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Time Running Out for Windows 10 Free Upgrade

Microsoft's Windows 10 operating system was released to the public on July 29, 2015 and users were encouraged to upgrade for free. At the time Windows 10 was heralded as a replacement for Windows 8 or 8.1, which were not well accepted by users and as a replacement for Windows 7 which was well-accepted by computer users.



Usually the release of a new operating system has problems and it is wise to wait until the "bugs are worked out." Microsoft has improved Windows 10 since last July and we at Park Place Computers feel that this version is now ready to be installed on your PC. We have installed Windows 10 on our own PCs and have minimal problems.



Microsoft's official position is that an upgrade to Windows 10 is **free until July 29, 2016**, the one-year anniversary of its release.

If you wish to upgrade to Windows 10, we strongly suggest:

- Allow at least 3 – 4 hours for the download and install process. You do not have to sit by your computer while this occurs but you might be stay at home until Windows 10 is installed.
- Once the process starts, do not turn off your PC. You may have to manually reboot the PC after a prompt.
- Once Windows 10 is installed, the interface will look like this. The power switch may be found by clicking the Start button in the lower left corner and then click Power.



- If you do not wish to install Windows 10 yourself, contact Park Place Computers and we will schedule a time to install Windows 10 for you!

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Easy Zoom Text Tip

Among the most useful tech tips is how to change the size of the text on web pages.

Make text smaller



To make the text smaller, hold down the Ctrl key and press the minus key.

Make text bigger



To make the text bigger, hold down the Ctrl key and press the plus key.

Another way to zoom text is to hold down the Ctrl key and then use the roller on your mouse to make the text smaller or larger.

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The Marshalltown Times-Republican is conducting their annual "Best of the Best" contest for local businesses. You can vote for the "Best Computer Dealer" and Best Computer Repair" and we ask for your votes.



The ballot is in any recent Times-Republican. You can fill out the ballot and mail your ballot or take your ballot to the Times-Republican, 135 West Main, Marshalltown. Deadline is June 2, 2016!

Park Place Computers will appreciate your vote!

Computer Humor



According to the computer, I need to back up your kidneys, defragment your liver and reboot your heart.

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