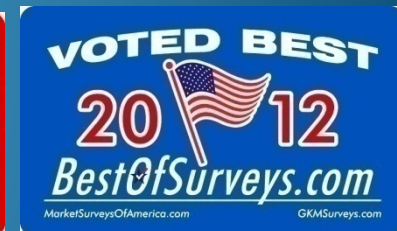
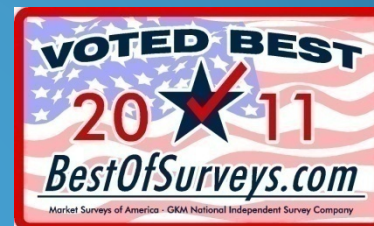


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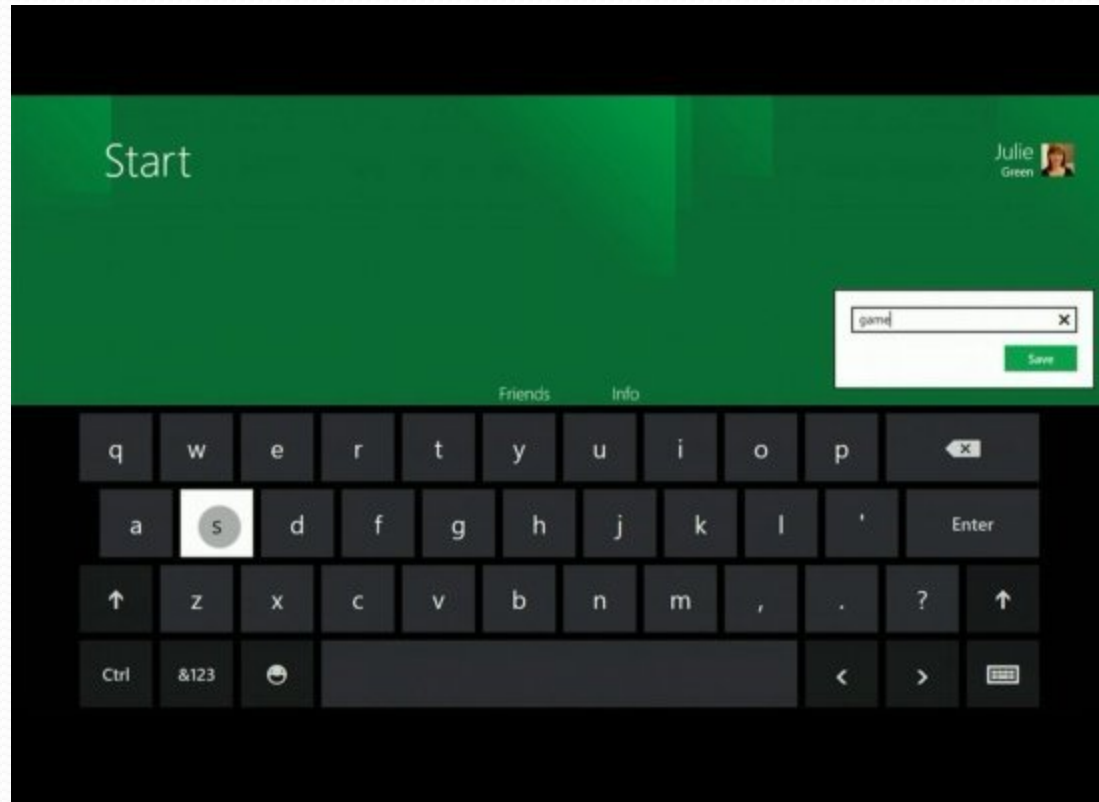


No Start Button, No Start Menu... Sort of

Here is the start screen in the 'Metro' view (the classic start bar "desktop" view is still available). Users can scroll side-to-side, much as they would on an iOS or Android phone, for different groups of applications. Immediately to the right of this homescreen is the media hub (seen above).

