

# Apps and services users should say goodbye right in 2017

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But in today's IT environment, the concept of "breaking" means developing. In fact, some applications that have been used for many years are still in use and most of the time is not enough. Every day passes, the task of security and compatibility of programs or services is increasing to keep up with the development of the modern world.

For Windows 8, Microsoft tried to change its mind. Instead of old and never changing workhorse applications, Windows 8 has stepped up a number of updates such as patching security holes, maintaining stability and expanding features. These updates are applied on mobile platforms, but expanding this approach to the computer environment is still new at that time. The unpopular Windows 8 proves that the world is not ready for this. But Windows 8 has succeeded in laying the foundations for the Windows-as-a-service model distinguished from Windows 10. Microsoft and most other software developers are directing users towards modernity even if they have like it or not.

There are advantages and disadvantages in implementing this method, not to mention a few losses. It seems that every month there is a 'death knell' ringing for favorite applications or services. In this article, we will talk about applications and services that will 'die' and that is just a matter of time.

## Applications and technologies need to say goodbye once and forever

Technologies built by Windows and third-party developers have run well for the past 20 years. But if we want to move forward, we need to have little sacrifices. Yes, that's true, not all of us can participate in this transition, but for those who can, there's really no need to delay further. The universal app first appeared in Windows 8 making it a modern application.

The universal app itself has matured no less so far; I personally believe it is time for us to embrace these applications for everyday use. There are some users who still believe that if the application does not have XYZ as its 'ancestor' win32, it is not good enough.

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For example: Comparing apps like Windows Live Photo Gallery and Photos app is integrated in Windows 10. Both do well on basic tasks like viewing photos, editing photos at a level not too complicated and sharing image.

Now, users want to search for similar features of Windows Live Photo Gallery on Photos, before they decide which of these two apps is better. But in fact, this does not happen. Experience on old applications can be found, even better with 2 or more applications instead of just one application. But it cannot be said that some unique features are only available in Photo Gallery but Photos cannot be displayed. This is just a software review based on the checklist of features, not how it looks.

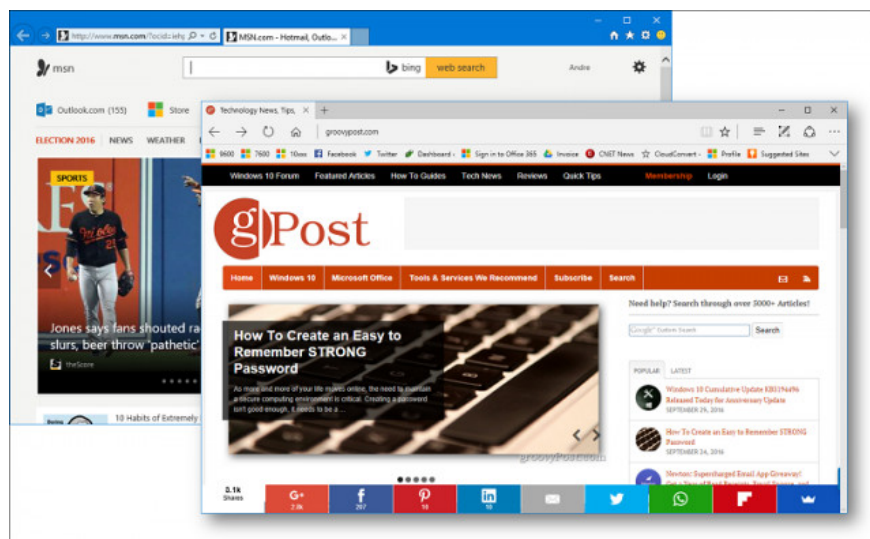
The following are some applications that users often ask or try to find ways to 'maintain life' for it on the next platform like Windows 10.

## Internet Explorer 11

Microsoft has made it clear that: Internet Explorer 11 is dead. A popular web browser since the mid-90s imprinted a special kind of affection for specific user groups. I personally have been with Internet Explorer for a long time after Windows 10 was released. No matter what you say, Microsoft Edge is not mature enough so I can switch to using it completely.

Microsoft Edge has come a long way since 2015 and the rear team continues to develop the browser at an ambitious pace. Although Edge's team took time to realize it, the web browser needs to be kept separate from Windows 10. That's why updates need to be regularly released since Windows 10 Fall. Creators Update. Instead of waiting for the new version of Windows 10 to update new features, users will receive them directly from the Store. Edge has also improved availability in many areas.

