

## Recovery Partition

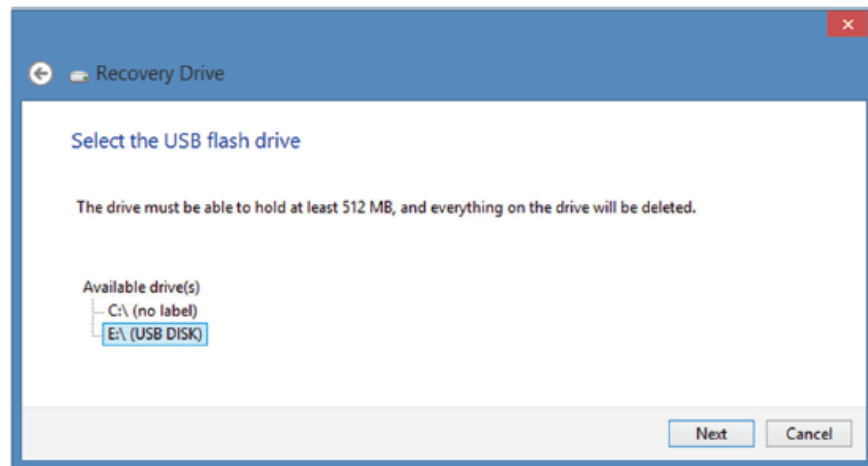
A *recovery partition* is an area of the hard drive set aside to hold files that can be used to recover the operating system in the event of a failure. You can copy the information from this partition to another location (usually a USB drive) to use in the event that the partition fails. In Exercise, we will walk through creating a USB recovery drive.

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### Creating a USB Recovery Drive

1. If you are using a mouse/keyboard, point to the lower-right corner of the screen and then click Search. If you are using a touch screen, swipe in from the right edge of the screen and tap Search.
2. Type **Recovery**, select Settings, and then choose Create a Recovery Drive.
3. Click Next to copy the contents of the recovery partition to the recovery drive.
4. Insert a USB drive, when prompted, as shown in Figure 18.14.

**FIGURE 18.14** Creating a recovery drive



Note the massive size of this file and that everything currently on the USB drive will be deleted.

5. Click Next.
6. Click Create.
7. After the process is finished, you can choose whether you want to keep the recovery partition on your machine (in which case, click Finish) or delete it (in which case, click Delete).

The latter is recommended only when you need to free up the disk space.



Most personal computer vendors include a recovery partition from the factory, along with a bootable utility to restore the image stored on the recovery partition.

