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Windows 11
It's here to stay

Well, till Windows 12 comes along.

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Gary & Cheryl

Boy, I'm bummed out!

My 2016 Windows 10 auto feels old.

It doesn't have the same snappiness,
the windows don't go up and down as
fast as they did and the protection is
lacking.

Oh Garry, what's the deal now?

Why is that?

{Sigh}, and what do you suggest we
do?



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Microsoft has a new model, called Windows 11.

Well, it provides a more secure experience, newer features and a faster engine / processor with more safety features.

So, what does Windows 11 give us that we don't already have with our reliable Windows 10 model?

So they say, ok, I'll bite, what do you want to do about it?



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I say we go to the dealer with our Windows 10 unit and see how it compares to Windows 11.

We're going to be able to trade in our Windows 10 model, right????

Ahhh, no, we'll still be keeping our Windows 10 model, as it'll continue to be supported to Oct. 2025. We needed another computer, ah, I mean auto, right?

What, Oct. 2025, never mind, I guess it doesn't hurt to look.



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Travelling to the Microsoft Dealer

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The Microsoft Dealer

Well hello good folks, I'm Herb Tarlek,
how may I help you today?

Hi, umm, I understand that you have a
new Windows 11 model available.

Yes I do, in fact it was just upgraded to
22H2, oh, I mean 2022. New and
improved.

Wait, 2022, or 22H2, what do you
mean new and improved, hasn't
Windows 11 been
available for a year
now?

Yes it has, and getting new
features every month, or so, or
well, newer stuff coming all of
the time. Just wait till you see
the fancy new File Explorer
tabs, it'll rock your world!





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Ooooh, File Explorer tabs, I've waited so long for that feature, I'm so excited.

And don't forget, with the new hardware standards, it'll mean better security.

With Windows 11 and the new Edge browser, it'll be much better than that crudgy Google Chrome.

Yeah right, file explorer tab, you hardly use tabs in Google Chrome, never mind in file explorer.





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Ok, enough you two with the Windows love in. Herb, lets see what you have.

Sure thing madam, lets see what you're working with now?

Let me drive it in.



It's a good thing you came in when you did, look at that logo and the features, so, so 2016..... If you stay with this the baddies will be able to steal your contents in no time.





The Microsoft Dealer

All right, lets see the Windows 11 model.

Right away, here it is

See Cheryl, the new logo, it's so coool.



Humph.





What about Win 11 2202???

Wait a minute Herb, what are you trying to pull here?



Madam, I mean Cheryl, what oh do you mean?

You're trying to sell us an old model, version 22H2 was available late September and it's November!



Ahhh, let me take a look under the hood?



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What about Win 11 2202???

Oh, I see now, let me trigger an update.

Well, we're waiting.....

Uhhhhmmm, come on Microsoft trying to make a sale here, got it one more update, please oh please let this work, and reboot.

One moment please, ok, thank Microsoft, here it is and one more reboot.

Finally, I'm hoping it was worth the wait.



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Why not go with a MAC?

Listen Gary, there's nothing special with Windows, why don't we go with a Mac.



Eeeek, oh my no, not a Mac, or even worse a Chromebook....



Mac, with the new M2 chip, so efficient and powerful, why didn't I think of that sooner.



Ahhh, but have you considered how much happier you'll be with Windows?



How so?



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Why not go with a MAC?

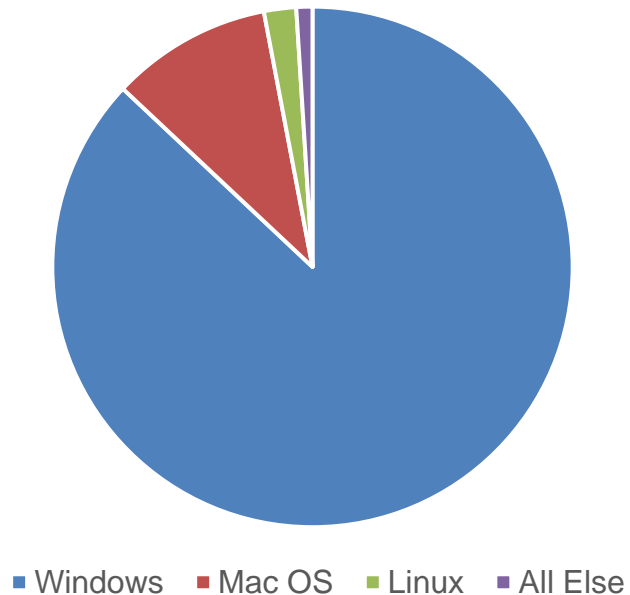


Let us start with the economics, Windows commands 87% of the market, Apple is only 10%, and the rest, including Linux, aren't even worth mentioning....

Sure, that just means 87% of the world doesn't get it, especially from a design perspective?



