



# What's New in Microsoft Windows 8.1\*

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# Overview

Microsoft Windows\* 8.1 contains a wide range of improvements that make the best features of Windows 8 easier to use. The update adds more apps and more features to make your device more useful.

This guide will help you find the what's new in Windows 8.1 and will give you links to the updated *Intel® Learning Windows 8.1* app so you can learn how to use the features.

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# What's new in Microsoft Windows\* 8.1?

Everything! Windows 8.1 has a fresh new look, solves difficulties that some desktop users were having, updates most of the apps and even gives your device more capabilities.

- The New Start Screen
- More Start Screen Personalization Options
- New PC Settings
- The Start Button is Back
- Search Everywhere
- Improved Snap View
- The Store has a New Look
- More Photo-Editing Tools
- Health and Fitness
- Improved Mail App

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# THE NEW START SCREEN



When you first log in, Microsoft Windows\* 8.1 doesn't look much different. On closer inspection however, the new Start screen reveals subtle and useful changes.

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# LEARNING THE NEW START SCREEN

If you've upgraded from Windows 8, the apps you already had are still there, but at first you might have a hard time finding them. The new Apps screen is a swipe (or click) away and you can arrange apps in any of the four ways, making it easier to organize and find apps.

[Arrange your apps](#)

Of course, you can still easily search for an app using the Search Charm.

[Search for apps](#)

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# PERSONALIZING THE START SCREEN



Windows 8.1 introduces a host of new personalization options with over one-hundred different color combinations and pre-installed Start Screen Patterns.

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# LEARNING TO PERSONALIZE THE START SCREEN

There are new tile sizes, giving you a choice of Small, Medium, Large and Wide icons for displaying your programs.

Resize a tile

You can choose from over one-hundred different color combinations and pre-installed Start Screen Patterns.

Choose your background

You can even make the background picture the same as the one on your desktop.

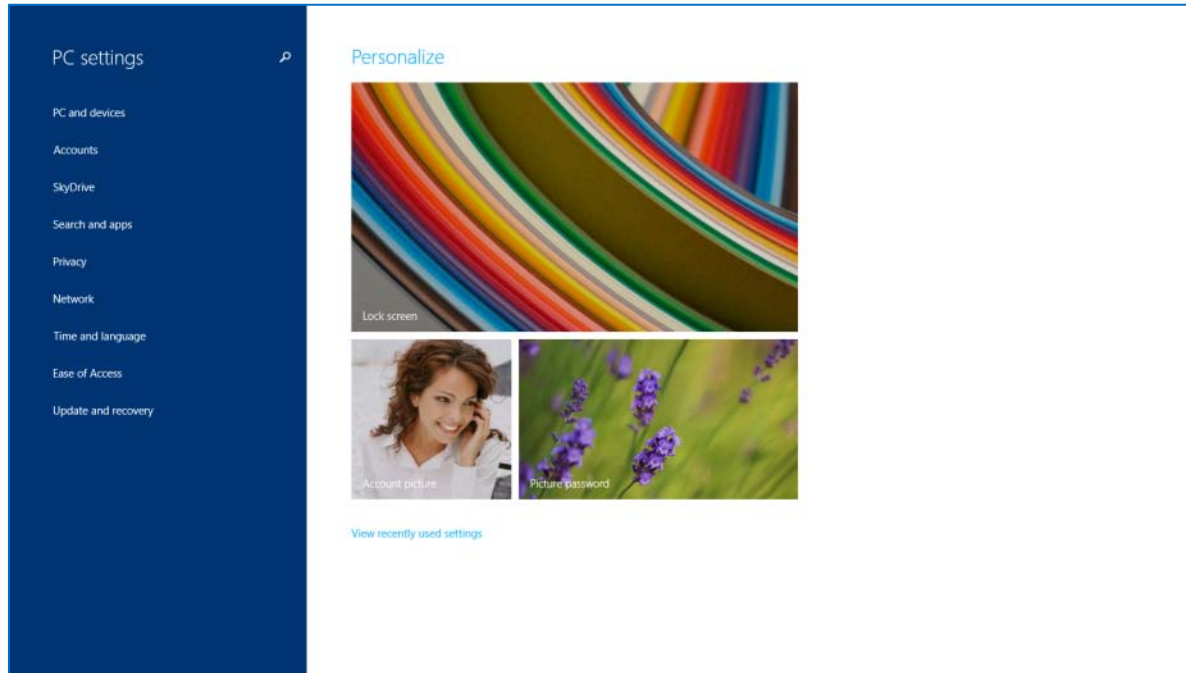
Customize the settings

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# NEW PC SETTINGS



In Windows 8.1 PC settings are much richer, with hundreds of new options organized into 9 categories and 42 subcategories.

