New computer setup checklist

- Keep your old computer and its files until you have checked the new one.
- Connect to a trusted network.
- Install system updates.
- Download applications from their official publishers.
- Set up your own sign-in and recovery options privately.
- Copy a small group of files first and open them on the new device.
- Set up a separate backup and test that you can retrieve one file.

General guidance. Stop and ask for help if a step is unclear.

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https://support.microsoft.com/windows

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