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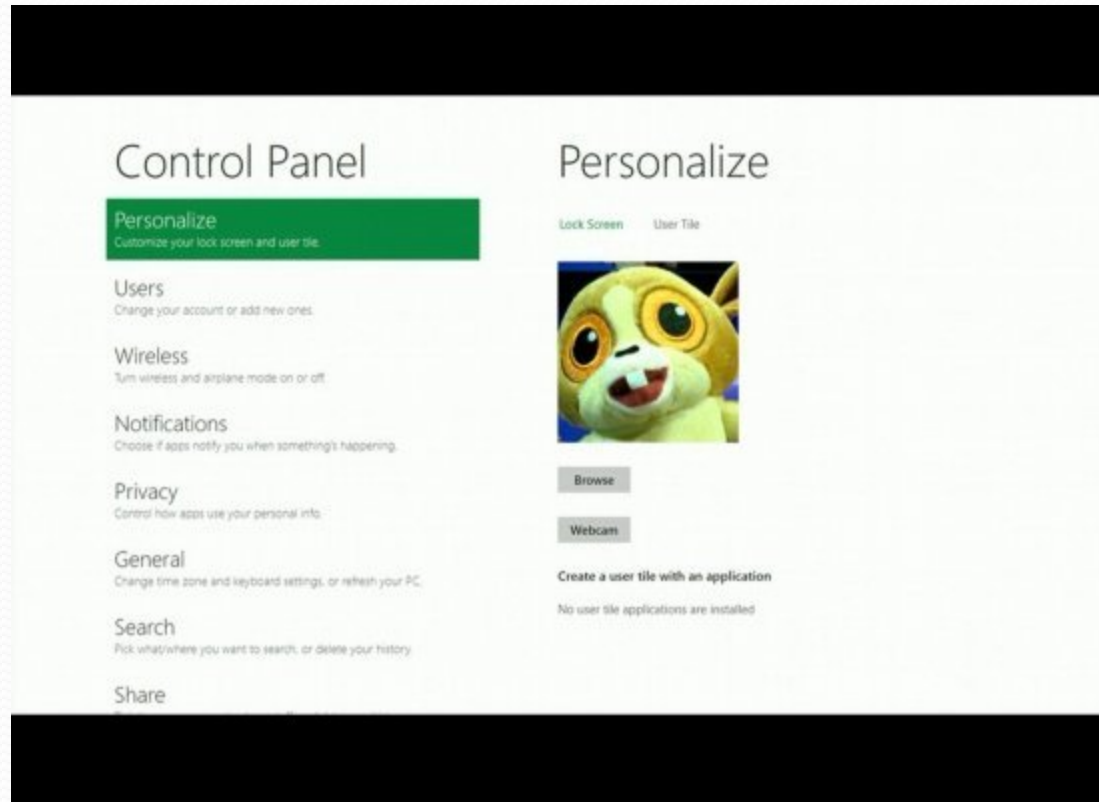
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You do get an On Screen Keyboard for your touch screen computers,
Or it can be used with a mouse.

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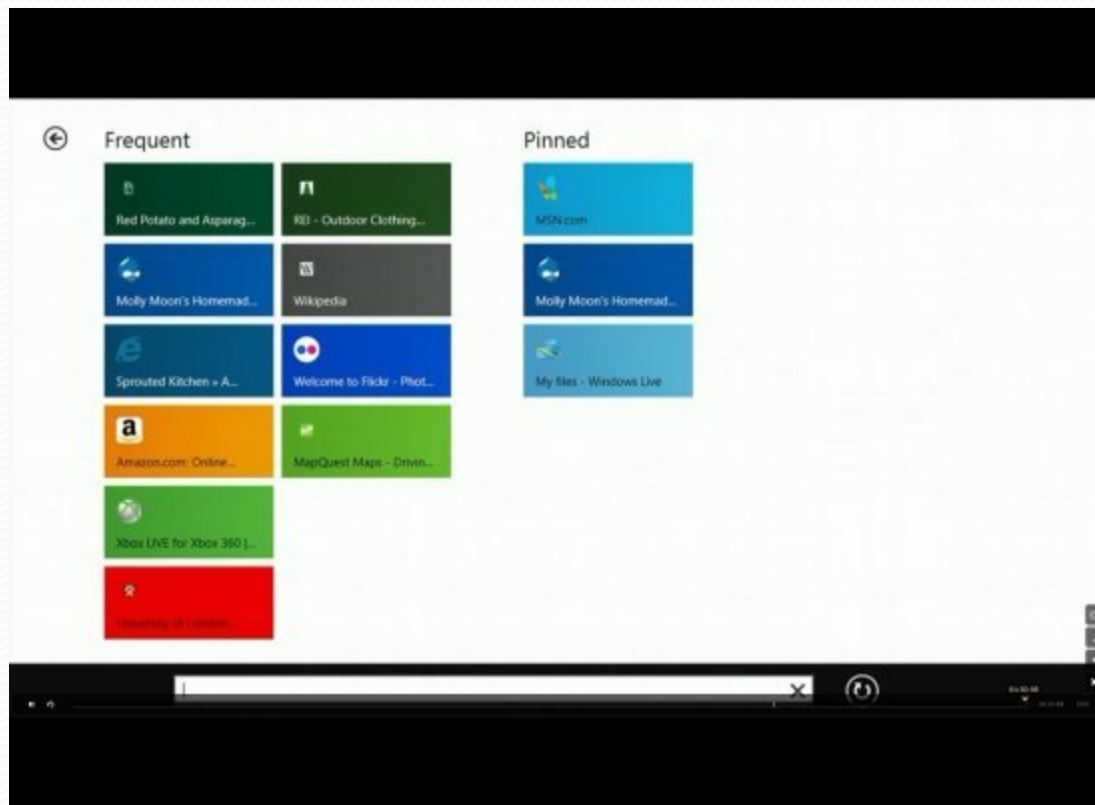
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A much friendlier Control Panel

