



From Assessment to Board Approval - A Complete Guide to Windows 11 Transition



Your 4 step guide to help you successfully plan and execute your organisation's migration to Windows 11

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Microsoft's decision to end free support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025, presents a pivotal moment for businesses.

After this date, devices running Windows 10 will no longer receive automatic security updates or feature enhancements. While temporary security updates can be purchased on an annual per-device basis, upgrading to Windows 11 offers a more sustainable and secure solution.

However, the transition to Windows 11 is not without its challenges. With strict hardware requirements, approximately 25% of existing global devices must be replaced with newer technology. This significant upgrade coincides with a period of economic uncertainty—marked by high interest rates, rising business taxes, inflation in the UK, and a growing cost-of-living crisis impacting organisations and individuals alike.

To help your business navigate this complex transition, our Windows 11 assessment service is designed to provide practical, prioritised solutions. We aim to ensure your organisation remains secure, productive, and cost-effective with technology that aligns with your needs.



By the end of this ebook, you'll have a clear roadmap to confidently navigate to Windows 11

This guide will walk you through four essential steps to help you successfully plan and execute your transition to Windows 11

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Assessing Your Current State – understand where your organisation stands today.

2

Design Future State – determine the technology required for tomorrow's demands.

3

Simplifying the Transition – ensure a seamless migration with minimal disruption.

4

Building a Strong Business Case – secure buy-in from stakeholders and decision-makers.

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Assessing Your Current State

We answer your most common questions

Many organisations have a general understanding of their current PC setup but lack the detailed insights necessary to make informed decisions about upgrades, budgeting, and selecting the right devices. These gaps can make it challenging to prioritise investments effectively. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions.



“Are my devices compatible with Windows 11, and which ones require upgrades or replacements?”



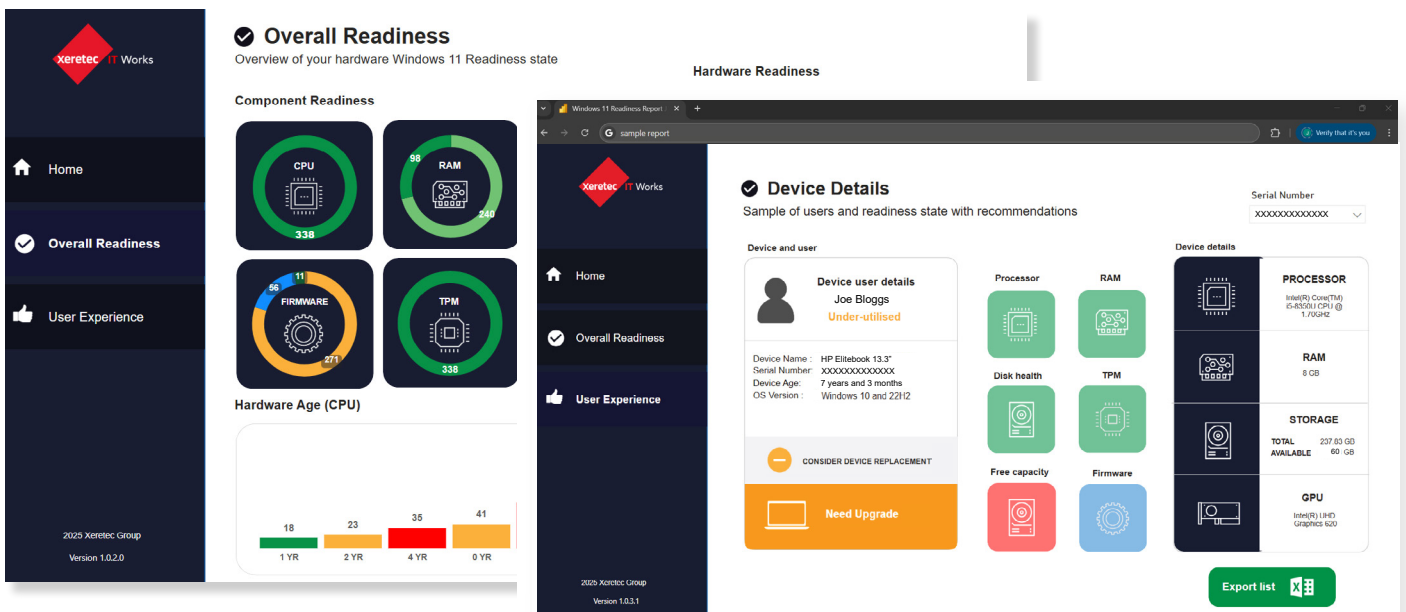
“Do limitations on my current devices affect productivity, collaboration, or data security? Are devices suited to their current workloads?”



“What risks or costs are associated with older devices? Could potential hardware failures or performance issues disrupt operations?”



“If a device is compatible with Windows 11, will it meet future needs? For example, should a user switch from a desktop to a laptop?”



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Your Questions, **Answered Through Our Assessment**

Our Windows 11 assessment service includes a powerful visual dashboard that provides actionable insights into:



Compatibility

Identifying devices that are ready for Windows 11, those that require upgrades, and those that are incompatible.



Form Factor

Recommending the most suitable device type, such as a desktop or laptop.



Device Age

Evaluating how a device's age affects productivity, reliability, and security.



Right Sizing




Ensuring devices meet CPU, RAM, and workload demands.



User Profiling

Offering tailored recommendations for each user, combining compatibility, form factor, device age, and future needs.

Persona-matched device recommendation

	PROCESSOR Intel Core Ultra 7
	RAM 32GB DDR5 RAM
	STORAGE 512GB SSD

With these tools and our expertise, you gain the clarity needed to plan upgrades and replacements confidently.

Processor



RAM



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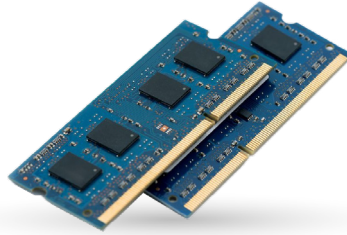
Additional Areas **We Assess**

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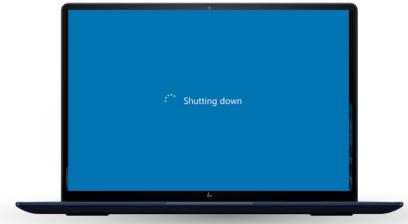
Laptop battery health

establishing how much useful capacity a device has remaining.



CPU/RAM overutilisation

Detecting performance degradation issues with RAM and CPU right-sizing.



Startup and shutdown times*

Identifying devices taking longer than 2 minutes to boot or over 3 minutes to shut down.