Features like extension, improved download manager, tab management and unique functions like searching Cortana make it a 'decent' web browser. Edge's list of extensions is gradually improving, but there are some core parts ready to use. However, it takes a long time for Chrome and Firefox users to pay attention to Edge.



There are many legitimate reasons for not using Edge, but there are some reasons that are not logical at all. For example, Flash support is one of the biggest reasons. Seriously, if Adobe's Flash support is the reason why you're still using Internet Explorer, you didn't really try Edge because it's supported. Modern browsers like Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Opera have gradually narrowed their support for Flash. Without Flash support, the

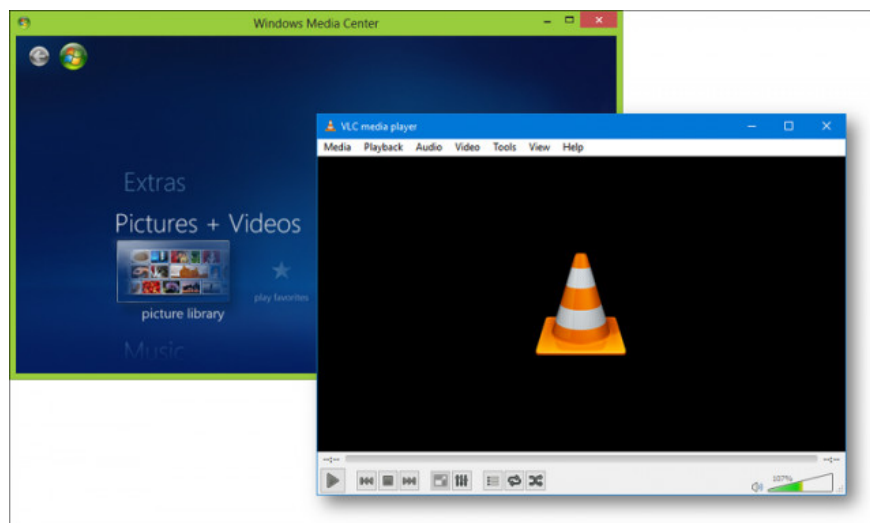
reason for not using Edge, you might soon be left with a poor browser with few features.

Certainly one thing is that LOB applications depend on Microsoft's old ActiveX browser technology for a reason. But if you only watch movies, play games or watch YouTube every day, there's really no reason to continue using Internet Explorer in 2017 anymore.

## Media Player and Media Center

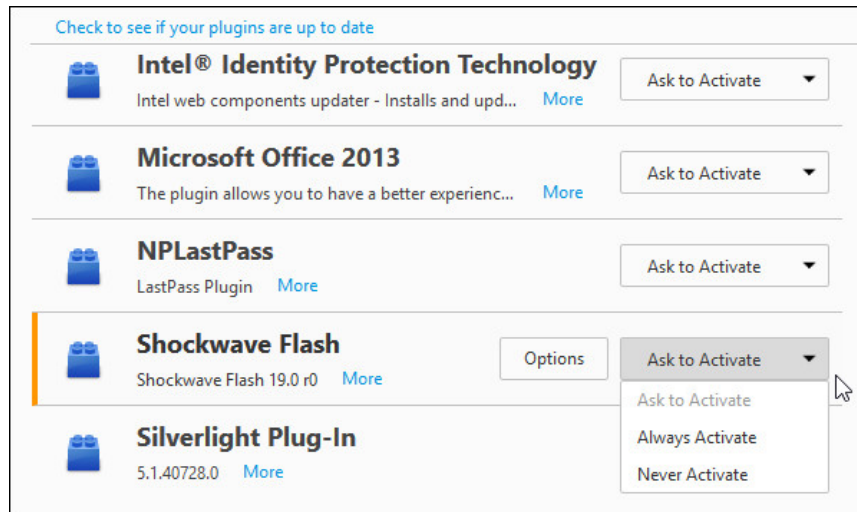
Innovative applications on Windows 10 1507 for watching movies and listening to music seem normal, but they have made significant improvements in stability and functionality. The Groove app has a lot of features but I need more. I own an iPhone, so I spend more time with iTunes.

Media Player is one of the older applications that has been a long-standing companion to Windows since the early 1990s. Much of its need is associated with old technologies such as optical drives and music devices. Starting with Windows 8, Microsoft stopped supporting DVD viewing. Microsoft tried to reduce the conversion by providing the optional DVD Player application on the Store. I personally prefer VLC Player - available for computers and UWP - to watch movies whether it's DVD or video, music is downloaded. I'm sure there are many alternatives for users, but if Media Player or Windows Media Center is the reason why you don't fully accept Windows 10, then it's time to seriously consider what happens again. out.



