

Choosing the right Windows 8 license.

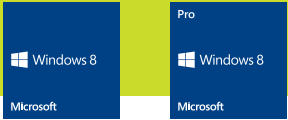


Here’s how to tell which version of Windows 8 license is right for you

FAQs

Windows 8 SKU Chooser

Learn how the features stack up



Windows 8 Upgrade	Windows Pro Pack	Windows 8 OEM (Full Version)
For users upgrading from:	For users upgrading from:	For users who need full Windows 8 license:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Windows XPWindows VistaWindows 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Windows 8 who want to move to Windows 8 Pro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Are building a new machineWant to run Windows on a Mac or virtual machine
Benefits:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes Microsoft Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes Microsoft SupportIncludes Windows Media Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be loaded on a new machine with no OSOnly product that will allow PC's/Mac's to dual bootAllows customers to downgrade to previous versions of Windows (Windows 8 Pro only)
Considerations:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PC must have a current Windows OS installedDowngrade rights not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PC must have Windows 8 OS installedDowngrade rights not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Customer Support not included
System Requirements:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 GHz processor or faster with support for PAE, NX, and SSE22 GB RAM / 20 GB available hard disk space1366 × 768 screen resolutionDirectX 9 graphics processor with WDDM driverTo use touch, you need touch hardware that is certified for Windows 8 (applies to COEM)Internet access (fees may apply)Microsoft account required for some featuresWatching DVDs requires separate playback softwareWindows Media Center license sold separatelySee the full system requirements at www.windows.com		

What are the main differences between Windows 8 (Upgrade) and Windows 8 (OEM)?

The Windows 8 (Upgrade) version is for upgrading to Windows 8 from Windows XP, Windows Vista or Windows 7. Windows 8 (OEM) is the only full version available for the following types of scenarios:

- Loaded on a new machine with no OS
- Allows PC's/Mac's to dual boot
- Allows customers to downgrade to previous versions of Windows (Windows 8 Pro only)

Which Windows 8 version is right for me?

There are two versions to choose from: Windows 8 and Windows 8 Pro. Windows 8 comes with everything you need to connect, share, work, and play - even for power users. Windows 8 Pro adds enhanced features for people who need to easily connect to company networks, access remote files, encrypt sensitive data, and other more advanced tasks.

What is Windows Media Center?

Media Center allows you to:

- Watch and record high-definition TV and movies.
- Stream your entertainment across devices (including Xbox streaming).
- Watch Internet TV.

How can I purchase Windows Media Center?

Windows Media Center is included in the Windows 8 Pro Pack. If you are using the Windows 8 Upgrade or Windows 8 COEM Full Version you can purchase Windows 8 Media Center Pack separately.

Can I migrate all of my files and settings to Windows 8?

Migrating your files and Windows settings is easy. The files and settings you can transfer depend on the previous Windows OS you are upgrading from:

Upgrading from	What you can keep
Windows 7	Apps, Windows settings, and personal files
Windows Vista	Windows settings and personal files
Windows XP	Personal files

You can also choose to not transfer any files or settings.

Important: If you choose to boot from removable media created during the download process, you won't be able to keep your apps, Windows settings, or personal files when you upgrade.

Start screen with live tiles.

Brings everything you care about front and center.

Personalize with Apps.

Pin your favorite apps, photos, content and contacts.

Picture password.

Never forget your password again. Use gestures to sign in.

Windows Store.

Open a world of great apps designed especially for Windows 8.

Sync across devices.

Your settings and files go with you.

BitLocker.

Encrypt your entire drive to help protect you against loss and theft.

Advanced Backup.

Backs up your data to another drive, DVD, or network location.

Domain Join.

Connect to company or schools networks.

Remote Desktop.

Access the apps and files of a remote PC.

Group Policy.

Better manage the security and costs of multiple PCs.

Offline Files.

Access important files on the network, even when you are not connected.

Client Hyper-V.

Run multiple operating systems on a single computer for app development and testing.

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