There may be hope for Microsoft Windows after all

I've been testing Windows 10 for a few weeks now and so far I'm impressed. Yes, it's a little different than Windows 7 but nothing like that Windows 8 mess. The installation process was quite easy except for getting around having to use a Microsoft Email account as your login. Simply click on create a new account and then select local account and you can make one the old fashioned way like I did.

The start menu uses file explorer instead of computer/network and is actually an improvement over Win 7 plus they insist on change for its own sake anyway. Admin functions are accessed with a rt click of the start menu and has everything you need right there. This preview came with Internet Explorer 11 with flash built in and it works well.

The right hand column of the start menu has the Metro style icons that you can customize which I did easily. I removed the icons I didn't like with a rt click/remove and added Thunderbird for email and Open office (free replacement of Microsoft Office), added help and the cmd window. *This I really like.*

I'm running this Beta OS in a virtual machine it seems to run as quickly as Windows 7 and the boot time is real quick like Windows 8. Speaking of which if you run this on a tablet you get the Metro interface by default which it's better suited to. This release makes up for the fact that Windows 8 tried to force a phone/tablet interface down your throat if you were using a PC. On my PC it comes right up to a traditional desktop interface. Windows update is still with us and works the same old way.

A picture really is worth a thousand words so I encourage you to get on the publications page of my website and view the Win10 screen shots. There is verbiage along with the pics. There is a little further detail on Thunderbird and Open Office there as well. After Windows 8 I really thought about switching to Linux but *this looks like a fine release*.

Your can view the screen shots [here](#)