Operating System Market Share



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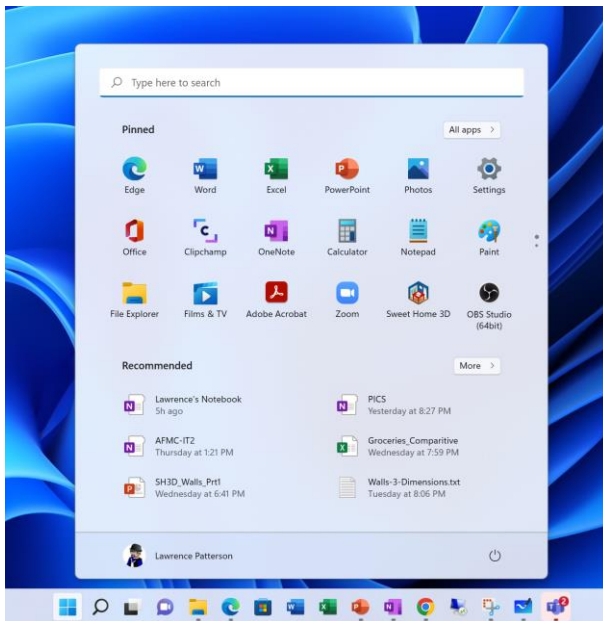


But were you aware of how Microsoft, has a Mac like design with Windows 11?

How so?



Look at the rounded corners, start menu being in the middle, it's a better Mac, with more flexibility.



Well I do say, the interface is nice. Though Cheryl is a gamer, can Win 11 do games?



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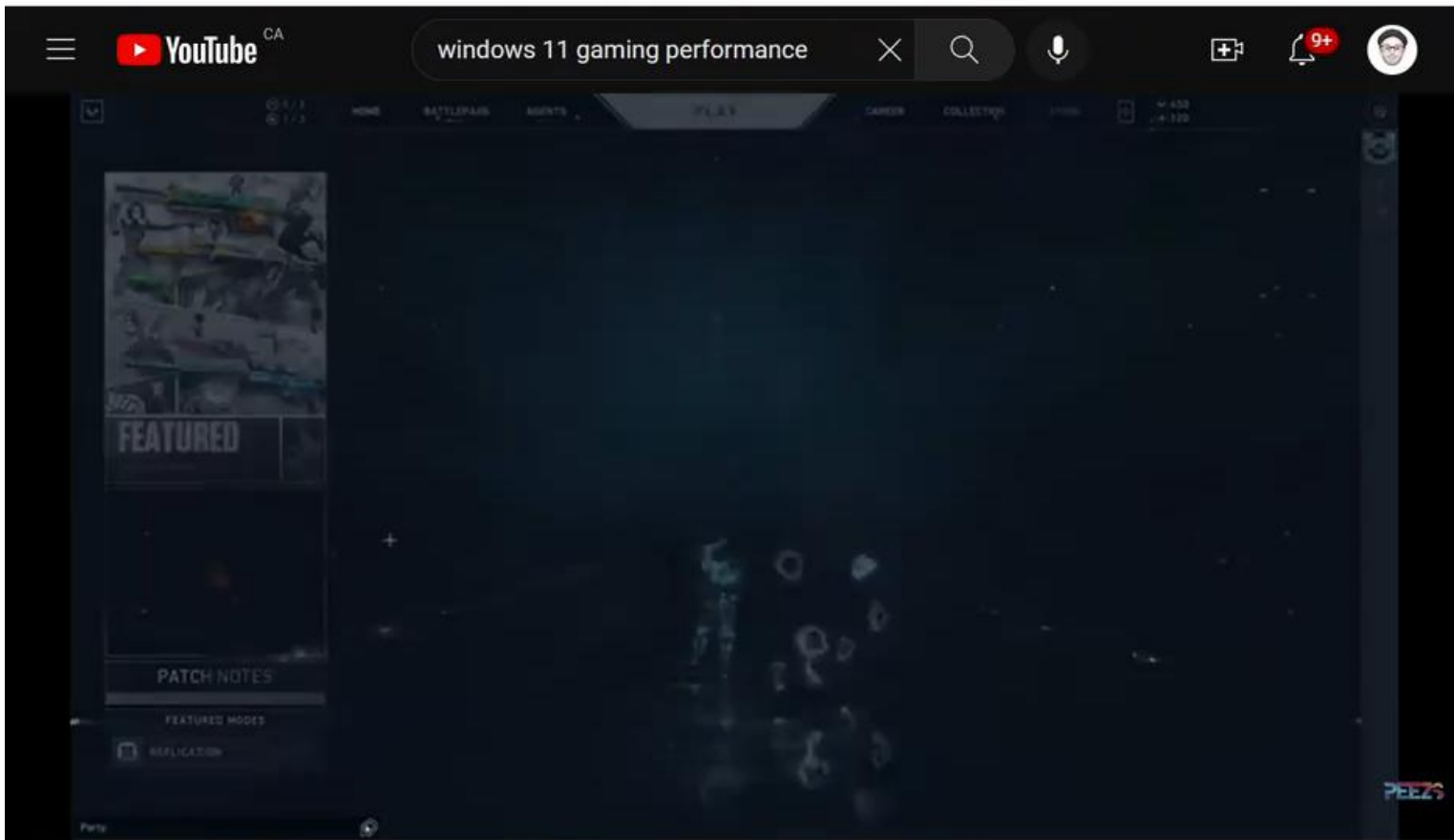
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Can Windows 11 do Games?



