

Universal Apps and the Windows Store

Many of the apps that come with Windows 10 are “universal apps,” which are the successors to Windows 8’s “Metro apps” or “Store apps.” Unlike on Windows 8, these apps actually run in windows on the desktop, so you may actually be interested in using them.

To get more of these apps, you’ll need to open the Microsoft Store from within your Microsoft Account and download them from there. There’s no way to “sideload” these types of apps by downloading them from the Internet, although you’re free to avoid them entirely and install traditional Windows desktop (legacy) applications from the web. You can also mix and match traditional Windows desktop applications and new apps from the Store. They’ll all run in windows on your desktop.