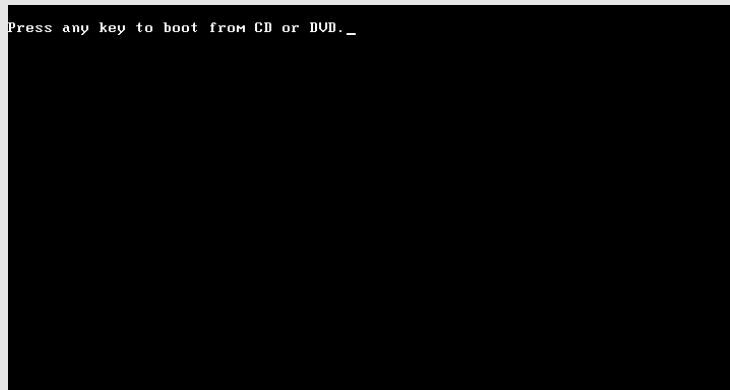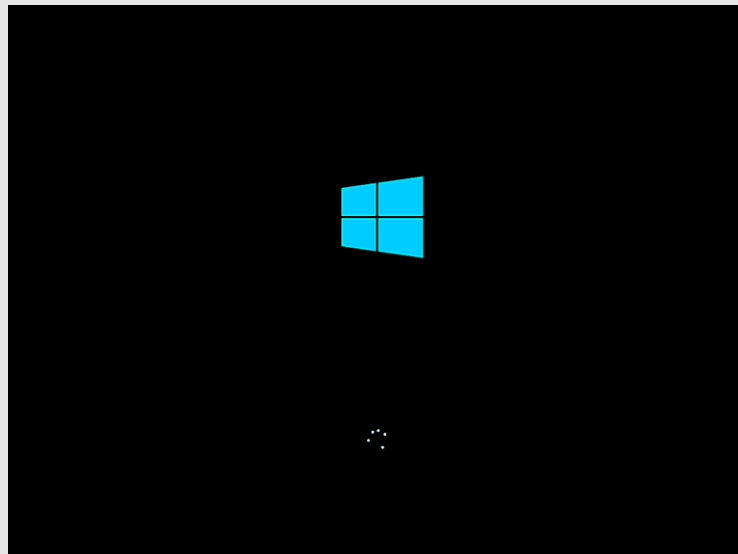# Windows 8.1 Setup

Setup/Install

Windows 8 and 8.1 reached the end of Mainstream Support on January 9, 2018

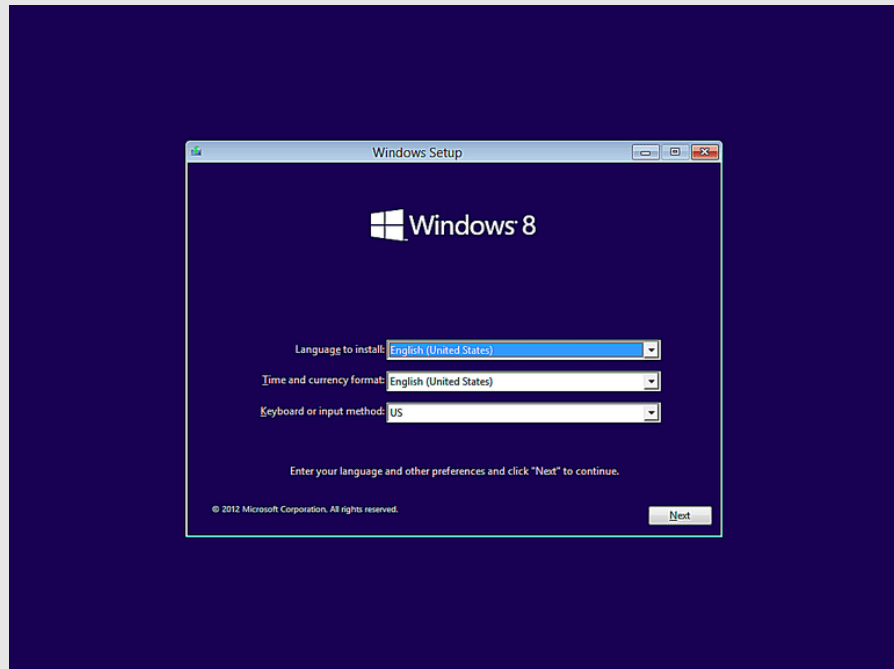# *How to Clean Install Windows 8.1*

1. Insert the Windows 8 DVD into your optical drive or plug into a free USB port the flash drive with the Windows 8 installation files on it, and then turn on or restart the computer.

2. Watch for a *Press any key to boot from CD or DVD...* message (shown above) if you're booting from a disc, or a *Press any key to boot from external device...* message if you're booting from a flash drive or other USB device.

3. Press a key to force your computer to boot from either the Windows 8 DVD or a flash drive with the Windows 8.1 installation files on it.
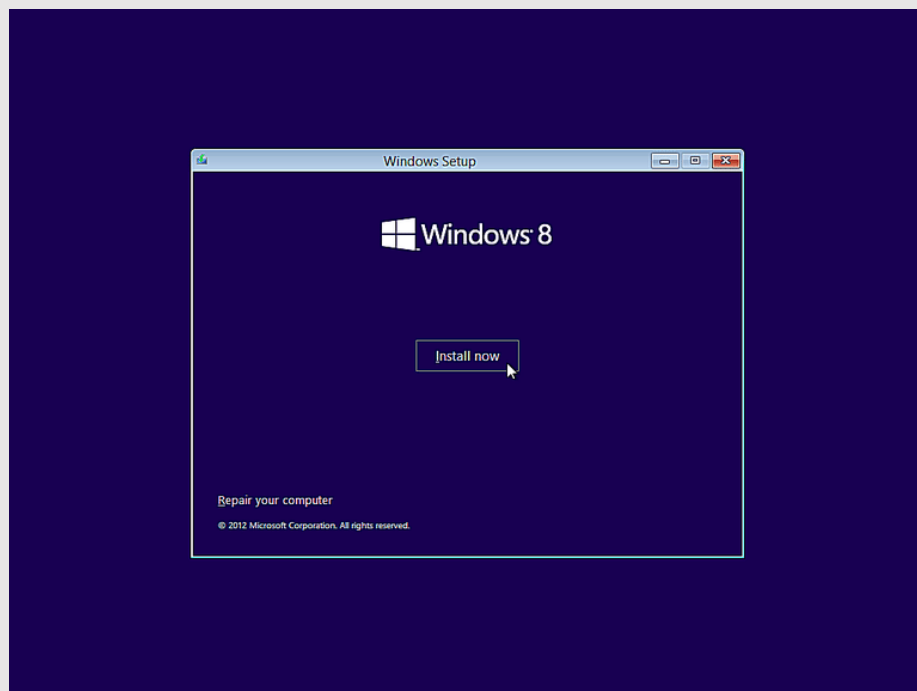