*Available post-assessment as part of our on-going consultancy services

RAG Classification: **Prioritising Your Device Estate**

Our Windows 11 assessment service features a dynamic dashboard that gives you a window into:

RED



Devices that do not meet the minimum requirements for Windows 11. These must be replaced or temporarily supported on Windows 10 via Microsoft's annual fee.

AMBER



Devices that might support Windows 11 with specific upgrades (e.g., additional RAM, firmware updates, or storage enhancements).

GREEN



Devices that meet the technical requirements for Windows 11. However, other factors, such as user experience and workload demands, may still need consideration.

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Examples - RED, AMBER, GREEN

The following examples illustrate your three hardware readiness states.

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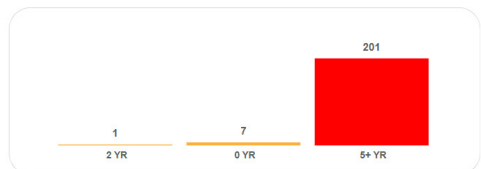
Overall Readiness

Overview of your hardware Windows 11 Readiness state

Component Readiness

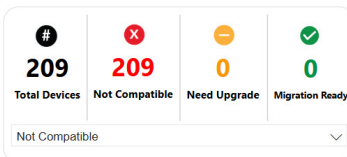


Hardware Age (CPU)



Hardware Readiness

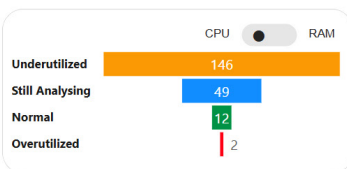
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Still Analysing: 48 Devices



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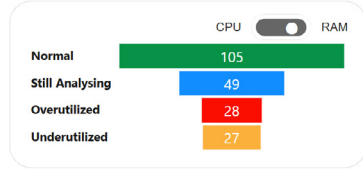


Machine right-sizing



This shows devices that are not capable of supporting Windows 11 normally due to CPU and/or TPM.

Machine right-sizing

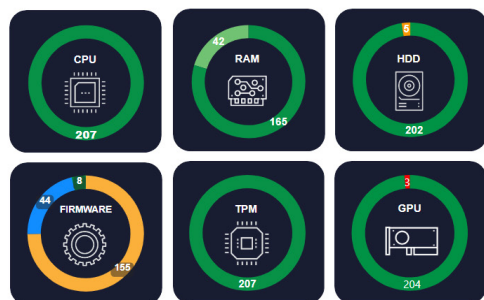


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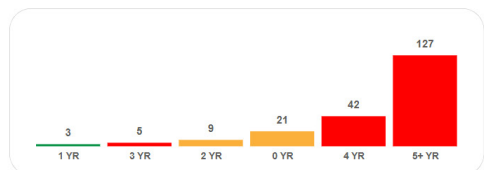
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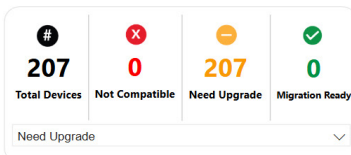


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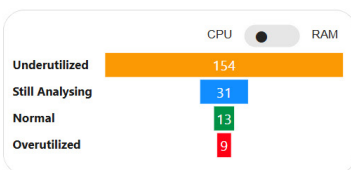
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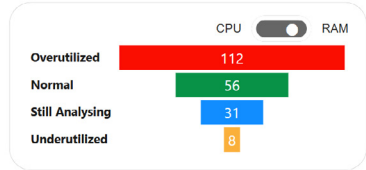


Machine right-sizing



Whilst devices might be compatible with Windows 11, further investigation is needed related to health, performance or capacity.

Machine right-sizing



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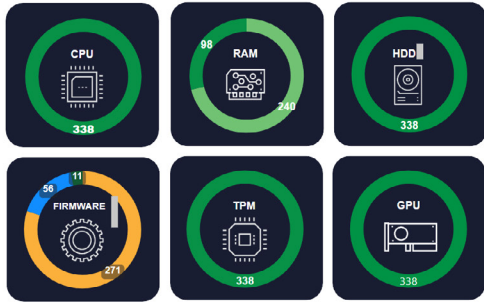


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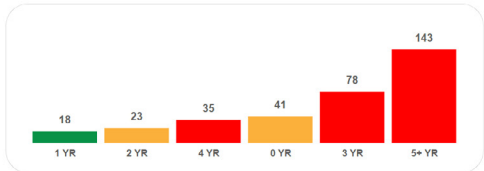
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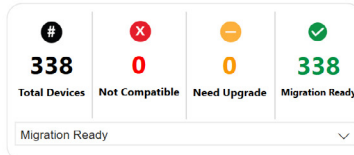


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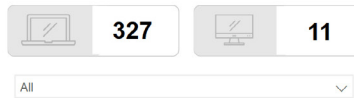


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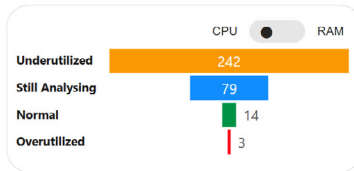
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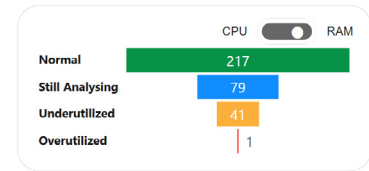


Machine right-sizing



Compatible with Windows 11, but may be worth additional exploration or device ages, utilisation and performance.

Machine right-sizing



Hardware Form Factor Insights

Our assessment helps distinguish between laptops and desktops in your organisation, recognising that:



2+
years

Laptops

With heavier use and portability demands, replaced every 2–4 years (3 years being the norm).



3+
years

Desktop PCs

Typically replaced every 3–5 years.



4+
years

Public Sector Devices

Often have extended lifespans beyond commercial averages.

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Older Devices

The risks associated with older hardware



Our Assessment also looks into the age of devices. This is important as older devices are more prone to mechanical issues and productivity challenges. While many assessment tools rely on the OS installation date to estimate device age, this approach can misrepresent actual hardware age. Our tool analyses the device's processor and maps it to its market release period for a more accurate assessment.

Even if a device can run Windows 11, evolving technology demands make newer devices essential for:



Enhanced Security

Protecting against modern threats.



Improved Collaboration

Meeting the needs of hybrid work environments.



Optimised Productivity

Reducing downtime and enhancing user satisfaction

Key Considerations for Ageing Devices



Mechanical Risks: Increased likelihood of hardware failures.



Productivity Impact: 89% of employees believe outdated technology hinders productivity (source: HP survey).



Collaboration Gaps: Only 26% of knowledge workers feel their technology supports their needs.



Security Vulnerabilities: Older devices lack modern protective features.

