

Using Secure Sign-in Options

New technologies inside Windows 10 enable you to log in with a fingerprint reader if you have one and – in the future – you'll be able to use facial recognition too. But you can still set up a picture password or PIN to make logging in easier.

The Various Ways You can Log into Windows 10

Whether you use a password, PIN, picture password or fingerprint to log into Windows 10 we've got you covered. Let's take a look at the different ways available to sign in to Windows 10, from the least to the most secure.

What You See

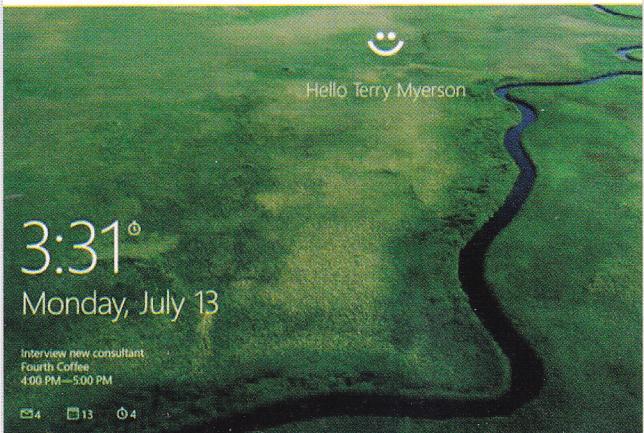
When you start up Windows 10, you'll see the lock screen. If you used Windows

8, it's something you'll be familiar with. You can get other information displayed here including network and battery life information, and you can change what appears in Settings > Personalisation > Lock Screen.



Facial Recognition

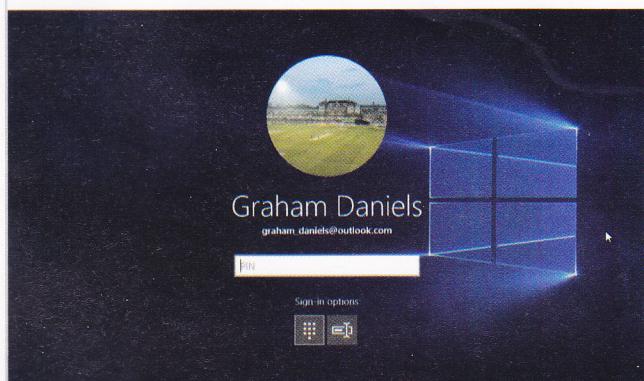
If you've seen adverts for Windows 10, you'll have seen that it makes a big play of not needing your password to log in. The catch is that you need a special Intel RealSense camera to use facial recognition. Laptops will have this built-in, but few do as yet.



Log into Windows

As soon as you click any key or tap on the lock screen you'll get

this – the Windows logon screen. You can use your password, fingerprint reader, picture password or PIN if you've set one up. Here a PIN is our default, but you can always use the Sign in Options button to use a different method providing it's set up on your PC.



Verifying Identity

Future devices will be able to recognise who we are. This is an image of a demo from Microsoft, but it shows how our identity could be verified by our device's camera for financial transactions, logging into websites and much more. This technology – along with the ability to log in using your fingerprint - is referred to as Windows Hello by Microsoft.

