



Install Windows 10 on the Pixel

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will assume you are familiar with installing Windows on previous devices. Not all features may work perfectly in this installation. You will **not** have to flash the BIOS to achieve a Windows installation, but you will have to flash it if you want all the devices to work properly.

Important Note: ~~As of mid-2019, there is no viable method for getting the Pixel's trackpad working in Windows 10. This is due to proprietary firmware used in the trackpad bundle, the code for which is not available from the manufacturer. If you're okay using this with a USB mouse, or trying your luck with Bluetooth, carry on!~~ As of mid-2023, there is an I2C driver currently undergoing testing for the Pixel's trackpad and touch screen. It will be available soon.

TOOLS:

USB Flash Drive (1)

*Must have Windows 10 installation on this drive!
Can also use this device for ChromeOS recovery if something fails.*

USB keyboard (1)

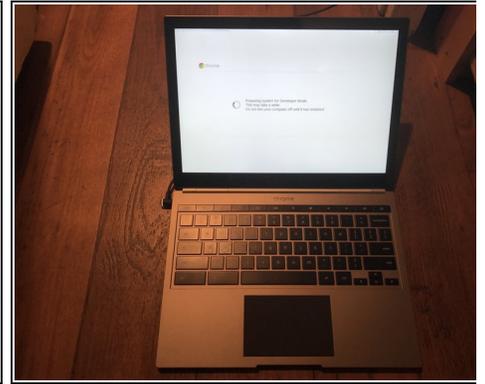
USB mouse (1)

Step 1 — Get your Pixel ready



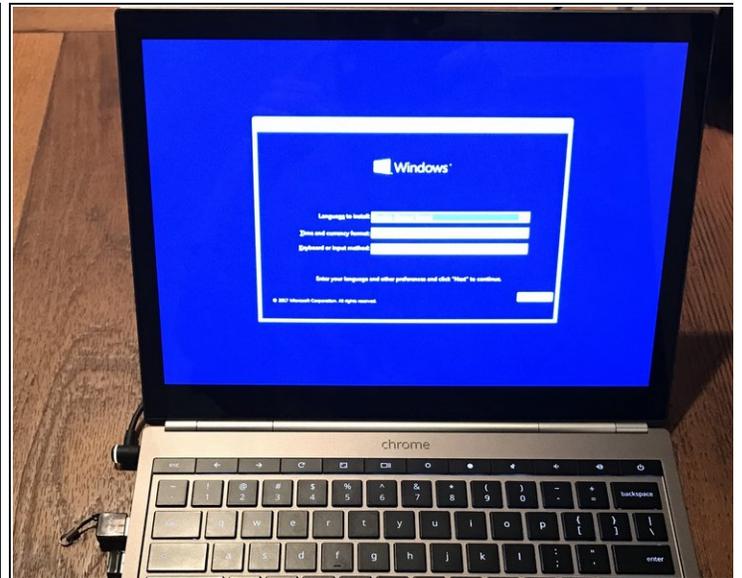
- Backup your data before we begin
- You'll want to prepare a MBR bootable USB 8.1/10 drive using Rufus or the Window 10 installation tool
- Have an external USB keyboard and mouse ready

Step 2 — Developer mode and USB Boot



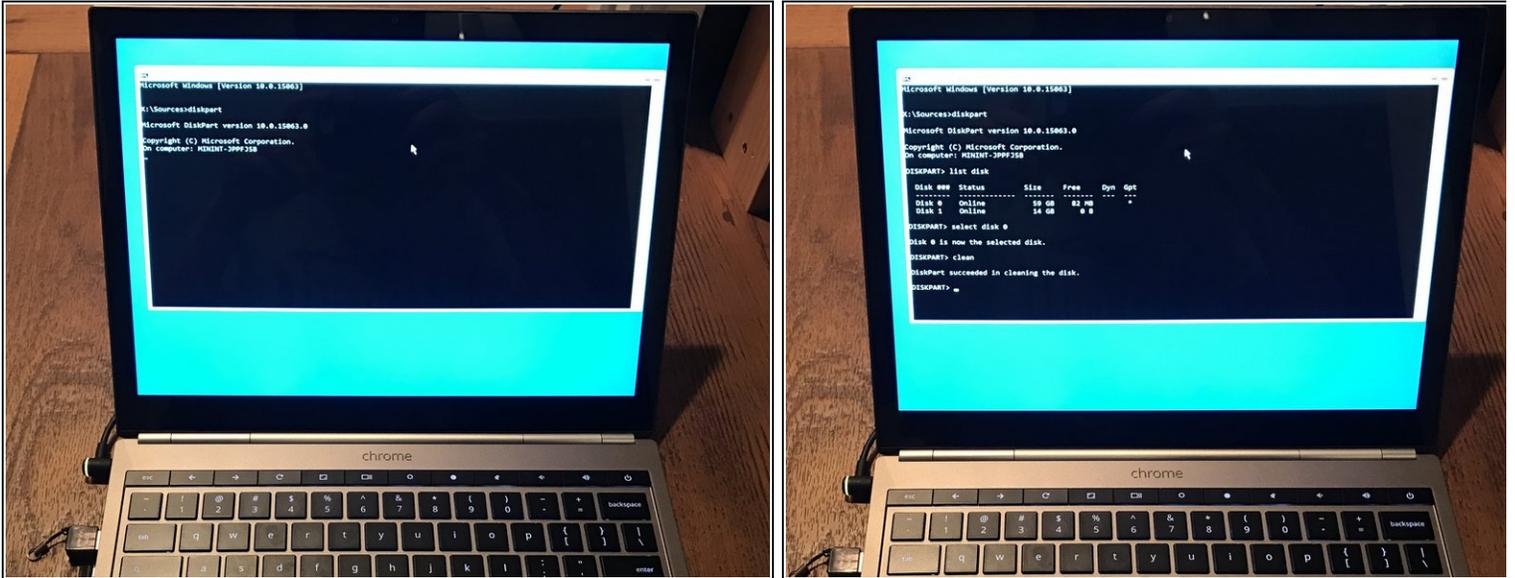
- Enable developer mode and **legacy USB boot**
- Boot into ChromeOS
- You'll get to the developer mode on screen. Press "ctrl" + "L" to boot into the legacy SeaBIOS

