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These instructions will install a fresh, new copy of Windows 8 on a new or current system, without preserving user data or applications.

Doing a Clean Installation of Windows 8

1. Insert Windows 8 install DVD. The media will boot into the language confirmation page, confirm your language preferences and click **Next**.
2. Click **Install Now**.
3. Click **Accept License Terms** and then click **Next**.
4. Click **Custom: Install Windows Only (Advanced)**.
5. Select the hard drive which you would like to install windows to.



If you wish to wipe the hard drive before installing windows 8, click **Drive Options: (Advanced)** and follow the following instructions, otherwise skip to step 6:

- a. From the advanced menu, select the partitions that you wish to remove and click **Delete**, and **Ok** to confirm.
 - b. Repeat until all desired partitions are removed.
 - c. When a single "Unallocated Space" remains, then click **Next**.
6. Click **Next** and Windows will begin its installation. This might take a few minutes. Additional restarts may occur.
 7. Once installation of the operating system is complete, we have to configure the system for first time use.
 8. Name the computer and choose a color scheme if desired, then click **Next**.
 9. In the next screen, select **Customize** as we will not be using the Express Settings.
 10. Click **Yes, turn on sharing and connect to devices**.
 11. In the next screen, under "Turn on Windows SmartScreen Filter to check files and apps with Microsoft" click on or slide the slider so that feature is "off", then click **Next**.
 12. On the next screen, click **Next**.
 13. On the next screen, click **Next**.
 14. In the "Sign in to your PC" screen, click **Sign in without a Microsoft Account**.
 15. Click on **Local Account**.

16. Create your local account. By default this account will have Administrator rights. Click **Finish**.

17. Enjoy the intro to Windows 8. Once at the Start Screen, if you would like to get to the desktop, click on the "Desktop" tile.

See Also

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