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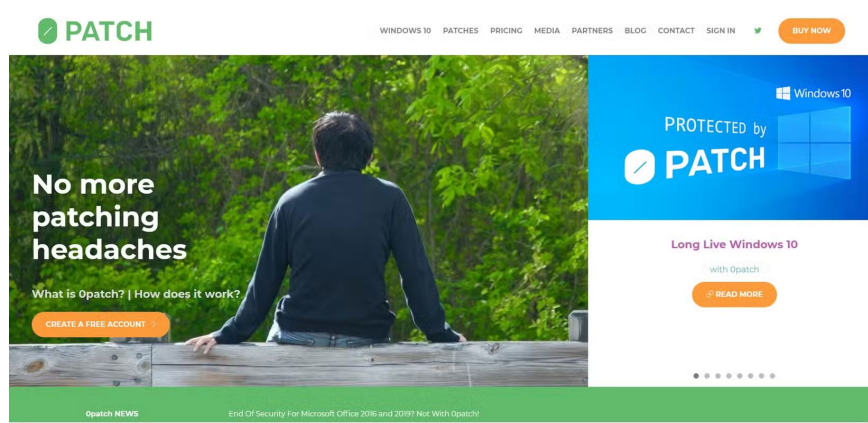
In October 2025, Microsoft officially stopped supporting Windows 10. Feature updates will stop, and only those enrolled in the Microsoft Extended Security Updates (ESU) program will continue to receive security updates.

Microsoft has made it clear: It's time for a change.

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At least, that's what it seems



The biggest problem with Microsoft ending support for Windows 10 is the lack of security updates. Windows 10 feature updates slowed down significantly throughout 2024 as Microsoft shifted its full focus to Windows 11. But security patches continued to roll out, ensuring that all Windows 10 users remained safe.

Opatch is filling this gap with its 'micropatch' approach, targeting vulnerabilities and issues that appear on Windows 10 after Microsoft stops supporting it.

Opatch's goal is not to patch every vulnerability, but rather to target important vulnerabilities, such as those that are being exploited in the wild or those that don't have an official patch from the vendor.

Opatch is free for personal use. You install their Opatch Agent software, which you can use to apply specific patches to Windows 10. The company aims to provide minor patches for Windows 10 for up to five years, a huge relief for many users who can't afford to leave Windows 10 (or simply don't want to).

The recent Opatch update also brings more good news: The tool will also patch and secure Office 2016 and Office 2019, since Microsoft will also stop supporting these tools in October 2025. In both cases, Opatch will provide an additional 3 years of support, which is great if you don't want to switch to Microsoft 365 just yet.

## Install Opatch and login

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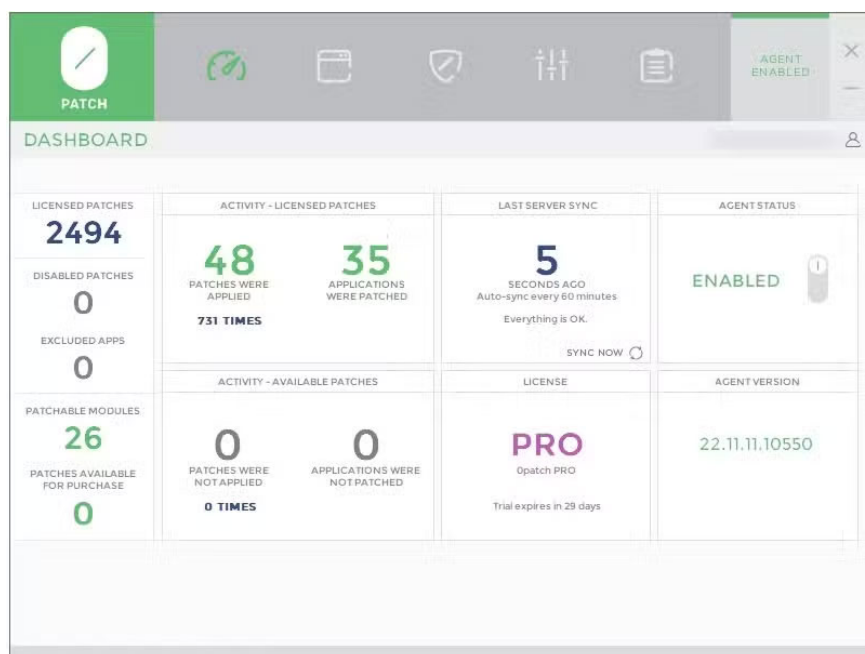
The Opatch installation process is very simple, similar to installing any other Windows software.

1. First, you need to create an Opatch account .
2. After registration, download Opatch Agent .
3. Follow the on-screen installation instructions. This is a standard installation procedure.
4. Once the installation is complete, Opatch Agent will open automatically.

You need to log in to Opatch Agent using the account credentials you created.

