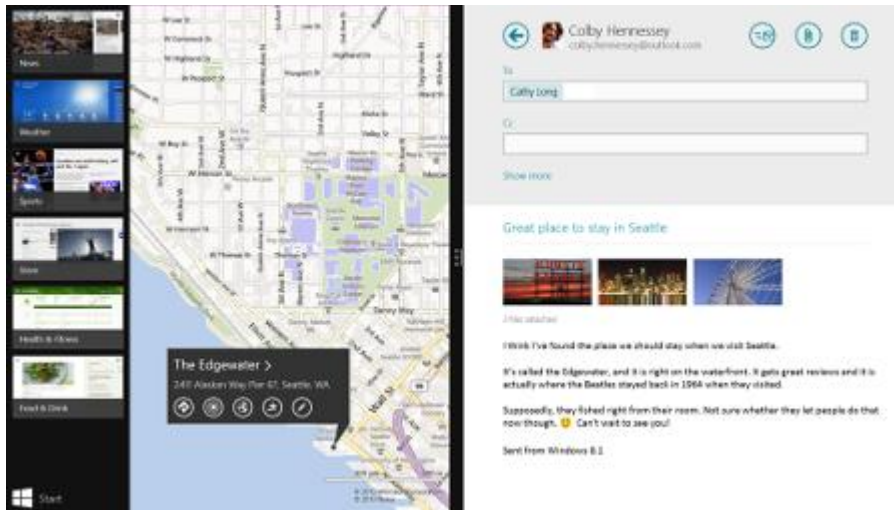


WINDOWS 8 START BUTTON



This image is the first image Microsoft has released of its next operating system. If you look closely in the bottom-left corner, you'll see something familiar. That's right; the Start button everyone missed is back!

It doesn't work the same way it did in past versions of Windows. Clicking it takes you to the tiled Start screen from Windows 8. Still, every little bit helps!

Microsoft has revealed that Windows 8 will feature a "boot to desktop" option. This will let you bypass the Start screen altogether and only use Windows' more familiar Desktop. This will be turned off by default, but you can turn it back on.

We're only a few weeks away from the test version of Windows 8.1. Stay tuned to my [Breaking Tech News page](#) for all the details when Microsoft releases it. You can visit Microsoft's official blog for more Windows 8 details, too.

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More on : Bring back the Start button in Windows 8

This mainstay of computing for almost two decades is replaced by an interactive Start screen in Microsoft's newest operating system. The Start screen uses the Modern interface that Microsoft uses on mobile gadgets. It's more touch-screen friendly and customizable. However, many people who have upgraded are a bit overwhelmed by it. This is one of many changes that confuses longtime Windows users. That's why I wrote my Essential Windows 8 Quick Start Guide. It's a great roadmap that will help you deal with all of Windows 8's quirks.

This is one of Windows 8's changes that you don't have to settle for, though. With the right tools, you can bring back the Start menu in all of its glory. Even if you don't want to upgrade, you can still use these programs to customize your current version of Windows.

One of the easiest ways to bring back the Start menu is with [Classic Shell](#). It adds a Start button and other familiar features to Windows 8's desktop mode. It allows you to set your own image as the icon for the Start button, too.

The program can bring back the look and feel of older versions of Windows. You can even use it to bypass the Start screen and boot right into Desktop mode, like you would in past Windows versions.

If you want more even more customization, try [Start8](#). In addition to the Start button, it adds dozens of new features to the Windows 8 desktop. However, it costs \$5 after a free trial period.

These both take a little bit of time to set up, though. One of the main reasons so many people liked the Start menu is because of how simple it was.

If you want the simplicity back, try [Pokki](#). This program does most of the customization for you and gives you a Start button right away.

One thing to keep in mind before you start tinkering with Windows 8: You don't have to upgrade! Windows 7 is still a great operating system, and Microsoft will support it until 2020. You'll be able to use it for years to come.

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