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Mechanical Issues

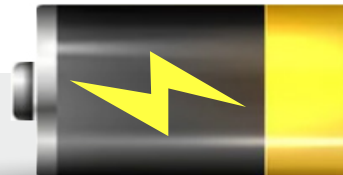
Common mechanical issues and costs

Issue	Cause & Symptoms	Repair Cost Range
Dust, Dirt, Moisture	Fan overuse, reduced cooling	£60–£100 (fan replacement)
Keyboard Issues	Dirt, spills, backlight failure	£50–£120
Trackpad Problems	Sensitivity loss, multi-touch issues	£40–£100
Port Damage	Frequent use, electrical surges	£50–£100
Screen & Hinge Issues	Dead pixels, broken hinges	£60–£400

Productivity Impact

Older devices with component issues can significantly impact productivity. Overheating from dust-clogged fans may cause frequent shutdowns, especially with intensive applications like Microsoft Teams. Missing keyboard keys slow down fast typists by 10-20% and increase errors, extending task completion times by 15-30%. A faulty trackpad can reduce productivity by 30%, while a broken screen can cut efficiency by 50%, forcing users to rely on external monitors. Damaged USB or HDMI ports disrupt workflow by 20-40%. Repairs also cause downtime—minor fixes take 1-3 days, moderate ones 3-7 days, and major repairs up to two weeks.

Battery Degradation



The lifespan of laptop batteries plays a critical role in maintaining productivity, especially for remote workers. Over time, most laptop batteries experience significant performance decline, typically after 300–500 charge cycles (around 2–5 years of use). This degradation leads to shorter runtimes, unexpected power losses, and increased reliance on charging.

- ⚡ Heavy usage patterns
- ⚡ Frequent charging cycles
- ⚡ Resource-intensive applications
- ⚡ Inefficient power management practices

Replacing a degraded battery is often necessary to restore device functionality, with replacement costs ranging from £50–£125 for OEM batteries and £50–£70 for aftermarket alternatives.

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Performance Innovations

Intel's 12th Gen CPUs

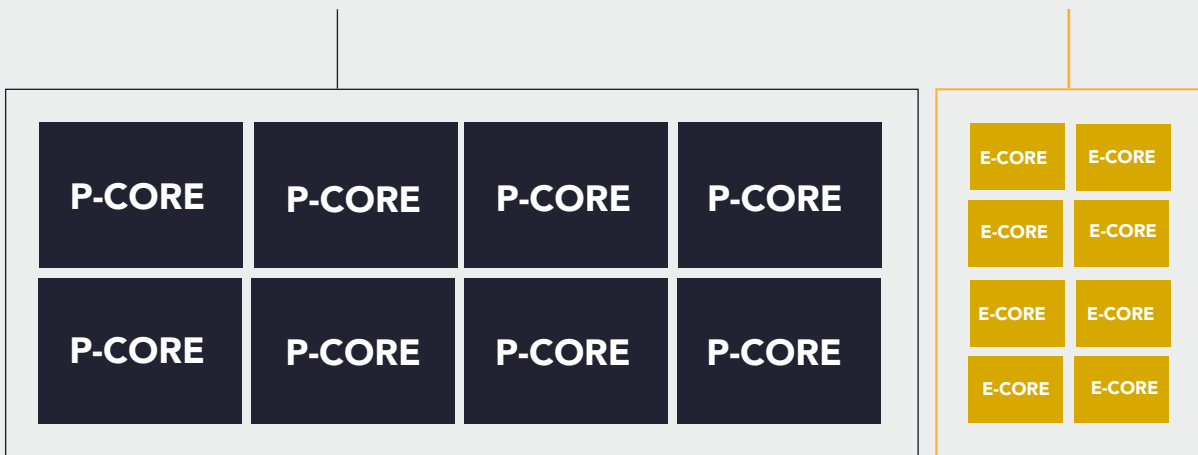
The launch of Intel's 12th Generation CPUs (Alder Lake) in November 2021 marked a transformative shift in processor architecture. These chips feature a hybrid design that combines:

P-Cores (Performance Cores)

Optimised for demanding tasks such as video conferencing on Teams, data-heavy Excel calculations, and advanced software applications.

E-Cores (Efficiency Cores)

Designed for background tasks lighter workloads like web browsing, email, and word processing.



This innovative architecture, managed by Intel's Thread Director, dynamically allocates workloads to the appropriate cores. The result is:



When paired with Windows 11, these CPUs deliver a significant leap in efficiency and user experience, providing up to a **42% productivity boost** compared to pre-November 2021 processors running Windows 10 (source: Microsoft Windows 11 vs. Windows 10 comparison).

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Modern Collaboration

Empowering today's work environments

Modern PCs and laptops are at the heart of video and audio collaboration, as well as Unified Communications/telephony. Recent advancements have dramatically improved both the professionalism and quality of collaborative tools, addressing the demands of hybrid work environments. According to HP research, **75% of users cite video quality as critical to job success.**

Eliminating distractions like poor resolution, background noise, or unreliable connections enhances the engagement and productivity of meetings.

Key Improvements in Modern Devices

Video Quality

Higher Resolution

Most new laptops now feature 1080p, 5mp, or even 4K webcams, providing significantly sharper and clearer images compared to older 720p models.

Low-Light Performance:

Improved camera sensors ensure excellent performance even in dimly lit environments.

Advanced Features

Cutting-edge webcams include capabilities such as autofocus, digital zoom, and AI noise cancellation. For example, HP's "Auto Frame" dynamically centres the camera on the user, while "Auto Camera Select" seamlessly switches between internal and external cameras for consistent eye contact.

Privacy Enhancements

Physical shutters and improved encryption ensure better protection of user privacy.

Optimised Positioning

Cameras are now better positioned to eliminate awkward angles, improving user presence on video calls.

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Modern Collaboration

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Sound Quality

Enhanced Sound

Modern laptops are equipped with advanced sound cards, better DACs, and optimised audio drivers that deliver crisp and detailed audio. For instance, HP Poly Studio Mode tailors sound frequency for high-quality stereo recordings.

Improved Speakers

Advances in speaker technology enable louder, clearer audio output, even in compact laptop designs.

Audio Enhancements

Features such as Dolby Atmos, DTS:X, and AI-driven noise cancellation filter out background distractions (e.g., barking dogs, paper rustling), ensuring clear communication.

Dynamic Voice Levelling

Tools like HP Dynamic Voice Levelling adjust microphone gain for clear audio at distances up to 3 meters.

Better Headphone Output

Modern devices offer superior headphone amplification for clearer and more immersive audio.

Software Integration

Windows 11 and modern devices optimise audio processing, creating an immersive and seamless collaboration experience.

