

Today's Topics

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Availability

Rollout started September 23, via Windows Update

Compatibility

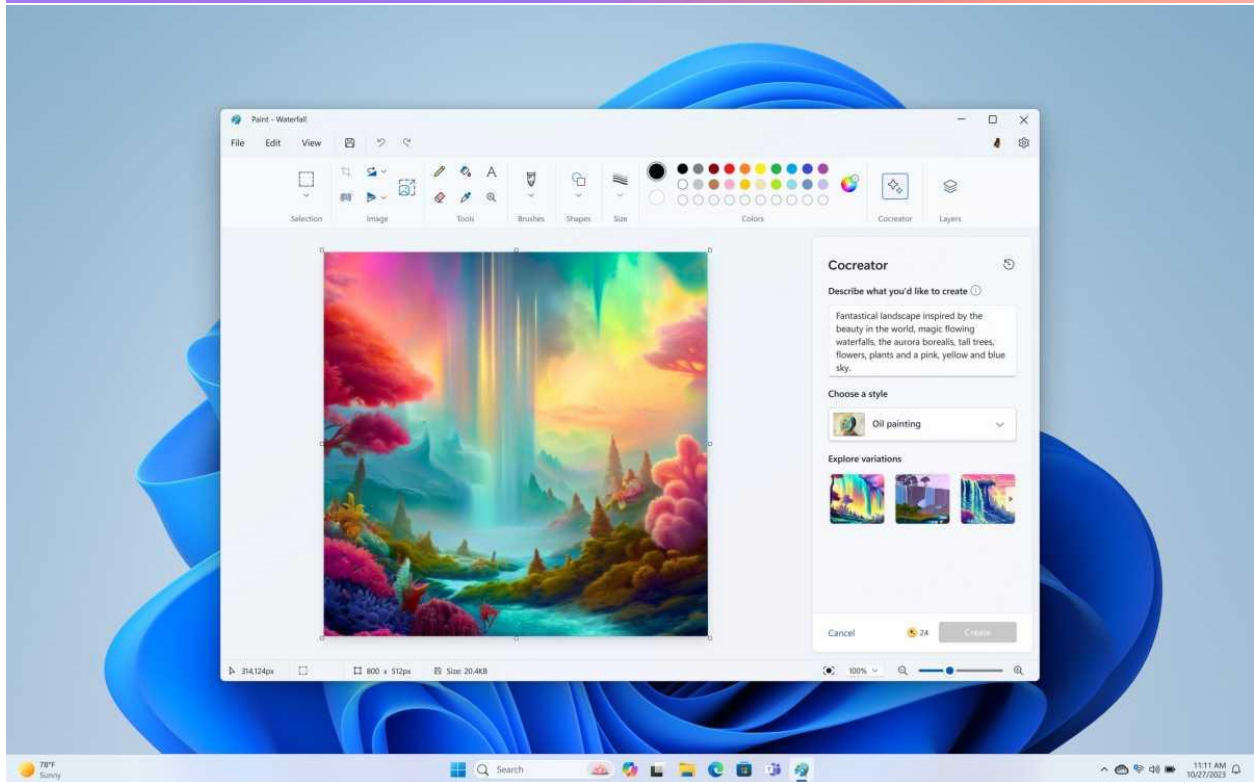
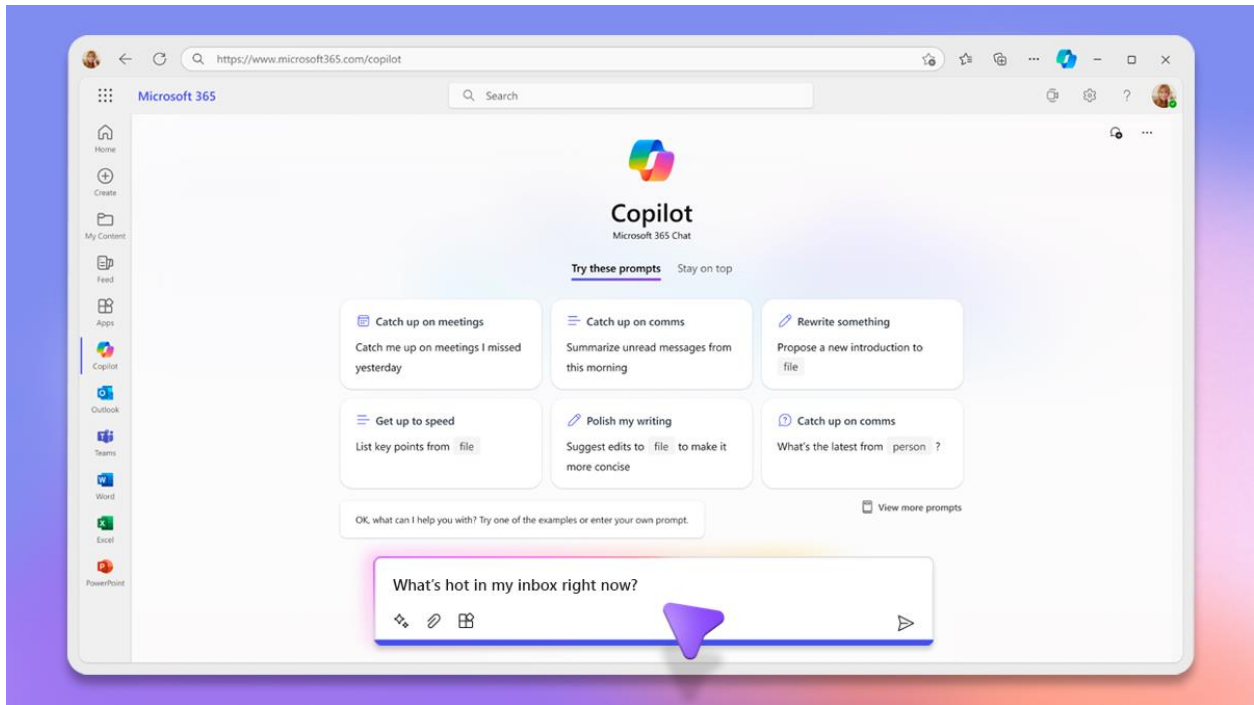
If you're running 22H2, all existing Windows 11 devices, apps and applications will work

