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QUESTION: Should I upgrade my computer to Windows 11? I received a notice about the upgrade, and it was also for an update to Windows 10. Is the notice legit?

ANSWER: Yes. I recently upgraded both my Dell desktop and my Lenovo laptop to Windows 11. The process was not as painful as the Windows 10 upgrade.

I DID NOT upgrade when Windows 11 was released. I ALWAYS wait until the “.1” version is released. Why be a bug fixer for Microsoft?

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-11>

QUESTION: What is the best overall genealogy software program to use with a Mac?

ANSWER: First, as I always say, don't trust every review site you find on Google or other search engines. Very often the results are “gamed” ... meaning that ads appear first but look like review sites. And some review sites accept compensation from vendors for a good review.

These are review sites I trust:

- **CNET Reviews**
<https://www.cnet.com/reviews/>
- **GenSoft Reviews**
<https://www.gensoftreviews.com/index.php>

One of the best genealogy database programs for Mac users is **Heredis**. Many Mac users have raved about the features and ease of use.

- **Heredis**
<https://www.heredis.com/en/>

QUESTION: What factors should I consider when choosing my personal genealogy software?

ANSWER: Again, I'll refer to the previous question about Mac genealogy software in terms of using certain review sites. One of the better comparisons for genealogy software is on Wikipedia:

- **Wikipedia - Comparison of Genealogy Software**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_genealogy_software

Factors to consider:

- Ease of Use
- Cost
- Access - Online? Desktop? Tablet? Smart Phone?
- Features

QUESTION: I am looking for a document scanner. One that will scan an entire file as one PDF.

ANSWER: There are many choices available and just like genealogy software, it depends on what features and functions you need. My recommendation:

- **Epson Perfection V600 scanner**
<https://amzn.to/3oGRvd6>

QUESTION: How do I set up a second monitor to use when doing genealogy research?

ANSWER: Setting up an additional monitor for your desktop computer can be difficult.

First, make sure you are using the latest version of Windows or Mac OS. Second, make sure your existing computer can accommodate a second monitor.

Best resources for understanding the basics of setting up and using a second monitor:

- **CNET Setting Up a Second Monitor - YouTube Video**
<https://youtu.be/IOJNNrnXC7s>
- **Popular Science How to Set Up a Second Monitor for Your Computer**
<https://www.popsci.com/set-up-second-computer-screen/>

QUESTION: Is there a way (or a program) that you can print out the names of all computer files on as well as the contents of its sub-directories?

ANSWER: Again, the answer depends on which OS you are using: Windows or Mac.

- **MakeUseOf 5 Ways to Print Folder and Directory Contents in Windows**
<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/5-ways-to-print-folder-and-directory-contents-in-windows/>
- **MakeUseOf 3 Ways To Easily Print Out The Contents Of A Directory Or Folder [Mac]**
<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/3-ways-to-easily-print-out-the-contents-of-a-directory-or-folder-mac/>