## Flash Player

Steve Jobs described Flash as a "painful bag" when Adobe intends to bring dynamic web browser technology to smartphones. Flash not only becomes 'pain' for mobile phones, but also for desktop computers. Previously, Flash was used to create prominent web ads, building small games that could be downloaded quickly and easily. In fact, YouTube was built on Flash in the early days but then encoded all videos to support the new HTML5 video standard. (HTML5 is the language for creating modern websites, built with a rich set of standards to support multimedia formats).



Flash has appeared many security holes and become unsafe for users. Although Flash technology is dying, it is still widely used on many websites, but this is not the reason to continue maintaining Flash. In fact, modern browsers like Microsoft Edge or Chrome turn it off in default mode.

A website using Flash will require users to turn it on if needed. HTML5, Google's WebM standard and VP9 are truly the future of web video. This is the time to capture and let old web technologies like Flash take a break.

## JAVA

Another "pain", Java. Java relates primarily to cross-platform industrial / enterprise applications. The idea is based on the concept of writing once, running anywhere - is the best theory. Java virtual machines, once required on bank websites, mobile games and applications, made it as popular as Flash Player in the 2000s. With the rise of mobile devices Like the iPhone, Java also found that its existence began to weaken, in part due to performance and potential security issues.

In recent times, quite a lot of users have asked about how to install Java on Windows 10. This made me curious and find out why users need it. Even Java-enabled applications have stopped supporting. Google Chrome no longer supports NPAPI (application programming interface standard for Netscape-created plugins) from version 45 onwards.

My computer has been installed Java for free since I started using Windows 7. There are few reasons to keep Java because the applications I use do not need it. If you're still using applications like Adobe's Dreamweaver, you still have to install Java. If you do not intend to build a website, it is not necessary to install Java.

Apache Office is an open source office application, similar to Microsoft Office and also requires Java Runtime Environment. Some parts of Libre Office (replacing Apache Office) are similar. Only a standalone database manager needs to install Java to work.



Therefore, if you really need these applications, you should not delete Java. But one thing you can do to increase security when running Java on a computer is to leave it 'off' for applications that do not need Java. Applications like web browsers do not necessarily need to turn on Java.

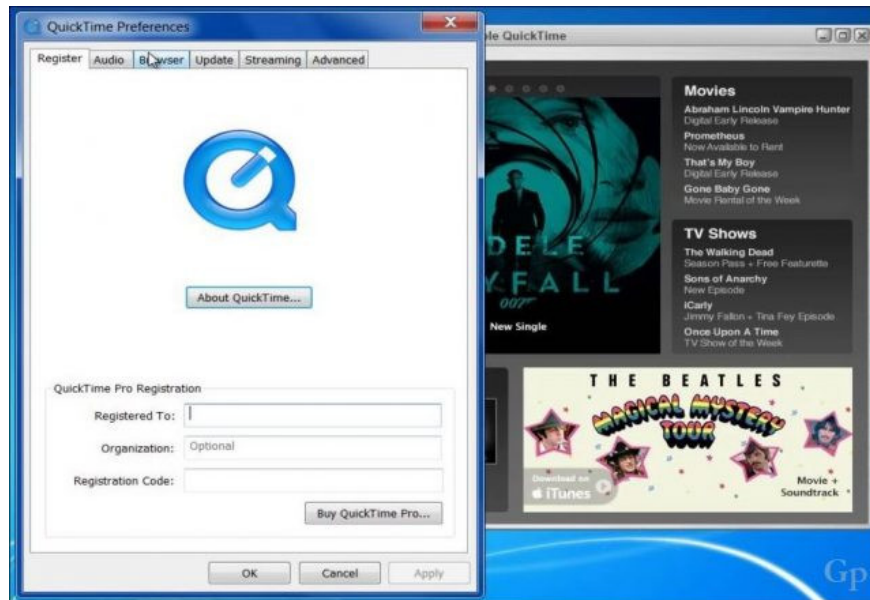
Java should not be confused with JavaScript. JavaScript is essential like HTML and CSS. It is a disastrous mistake to see JavaScript as Java, because it is almost irrelevant to Java as people think. You can go to the web without Java, but need JavaScript. While some experts say that disabling scripts in web browsers, I find that doing so can sometimes make things more messy. If you depend on certain web browser plugins, you need to enable JavaScript. For example: I use Grammarly and some other plugins, built in scripting language. I also noticed that if disabling the script, it could affect web page components such as comment boxes or interactive controls.

