

# Windows 11 on "Legacy" Computers

What exactly is LEGACY in this context?

Before Demo.

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## What is Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI)?

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) is a specification for a software program that connects a computer's [firmware](#) to its operating system ([OS](#)). UEFI is expected to eventually replace basic input/output system ([BIOS](#)) but is compatible with it. The specification is most often pronounced by naming the letters

U-E-F-I.

<https://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/Unified-Extensible-Firmware-Interface-UEFI>

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## What is T.P.M. 2.0?

Note: Since July 28, 2016, all new device models, lines or series (or if you are updating the hardware configuration of a existing model, line or series with a major update, such as CPU, graphic cards) must implement and enable by default TPM 2.0 (details in section 3.7 of the [Minimum hardware requirements page](#)). The requirement to enable TPM 2.0 only applies to the manufacturing of new devices.

The TPM is a cryptographic module that enhances computer security and privacy. Protecting data through encryption and decryption, protecting authentication credentials, and proving which software is running on a system are basic functionalities associated with computer security. The TPM helps with all these scenarios and more. **Biometrics like Fingerprint & Facial Recognition.**

Trusted Platform Module (TPM) technology is designed to provide hardware-based, security-related functions. A TPM chip is a secure crypto-processor that helps you with actions such as generating, storing, and limiting the use of cryptographic keys.

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/design/device-experiences/oem-tpm>

tpm.msc

**How Windows Uses T.P.M.**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/information-protection/tpm/how-windows-uses-the-tpm>

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## What is Device Encryption?

Windows 11 Windows 10. Windows 11Windows 10. Encryption **helps protect the data on your device so it can only be accessed by people who have authorization**. If device encryption isn't available on your device, you might be able to turn on standard BitLocker encryption instead. Requires Windows Pro.

## What is my BitLocker recovery key?

Your BitLocker recovery key is a unique 48-digit numerical password that can be used to unlock your system if BitLocker is otherwise unable to confirm for certain that the attempt to access the system drive is authorized.

## How do I print my device level Bitlocker key?

Search for "bitlocker"

## Where can I find my BitLocker recovery key?

BitLocker ensured that a recovery key was safely backed up prior to activating protection. There are several places that your recovery key may be, depending on the choice that was made when activating BitLocker:

- **In your Microsoft account:** [Sign in to your Microsoft account](#) on another device to find your recovery key. If you have a modern device that supports automatic device encryption, the recovery key will most likely be in your Microsoft account. For more, see [Device encryption in Windows](#).

**Note:** If the device was set up or BitLocker protection was activated by another user, the recovery key may be in that user's Microsoft account.

- **On a printout:** You may have printed your recovery key when BitLocker was activated. Look where you keep important papers related to your computer.

## Finding your BitLocker recovery key in Windows

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/finding-your-bitlocker-recovery-key-in-windows-6b71ad27-0b89-ea08-f143-056f5ab347d6>

<https://accounts.microsoft.com/devices>

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