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# LEARNING THE NEW PC SETTINGS

If you are using a desktop device (or if you just prefer the older versions of Windows), you can skip the Start screen altogether when you sign in.

[Skip the Start Screen](#)

Most of the PC settings are now much easier to use with touch devices. You still get to them using the Setting Charm

[Change PC Settings](#)

Your favorite slide show can now be featured on your lock screen.

[Change your lock screen](#)

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# NEW PC SETTINGS – The Start Button is Back



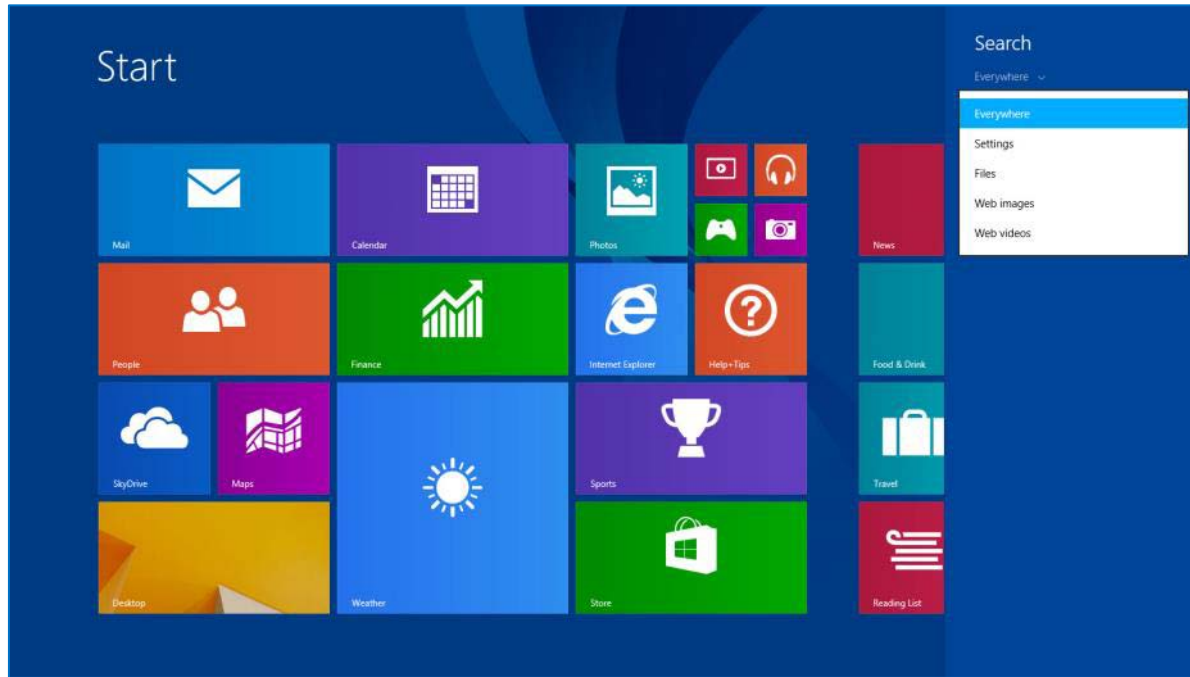
The Start button has returned to the bottom left hand corner of the Desktop. It has two core functions:

- A simple left click takes you to the Start screen.
- A right-click displays an advanced menu that allows you to directly access Device Manager, Control Panel, Network connections and even shutdown the machine.

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# SEARCH EVERYWHERE



You can search for files or apps on the PC, Sky Drive and even the Web with one Search box.

