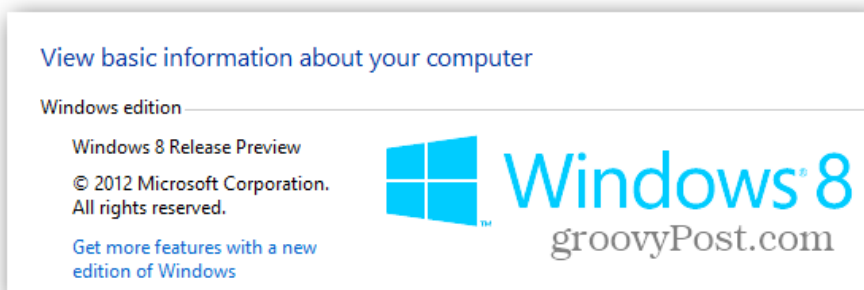


Why I Am Moving to Windows 8

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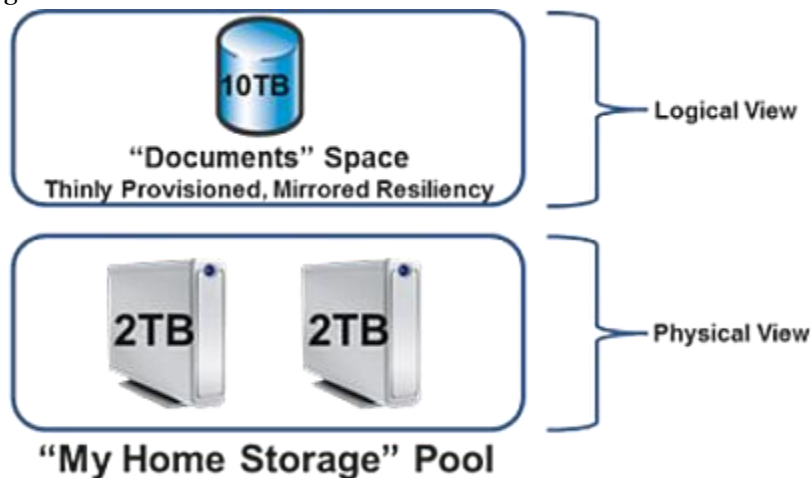
I'm as excited about this release of Windows as any I recall. And as soon as possible, I'm moving to Windows 8 on my production computers. I've been using the Consumer Preview on a laptop since its release. And while I've heard all the grumbling, I see Windows 8 sporting some great new features. I'm just talking about the traditional desktop, and not a single Metro Style app.

So, what are these great new features? We've done a lot of deep dives into the [new features of Windows 8](#), so I'll just recap the features I find most compelling.



Storage Spaces. With Windows 8, my large 3TB drives are recognized as a single drive partition. But what's even more groovy is Storage Spaces will consolidate multiple physical drives into one logical drive and automatically handle data redundancy.

This makes file storage on each of my PCs safer. It also means I can replace my aging Windows Home Server (WHS), with its Drive Extender technology, with a Windows 8 machine. But unlike WHS, Windows 8's Storage Spaces is fully integrated with Explorer and other Windows tools, making this a fascinating storage solution.



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