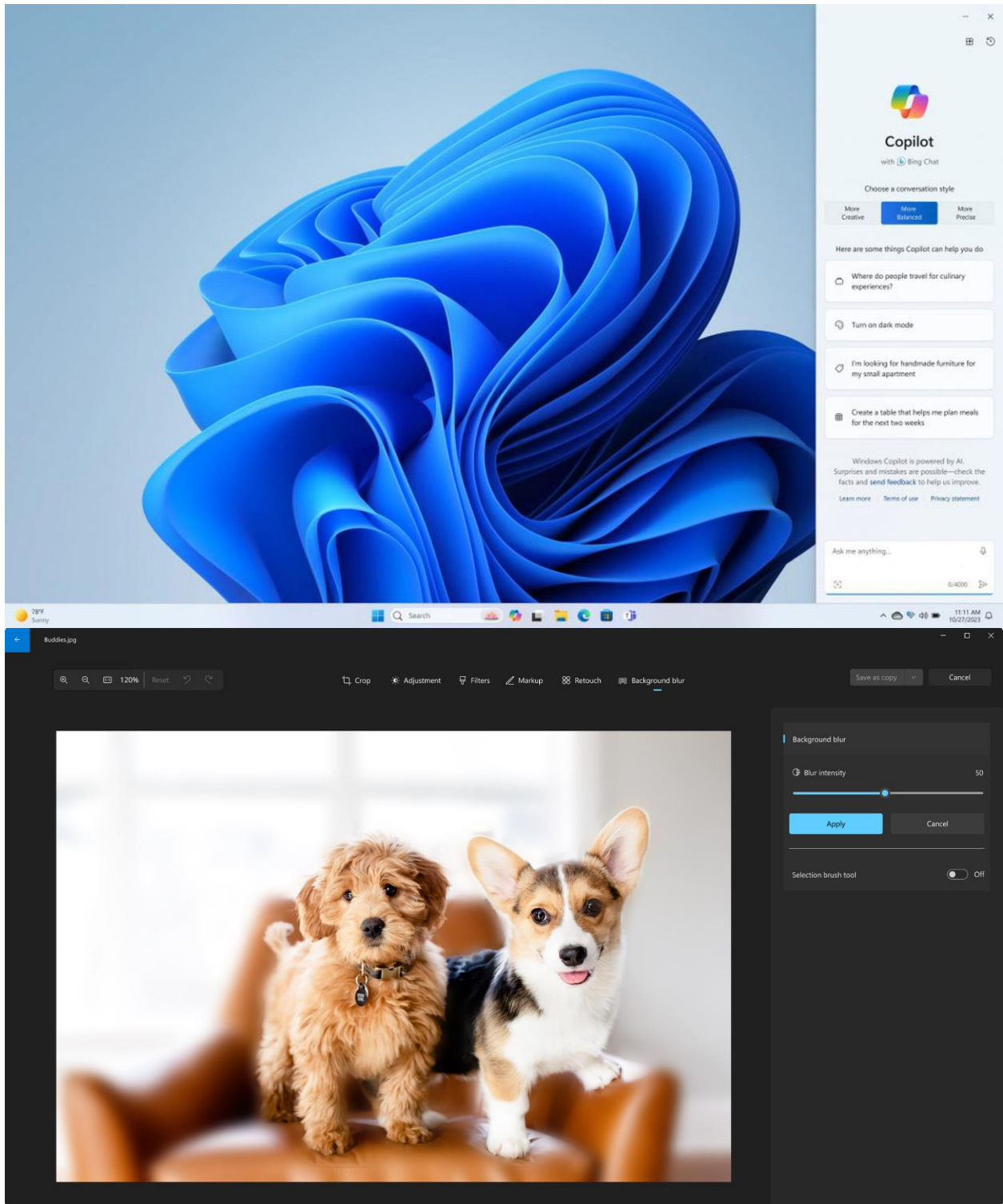
You must upgrade to 22H2 before going to 23H2

