

Windows 10 EOL: What Are Your Options?



Windows 10 reaches end-of-life on October 14, 2025. IT leaders face urgent decisions with real budget, security, and compliance consequences. This guide compares the top four options and introduces a new one that avoids costly compromises.

What Are Your Options?

Option	Description	Pros	Cons
Migrate to Windows 11	Upgrade apps and devices to meet Windows 11 requirements	Keeps systems supported	App rewrites, new hardware, high cost, long timelines
Buy Microsoft Extended Security Updates (ESUs)	Pay for security patches past EOL	Buys time short-term	Expensive, escalates each year for up to 3 years, still running legacy systems
Rewrite or Modernize Legacy Apps	Refactor custom apps for compatibility with modern OS	Future-proofs architecture	Expensive, risky, long time-to-value
Replace Devices with Windows 11 Hardware	Perform early hardware refreshes across fleet	Aligns with modern standards	\$800 to \$1,500 per device, sustainability issues, operational disruption
Use Sonet.io to Deliver Apps via Browser	Instantly deliver Windows 10 and 11 apps via browser, no rewrites or hardware upgrades	Fast, secure, low-cost, no disruption	None, works alongside existing systems

Why Sonet.io Is the Better Way Forward

Area	Traditional Options	Sonet.io Advantage
Cost	High (\$100K+ per app rewrite or device refresh)	Fixed concurrent per-user pricing, no surprises
Security	Fragmented tools, unsupported OS risks	Built-in zero trust, session monitoring, DLP
Time-to-Value	Months or years	Go live in under 1 hour
IT Overhead	Migrations, patching, endpoint agents	Zero infrastructure, no agents
Compliance	Limited audit controls on legacy systems	Built-in visibility and policy enforcement
Sustainability	E-waste from mass hardware refreshes	Extend device life, no replacements needed

Summary

Most paths forward require big spend or big risk. Sonet.io is different. It lets you keep running your critical Windows 10 apps on any device with built-in security and compliance. No rewrites. No refreshes. No tradeoffs.



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