## Opatch Agent automatically starts patching Windows 10

### Lots of patches



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### LICENSED PATCHES

LICENSED PATCHES | RELEVANT PATCHES | APPLIED PATCHES | PATCHES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

LICENSED PATCHES  
**2494**

DISABLED PATCHES  
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EXCLUDED APPS  
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PATCHABLE MODULES  
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PATCH #	STATUS	MODULE	CVE	THREAT
1126	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
1123	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
1487	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2023-36884	Windows Search Remote Code Exec...
1136	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
1470	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2023-36884	Windows Search Remote Code Exec...
1121	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
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1125	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
1483	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2023-36884	Windows Search Remote Code Exec...
1135	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
1127	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
1137	ENABLED	zipfldr.dll	CVE-2022-41049	Preventing Mark Of The Web on Unzi...
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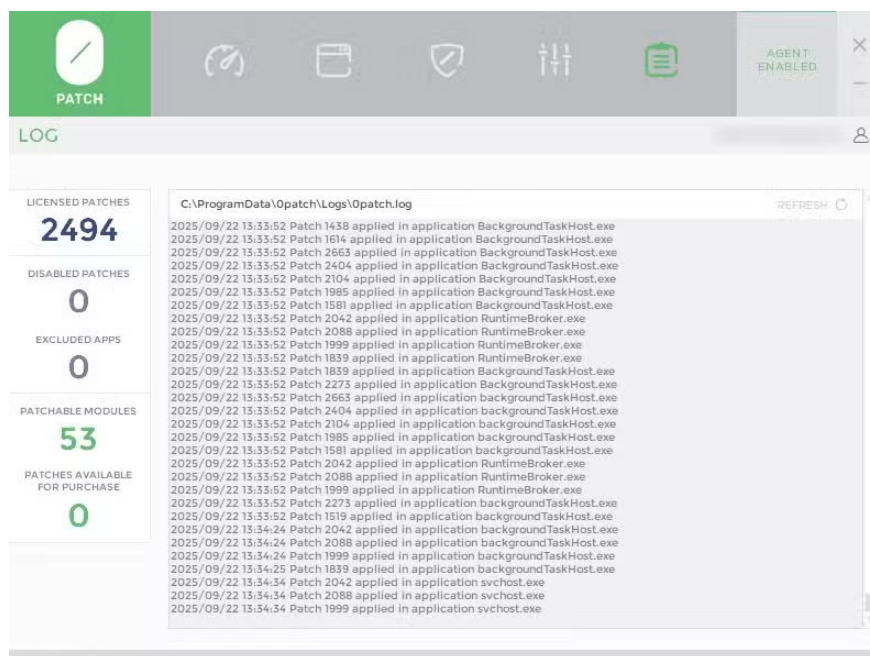
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STATUS	APPLICATION NAME	FILE PATH
ENABLED	OPATCH CONSOLE 22.11.11.10...	C:\Program Files (x86)\opatch\Agent\OpatchConso...
ENABLED	OPATCH SCANNER 22.11.11.10...	C:\Program Files (x86)\opatch\Agent\OpatchScann...
ENABLED	OPATCH SERVICE 22.11.11.105...	C:\Program Files (x86)\opatch\Agent\OPatchServic...
ENABLED	OPATCH TRAY 22.11.11.10550	C:\Program Files (x86)\Opatch\Agent\OPatchTray.exe
ENABLED	APP URI HANDLERS REGIST...	C:\Windows\System32\AppHostRegistrationVerifie...
ENABLED	APPLICATION FRAME HOST ...	C:\Windows\System32\ApplicationFrameHost.exe
ENABLED	BACKGROUND TASK HOST 1...	C:\Windows\system32\backgroundTaskHost.exe
ENABLED	COM SURROGATE 10.0.19041...	C:\Windows\System32\dlhhost.exe
ENABLED	CTF LOADER 10.0.19041,1	C:\Windows\System32\ctfmon.exe
ENABLED	CLOUDEXPERIENCEHOST B...	C:\Windows\System32\CloudExperienceHostBroke...
ENABLED	CONSENT UI FOR ADMINIST...	C:\Windows\System32\consent.exe
ENABLED	CONSOLE WINDOW HOST 10...	C:\Windows\System32\conhost.exe



Once you log in, Opatch Agent will get to work immediately, "fixing what really matters".

The Opatch Agent dashboard also gives you an overview of the vulnerabilities and programs being patched. In the example dashboard, it shows 58 applications patched, with 49 patches applied. Note that this is on a fresh Windows 10 installation in a virtual machine, with no other software installed.

So after installing on a full-time Windows 10 installation, the results from the control panel may vary, as Opatch finds more programs and tools for security.

However, what people like about Opatch Agent is that it applies patches to Windows 10 without waiting. The patches are applied almost instantly and you don't need to restart your computer for them to take effect.

However, it is recommended that you restart your computer after installing the patches, as that is the best practice. But the Opatch documentation says that you don't need to do that.

## Should I use Opatch or Microsoft's ESU?

### Or can you choose both?

The countdown to Windows 10's end of life has put a spotlight on patching processes, as many people want to continue using the decade-old operating system. This comes with some significant risks, especially security, as Microsoft ends support.

As it stands, joining Microsoft's Extended Security Update program is one of the most popular ways to keep using Windows 10, especially since the company has made it free until October 2026. Just remember to sign up for the program before October 14, 2025, or you'll no longer be able to use it.

But that's the beauty and power of Opatch and Opatch Agent. If you miss the October 14 deadline, you can opt for Opatch and its small patches, which the company will provide for the rest of the decade.

Furthermore, since Opatch is free for personal use, there's nothing wrong with signing up and seeing if it's right for you, or if it's time for you to move to Windows 11.

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