Does Windows 11 do games, of course it does, and don't take my word for it, lets allow my good friend Peezs to explain more. Peezs, take it away.



[Should You Upgrade To Windows 11 For Gaming? - A Gamer's Install Experience, Process & Review](#)

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What else can Windows 11 do?

Well, I can get behind that type of power, as I'll finally take down Barry in Fortnite.



Wait, who's Barry, I thought you were in a women's league????



Oh Gary, I'll explain later.



Ahh, all right. Bert, though my better half takes out her gaming frustration on Barryyyyyy, I have work that needs to get done. How does Windows 11 bring my A game to impress my boss?



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What else can Windows 11 do?



Microsoft has redesigned many of the components, such as Clock.

What, Clock, what do you mean by “Clock”?



Yes, Clock, it's Microsoft's new productivity Tool. It's one example of the many apps that Microsoft has redesigned. Other examples; Media Player, Photo App and don't forget the new Clipchamp video editing tool.

Ok, you can't be serious, Clock!



Gary, I'm serious. Let me show you what a surprise Clock is and how it can bring your “A Game” to your career.

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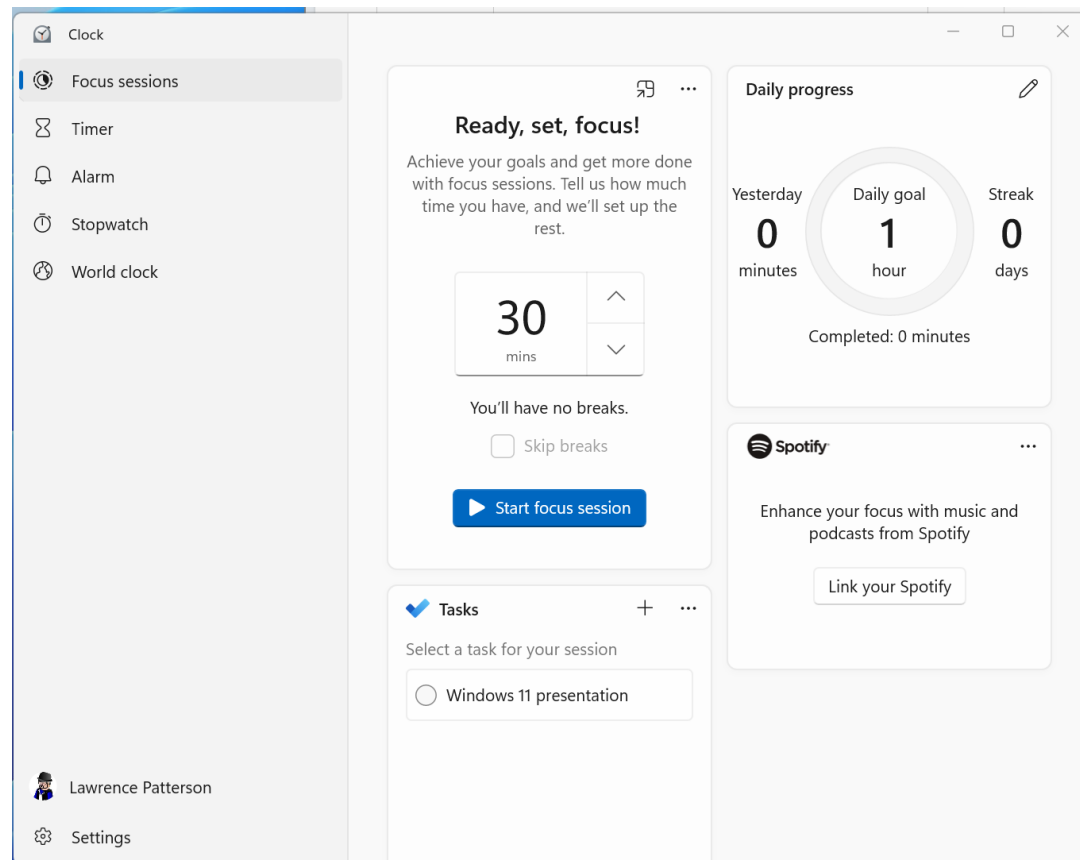
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Really, Clock app????



When you open up Clock, you see the “Focus sessions”, we’ll get back to that, but note you can pair your Microsoft To-do (free app) with Spotify (if you require inspirational music) to setup your Focus session.



