

# View your system information

Applies to Windows 8.1, Windows RT 8.1

You can view a summary of important info about your PC by opening System in Control Panel. You can see basic hardware info, such as your PC's name, and you can also change important system settings.

- Open System by swiping in from the right edge of the screen, tapping **Search** (or if you're using a mouse, pointing to the upper-right corner of the screen, moving the mouse pointer down, and then clicking **Search**), entering **System** in the search box, and tapping or clicking **System**.

## Note

You can also view most of these settings and info in PC settings. Swipe in from the right edge of the screen, tap **Settings**, and then tap **Change PC settings**. (If you're using a mouse, point to the lower-right corner of the screen, move the mouse pointer up, click **Settings**, and then click **Change PC settings**.) Then, tap or click **PC and devices**, and then tap or click **PC info**.

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### View basic info about your PC

You can find a summary view of basic details about your PC, including:

- **Windows edition.** Lists info about the Windows operating system running on your PC.
- **System.** Displays your PC's processor type, installed memory (RAM), system type, and pen and touch capabilities.
- **Computer name, domain, and workgroup settings.** Displays your PC's name and domain info. You can change this info by tapping or clicking **Change settings**.  
 You might be asked for an admin password or to confirm your choice.
- **Windows activation.** Shows whether your copy of Windows is genuine, which helps prevent software piracy. To change your product key, tap or click **Change product key**.

### Change Windows system settings

If you're signed in as administrator, you can change additional system settings by tapping or clicking **Change settings**.

- **Hardware.** Change device properties installation settings.
- **Advanced.** Access advanced performance, user profile, and system startup settings.
- **System Protection.** Manage settings that automatically create the restore point that System Restore uses. You can turn system protection on or off for the drives on your PC, and you can create restore points manually.
- **Remote.** Change settings for Remote Assistance, which you can use to invite someone to connect to your PC to help troubleshoot a problem, and Remote Desktop, which you can use to connect to a remote computer.

## Need more help?

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