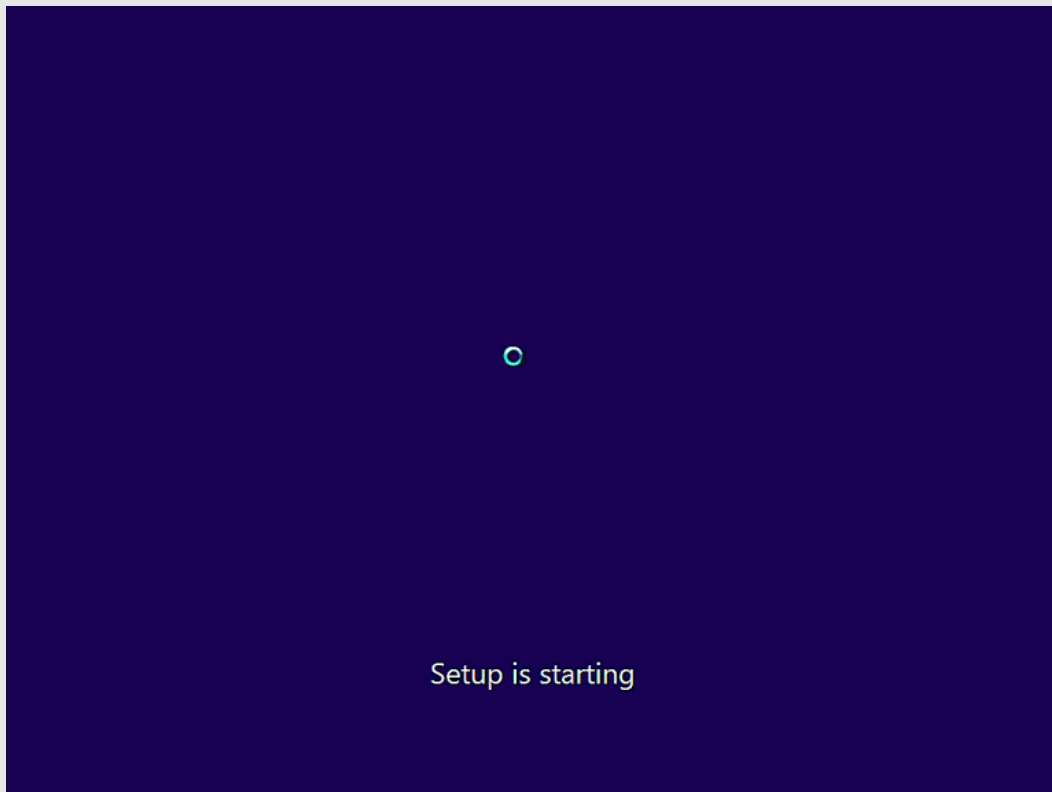4. Wait for the Windows 8.1 Installation Files to Load.
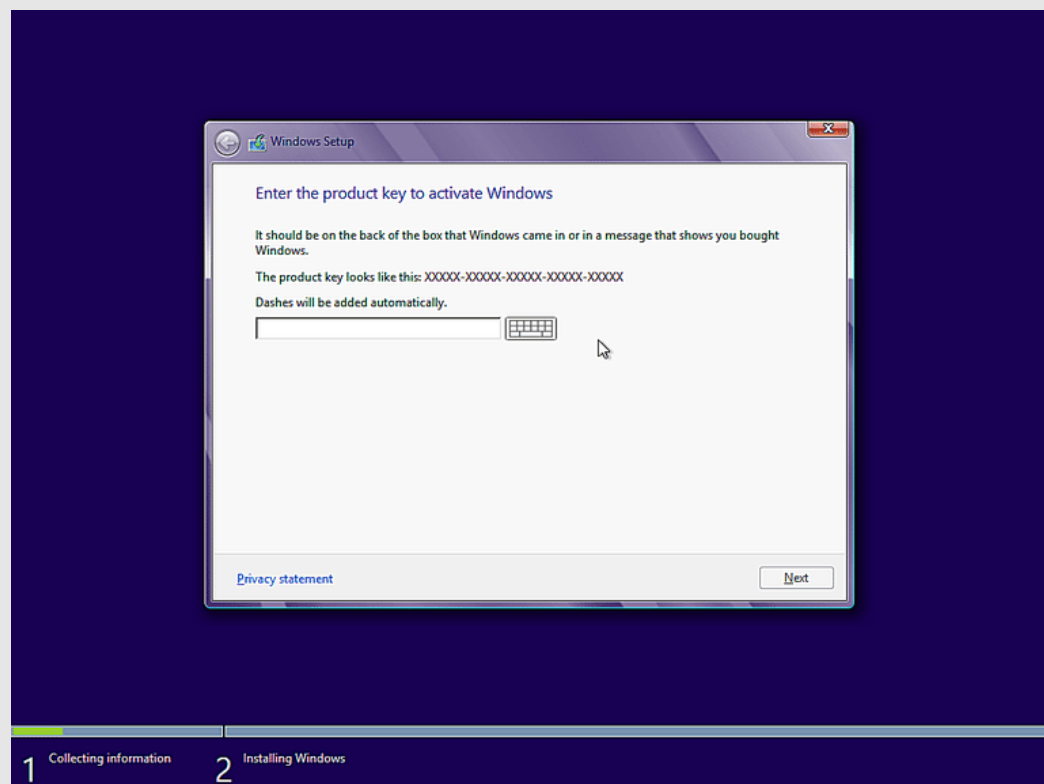
5. Choose Language, Time, and Other Preferences

6. Click Install Now

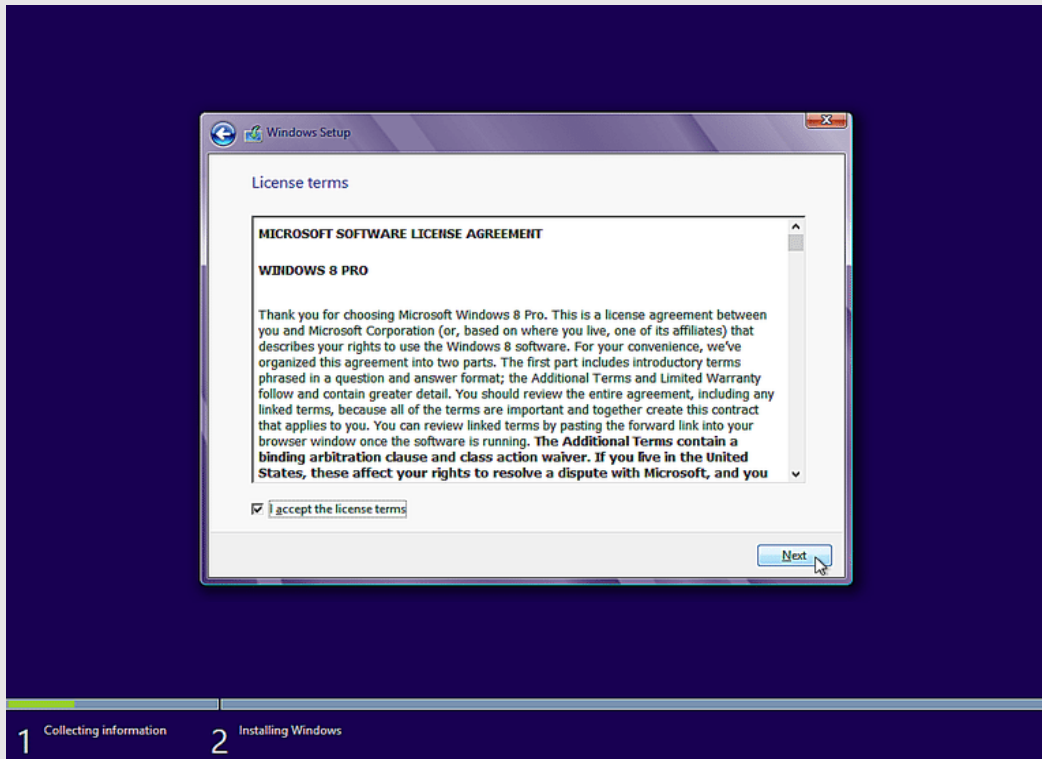7. Wait for Windows 8.1 Setup to Begin

Setup is starting

8. Enter Your Windows 8 Product Key

Windows Setup

Enter the product key to activate Windows

It should be on the back of the box that Windows came in or in a message that shows you bought Windows.