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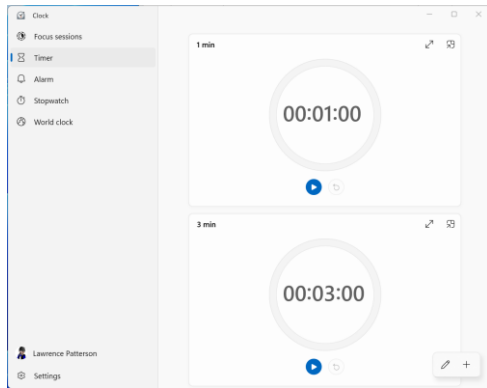


Yes, the Clock app!

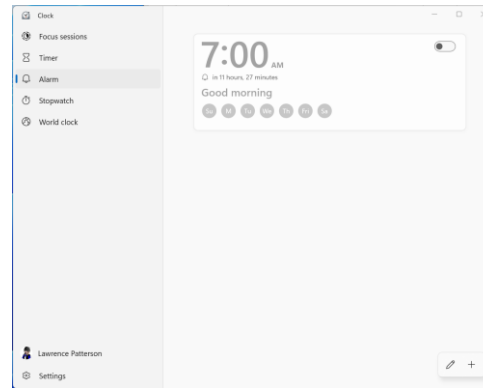


And keeping things familiar, we have the following true & tried Clock functions:

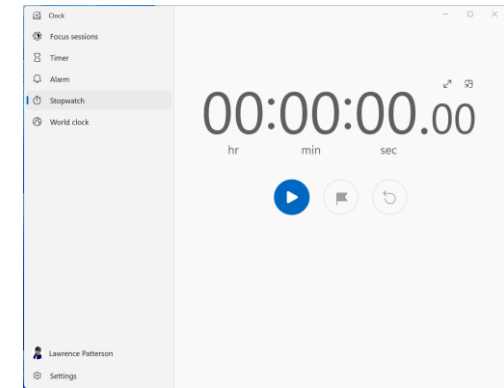
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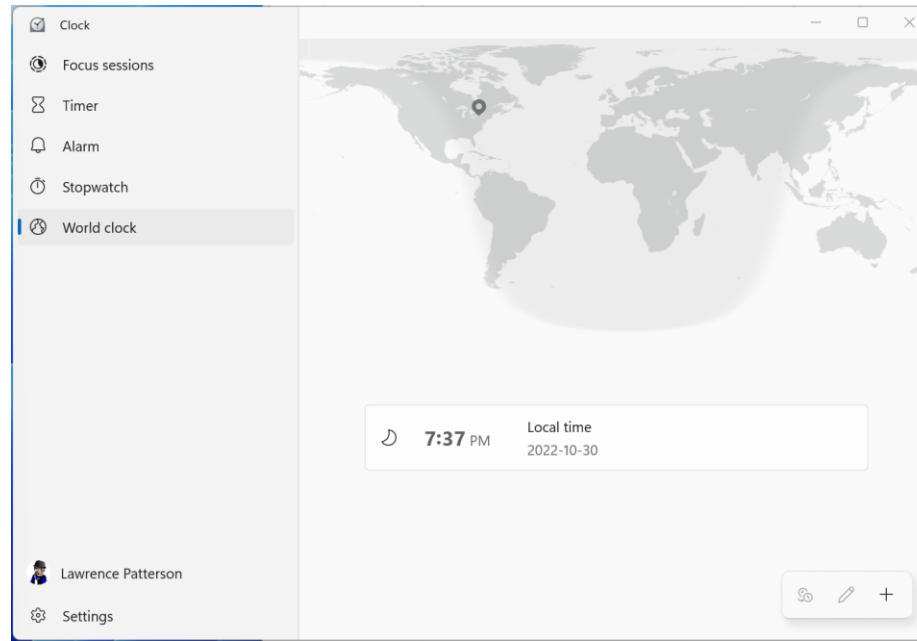
Alarm



