

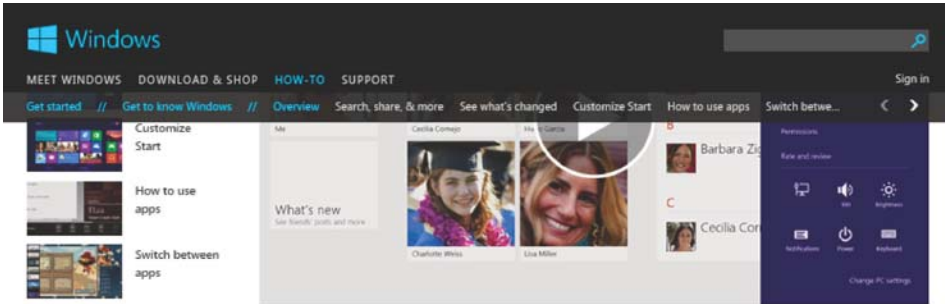
## Windows 8 Info/Web sites

### MICROSOFT SITES

**Get to Know Windows** <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/how-to#2TC=windows8>

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/get-started> Entry Page for Windows 8 at Microsoft “How To.”

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/basics#1TC=t1> Get to know Windows (8/RT) Overview



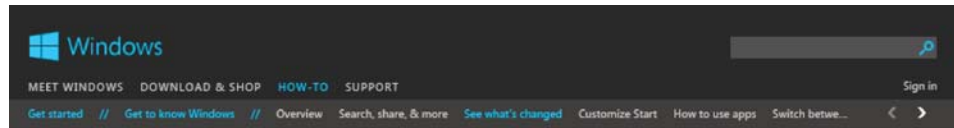
**Get to know Windows**

Windows 8 and Windows RT are focused on your life—your friends and family, your apps, and your stuff. With new things like the Start screen, charms, and a Microsoft account, you can spend less time searching and more time doing. And then there's the Windows Store, a completely new marketplace for apps. Windows already comes with some apps, but you can get many more in the Store. There's also a new web browser that's faster, safer, and more intuitive: Internet Explorer 10.

With Windows, your life is connected.

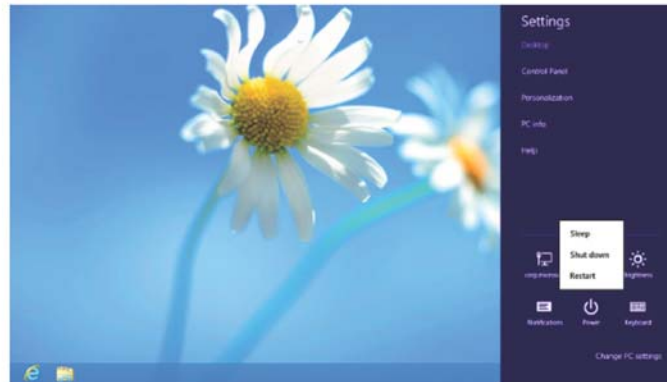
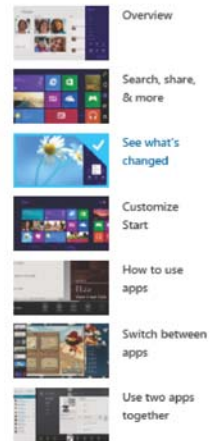
Next: Search, share, change settings, and more

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/settings-search-shutdown-basics#1TC=t1> See What's Changed



## Get to know Windows

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### Close an app, shut down your PC, and more

Some things you've done before are now in new places. Here's how to do some of those common tasks.

#### Using Windows

- > Search
- > Use Start
- > Use the desktop
- > Open Control Panel
- > Get to Help and Support
- > Turn off or shut down a PC

#### Using apps

- > Print
- > See all apps (programs)
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- > Change settings in apps
- > Close an app

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- Overview
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- See what's changed
- Customize Start
- How to use apps
- Switch between apps
- Use two apps together



### Customize the Start screen

Just like you had a Start menu in Windows 7, you have a Start screen in Windows 8 and Windows RT. It has all of the info you care about in one place. You can just glance at the tiles to get the latest headlines, real-time updates, and info, or you can open apps, websites, contacts, and folders.