The product key looks like this: XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX

Dashes will be added automatically.

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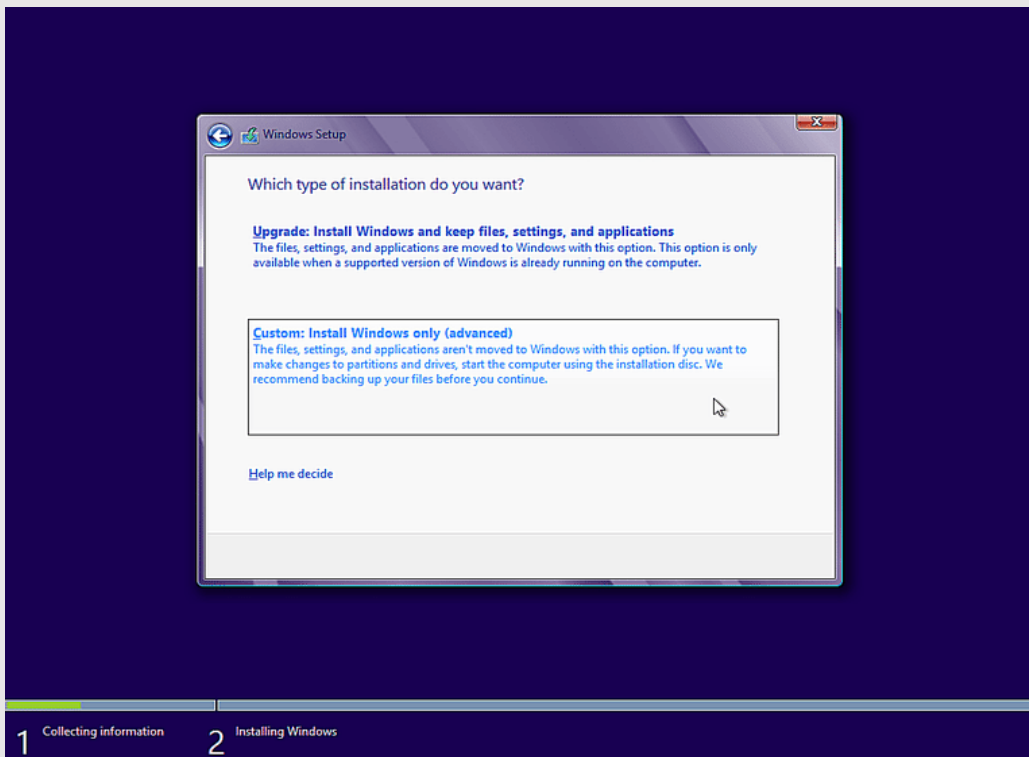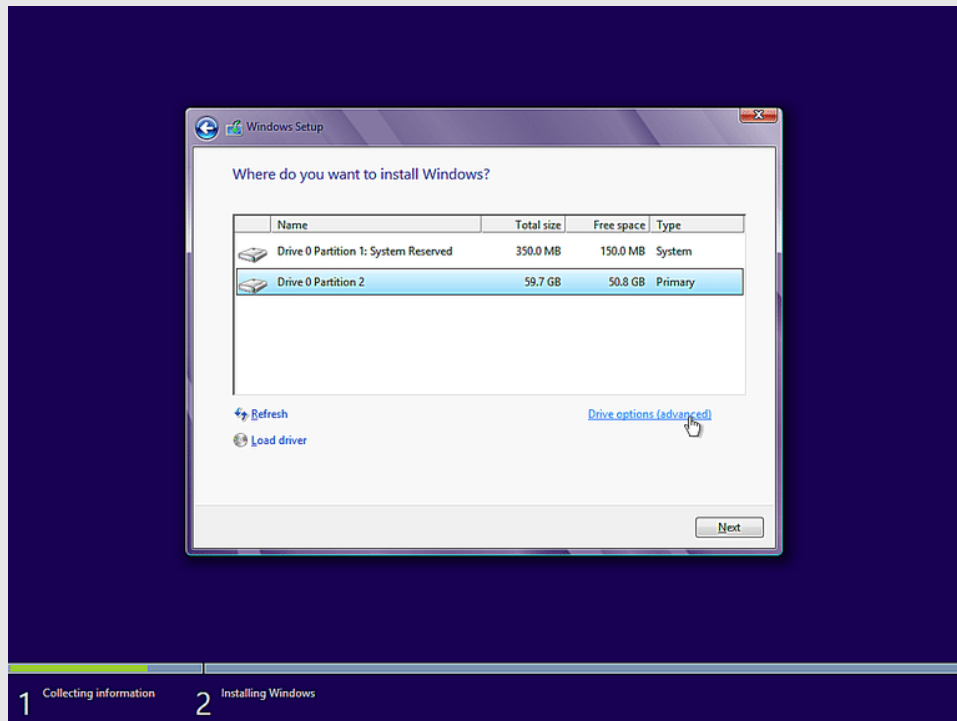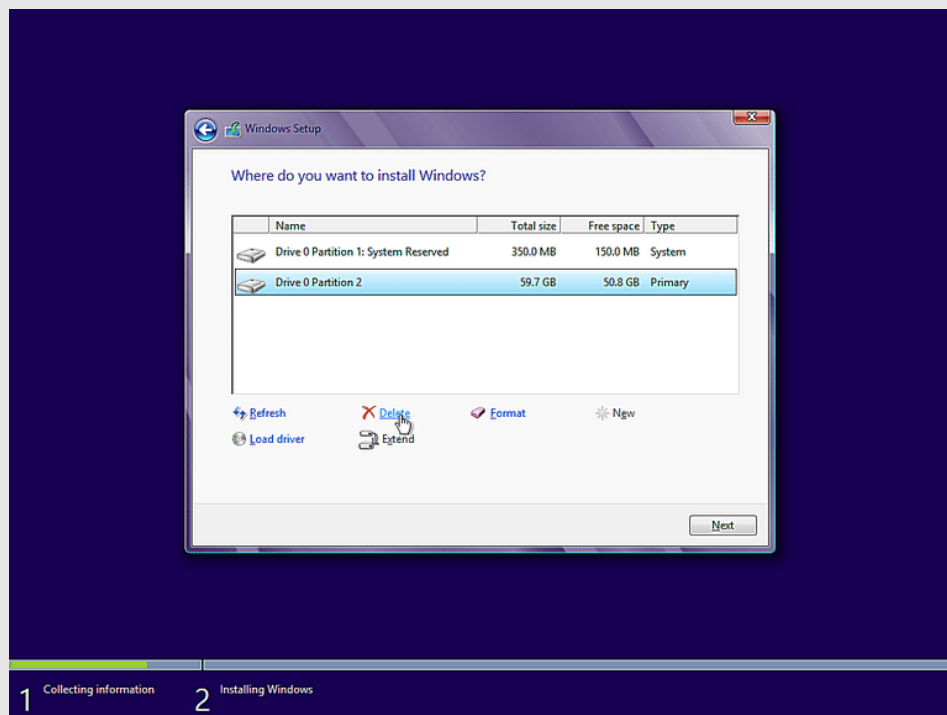
9. Accept the Windows 8 Software License Agreement