Stopwatch



World Clock



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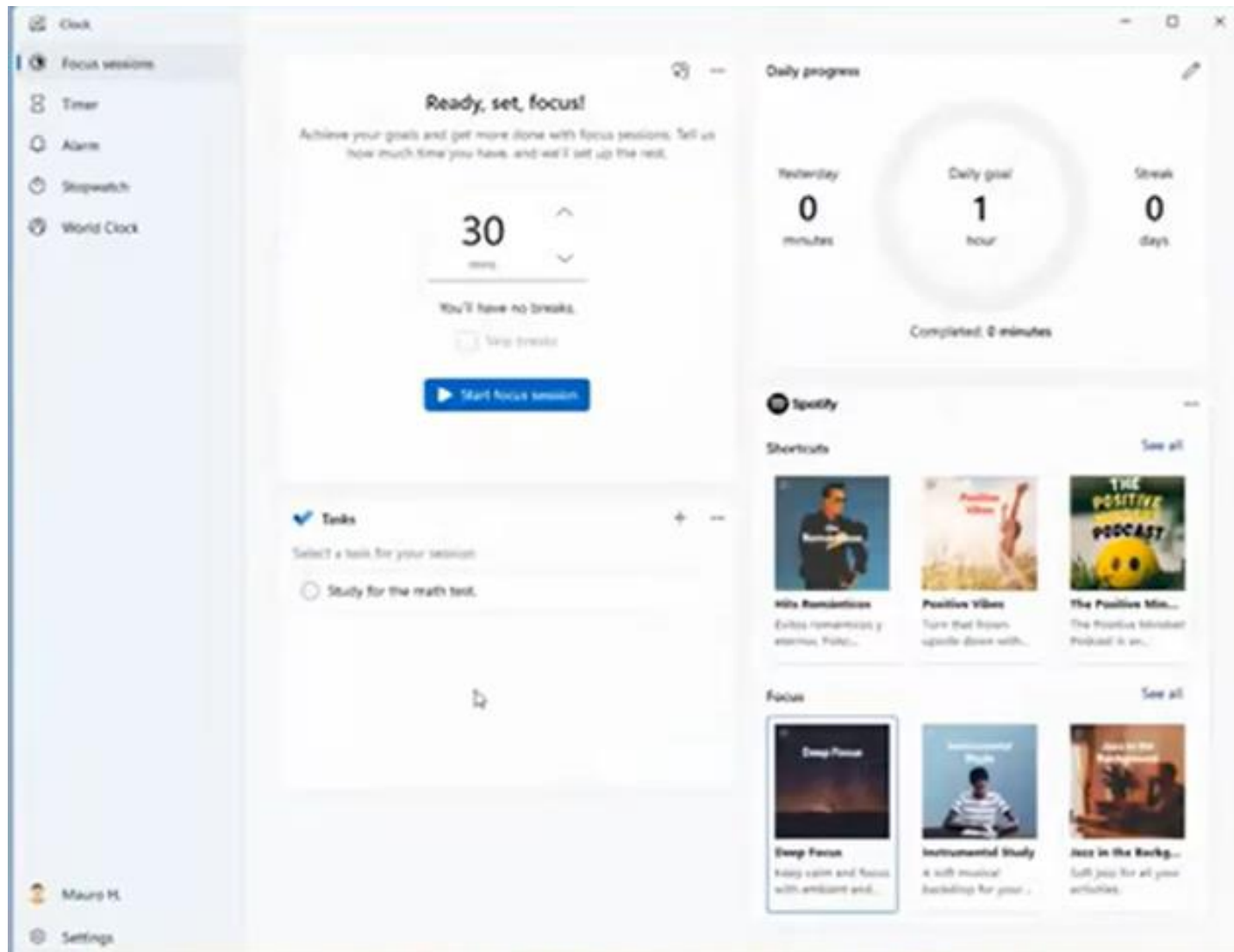
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Yes, the Clock app!



Lets have the folks at Puretech info give a quick overview of Clock's Focus feature:



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H425-8Q8Mi0>



And... What else

Hmmm, Clock, Focus, what else?



Yes, many things, the rounded corners for example.

Yeah, yeah, rounded corners, what else?



You look like a couple who are organized and respect your old Windows 10 desktop, am I right????

HA, RESPECT, you should see how Gary leaves junk files all over the desktop.



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Oh Oh, the Win Desktop fight is on!

Hold on one moment, Cheryl, me with a messy Desktop, what about your avatars' clothing images you leave piled about?



Yes, a lady can't do battle without the proper outfit, and it's at least organized.



Organized, organized, how can you call those multitude of outfit folders lying about as anything but a mess?



Says the person who can't keep their Excel and PowerPoint files in any order



Hold on folks, Windows 11 has the solution with it's revised Virtual Desktop solution.

Ok Bert, how can Windows 11 save us from our Desktop woes?