Here are the quickest ways to get to Start:



With touch, swipe in from the right edge of your screen, and then tap **Start**.



With a mouse, move your pointer to the upper right or lower right corner, and then move it up or down and click **Start**. (Or, point to the lower left corner, and click Start when it appears.)

You can also press the Windows logo key on a keyboard.

So arrange Start any way you want it, and put your favorite apps, people, and websites front and center. Here are a few options you can try:

#### Create tiles for your favorite people and places

A tile is an app or content (like a website, contact, or folder) that you can open from the Start screen. So if you have a website that you visit every day or people that you chat with all the time, you might want to create tiles for them on Start so you can get to them quickly.

When you come across a website, contact, or folder that you want to add to Start, here's how:

- To pin a website or contact from an app, open the **app commands** and tap or click **Pin to Start**.
- To pin a folder, open it in **File Explorer**, press and hold or right-click it, and then tap or click **Pin to Start**.

#### Pin or unpin apps

Some apps that are installed on your PC might not be pinned to Start. But you can always pin them if you want them there. On the Start screen, open the **Search charm**, select the app you want to pin to open its **commands**, and then tap or click **Pin to Start**.

And if there are apps you don't use, you can unpin them from Start. On the Start screen, select an app to open its **commands**, and then tap or click **Unpin from Start**. If you unpin an app, it's still installed on your PC, so you can always find it again with the Search charm.

#### Rearrange and resize tiles

To move a tile, drag it up or down, and then drag it anywhere you want it. (You don't need to press and hold.) You can arrange the tiles any way you want. Put similar tiles together, group all your favorites, or create a "Work" group for the apps for your job.

Here's how to name a group of tiles:

1. Touch the Start screen with two or more fingers, and then pinch them toward each other to zoom out. (If you're using a mouse, click the **Zoom** button .)
2. Select the group of tiles you want to name, and then tap or click **Name Group**.

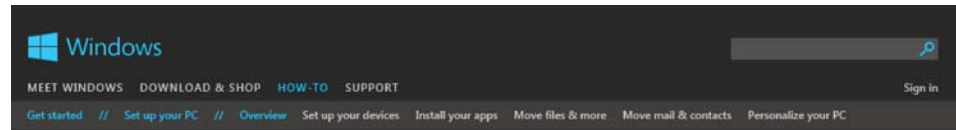
If a tile isn't fitting in the spot you want, you can make it larger or smaller. Just select the tile on the Start screen to open the **app commands**, and then tap or click **Larger** or **Smaller**. (Some tiles can't be resized.)

**Next: News, Refresh, and other commands**

# Set up your PC

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Set Up Overview



## Set up your PC

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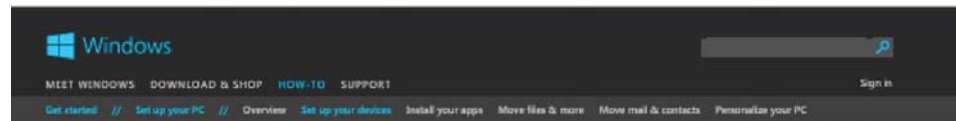
The screenshot shows the "Set up your PC" overview page. On the left is a vertical list of steps: "Overview" (with a checkmark), "Set up your devices", "Install your apps", "Move files &amp; more", "Move mail &amp; contacts", and "Personalize your PC". The main content area is titled "PC settings" and contains a list of settings categories: "Personalize", "Users", "Notifications", "Search", "Share", "General", "Privacy", "Devices" (highlighted in blue), and "Ease of Access". To the right of the "PC settings" list is a "Devices" section with a "+ Add a device" button and a list of connected devices: "USB Flash Memory", "Speakers (High Definition Audio Device)", "Keyboard", "Headphones (High Definition Audio Device)", "Jon's phone", and "Mouse".