10. Choose the Custom Installation Method
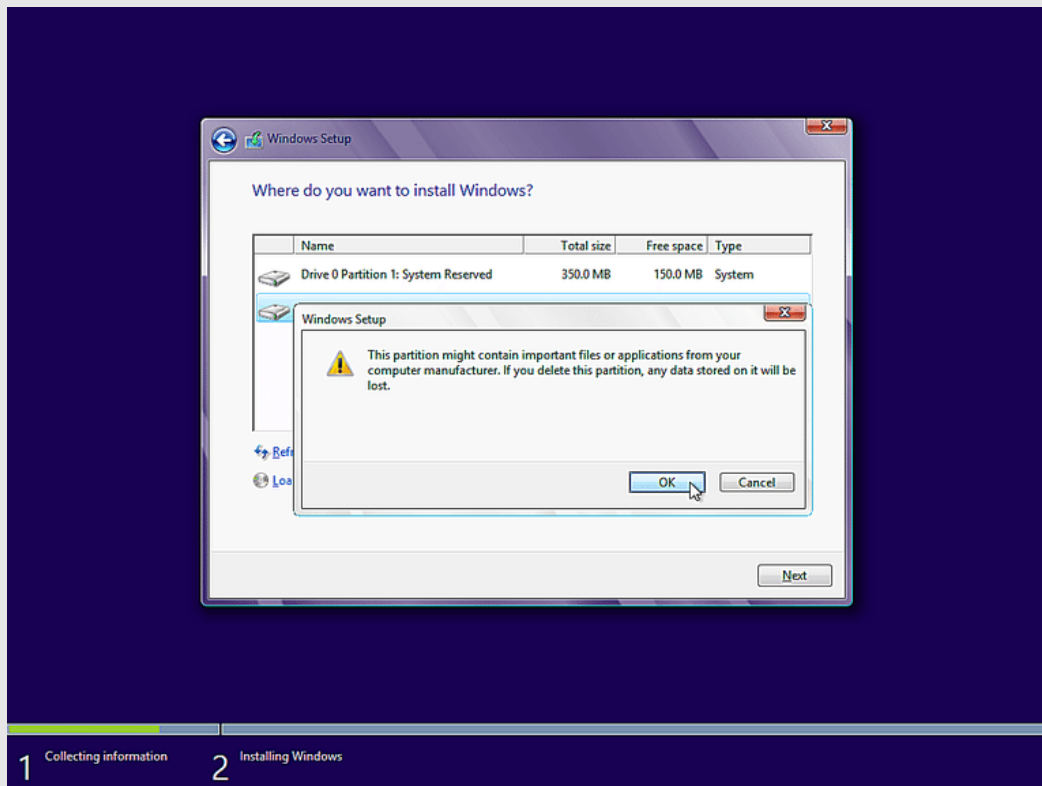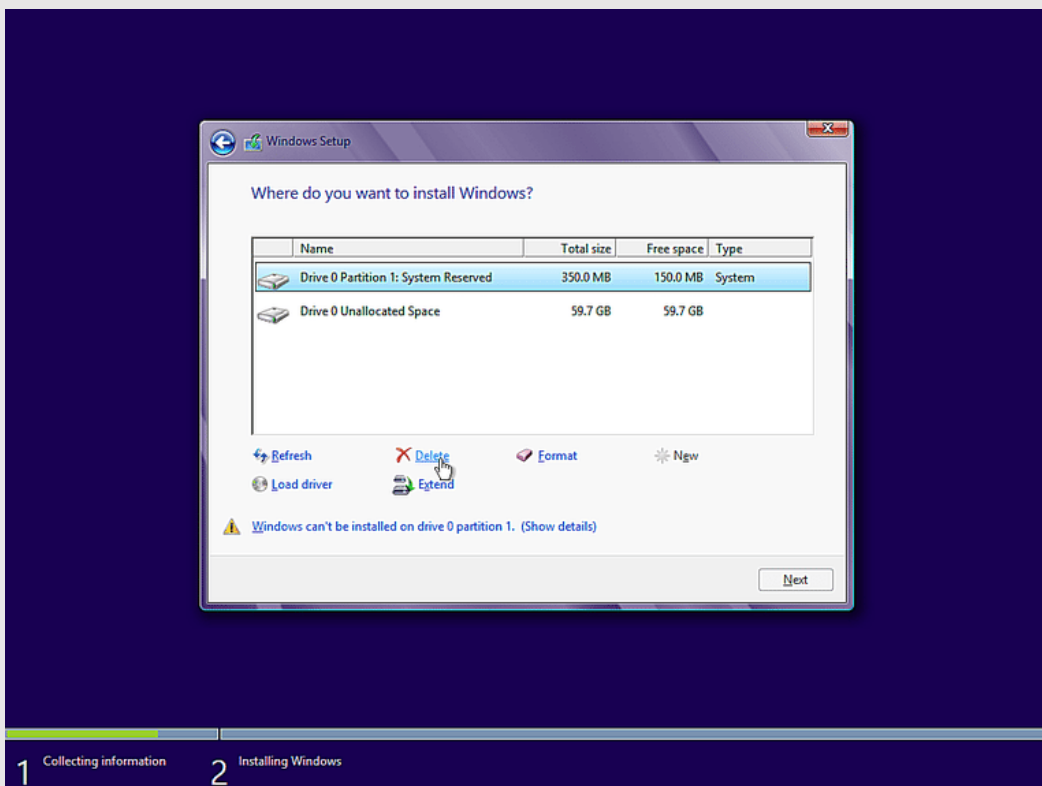
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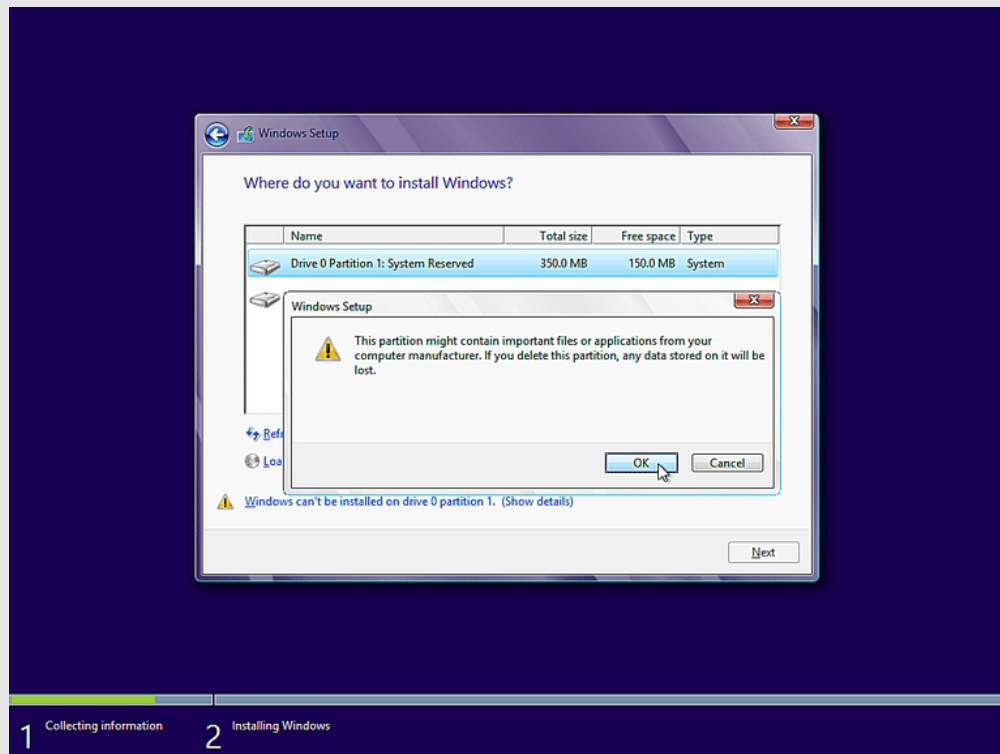12. Delete the Partition You Pan on Installing Windows 8.1 onto.
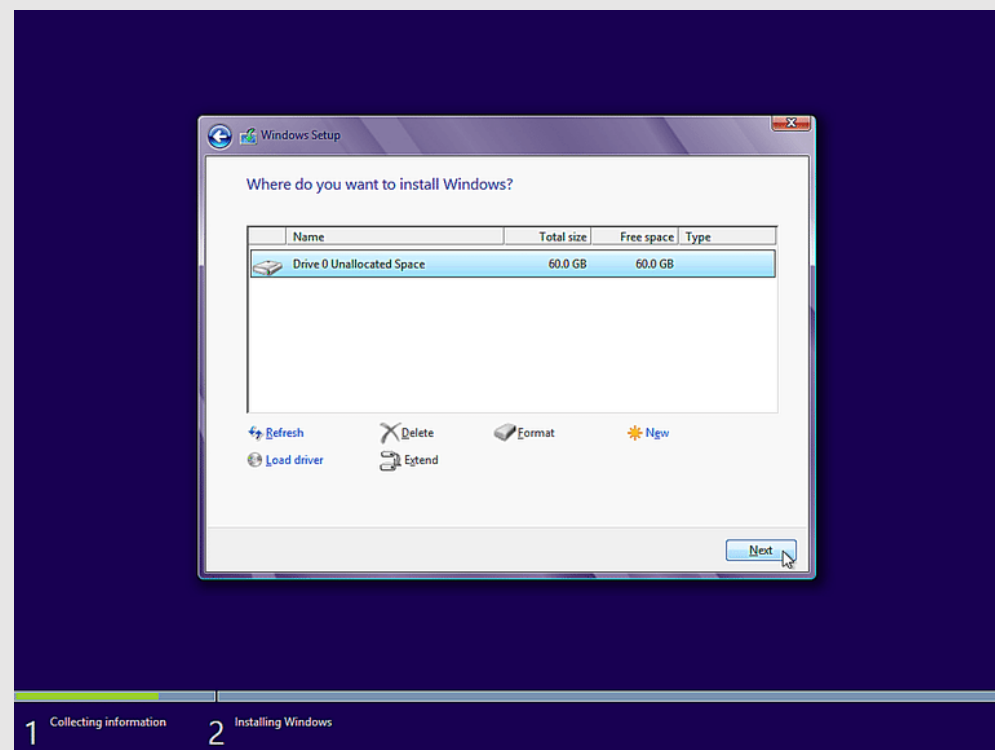
13. Confirm the Partition Deletion