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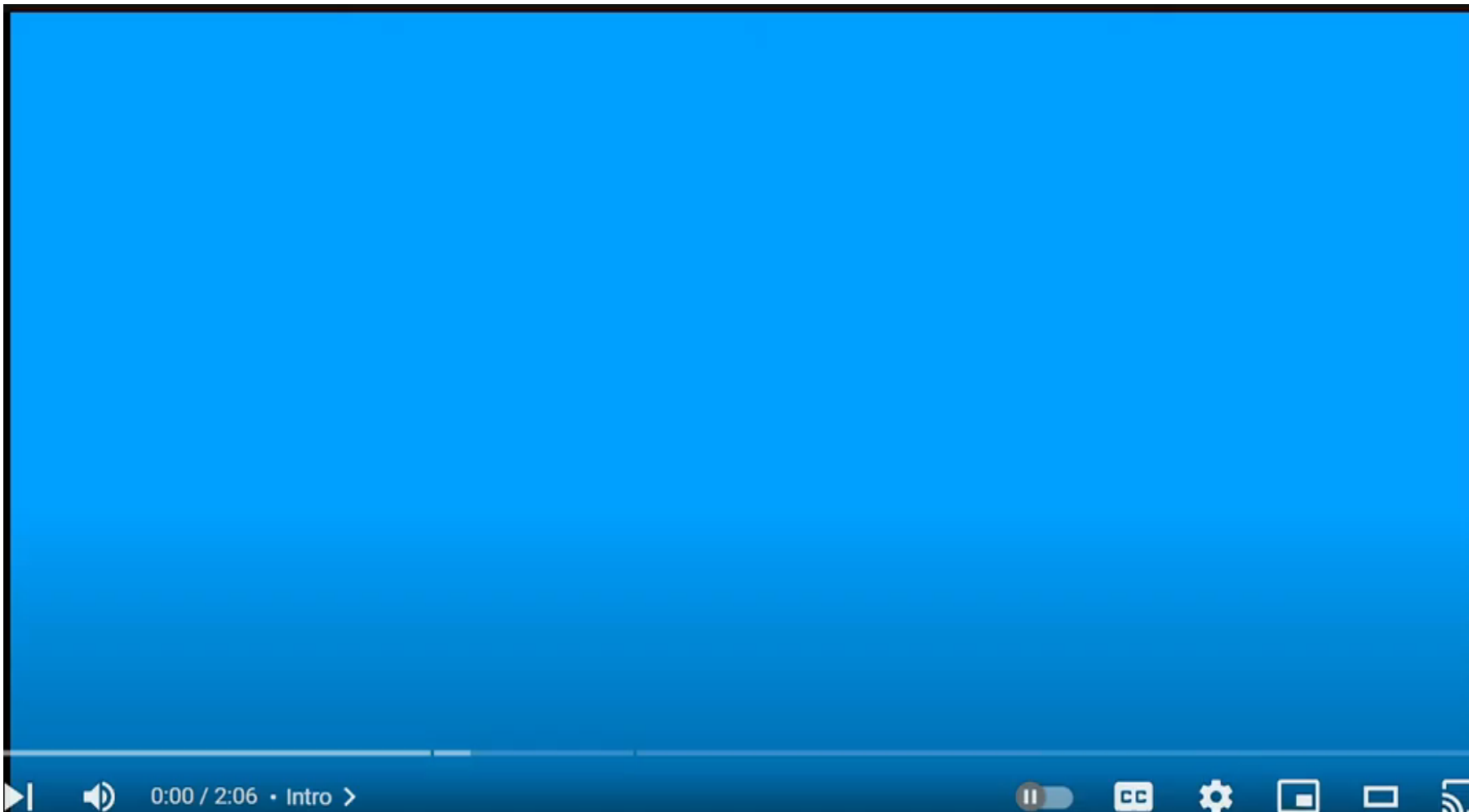
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Windows Virtual Desktops



Gary, Cheryl, lets have the folks at “access random” how to be productively funny, take it away.



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And there's the extra Security, right?

Oh Good, I don't have to leave Harry, oops, I mean Garry, because of a messy desktop.



There you go, Windows 11, bringing peace and security to us all.

Well we'll see about the peace part. What about the security Herb, as I have a tin-foil hat / security obsessed IT Manager that I have to please?



Yeah tell me about it. Do you know mine insists on 15+ character passwords, I mean really.

Ok, we could spend days swapping tales, how will Windows 11 keep my IT Manager off my back?



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And there's the extra Security, right?



1st, TPM 2 hardware stipulation allows the use of current cryptography to better protect customers' identities while using Windows Hello and BitLocker;



2nd, the recently introduced with Windows 11 "Smart App Control" that prevents unknown or untrusted apps from being loaded;



"Smart App Control", that's good. We'll have that with our new computer right?



Ahhh, I have to check, see it only works on newly installed Windows 11 systems.



And 3rd, we have built in enhanced phishing protection, courtesy of the newly enhanced "Microsoft Defender Smart Screen".





What's with Android support?

Herb, what about Android app support?



Gary, I'm sooo glad you asked, here's what ThioJoe has to say.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTN_zfXss9g&t=793s

