



Windows 8 is on the way - what's new?

How time flies! It only seems like yesterday that Windows 7 was released taking over from the much derided Vista.



Earlier this month Microsoft demonstrated a pre-beta version of Windows 8 at an industry event. Early reaction has been largely positive.

Windows 8 is Microsoft's combined desktop, laptop and tablet operating system, designed to go from 10-inch touch-only tablets to big screens in your living room, from ultra-portable notebooks to massive gaming systems and business desktops.

The key developments are:

- Even more compact than Windows 7 with further improvements in boot up speed.
- More security improvements. Tablet friendly features supporting touch and gestures.
- Incorporation of the Metro interface from Windows Phone (see image below).
- An Apple style app store.

We'll keep you posted on a release date for Windows 8

The Windows 8 Metro interface



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