

# BrainStorm Quick Start Card for Microsoft® Windows® 8.1



## Getting Started

Experience an operating system like none other with Microsoft® Windows® 8.1. Designed to work seamlessly between touchscreen and keyboard, this radically re-imagined operating system is fresh and intuitive, making everyday tasks easier and more enjoyable. Windows 8.1 features a fully customizable tile interface, instant search capabilities via Charms, access to apps through the user-friendly Windows Store, and much more.

### Start Screen:

Press the **Windows** key  to summon the Start screen, which replaces the familiar Start button found in previous versions of Windows. The Start screen is fully customizable, so you can change the background or tile sizes, plus pin frequently used apps, websites, and programs to the screen for easy access.

### Notification Tile:

Glance at the notification screen when you access the charms and view the date and time, along with battery and connectivity strength.

**Desktop:** Open the traditional Windows desktop with a click of this tile.

**Search:** Get instantaneous results by searching your computer for a file, an application, or a setting. You can even search the internet right from the Start menu.

**Charms:** Move the mouse to the top- or bottom-right corner to make the charms appear and get one-click access to functions such as Search, Share, and Settings.

**Share:** Share information from specific Windows Store apps with people via e-mail or social networks.

**Start:** Return to the most recently used program or to the Start screen with one click.

**Settings:** Manage common settings such as Audio, Brightness, Wi-Fi, Power, Notifications, and Language.



**Tile Interface:** Access real-time information from the programs and apps you use most, even when they aren't running. Click a tile to access the full-screen version.