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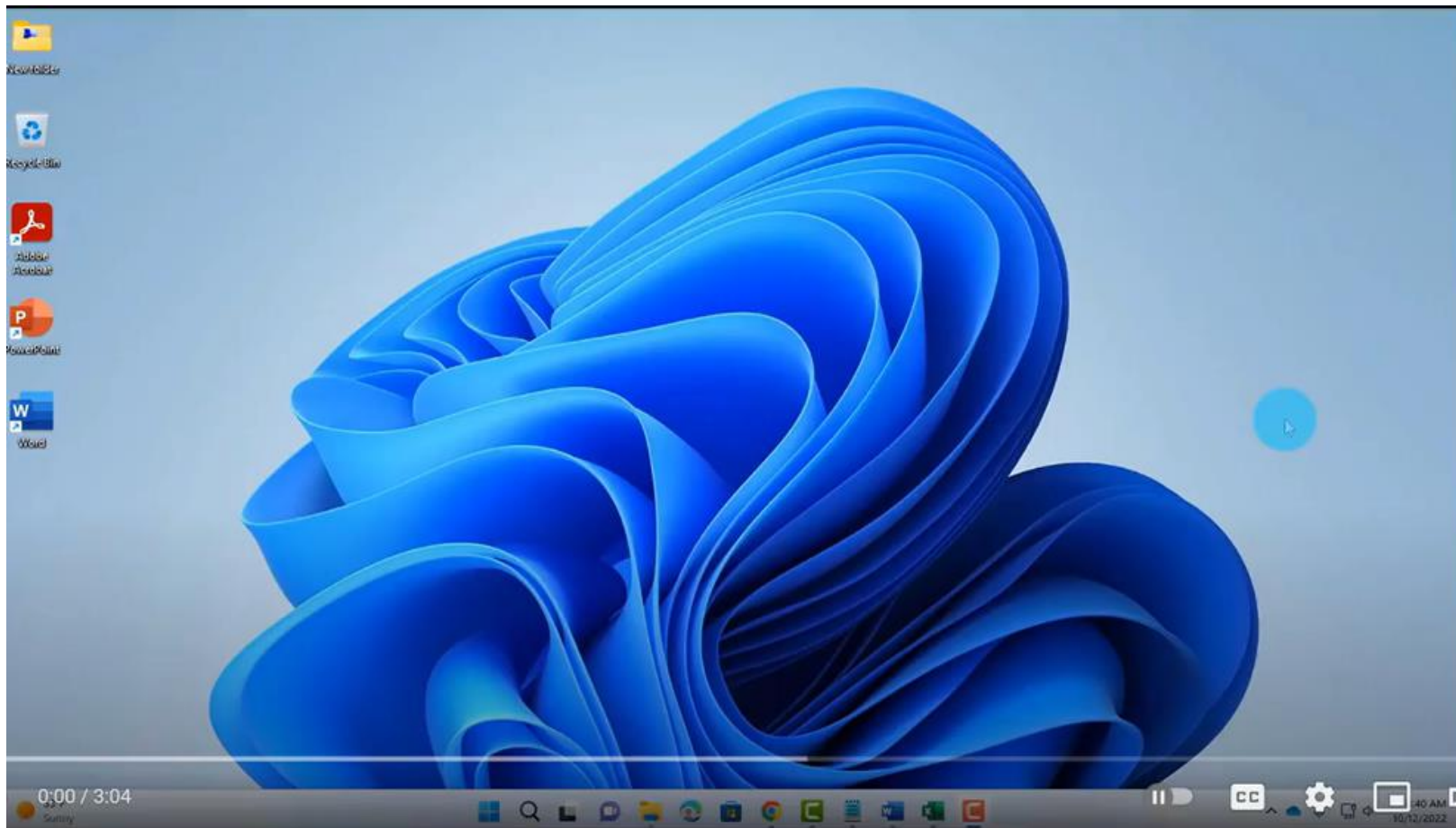


Windows 11 Voice Access

Herb, I understand that Windows 11 Voice access can you show me more?



It is so nice to have an intelligent couple ask these important questions, without further ado, let's have Nowtrin Tech explain further.



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[Windows 11 22H2 Voice Access Commands Feature](#)