Comprehensive Security

Upgrading an older Windows 11 device to a new HP device running Windows 11 adds the following:

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Additional HP added Security options

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Additional Windows 11 Security options

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Improved Windows 11 Security options

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Comprehensive Security

Windows 11 vs Windows 10 security features

Windows 11 Security on modern HP devices

	Win 10 + Win 11	Win 11 improved	Win 11 only	HP Enhancement
HP BIOSphere	HP Sure Sense			
HP Sure Run	HP Sure Click			HP Sure Recover
HP Tamper Lock	Smart App Control	HP Sure Admin	HP Sure Erase	HP Sure Start
Trusted Boot	Configuration Lock	HP Sure Access	HP Sure View	HP Protect & Trace
Hypervisor Enforced Code Integrity (HVCI) - default on	Windows VPN & Firewall	SmartScreen advanced phishing protection	File level encryption	HP Client Security Manager
Virtualisation-based security (VBS) - default on	Application Guard	Passwordless support (biometrics, FIDO, App)	Backup & restore to OneDrive	Security Management & MDM improvements
Trusted Platform Module 2.0 - Hardware Root of Trust	Microsoft Defender	Windows Hello for Business - improvements	Privacy Controls	Conditional Access
Secure Boot & System Guard	Defender SmartScreen	Credential Guard	Bitlocker enhancements	Windows Defender for Endpoint (requires Windows E5)
				
Device Protection	Threat Protection	Identity Protection	Information Protection	Breach Detection, Investigation & Response
PRE-BREACH				POST-BREACH

Security Summary

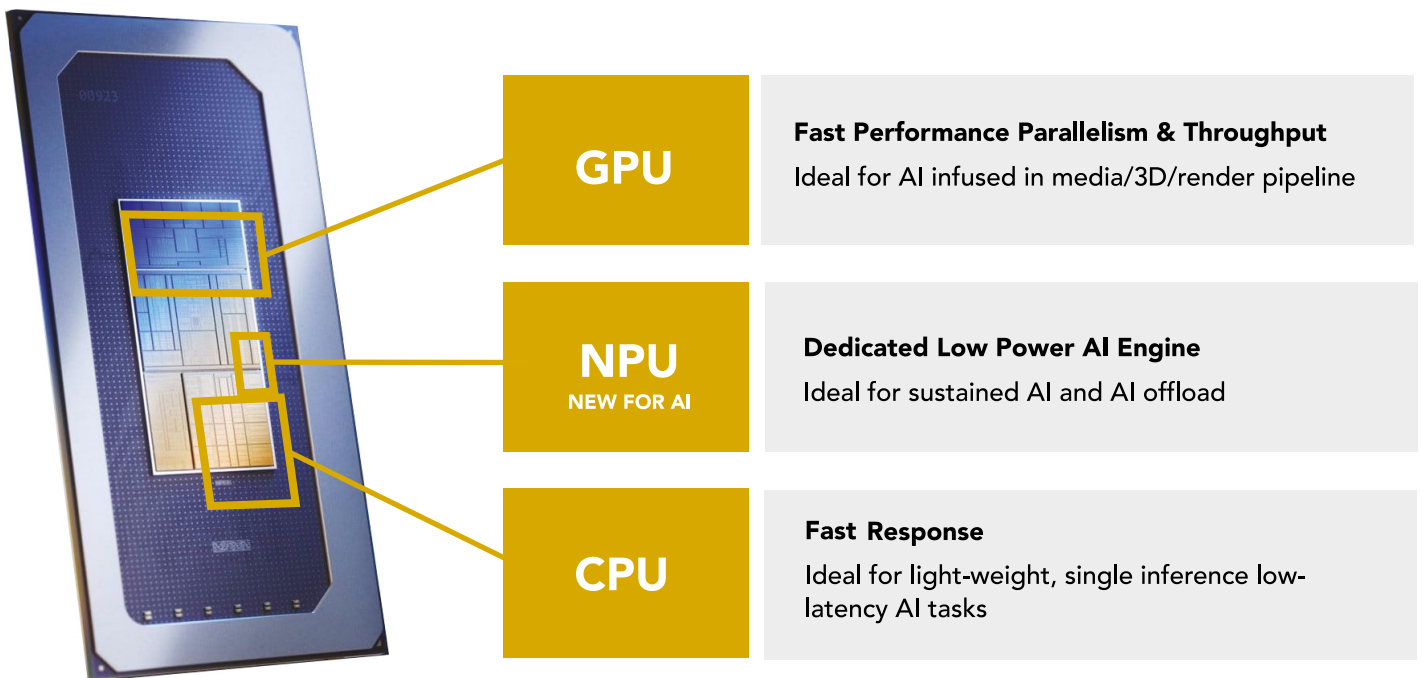
Windows 11 offers stronger security than Windows 10 by enforcing stricter hardware requirements, including TPM 2.0 and Secure Boot, which enhance protection against malware and unauthorised access. It integrates advanced security features like Virtualisation-Based Security (VBS) and Hypervisor-Protected Code Integrity (HVCI) to reduce vulnerabilities and prevent exploits. Enhanced phishing protection, smarter cloud-based threat detection, and improved encryption further safeguard user data.

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Designing Your Future State




Identifying future needs

The evolving landscape of PC technology, driven by Windows 11 features, Intel Core™ Ultra processors, and advancements in hardware from AMD and Nvidia, has created a new class of devices designed to meet the demands of tomorrow. These innovations are shaping a future where Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a core part of both everyday tasks and complex computational workloads, redefining the capabilities of modern PCs.



Key examples of AI integration include:



-  AI-Enhanced Audio and Video: Features like background blurring, real-time tracking, and audio/image enhancement improve meeting quality by processing data directly on the PC.
-  Copilot and Intelligent Call Recap: Uses local processing power to analyse meeting content and generate accurate summaries.
-  Hybrid Meeting Enhancements: Leverages the PC's capabilities to manage multiple video feeds for a seamless meeting experience.

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Designing Your Future State

Developing the right-sized fit for users



AI Companion and Context-Aware Suggestions: Enhances user experience with real-time suggestions and chat summaries.



Enhanced Collaboration: Integrates with your PC to gather relevant data and facilitate task completion.

Beyond communication platforms, applications such as AutoCAD, Blender, Adobe Creative Suite, and music production tools like Ableton Live are already utilising these advancements to provide unparalleled performance. AI-enabled tools are expected to widen the performance gap between newer, AI-ready technologies and older systems.



Developing the Right-Sized Fit for Users

Upgrading to the right device involves understanding each user's current and future needs. Our detailed assessment allows organisations to identify optimal configurations for individual users, ensuring they are equipped with the tools required to perform at their best.

