[PDF] Windows 8 Secrets

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Description:

Q & A with the authors of *Windows 8 Secrets* Should consumers adopt Windows 8 or Windows RT?

Windows RT offers both advantages and disadvantages compared to Windows 8, and which you choose will depend on your needs. The biggest issue with Windows RT, of course, is the lack of desktop application compatibility: Though it comes with most Windows 8 desktop utilities and a version of Microsoft Office, Windows RT is not compatible with any third party or Microsoft desktop Windows applications that are already included. That said, Windows RT should offer much better battery life and amazingly thin and light form factors when compared to similar PCs and devices

designed around a traditional PC microprocessor.

What's best way to upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 8? Upgrade or clean install? Is an upgrade safe?

Generally speaking, you will actually see better results with an upgrade with this version of Windows, which is different than our experience with previous versions. To be safe, backup everything first, perform the upgrade, and if it doesn't go well, you can always do a clean install afterwards.

One thing to watch during an upgrade, however, is Internet Explorer: If you have configured a different browser as your default browser in Windows 7 and then upgrade to Windows 8, you will actually lose the ability to run the Metro-style version of Internet Explorer 10. You can fix this by configuring IE as your default browser after the fact.

Does Windows 8 really run faster and better than Windows 7 on the same hardware?

Yes. But in real world usage, you won't notice much of a difference in usage. That said, Windows 8 boots, resumes from sleep, and performs other power management functions much, much faster than does Windows 7. You can also use Push Button Reset to refresh or reset a Windows 8 PC in just minutes.

Will all of my Windows 7 apps and drivers work with Windows 8?

For the most part, yes. Microsoft claims that if it works with Windows 7, it should work with Windows 8. And in our experience, that has definitely been the case. Even the now-ancient game "Halo: Combat Evolved," from 2003 installs and runs just fine. That said, you may need to uninstall some applications if you're upgrading from Windows 7 to Windows 8, and then reinstall them after the fact. And of course there will always be some exceptions.

What are the most important keyboard combinations we should memorize?

If you remember just one keyboard shortcut, it should be WINKEY + C, which enables the Charms and access to several key system functions, including Search, Share, Start, Devices, and Settings. Some other useful keyboard shortcuts include WINKEY + D (to navigate directly to the desktop), WINKEY + I (for Settings), and WINKEY + L for lock. And let's not forget our favorite keyboard combination: WINKEY + X, which displays a power user menu of sorts containing lots of useful shortcuts.

From the Back Cover

In their introduction, the authors of this book say that "with Windows 8, suddenly, everything is different." And they are right□with a completely new interface presenting users with a completely new experience, Windows 8 and its device-based cousin Windows RT are arguably the biggest change in Windows ever. But bestselling authors Paul Thurrott and Rafael Rivera have you covered with Windows 8 Secrets, a completely new, written-from-scratch guide to the ins and outs of this new Windows experience. Covering topics both large and small, ranging from how the new immersive experiences and familiar Windows desktop interface coexist to the subtle differences in interacting with Windows 8 via touch, keyboard, or mouse, this book digs in to reveal helpful and advanced insight in all major Windows areas: application management, data backup and security,

networking, and much more.

The Insider's Guide to:

- Choosing the right Windows 8 or RT product version to fit your needs

- Dealing with the completely new Start experience

- Understanding how the familiar desktop and your legacy applications interact with the new immersive experiences

- Exploring the differences between the two versions of Internet Explorer 10 that ship with Windows 8

- Digging into the array of new productivity, media, and other apps included with Windows 8

- Become a power user by mastering the storage, backup and recovery, accounts and security, networking, and business features in Windows 8

- Insider Tips Expert advice to help you optimize performance

- Valuable Insights Eye-opening descriptions of poorly documented or undocumented features and procedures

- Unbeatable Advice Real-world workarounds and little-known tips and techniques

The Secrets series reveals:

- Authoritative information in highlighted areas

- Exceptional advice in the margin notes

- Unique insight from years of author experience

- Rarely revealed tips and techniques

- Invaluable shortcuts and workarounds

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