

Microsoft describes Windows 10 as "the last version of Windows" at its Ignite conference. How come? Mainly because Microsoft wants to move the OS to an "as a service" model fed with constant updates.



One way this is possible is the way Windows 10 is built-- the OS is split into multiple components, such as Start Menu or built-in apps. Each component can be updated independently of the core Windows OS, allowing for more agile patching instead of big updates.

This also means the company will also kill off the so-called "Patch Tuesday", the monthly day (usually the second Tuesday of the month) when Microsoft patches are released. Instead the company will offer either "fast ring" or "slow ring" patch distribution schedules, something it already has in place in Windows 10 developer builds.

Thus, will Windows 10 truly be the last major Windows version? If Microsoft manages in its ambitions of convincing all customers to upgrade then that might actually be the case, and Windows 10 will simply become... Windows.

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