Device Details
Serial Number: 5CG2107GGZ

Sample of users and readiness state with recommendations

Device and user	Processor	RAM	Disk health	TPM	Free capacity	Firmware
Device user details Overutilized Device Name : HP ELITEBOOK 840 G8 NOTEBOOK PC Serial Number: 5CG2107GGZ Device Age: 3YR OS Version : Windows 10 and 22H2 CONSIDER DEVICE REPLACEMENT Need Upgrade	Processor icon	RAM icon	Disk health icon	TPM icon	Free capacity icon	Firmware icon
	PROCESSOR 11th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-1145G7 @ 2.60GHz	RAM 8 GB	STORAGE 465.12 GB	GPU Intel(R) Iris(R) Xe Graphics		






Export list

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Designing Your Future State

Examples of users' needs to help recommend the right-sized solutions

Joe Bloggs

 Compatible	 Age	 Form Factor	 Utilisation
<p>Low disc space < 64GB requires file clear down. Boot up time greater than 2 minutes suggesting poor health.</p>	<p>Device is just over 4 years old running on Intel Gen 11 CPU. No P and E Core CPU or Thread Director management. Up to 42% lower productivity on average.</p>	<p>Requires a laptop with touchscreen for editing mark ups, 15"+, high resolution, currently has 13" non-touchscreen.</p>	<p>Currently right-sized specification.</p>
 Future	<p>Requires Adobe Creative Suite with AI video production. Enhanced GPU required to meet min standards with NPU for AI video production on Adobe Firefly.</p>		

Jane Bloggs

 Compatible	 Age	 Form Factor	 Utilisation
<p>Battery capacity 30% requires replacement, Windows 11 compatible.</p>	<p>Over 7 years old Spare parts not available. High risk of future reliability issues and performance impact</p>	<p>Right-sized.</p>	<p>CPU over-utilised, RAM over-utilised</p>
 Future	<p>Requires Adobe Creative Suite with AI video production. Enhanced GPU required to meet min standards.</p>		

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Designing Your **Future State**

Planning for tomorrow's workflows

Our assessment goes beyond compatibility, evaluating factors like form factor, utilisation, and future requirements to ensure that each device is equipped to handle both current and emerging challenges. For instance:



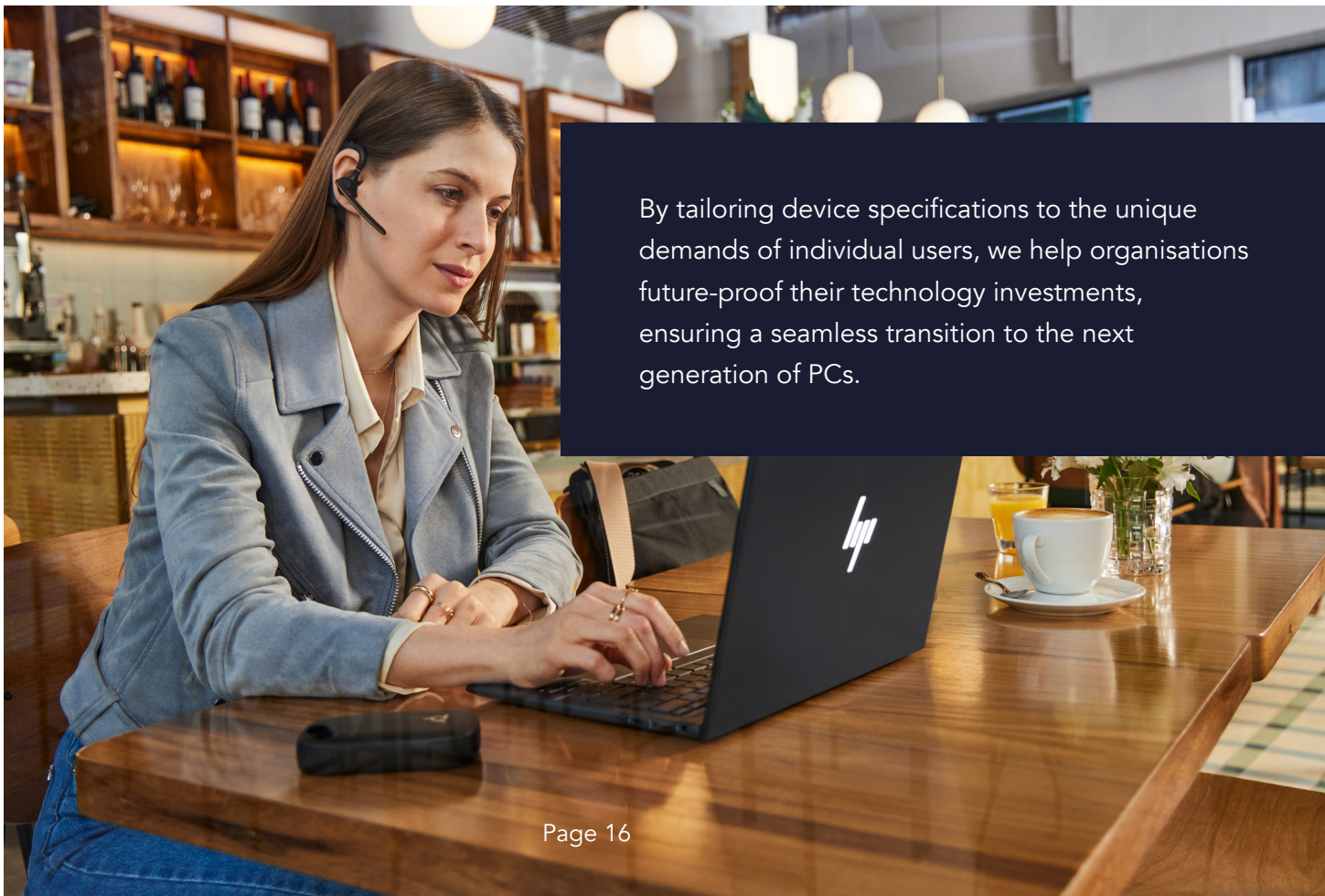
Devices with NPUs and GPUs enable AI-based collaboration and creative workflows.



Modern CPUs with hybrid architectures (e.g., P and E cores) deliver superior performance for multitasking.



Right-sized form factors—like larger touchscreens or ultralight laptops—enhance user efficiency and satisfaction.



By tailoring device specifications to the unique demands of individual users, we help organisations future-proof their technology investments, ensuring a seamless transition to the next generation of PCs.

Simplifying The Transition

Hardware replacement challenges

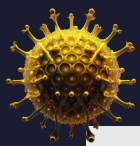
As of January 2025, it's estimated that **25% of all devices within organisations remain incompatible with Windows 11**. Despite being introduced on October 5, 2021, Windows 11 adoption has lagged behind its predecessor. By late 2024, Windows 11 accounted for **33.37%** of the Windows PC market, while Windows 10 continued to dominate with **62.79%**. In comparison, at a similar point in its lifecycle, Windows 10 adoption reached **81.15%**.