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# LEARNING THE SEARCH FEATURES

If you are looking for a file, you don't need to know whether it or stored on your device in Sky Drive.

Search for a file

You can still narrow your search by choosing a location other than “Everywhere”

Narrowing your search

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# IMPROVED SNAP VIEW



The snap action now lets you show up to Three apps on screen at the same time – and change the size of each window to suit your needs.

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# LEARNING THE SNAP VIEW

You can decide how much of the screen to use for each snapped app.

Up to three apps can now be displayed on the same screen.

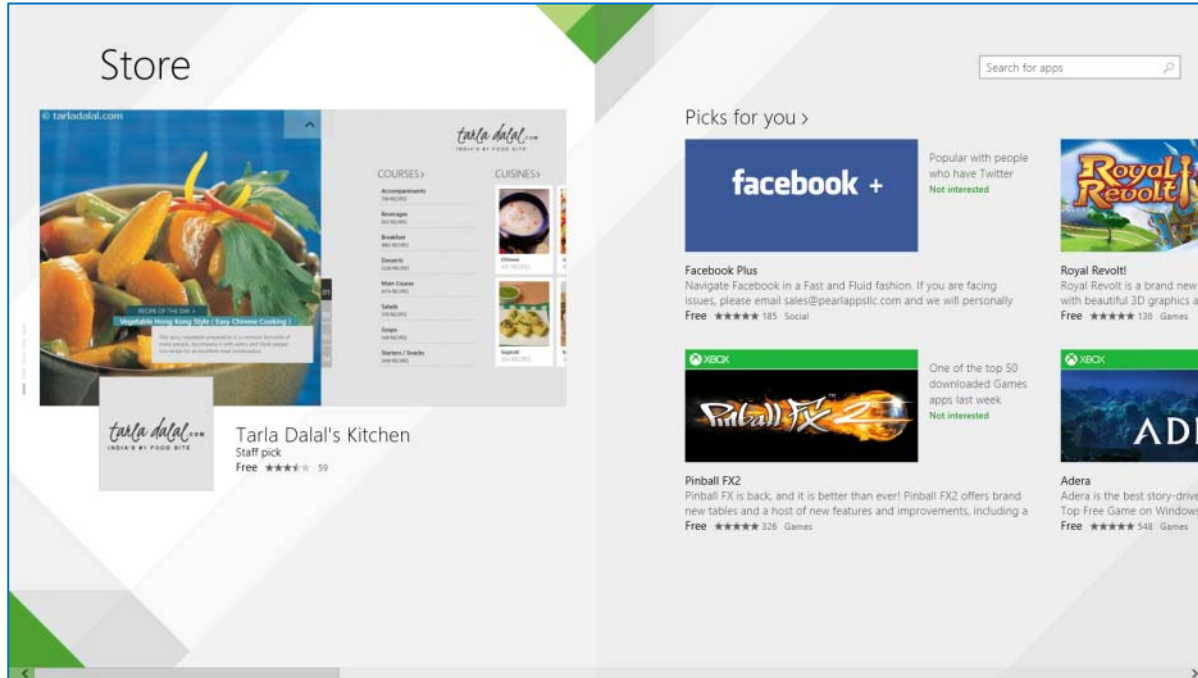
Resizing the snap view

Showing more than one app

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# THE NEW LOOK OF THE WINDOWS STORE



The Store now has a places for a featured app and the Store's recommendation for you. You can also explore categories or search for an app you want.

Apps are now automatically updated.

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# SAVE NOW TO READ LATER

The image shows a side-by-side comparison of a web browser and a Windows 8.1 app. On the left is the Intel Teach Program Worldwide website, featuring a blue header with the Intel logo, navigation menus, and a main content area with text and a video player. On the right is the Windows 8.1 Reading List app, which has a white background with a red header and a large text area for the article title. A red 'Open' button is visible below the title. A 'Today' sidebar on the right of the app shows the article's title and a small Intel logo.

Windows 8.1 has a new app called Reading List. You can share a Webpage or an app to the Reading List so you can return to it later.

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# LEARNING THE READING LIST

The new Reading List is a convenient place to store Web pages, news articles, weather information and other content so you can quickly and easily find the information you need later.