14. Delete other partitions used by the pervious operating system

15. Confirm other partition deletions
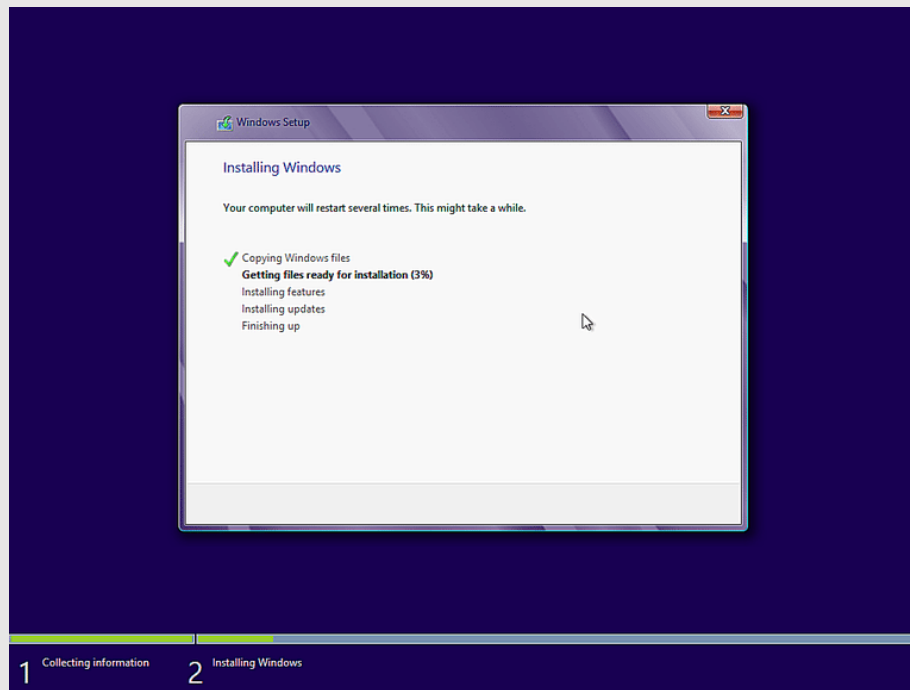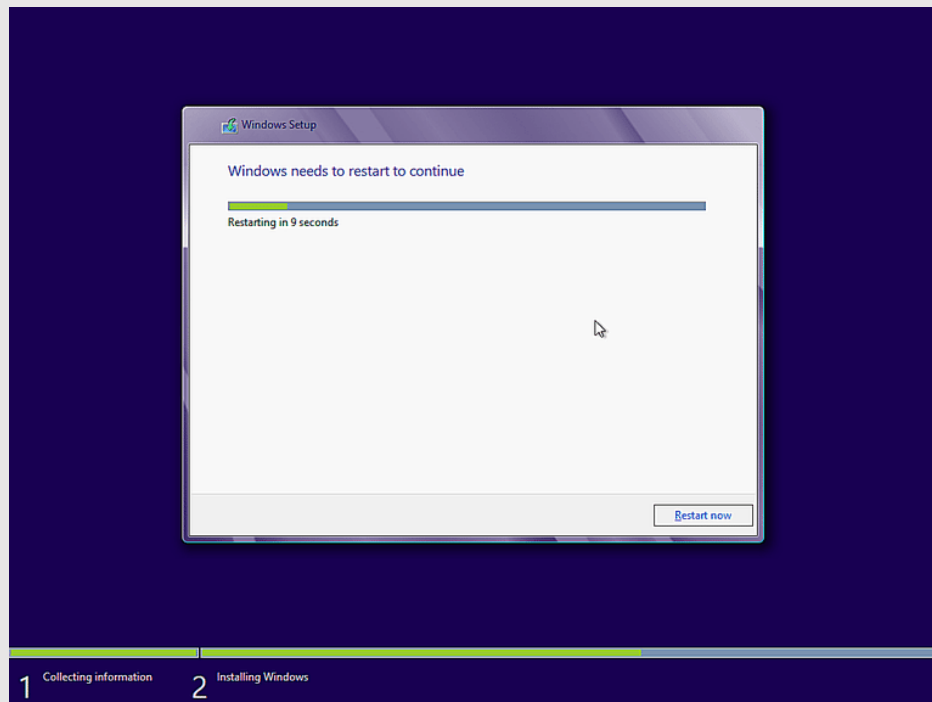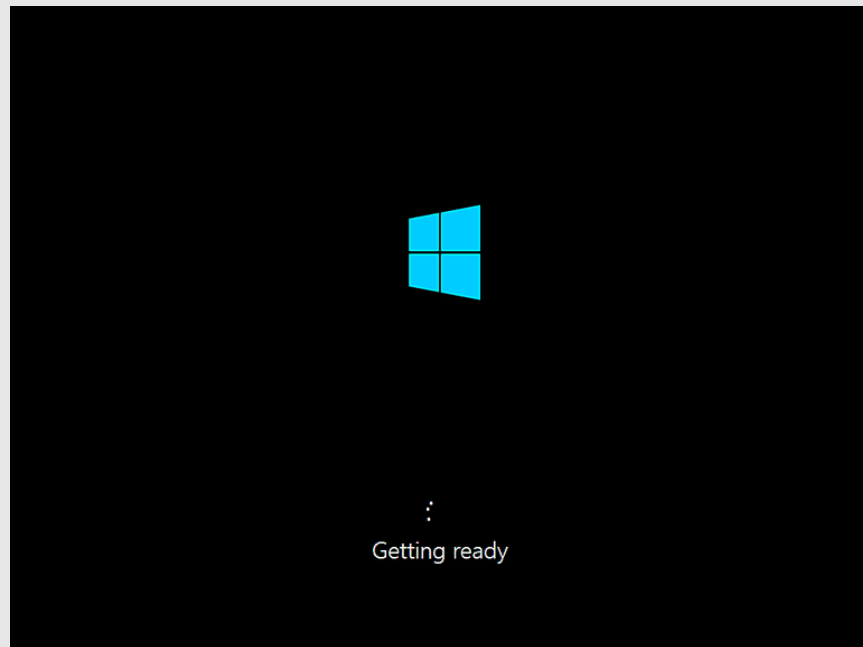