A key factor impacting Windows 11 adoption has been its hardware compatibility requirements. Devices featuring 7th Generation Intel CPUs (2017 or earlier), 1st Gen AMD Ryzen processors (2018 or earlier), and lacking TPM 2.0 support are not eligible for the upgrade. This necessitates replacing or upgrading these systems, posing challenges for many organisations.



Challenges in PC Replacement

Several trends have affected the ability of organisations to transition to Windows 11



COVID-19 Lockdowns & Remote Work

Between March 2020 and March 2021, the UK experienced three national lockdowns, leading to a surge in demand for laptops to support remote working.

With supply chain constraints, many organisations resorted to purchasing used or older-generation devices, including replacing desktops with laptops.



Economic Challenges

A cost-of-living crisis has squeezed budgets, while rising taxes continue to impact business bottom lines.

IT teams are navigating increased complexity in supporting remote infrastructures while grappling with resource limitations.

Simplifying **The Transition**

Supporting your transition to Windows 11

To overcome these challenges, we've identified key areas where we can assist your organisation in transitioning seamlessly and cost-effectively.

1. *Where Do I Start?* – Prioritising the Transition

We offer a no-charge Windows 11 assessment that provides:

- ✓ A prioritised action plan, outlining devices that require replacement, upgrades, or minor adjustments.
- ✓ Detailed data to support decision-making and enable efficient resource allocation.

2. *What Do I Buy?* – Right-Sizing for Users

Choosing the right technology ensures optimal performance for all user needs

- ✓ High-performance devices for users with demanding workloads.
- ✓ Cost-effective solutions for users with lighter demands.
- ✓ Our assessments deliver actionable insights to ensure you allocate resources efficiently while meeting user requirements.

3. *How Much Will It Cost?* – Aggressive Price Support

We work closely with PC manufacturers and Microsoft **to reduce costs through:**

- ✓ Subsidies for new device purchases (e.g., programs offering up to £300 cashback per laptop).
- ✓ Volume price negotiations with multiple suppliers to secure the best deals.

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4. *I Have a Limited Budget* – Flexible Payment Options

We provide a pay-monthly option that eliminates the need for upfront payments.

- ✓ Smart financing options leverage residual device values, making monthly payments as cost-effective as outright purchases.
- ✓ This enables you to acquire the technology you need immediately without delaying upgrades due to budget limitations.

5. *My IT Resources Are Stretched* – Included Service Options

If your IT team lacks the bandwidth to handle a major Windows 11 transition, we offer:

- ✓ Incremental service support, including imaging, asset tagging, deliveries, deployment, and ongoing maintenance.
- ✓ Customised packages to align with your specific project requirements.

6. *What About My Old Devices?* – End-of-Life Services

Our comprehensive program ensures **legacy equipment is managed responsibly**

- ✓ Value recovery through resale or repurposing.
- ✓ Certified data sanitisation and recycling services that comply with WEEE directives.
- ✓ Industry-certified documentation to support your environmental, compliance, and financial goals.

7. *How Do I Transition Data Seamlessly?* – M365 Optimisation

We simplify data transfer processes while optimising your Microsoft 365 environment:

- ✓ Synchronising data to platforms like OneDrive ensures a seamless transition for users.
- ✓ Our M365 assessment service identifies opportunities for cost savings (up to 36%) by aligning licences with your organisation's needs.

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Simplifying **The Transition**

Making the move to Windows 11 easier

By addressing the key challenges organisations face—affordability, resource constraints, legacy equipment, and data transfer—our services enable a smooth and efficient transition to Windows 11. Whether you need actionable insights, cost-effective technology, or additional support for your IT team, we're here to help your organisation embrace the future with confidence.



Building Your Business Case

Presenting a compelling business case to stakeholders



As an IT professional, you may need to present a compelling business case to upgrade your organisation's PC estate to ensure Windows 11 compliance. For non-IT Board members, it's crucial to focus on areas that demonstrate tangible benefits and address pressing concerns such as security, cost efficiency, productivity, and operational continuity.

1. Security: Addressing Risks Without Windows 10 Updates

With 70% of successful cyber breaches originating from endpoint devices, the security of PCs is paramount. Windows 11 Pro devices have been shown to reduce security incidents by 58%, according to a study by Forrester Consulting (*The Total Economic Impact™ of Windows 11 Pro Devices, December 2022*). Without Windows 10 updates, organisations face significant risks:

Compliance Challenges



Cyber Essentials Certification

mandates that all network software is supported and receives security updates. Running unsupported systems leads to non-compliance, potentially barring your organisation from partnerships or contracts.



Increased Vulnerability

Unsupported PCs are more prone to breaches, making them a liability in today's cybersecurity landscape.

Cyber Insurance Implications



Higher Premiums

Insurers expect robust cyber security measures, and outdated systems could lead to increased premiums or denial of coverage.



Claims Denied

Breaches on unsupported systems may not qualify for insurance claims, leaving organisations exposed to financial and reputational losses.

Operational & Legal Risks



Incompatibility Issues

New software may not support older operating systems, creating inefficiencies and operational disruptions.



Regulatory Consequences

A data breach could trigger investigations, fines, and irreparable financial losses.

Building Your Business Case

Presenting a compelling business case to stakeholders

Upgrading to Windows 11 or ensuring your systems run the latest supported version of Windows 10 (22H2) is critical for maintaining compliance, protecting systems, and retaining cyber insurance validity.

2. Offsetting Costs Through Productivity Gains

Replacing ageing PCs with modern devices yields substantial productivity benefits. Newer devices running on advanced hardware and **Windows 11 offers up to a 42% productivity boost** compared to older systems.



Calculating the value

Assuming a new device costs £750 and is depreciated over 5 years:

£12.50

Monthly cost
per device

£29,600

UK median
annual salary

5–10%

Productivity gain
translates to
£123.33–£246.66
per month.

£1,036

At the upper end
(**42%**), this exceeds
£1,036 per month.