Most Windows 8.1 apps that provide information, including Internet Explorer, News, Weather, Maps, Store, Games, Video, and Health & Fitness.

You can sync your Reading List then access saved content on all of your Windows devices, including PCs and phones.

[Explore the Reading List](#)

[Customize your reading list](#)

[Sync your reading list](#)

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# PHOTO-EDITING TOOLS



Windows 8.1's Photo introduces tools for cropping, retouching, and editing photos.

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# LEARNING THE PHOTO-EDITING TOOLS

After you have taken a picture, try resizing, cropping or rotating it.

[Edit your photo](#)

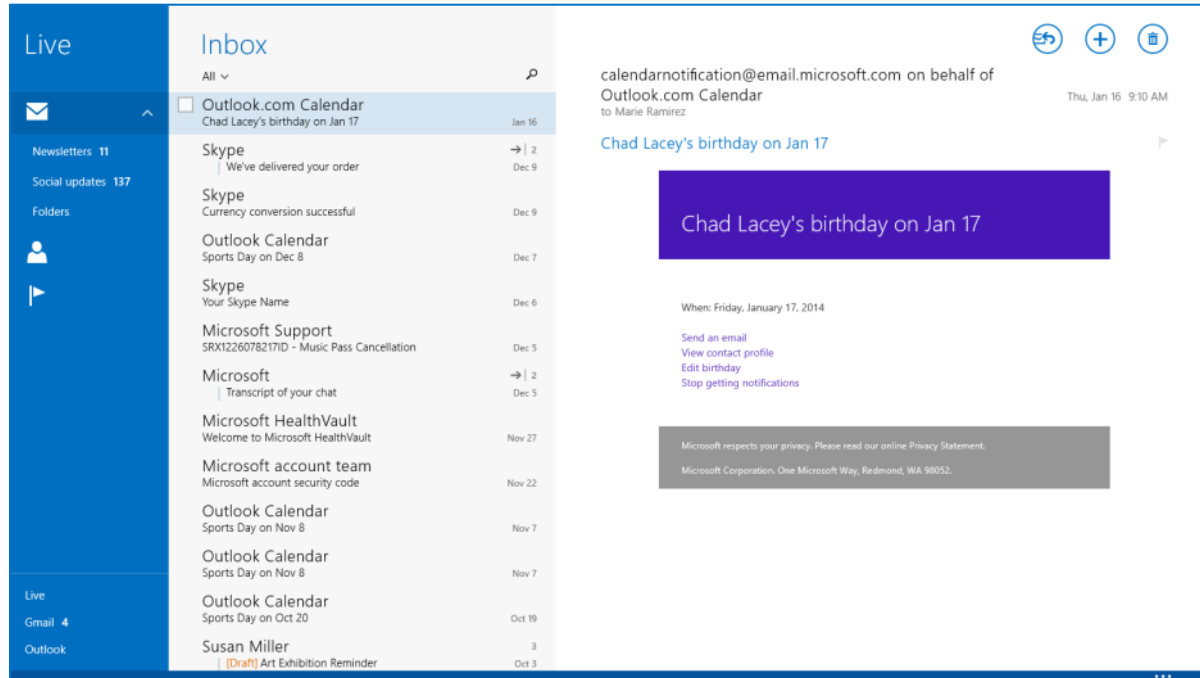
You can have the Photo app retouch your photo automatically.

[Retouch your photo](#)

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# NEW LOOK TO THE MAIL APP



The Mail app now supports organizing by folders, and using drag and drop to sort emails easily and fluidly.

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# LEARNING THE IMPROVED MAIL APP

Viewing your email and organizing it is much more intuitive.

[View and organize](#)

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# UPGRADING FROM WINDOWS 8 TO WINDOWS 8.1

You can easily upgrade Windows 8 to Windows 8.1 by performing the following steps:

- Go to the Start screen.
- Click or Tap the Store tile. The Store screen is displayed.
- Click or Tap the Windows 8.1 or Windows 8.1 RT update.
- Click or Tap the Download button. The update will begin to download and install. The download process continues as a background task.
- Restart your computer system.

**Note:** You should make a backup of your files and important documents before you start the upgrade.

