

Windows 10 Spring Creators Update (Redstone 4)

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Microsoft is very close to finishing the work and releasing the next version of Windows 10 to the general public. There are many new features and a lot of bug fixes in the new version to be released in April, 2018. It will be identified as Version 1803 with an OS Build number following the Version number similar to the below:

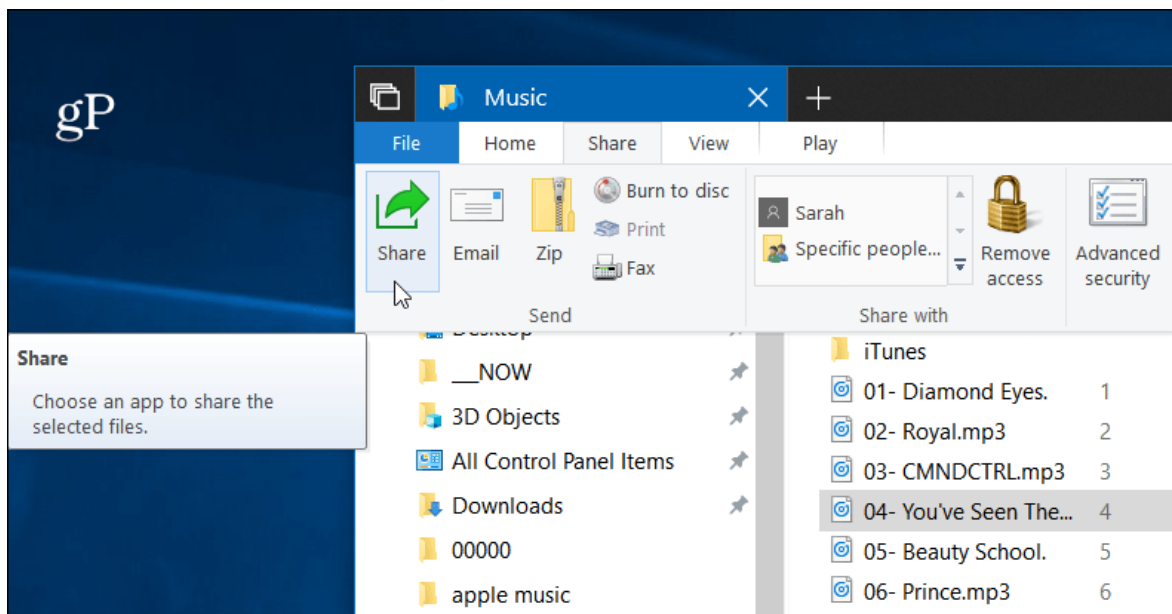


To display your current Version and Build, type winver in the Cortana search bar and press return. The latest Version now available for most users is 1703 Build 16299.371. The above displayed version is available for those that are part of the Windows Insider Program and is basically Redstone 4 with the possibility of minor bug fixes before it is released on the market to OEMs and to the general public.

- A. Download and install the new build when it becomes available, If your system does not start the install at a convenient time, go to Settings, Update & Security, and then click on Check for Updates. The download and install will take anywhere from 1 hour to 6 hours depending on your system configuration. You may wish to check the available space on your hard drive before starting the download. Make sure that you have at least 15 GB of available space. If you wish to delay the download and install, you can set your Ethernet or Wireless to "Metered Connection On". Do a Google search for instructions.

B. Some of the significant new features of Redstone 4 are listed below.

1. Possibly the most anticipated new feature for power users is Timeline. It's a visual timeline that is directly integrated into Task View. You can move back into the activities of files and apps you were using in the past – up to thirty days' worth. You can access it by hitting Windows Key + Tab or by clicking the icon next to the Cortana Search box on the Taskbar. Press Windows key + tab to display the Timeline of previously performed tasks. Note the Windows key is the key on your keyboard in the lower left with a Windows symbol and/or the word Start. The feature will sync and be available on other PCs and mobile devices such that you may resume from other devices that you are logged onto with the same Microsoft account.
2. Near Share The Near Share feature is similar to Apple's AirDrop, and it allows you to share files and links via Bluetooth between your phone and PC. It comes in handy to share items between users during an office meeting instead of having to pass around flash drives so everyone has the right document. You can access it from compatible apps via the Share icon. You can share a file by choosing the Share option from File Explorer



3. For additional details see: <https://www.groovypost.com/howto/notable-new-features-windows-10-version-1803/>
Scroll down to the section regarding new features.