### Set up your PC

You can set up your PC in less time than it takes you to bring it home from the store. Install apps, move your stuff from your old PC, migrate your mail over, personalize your new PC, and connect your devices—all in just a few steps.

With Windows, you can set up your PC in no time.

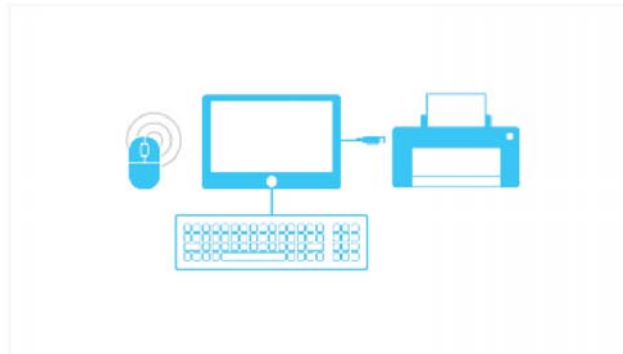
[Next: Set up your devices](#)



## Set up your PC

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- Overview
- Set up your devices**
- Install your apps
- Move files & more
- Move mail & contacts
- Personalize your PC



### Set up your devices

Windows takes the worry out of setting up your peripheral devices. The ones you used with Windows 7 will work with Windows 8 and Windows RT, so you don't need to replace them. Just plug them in, and in most cases, they just work. The same is true for network devices. When you connect to a network, Windows automatically sets up those devices on your PC, behind the scenes. You'll be ready to go right away.

If you want to see all the devices connected to your PC, open the **Settings charm**, tap or click **Change PC settings**, and then tap or click **Devices**.

Here are a few more things you might want to know about setting up devices:

#### USB and USB 3.0

Most devices that you connect to your PC, like an external drive, keyboard, or printer, use a USB cable. Usually, you can just plug in the device and turn it on if there's a power switch. Windows automatically installs the right software to use it.

USB 3.0 is a newer version of USB that's up to 10 times faster than USB 2.0. If your PC has older USB ports, USB 3.0 devices will work, but just not as fast. To add USB 3.0 ports to an older PC, you can buy and install a USB 3.0 adapter. To get the highest speed connection for a USB 3.0 device, make sure you use cables and ports with the USB 3.0 symbol.



#### Set it up with a tap

Tap and Do is a new way to automatically connect devices (and do other device-related things). If your PC and device both have a Tap and Do touchmark, just tap the touchmark on the device against the touchmark on your PC. Then tap or click the message that appears on your PC to finish setting up the device.

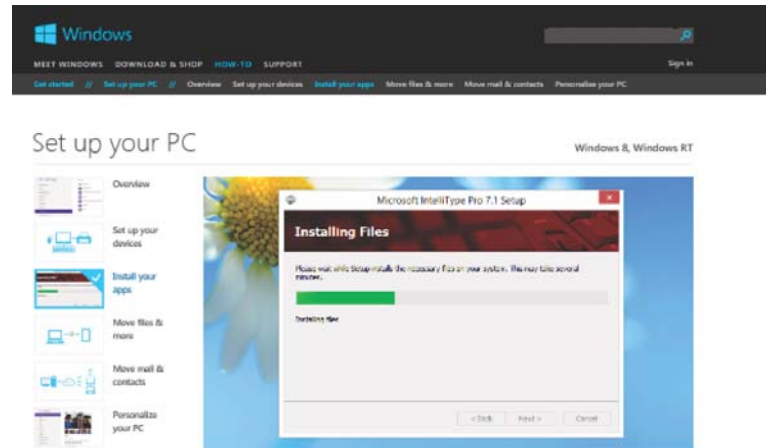
#### Wireless

If cables get in your way, consider a wireless device instead. For example, you could connect a Bluetooth-enabled mouse and keyboard to your PC. You can also connect wireless devices to your network, such as a TV or stereo speakers. Then, you can put them anywhere in your home and stream media to them from your PC.

**Next:** [Install your apps](#)

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/install-apps#1TC=t1>

Install your apps



## Install your apps

Apps, also known as programs, are the heart of Windows 8 and Windows RT. Some apps, like **People**, **Mail**, and **Calendar** are already built in. You can also install all sorts of apps: new ones and old favorites.