Step 3 — Boot into Windows 10



- Plug in your USB keyboard
- Select the flash drive containing your Windows 10 installation
- Boot into Windows 10

Step 4 — Prepare your SSD



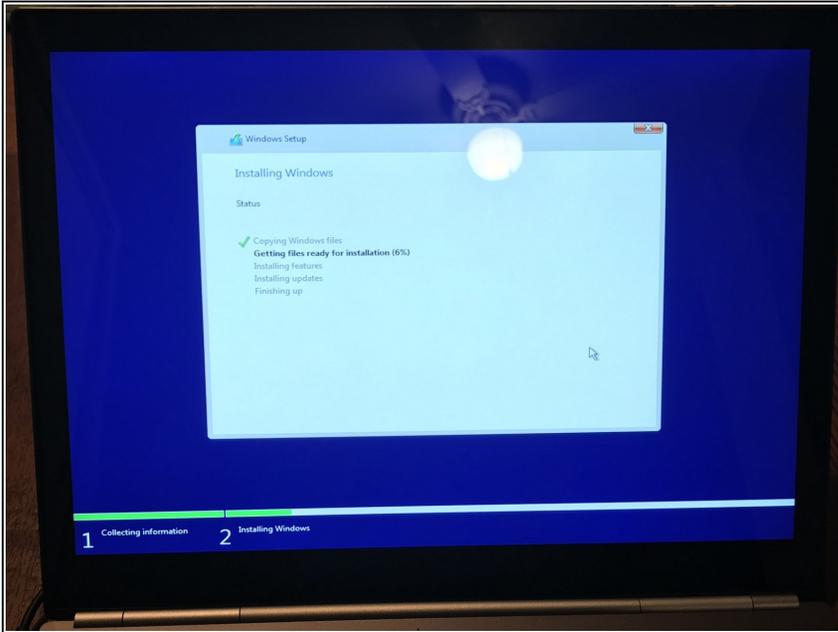
- Use the advanced tools to open up an elevated command prompt
- Run **diskpart** and clean the storage on your SSD boot drive

Step 5 — Install Windows 10



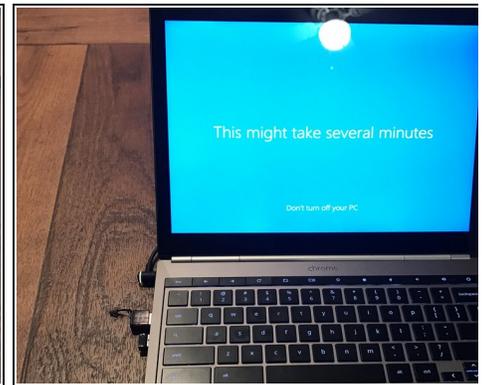
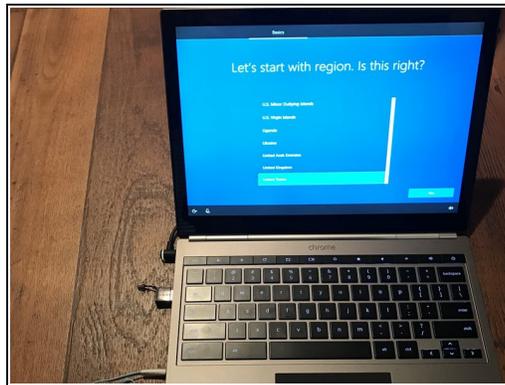
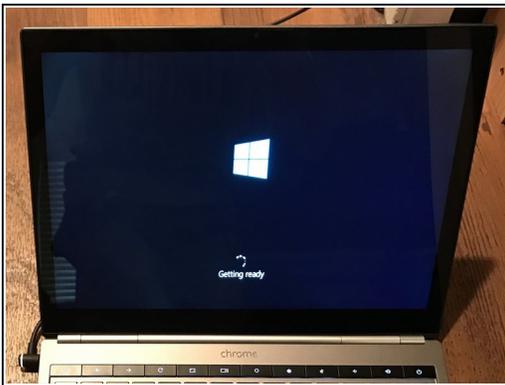
- Reboot into the Windows installer from your USB drive
- Click **Install Now** to install Windows 10
- Select your SSD as the default install location

Step 6 — Wait a bit...



- Let Windows 10 install
- Whenever the computer reboots. Press "ctrl" + "L" to get back to the BIOS

Step 7 — Setup Windows



- Follow the on-screen guide to finish installing Windows
- Wi-Fi and audio should work out of the box, but you'll still need your USB keyboard/mouse to continue with the setup
 - We'll install drivers shortly
- Cortana will likely be really loud.
 - Plug in a pair of headphones or silence her by clicking the mute button on the bottom right of the screen.

Step 8 — Install drivers & Customize



- Install all of your Windows device drivers (keyboard, trackpad, touchscreen) from Coolstar's webpage
- <https://coolstar.org/chromebook/windows-...>
- Note that drivers may be buggy. You might have to reinstall ChromeOS by using recovery in order to flash/re-flash the BIOS.
- This is risky business, so only flash it if your drivers *don't* work out of the box **and** you have the technical know-how to fix it.

Enjoy running Windows on your Pixel and have the satisfaction that not many have attempted this feat!