Windows 10 Installation Instructions for PC

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This quick guide assumes you already have a Windows 10 installation DVD and product key on hand. These instructions are meant to be a quick guide. If you would like more complete instructions or if you need further assistance please contact 4help at 540-231-HELP

1. Before we begin, decide what kind of install you would like to perform.
   
   **OPTION 1**: You want to ‘upgrade’ to Windows 10 – This option saves your files and settings and does not require you to reinstall your software. 
   
   NOTE: This option is not available for all situations. If you choose this option, these instructions are NOT for you. Please contact 4help for assistance.

   **OPTION 2**: You want to do a ‘clean install’ of Windows 10 but you do not want to wipe the hard drive clean – this option saves your files (not your settings) and you will have to reinstall your software.

   **OPTION 3**: You want to completely wipe your computer and do a ‘clean install’ of Windows 10 – this option will completely wipe the hard drive of all files and start fresh. 
   
   NOTE: You will need to make sure you already have your data backed up on an external hard drive/flash drive before proceeding.

2. Insert the Windows 10 installation DVD and boot your computer from the DVD. 
   
   NOTE: In most cases, simply inserting the DVD and rebooting will work. If this does not work, please refer to your computer manufacturer for instructions on booting from a DVD.

3. When you see the screen below, choose English and click Next.

4. Accept the license agreement terms and click Next.

5. When asked what type of installation you would like, choose **Custom: Install Windows only (advanced)** if you chose OPTION 2 or OPTION3 in Step 1.

6. When asked to choose the drive to install to, follow the next step according to the choice you made in Step 1.
   
   **OPTION 2**: Choose the drive with the largest “Total Size”. This indicates the drive that currently has your old Windows installation on it. Click on the drive and click Next to begin installation.

   **OPTION 3**: NOTE: This option will completely delete all contents of your hard drive make sure all of your files are backed up. Choose each (or the only) drive listed and click **Delete**. Once you have done this for each drive, you should be left with a single drive named “Drive # Unallocated Space”. Select this and then click **Next** to begin installation.

7. Your computer may restart multiple times during the installation process. When you see the screen below, choose **Join a Domain** and click **Continue**. You will then set up your account name and password and the installation will be complete.

   Proceed to the next page of these instructions to activate Windows

Once installation is complete, you may need to install drivers for Wi-Fi, Sound, Video, etc. Please refer to your computer manufacturer’s website to download any required drivers.
Windows 10 Activation:

1. Access network.software.vt.edu and login using your VT PID and password.

2. Select “Microsoft Windows Software” from the list of software available and select Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise 32-bit ISO or Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise 64-bit ISO.

3. Agree to the license agreement(s) and copy your “Windows 10 – MAK” number. This is your product key, write it down.

4. Once booted into Windows, hold the Windows key and press R to open the Run windows.

5. Type “slui 3” (without quotes) and press Enter.

6. In the resulting windows, enter your Windows 10 product key from Step 3. Windows will verify the key and then activate.