16. Choose a Physical Location to Install Windows 8.1
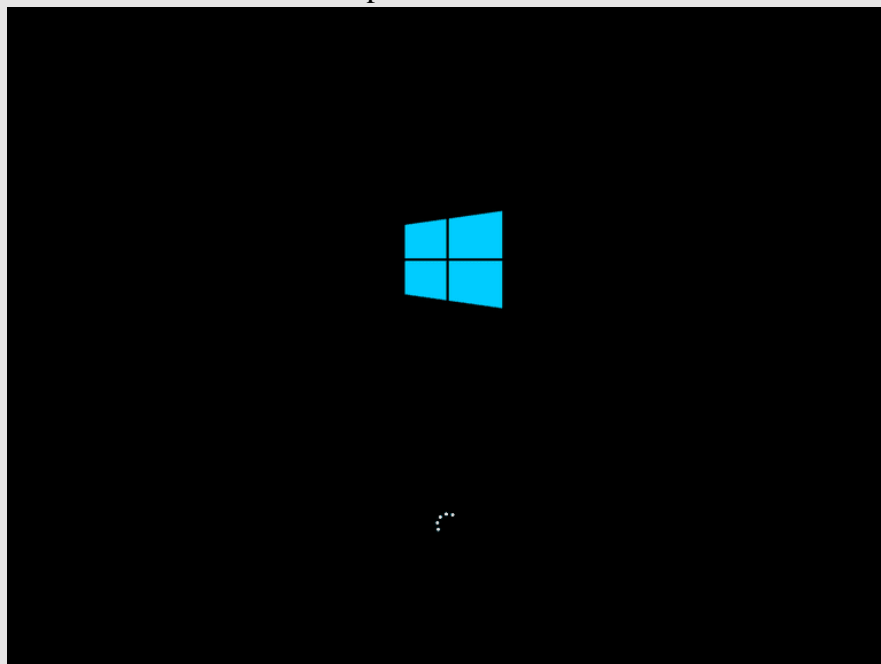
17. Wait While Windows 8.1 is Installed
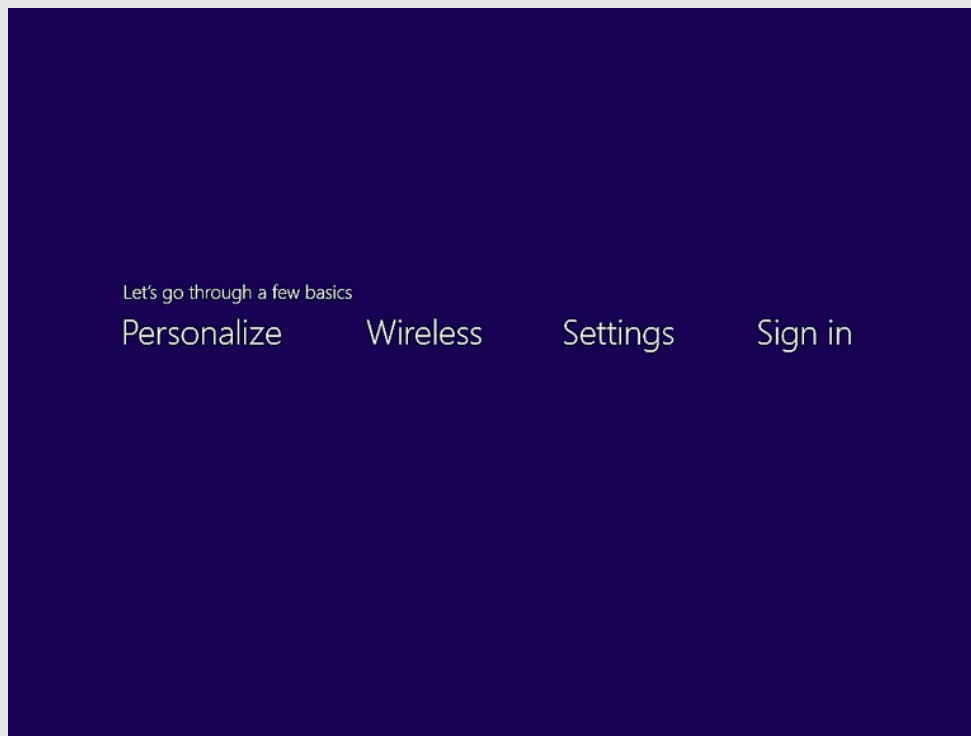