What's New

- Windows Copilot/Bing Chat
- Copilot can control PC settings, launch apps, and handle queries
- Shopping Copilot
- Redesigned File Explorer
- Ink Anywhere for stylus users
- Upgrades to PAINT – now supports layers, will evolve to Cocreator
- Native RAR and 7-zip support
- New Sound controls and Volume Mixer

[Video of 23H2 features \[YouTube\]](#)





Windows Backup

The Backup application was installed in the August preview update [KB5029331](#) (for build 19045.3393), immediately followed in September by the cumulative update [KB5030211](#) (for builds 19044.3448 and 19045.3448). KB5030211 was billed as a security update, which means users and IT admins may have simply applied the security updates without realizing a new feature was being installed as well.

In the [Insider blog](#) that talks about this new feature, Microsoft states:

Windows Backup app – we’re introducing this new app to quickly get your current PC backed up and ready to move to a new PC. App pins – your Store apps from your prior PC will be pinned where you left them, both on taskbar and in the Start menu. Settings – Settings from your previous device will restore to your new PC to help you get back into the flow as quickly as possible.

In other words, this really is a *migration* application, not a Windows *backup* application. It will back up only store-installed applications.

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[Windows 11's 23H2 update is all about AI](#) [Techadvisor]

[Windows 11's next update arrives on September 26th with Copilot, AI-powered Paint, and more](#) [TheVerge]