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The explanation of this action by the head of IE, Dean Hachamovitch, shows that this is just an act of "imitating" former Apple CEO Steve Jobs over a year ago.

Internet Explorer 10 (IE10), the version included in the Windows 8 developer preview that Microsoft has just released, will provide users with 2 choices. One is that it will run on the Metro interface, with a title that looks similar to Windows Phone 7 while the other option will run on a traditional desktop.

Microsoft calls the first option " **Metro style IE** ".

Hachamovitch talks about this option: ' *It will be a browser without plug-ins. The Metro-like browser in Windows 8 will have only HTML5 and no plug-ins. The experience that plug-ins currently provide to users is still nothing compared to the browsing capabilities that Metro brings .* '

He added that both versions of IE10 on Windows 8 will use the same rendering engine. Due to the lack of plug-ins, Metro IE10 - a separate application written for the Metro interface - will not support Flash, Adobe's popular media player application.

Hachamovitch relied heavily on the argument Apple used to justify its decision to ban Flash from iPhone and iPad.

" *Running a Metro IE browser without plu-in will improve battery life as well as increase security, reliability and personal privacy for our customers,* " he said.

In a speech in April 2010, former Apple CEO Steve Jobs took security, reliability, operability and battery life as the reason why the company never allowed use. Use Flash on iOS.

Jobs said: ' *We all know that Flash is the leading reason why Mac computers fail. We don't want to reduce security and reliability on iPhone, iPod and iPad devices by adding Flash* '.

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Plug-ins, including Flash, will not be supported in the desktop version of IE10 and users can easily switch between two versions to render a page in the desktop browser after viewing it in the Metro version. .

Users can also set one of the two versions as the default browser on a Windows 8 computer. Touch devices such as tablets will likely put Metro IE10 as the default browser, and the hardware is supported by ARM or other SoC processors will obviously only be offered Metro IE10.

Hachamovitch also responded to criticism about the decision of two IE10 browsers. He said: '*Pessimists can criticize the two browsers. There will still be only one browsing technology that users can use 2 skins and Metro experience will help more for the browsing experience .*'

Al Hilwa, an analyst with IDC, agrees that the two IE browsers won't make it hard for Windows 8 users.

In an interview, Hilwa said: '*I have no problem with this because the main technology is only one. Two parts of the browser that users see will show how a programmer can target both ways of using Windows 8. Obviously, touch is a new way that requires new programming as well as a Special attention, so this is absolutely guaranteed*'.



The Metro IE10 browser only appears as part of the Windows 8 developer preview. Users can download this new operating system here to try it out.

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