## Quicktime

As one of the pioneering music players in the 90s, Quicktime became popular as Macromedia Flash. It is used in all multimedia projects with diverse content for CD with textbook; used on the web to watch trailers; or the platform for online video distribution.

While Apple still uses Quicktime in macOS - called Quicktime X - the company has abandoned the Windows version. However, there are users who still ask about how to install or fix installation errors. Quicktime 'death' on Windows and Apple did not bother to patch the vulnerability discovered before stopping Quicktime. Therefore, anyone who chooses to continue using it should also prepare the psychological risk tolerance.

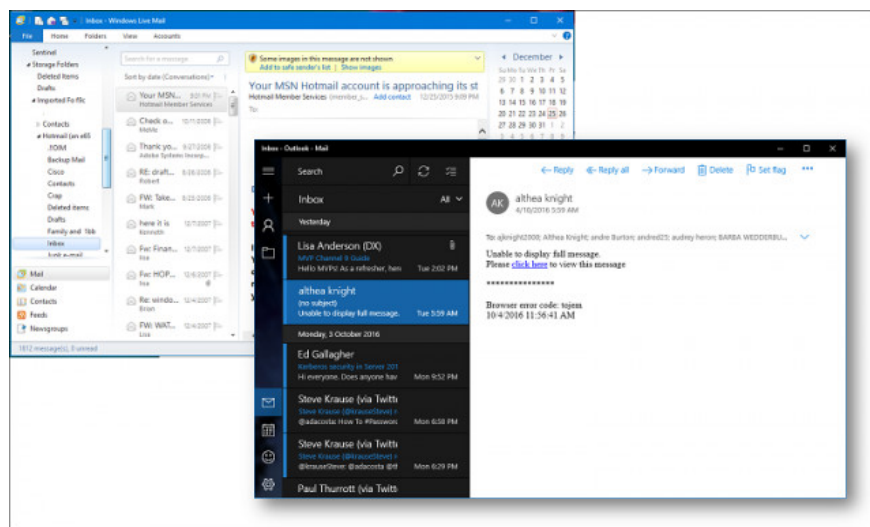
Like Flash, Quicktime has been replaced by much richer web technologies like HTML5. Unless you want to watch the Backstreet Boys CD or Britney Spears CD since 1999, there are not many reasons to still use it.



## Windows Live Mail

The history of Windows Live Mail is as old as Outlook Express, first appearing with Windows 95 OSR2 in the mid-1990s. The integrated Windows Mail client application has also evolved over the years. The first major change that occurred on Windows Vista in 2007 was improved spam filtering, layout redesign and instant search technology. Users have to wait 5 years for this upgrade, which slows down the development of Windows Longhorn.

For the first time, the launch of Windows 7 is not associated with Windows Mail and other applications such as Photo Gallery and Movie Maker. Instead, users can download them separately as part of the Windows Essentials suite, while still receiving regular updates. Over time, Windows Live Mail has been forgotten because other modern Mail apps come with Windows 8. Earlier this year, Microsoft stopped developing Windows Essentials without leaving users dependent on the software. Any possible solution.



How long it takes this software to continue working on Windows 10 is still a question. The problem for many users still depends on Windows Live Mail that there is no clear transition from the modern Mail client to

Outlook Mail application. Basically will start from the beginning, unless you have synchronized all mail in Outlook.com. There is really no way to receive email via Mail in Windows 10 offline. Some users don't like using the new Mail client in Windows 10, but that doesn't mean you don't have many options. Over the years, many third-party developer email applications have appeared as an alternative to Windows Live Mail. One of the most popular mail applications so far is Thunderbird - from Firefox web browser developers.

Delivering a familiar experience, Thunderbird helps Windows Live Mail users back up and easily import mail. Although it is just a desktop application, at least it is still supported. This may be the best temporary solution that users still depend on which Windows Live Mail can be used until they switch to Outlook Mail.

My choice for communication is Outlook.com, Gmail, FaceBook Messenger and WhatsApp. They provide fast and supported access not only on Windows but also other systems you may be using, such as iOS and Android. Certainly businesses can still need Office Outlook to integrate with Exchange Online or Server, but I find that is an unimpressive investment. Even Exchange has supported the web-based Outlook service for several decades.

## Conclude

There are other applications like Movie Maker that I didn't mention, because it's too early to be replaced by a modern video editor built into the Photos app. These six applications and technologies are great at their golden age, but users need to reconsider the use of these applications in 2017 and in the future.

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