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The New Internet Explorer is in Tablet Form.

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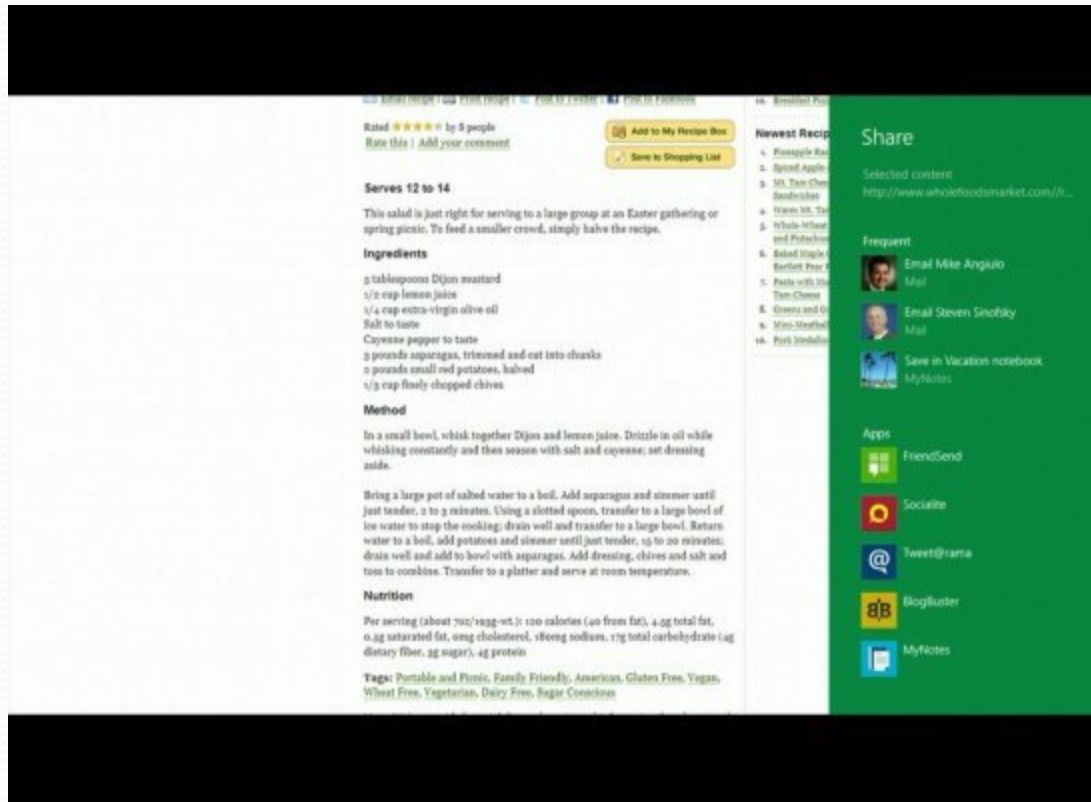
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An example of a web page in the new Internet Explorer.

