

Microsoft Details Windows 10, HoloLens at Build 2015

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Microsoft reveals more Windows 10 plans at Build 2015, such a new lock screen, a renamed Internet Explorer replacement and means for running iOS and Android apps on the OS-- even if the show was arguably stolen by an adorable HoloLens-powered robot.



Of course, Windows 10 remains the main focus of the conference, where Microsoft declared it expects to see the OS run on no less than 1 billion devices within 2 or 3 years of release. As Windows chief Terry Myerson puts it, "no other platform working in any ecosystem is available on 1 billion devices," but with free upgrades for existing Windows users, new (and old!) devices and enterprise-friendly plans, the company might just manage to reach such a total.

For the curious, Windows 8 license sales reached 200 million in around 15 months.

To reach such a number of Windows 10 licenses Microsoft has a couple of weapons up its sleeve. One of these is Continuum-- essentially a means to seamlessly switch between PCs, tablets or smartphones. As seen at Build, Continuum can even transform smartphones into near-desktop devices complete with mouse, keyboard and familiar Office apps.

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