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## Microsoft Builds Special Windows System For Chinese Government

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Microsoft have built a custom version of its Windows operating system for the Chinese government, allowing them greater control over the platform. The tech giant announced yesterday at an event in Shanghai that its Windows 10 China Government Edition is now ready for use in the Middle Kingdom.

The tweaked software allows the government to control the version used in the country. "The China Government Edition will use these manageability features to remove features that are not needed by Chinese government employees like OneDrive, to manage telemetry and updates, and to enable the government to use its own encryption algorithms within its computer systems," executive vice president Terry Myerson said.

China Customs, the local government of Shanghai and government-controlled IT company Westone Information Technology were the first organizations to use the new software.

China is currently requiring software companies in the country to share the code used in each program with the government, a measure it claims is necessary to verify there are no security flaws that hackers can exploit. Microsoft also announced last year that they would open a transparency center in Beijing where officials can scan through and check each of their products for any security issues -- another example of the software company trying to improve relations with China.