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Easily share your thoughts of the day with Share Charm. The 'Share Charm' icon sits on the Start bar. When you see something within an app you want to share, pull out the start bar and click 'Share'...

What is new in Microsoft Windows 8

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The new lock screen for Windows 8, which appears after you put your computer to sleep or restart or lock your computer. Notifications such as new email alerts, Wi-Fi availability and other essential, user-chosen information will be pushed to this screen.

Different Versions of Microsoft Windows 8

Which Version of Windows 8 is Right for You?

Windows 8 (For the Consumer)

This is the consumer version of Windows 8 that excludes a lot of the business-type features like drive encryption, group policy and virtualization. However, you will have access to the Windows Store, Live Tiles, Remote Desktop Client, VPN Client and other features.

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Windows 8 Pro (For Enthusiasts & Professionals/Businesses)

Pro is the edition of Windows 8 for the PC enthusiast and business/technical professionals. It includes everything found in 8 plus features like BitLocker encryption, PC virtualization, domain connectivity and PC management. Definitely geared towards corporate environments.

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Windows 8 Enterprise (The Enterprise)

Includes all that Windows 8 Pro has, but geared towards enterprise customers with Software Assurance agreements.

Different Versions of Microsoft Windows 8

Windows 8 RT (ARM or WOA)

RT (Windows Runtime AKA WinRT) is the newest addition to the list of Windows editions. It is specifically designed for ARM-based devices like tablets, ARM-powered PCs and any other devices that support the ARM architecture and are designed to run Windows 8 RT. The operating system will be pre-loaded. Much like a tablet running Android or iOS ships with the operating system preinstalled and configured. It also means that you will probably not be able to load RT onto any tablet or device. The nice thing about Windows RT is that it offers device-level encryption and the touch-based Office suite as part of the operating system, so you won't have to go buy a copy of Office or worry about data exposure.

Note: ARM is a processor architecture used in devices like mobile phones, tablets and some computers. WOA refers to Windows on ARM or Windows 8 RT which runs on ARM-based Devices. As you can see Microsoft has introduced an entirely (architecturally) different edition of Windows to bring the PC operating system to form factors where Windows was not traditionally optimized for.

**** Side note About Windows 8 ****

Focus in 8: The Cloud, Touch and Apps

This is a great step in the right direction for Microsoft because Windows 8 RT will also sport touch enabled versions of Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote) that will leverage touch, the cloud (SkyDrive) and Apps.

One thing to keep in mind with Windows RT is that it will not be able to run x86/64 and desktop applications. You are limited to offerings from the Windows Store and any other applications you can side-load.

Can My Computer Be Upgraded To Microsoft Windows 8 ?

Windows 8 can be installed as an upgrade from Windows 7 Starter, Home Basic and Home Premium. Users wanting to upgrade to 8 Pro will need to have Windows 7 Professional or Windows 7 Ultimate. Clean Installations do not appear to be an option currently.

So if you are running Windows Vista or XP, chances are you probably need a new PC already otherwise you will end up having to buy the full version of Windows 8. Pricing hasn't been announced yet, but with increased price pressure from Apple, specifically pricing for Mac OS X updates that run for about \$30 a pop, should signal for lower prices from Microsoft.



Where Can I Buy Microsoft Windows 8 ?

Windows 8 can not be purchased currently until October, Unless you purchase the option to upgrade with a new computer.



Is It Worth The Money To Upgrade To Microsoft Windows 8 ?

This would be your personal choice...

Things to remember:

- This product is not in Retail Shops at the moment, and only an option to upgrade is with a purchase of a new computer. So it is very possible standards, options and features we spoke about today may change by time the actual physical software comes into reality.
- Upgrading to Microsoft Windows 8, or converting to Microsoft Windows 8 will create a learning curve for you and your current hardware. Please take note before purchasing Microsoft Windows 8 your Printers, Mouse, Keyboard, monitors, and any other external hardware is compatible with this new Operating System.
- The same goes for software such as Antivirus, Accounting or Production Software.

Resources:

- Microsoft Windows 8 Images - http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/13/windows-8-pictures_n_960301.html#s359692&title=Newly_Opened_Tab

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