18. Windows will restart your computer

19. Wait for Windows 8.1 to Finish Installing
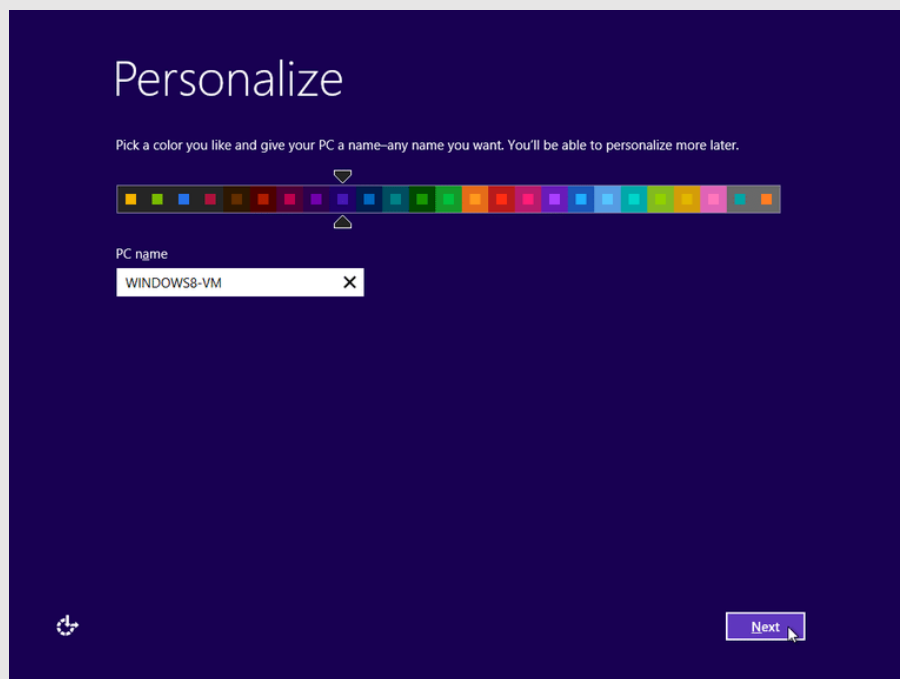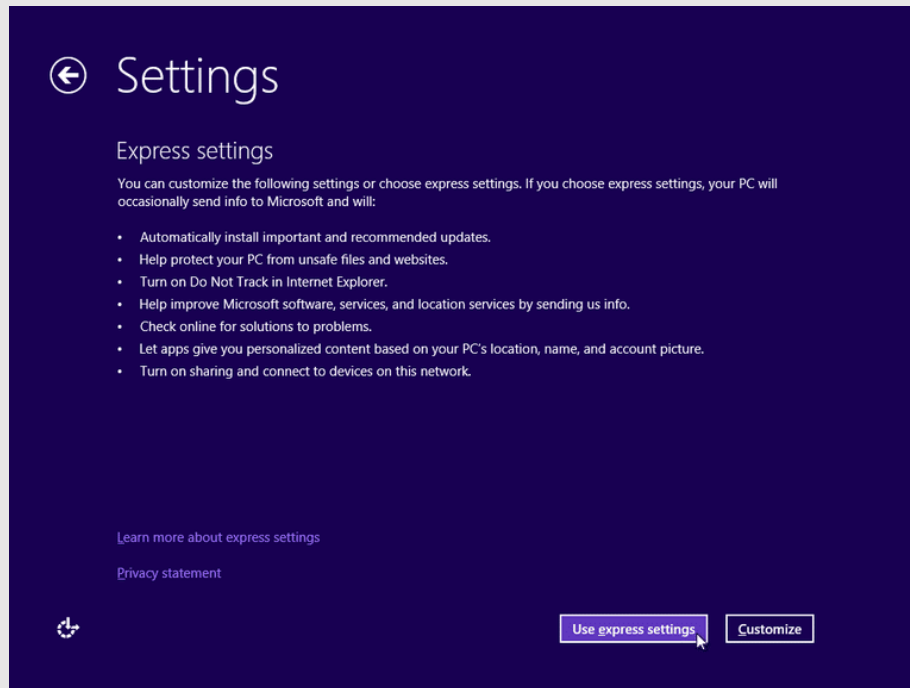