The hidden cost of maintenance

Maintaining older devices often creates a false economy, with repair costs quickly outpacing replacement value. For devices over five years old, common repairs include:

	Cost Range	% New Device Cost	Failure Rate
Fan Replacement	£60–£100	8–13%	10–20%
Keyboard Replacement	£110–£220	14.7–29.33%	5–10%

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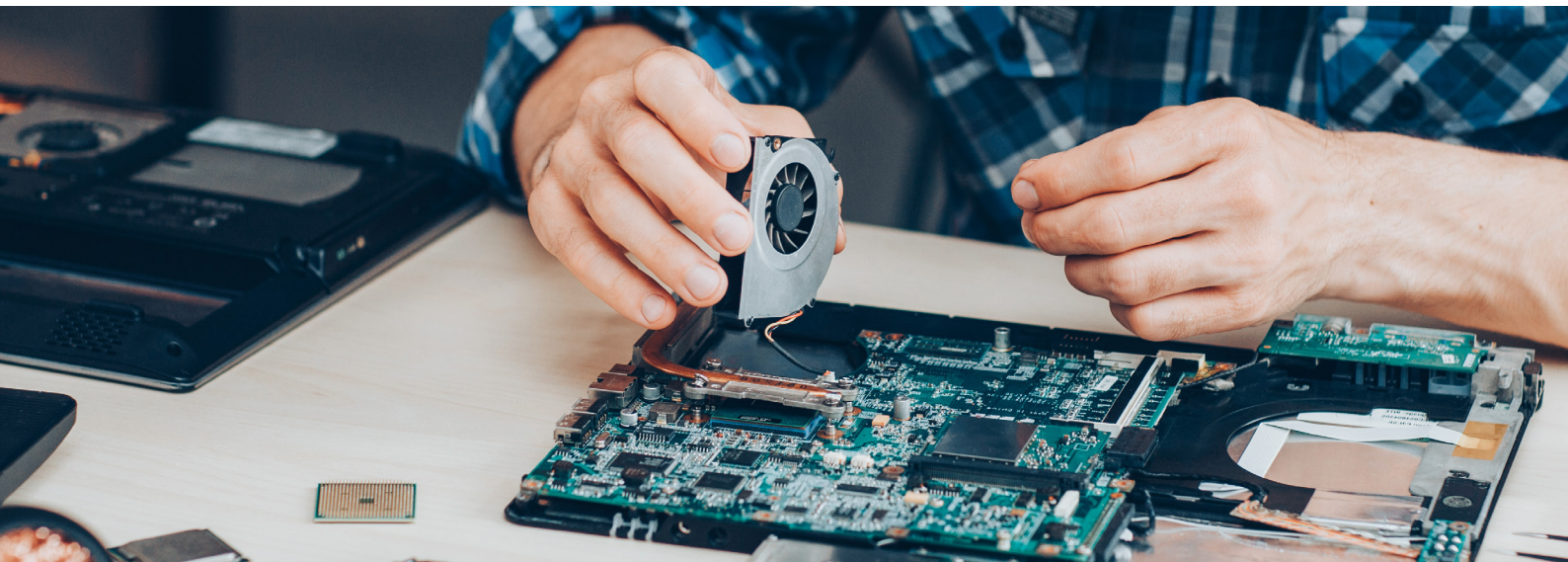
	Cost Range	% New Device Cost	Failure Rate
Trackpad Replacement	£100–£170	13.33–22.7%	3–5%
Port Repair	£50–£100	6.67–13.33%	3–5%
Screen Repair	£60–£200	8–26.67%	5–10%
Battery Replacement	£50–£125	6.67–16.67%	20–30%

For a fleet of 250 devices over five years old, repair costs could fund **10–38 new devices**. This excludes major failures like motherboard or hard drive issues, further emphasising the need for replacement.



IT Team Efficiency

Modern devices, often under warranty with onsite repair services, **reduce help desk calls by 80%**. Freeing up IT resources allows teams to focus on strategic initiatives, such as implementing AI-driven solutions for competitive advantage.



Building Your **Business Case**

Building the case for the future

3. **Demonstrating Control** Through Data-Driven Insights

Boards want assurance that decisions are based on actionable, data-driven insights. Our comprehensive assessments provide:

- ✓ **Fleet-wide Summaries:** High-level overviews of device performance and readiness for Windows 11.
- ✓ **Granular Detail:** Individual device usage patterns and specific user requirements.

By aligning recommendations with industry data and intelligence, you can instil confidence that upgrades are not just necessary but strategically advantageous.



Presenting a business case for upgrading your PC estate involves more than just highlighting risks. It's about demonstrating how modern technology can enhance security, boost productivity, lower operational costs, and free up IT resources for transformative projects. Armed with clear data and compelling insights, you can guide your organisation confidently into the next generation of technology with Windows 11.

Assessment FAQs

Your frequently asked Windows 11 Assessment questions



Q, ***Is there a cost?***
A, There are no charges for the software or consulting services provided as part of our Windows 11 readiness assessment.

Q, ***What does the assessment evaluate?***
A, The assessment focuses on your organisation's readiness for Windows 11, offering tailored hardware recommendations to ensure you only upgrade or replace devices that truly need it. Additionally, we identify underutilised or overutilised devices, enabling the optimal reassignment of hardware to users based on their specific usage patterns.

Q, ***Is there a minimum or maximum number of devices required for the assessment?***
A, While there are no strict minimum or maximum limits, we recommend assessing at least 50 devices to justify the effort on both sides. The soft maximum limit is around 5,000 devices.

Q, ***How long does it take to deploy the agent (software)?***
A, With centralised RMM (Remote Monitoring and Management) tools in place, the agent can be deployed across your IT estate within a matter of days.

Q, ***What are the system requirements for running the software?***
A, The agent we deploy is lightweight, both in terms of resource and network usage, ensuring smooth deployment on any device running Windows 10 20H2 or later without impacting performance.

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Assessment FAQs

Your frequently asked Windows 11 Assessment questions

Q.

How do I get started?

A.

To begin, we will provide you with a lightweight agent, which you'll need to deploy across your IT estate.

Q.

How long until I see the results?

A.