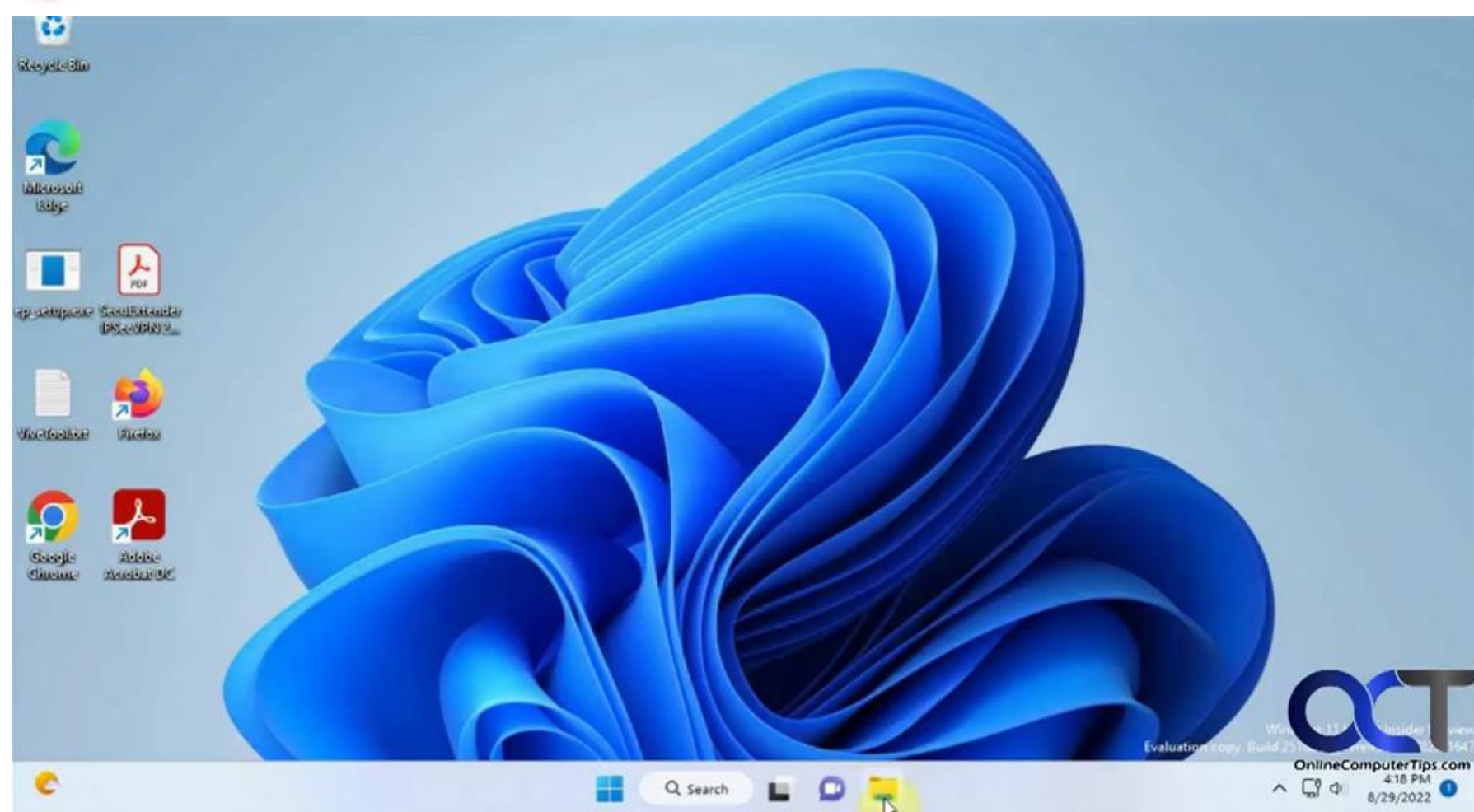


Oooh oooh, File Explorer Tabs....

And Herb, you've kept the most important, and exciting feature to the last, let me catch my breath, the File Explorer Tab feature!



Right you are Gary, let me have the folks at OnlineComputerTips show you the excitement that comes with Windows 11.



[The New Windows 11 File Explorer Tabs Overview](#)

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File Explorer Tabs, available now?

Wait a moment, what did he mean by “you’ll know when you have it” isn’t it included with 2202 update that you installed?



Microsoft is rolling it out right now, ahhhh, but it’s not there yet, but it will be.....

As much as I would like to keep Gary happy, Bert what do you mean “but it will be”?????



See that’s the benefit of Windows 11, much like you saw in Windows 10, there’ll be minor improvements added as time goes on, and Windows File Explorer is just another gem, that’ll come to you folks real soon.

Ok, I guess I, I mean we, can wait, given all of the features you’ve shown us so far.



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The closing pitch.....



That's right folks, Windows 11 on a new computer will get you the following:

- ✓ A Mac like interface, with rounded corners, a flexible centre based start menu and no having to limit your software choices with Mac limited to 10% of the available software market;
- ✓ Gaming performance that beats what Windows 10 provided;
- ✓ Superior and revised utilities such as Clock – Focus session, enhanced mobility centre, a more functional Windows Terminal, Widgets and increased tablet functionality;
- ✓ Windows Virtual Desktops that provide a simple way of keeping the desktop working the way you want it and keep the peace with your significant other;

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The closing pitch....



As well as:

- ✓ Increased Security that'll blow away that tin-foil hat IT manager;
- ✓ Then's there the flexibility with installing / using Android apps;
- ✓ The flexibility of using Voice Access;
- ✓ And the, literally just coming in October, oh I mean November, File Explorer tabs, along with the promise of further improvements to come.

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Windows 11 Happy Couple!

Cheryl, Garry, what do you say, are you ready to rock your world with Windows 11?

Ok, I see how Windows 11 is worth the investment and gives me the ability to be the queen of gaming and being cool at the same time.

Plus the additional security features, with Virtual desktops keeping the peace and the expectation of File explorer tabs.

Are you ready to drive away.....

Yes we are





And it's not end, but just the beginning to a better Windows world



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Epilogue

- My thanks to Lynda and Bob for their voice skills!
- Raise of hands, who does Herb Tarlek character come from?
- Getting to 22H2, yes that's exactly how it happened.
 - And further sacrilegious, comment I let Update handle my driver updates, for my Dell machines!
- For the sake of time I used OBS to record snippets of the YouTube content and HandBrake to compress.
- File Explorer Tabs came available Tuesday (I'm going to wait a week or so before applying).
- Lets review Smart App Control a bit more.

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- [Windows 11 build 22000.160: Focus Sessions in Clock, Windows Update tweaks, more](#)
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