 minutes.

### 9.  Finally, click *Finish*.

If you want to make sure that you created a bootable USB drive with the Windows 10 installer on it, go to File Explorer and check your drives in This PC. Your drive should be renamed something like USB-ESD (Electronic Software Delivery). When you open the drive, you should see boot files and a setup.exe file.

Now, if you need to install or reinstall Windows, you can connect the drive to your computer and reboot it. Your PC should then give you the option to install Windows. If not, double-click the setup.exe in the drive to start the installation process.

Note: Before you install Windows 10, check to make sure your PC or laptop meets the system requirements for Windows 10. If you want to know how to

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