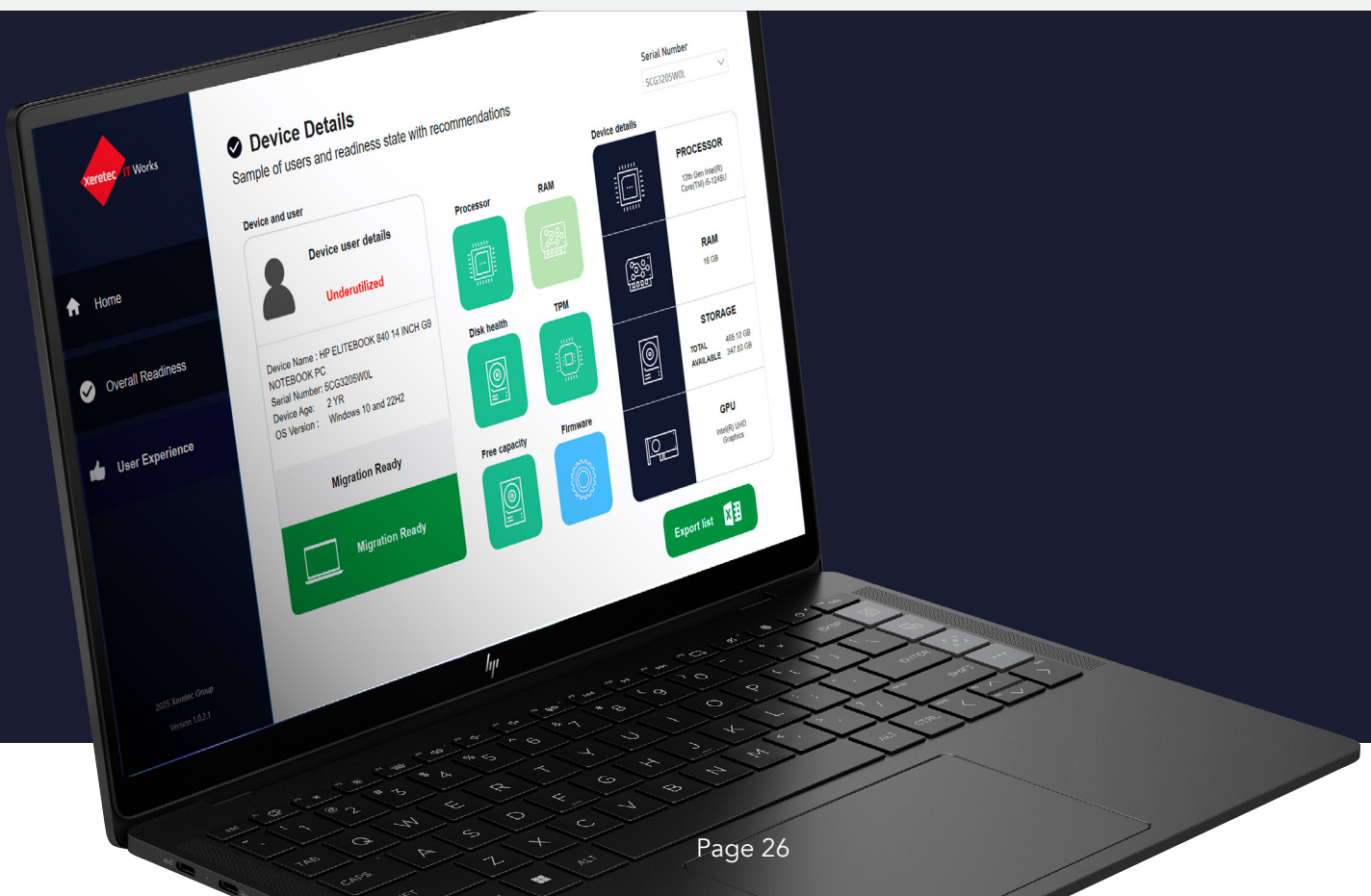
The agent needs to collect data from your IT estate for at least 10 working days. After that, we'll require an additional 10 working days to process the data and deliver our comprehensive findings.

Q.

How do you access our data, and where is it stored?

A.

Our assessment service is built on a secure cloud platform. Customer data is hosted within HP's EU data centre, with limited processing performed in Amazon's US-West-2 region.



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Conclusion & Next Steps

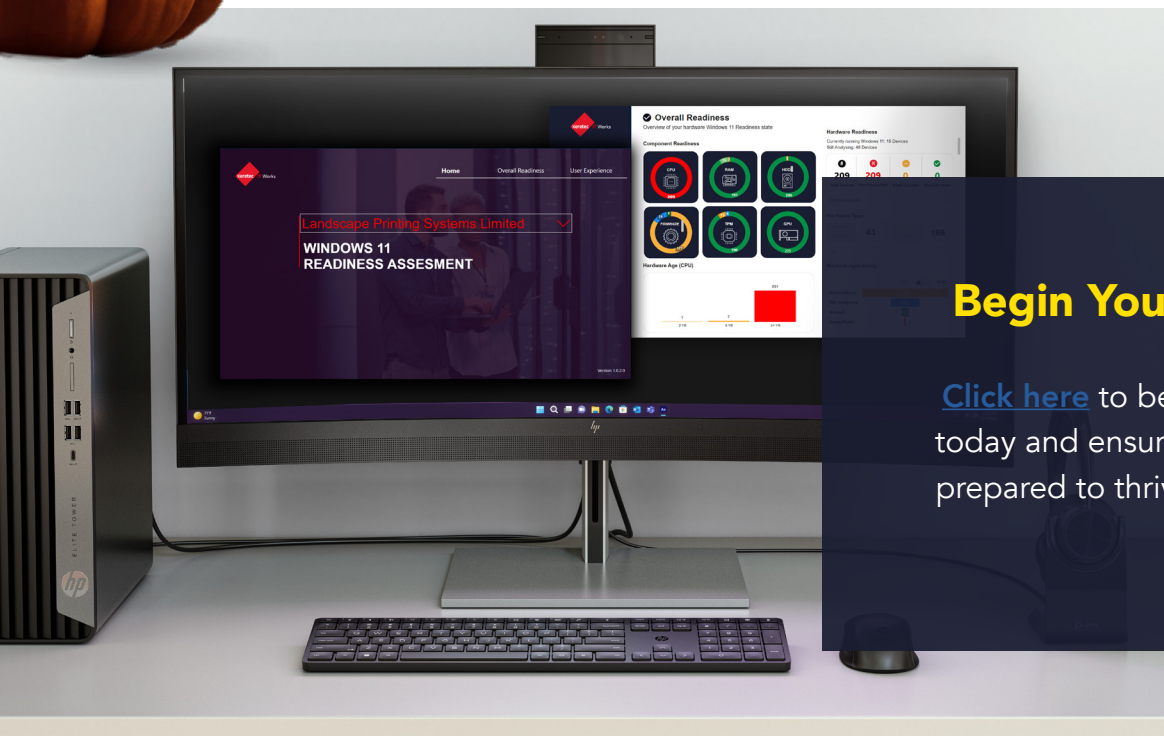
Begin your assessment journey with Xeretec

By following the roadmap outlined in this guide, you can approach the Windows 11 transition with confidence. From assessing your current device estate and identifying future technology needs to simplifying the migration process and building a compelling business case, these steps are designed to equip you with the insights and strategies necessary for success.

Upgrading to Windows 11 is not merely about compliance with Microsoft's deadlines—it's about future-proofing your organisation, empowering your workforce with cutting-edge tools, and ensuring resilience in an increasingly digital world.

Next Steps: Complete Your Windows 11 Readiness Assessment

The first step in this journey is clarity. Completing your Windows 11 Readiness Assessment will provide you with a prioritised action plan, tailored recommendations, and opportunities to optimise costs while maximising efficiency.



Begin Your Assessment

[Click here](#) to begin your assessment today and ensure your organisation is prepared to thrive in the Windows 11 era.

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The Xeretec Group

Xeretec's journey began in 1991 as a business employing 15 people. Through a powerful combination of organic growth and acquisition, the company now employs over 170 people in 10 offices across the UK and Ireland. Our strong customer-focused culture, partnerships and in-house talent enable us to take our clients on their own journey to greater agility and workplace productivity by providing the very best in IT technology.

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