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# Updating Operating Systems

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## **Supported OS Versions**

Apple provides security updates for the three most recent major versions of their operating system:

- macOS Sequoia 15
- macOS Sonoma 14
- macOS Ventura 13

#### How to check your version of macOS

From the Apple menu in the upper-left corner of your screen, choose About This Mac. The window that opens might look different from the example shown here, but it always includes the macOS name followed by its version number.

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Mac mini					
M2 Pro, 2023					
Chip	Apple M2 Pro				
Memory Startup disk	16 GB Macintosh HD				
Serial number	XXXXXXXXXXXXX				
macOS	Sonoma 14.0				
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We recommend updating to the latest version that your device can support. You can upgrade your device by running software updates.

# **Running Software Updates**

Macs software updates are made available after a deferral period.

- Up to 14 days for minor updates (such as macOS Ventura 13.5 to macOS Ventura 13.6.)
- Up to 90 days for major updates (such as macOS Ventura 13 to macOS Sonoma 14)

Both minor and major updates are not installed automatically and must be initiated by the user.

#### Run Software Update on macOS

• From the Apple menu in the corner of your screen, choose System Settings. Click General in the sidebar of the window that opens, then click Software Update on the right.

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• If you don't have System Settings in the Apple menu, choose System Preferences instead. Then click Software Update in the window that opens.

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Software Update	Network	Bluetooth	Sound	Printers & Scanners	Keyboard	Trackpad	Mouse
Displays	Sidecar	Battery	Date & Time	Sharing	Time Machine	Startup Disk	Profiles

- If new software is available for your Mac, click the button to Update or Upgrade.
- If new software is not available for your Mac, Software Update says that your Mac is up to date.

# **Unsupported Mac OS**

If after running software updates, your Brown-Owned Mac cannot be upgraded to a supported operating system, please reach out to your ITSC/DCC for assistance.

#### Windows

#### **Supported OS Versions**

Windows provides security updates for the following operating systems:

- Windows 11
- Windows 10

#### **Check your version of Windows**

- Select Start > Settings > System > About
- Under Windows specifications, check which edition and version of Windows your device is running.

Windows specifications

Edition	Windows 11 Enterprise
Version	23H2
Installed on	6/24/2024
OS build	22631.3880

## **Running Software Updates (Monthly Quality Updates)**

Windows updates are made available in the second half of the calendar month to Brownowned Windows devices that receive their security configurations directly from management systems. These devices will automatically initiate their patching process and rebooting your computer as soon as possible after the patching is complete is recommended.

If you do not upgrade by the end of the business on the sixth day after patching is made available, your computer will prompt to restart to complete the installation. You will have 24 hours to do so.



#### **Running Software Upgrades (Annual Feature Updates)**

Microsoft releases annual feature updates which are automatically installed on Brownowned Windows devices following OIT validation.

For some Windows devices, notice of feature update availability will first appear as a task bar icon with an orange dot and will be available in the Windows Updates section of the Settings app.



OIT recommends restarting at your convenience before the deadline date referenced in the Windows Update window.

# Windows Update

\*Some settings are managed by your organization View configured update policies



Restart required Your organization requires your device to restart by 8/20/2024.

Windows 11, version 23H2 **Status:** Installing - 95%

For some Windows devices, feature updates appear in the Software Center app under "Updates".

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OIT recommends installing and restarting at your convenience to avoid the forced restart.

# **Unsupported Windows OS**

If you are running an older version of Windows, please reach out to your ITSC/DCC for assistance.