20. Wait While Windows 8.1 Starts Up

21. Wait for the Windows 8.1 Basics Wizard to Start
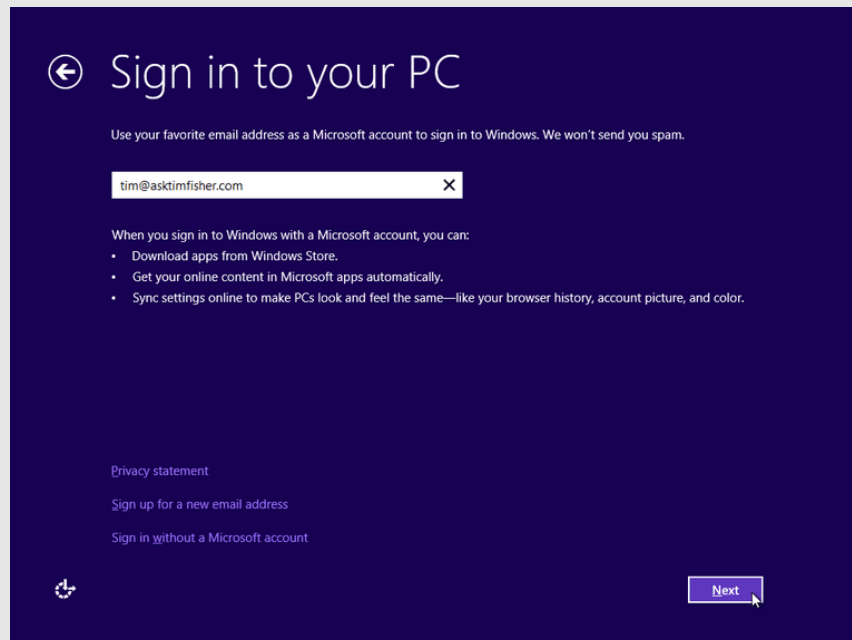

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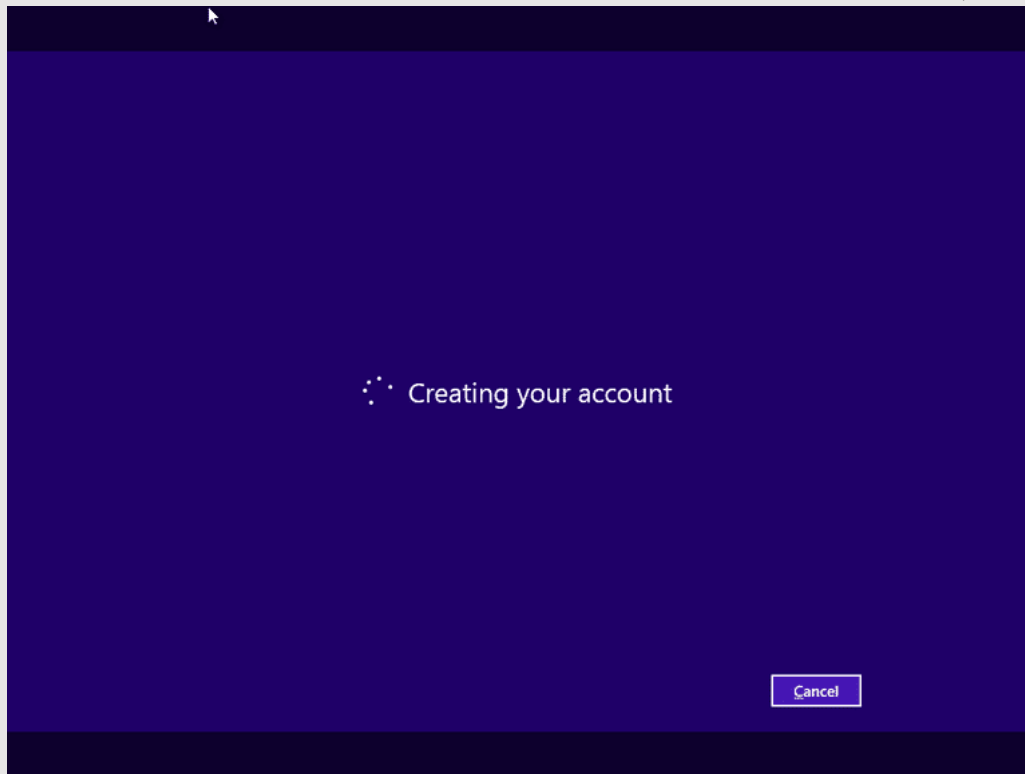
23. Use Default Settings or Set Custom Ones

24. Sign In To Your PC with a Microsoft Account or don't.
This is the standard way that previous versions of Windows, like Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP worked.
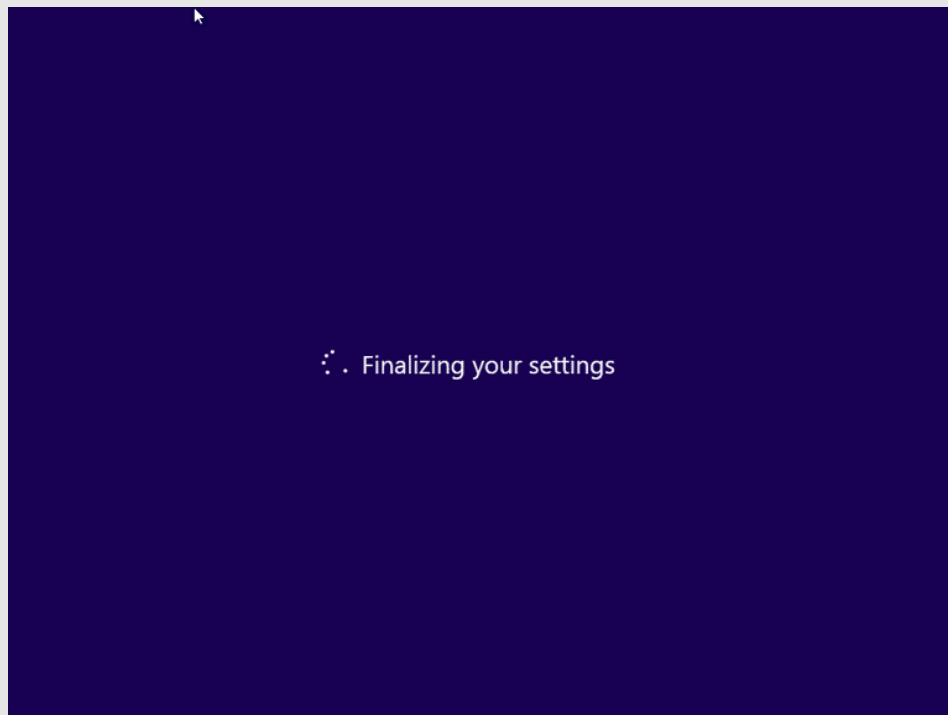
Your account is only stored locally on this Windows 8 computer. Please note though that you'll still need to create a, or use your current, Microsoft account sometime in the future if you plan on using the Windows Store to download apps.

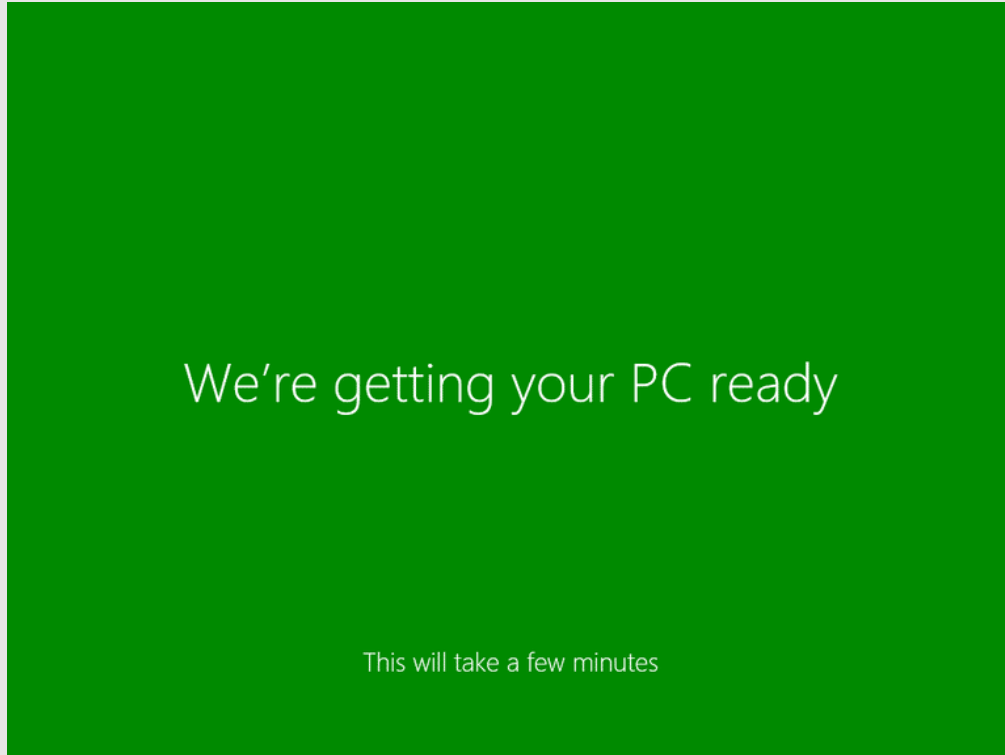25. Wait While Windows 8.1 Creates the Local Portion of Your User Account,

26. Wait While Windows 8.1 Finalizes Settings

27. Wait While Windows 8.1 Prepares the Start Screen

Depending on the version of Windows 8 you're installing, you may sit through a long series of screens, the first several of which explain how to work with the Windows 8.1 interface.

28. Your Windows 8.1 Clean Install is Complete!
This completes the final step of your clean install of <u>Windows 8</u>.1 Congratulations!