### Install an app from the Windows Store

From the **Start screen**, tap or click **Store**.

Browse apps in a category, or in groups like **Top free** and **New releases**. If you know what you want, just start typing—you'll see results for apps that match your search. Once you find an app you want, tap or click **Buy** or **Try** (free trial) if it's a paid app, or **Install** if it's free.

### Note

- On Windows RT PCs, you can only install apps from the Windows Store, not from other sources.

### Install an app from a CD or DVD

Insert the disc into your PC, and then follow the instructions on your screen.

If the program doesn't start installing automatically, open the **Search charm**, enter **Computer** in the search box, then tap or click **Computer**. Open the CD or DVD folder, and open the program setup file, usually called **Setup.exe** or **install.exe**.

### Install an app from the Internet

Make sure you trust the publisher of the program and the website that's offering the program.

In your web browser, tap or click the link to the program. To install the program now, tap or click **Open** or **Run**, and then follow the instructions on your screen. To install the program later, tap or click **Save** or **Save as** to download the program. When you're ready to install it, double tap or double-click the file, and then follow the instructions on your screen.

### Install an app from a network

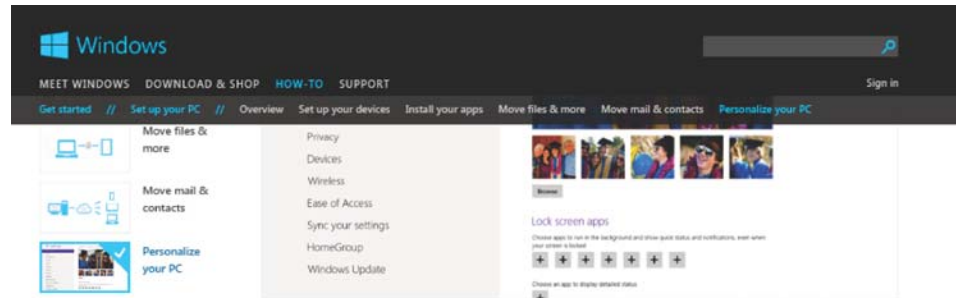
Open the **Search charm**, enter **Install** in the search box, tap or click **Settings**, then tap or click **Install a program from the network**. Select the apps you want, then tap or click **Install**.

### Get help with older apps

Most apps written for Windows 7 also work in Windows 8, but some older apps may run poorly or not at all. If an older app doesn't run correctly, run the Program Compatibility Troubleshooter. Here's how:

1. Open the **Search charm**.
2. In the search box, enter **Compatibility**, then tap or click **Settings**.
3. Tap or click **Run programs made for previous versions of Windows**.
4. Follow the instructions on the screen.

**Next:** [Move your files, favorites, and settings](#)



## Change your background, colors, and account picture

In Windows 8 and Windows RT, there are a few new places to show your favorite pictures and colors. On the Start screen, you can change the background and color. The background shows up only on Start, but the color you pick shows up in a few other places too, like the charms and the sign-in screen. You can also make sure there's a favorite photo waiting to greet you on your lock screen, and choose a few apps to show you info and updates you might have missed while your PC was locked. And you can add some excitement to your account picture — if you have a webcam, you can create a video clip to use instead of a photo. Or if you have photo editing apps, you can use them to add some finishing touches to a photo.

Here's how to try out these new picture and color options:

1. Open the **Settings** charm, and then tap or click **Change PC settings**.
2. Tap or click **Personalize**, and then change the options you want.

## Themes and desktop backgrounds

All of the personalization settings you know and love are still here too, and you can still use them to personalize your desktop.

Here's how to check out the brand **new themes and desktop backgrounds**:

1. Open the **Search** charm, enter **personalization**, and then tap or click **Settings**.
2. Tap or click **Personalization**.

If you don't see something you like, you can download more themes, or even **create your own**, from this same place.

## Public Domain Sites

<http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Windows-8>

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