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# Windows 8 Plain & Simple



## Synopsis

Learn the simplest ways to get things done with Windows® 8! Here's WHAT you'll learn: Run your apps, and manage your calendar and contacts. Explore the web, and send and receive email and messages. Organize your files on the PC and in the cloud with Microsoft® SkyDrive®. View, share, and store your own photos and videos. Play games, manage your music, and watch movies. Use maps to find directions and set your location. Here's HOW you'll learn it: Jump in wherever you need answers. Easy-to-follow STEPS and SCREENSHOTS show exactly what to do. Handy TIPS teach new techniques and shortcuts. Quick TRY THIS! exercises help apply what you learn right away.

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## Customer Reviews

The Microsoft Plain & Simple series books are great introductions into operating systems and applications. The Windows 8 edition is no exception. Lots of color illustrations and step-by-step guides cover the basics of getting around in this new operating system. A great low-cost (from ) addition to your computer-related library.

This is the basic, you-gotta-know-this manual MS was too cheap to include with the Surface (and, unfortunately, it shows how MS may have already scuttled the RT world by rushing a product out into a market familiar with a completely different way of using a gesture-operated tablet). I picked up

this book and found several handy tricks in just the first couple pages of hands-on examples. However, it also, and more importantly, explains the ideas behind the tools (e.g., the tiles, charms) that let the user move on to use the hardware 'intuitively'. Other topics you might not have thought much about include using bluetooth devices and pens in addition to whatever input devices came packaged with your hardware. It gets you thinking about all the things you can do with a real tablet COMPUTER, as opposed to what you're limited to with a tablet that is mostly just a media consuming device. Didn't give it a 5 of 5 because, as other reviews show, there is a little gloss missing. But, also, a rating of 5 would be for a copy that came with a .pdf version that can be loaded on the device and saved by the purchaser, themselves, since there's no iTunes equivalent providing convenient, one-stop app/book retention (again, that uncomfortable question of whether RT is a new iOS or another WindowsCE...).

The manual arrived prior to the actual software and I read it from cover to cover twice so when the W8 software arrived I was ready. Very helpful and made the install painless. I would recommend this manual to all.

Best book to learn windows 8. Factual, intuitive, and to the point. My go to for sequence. Only con: Wore it out from use.

Pro: good color pages, consecutive numbered steps to take. Cons: Some steps are missing. The binding/spine cracks apart and will start to loose pages within a relativly short amount of time.

I had purchased this same Plain and Simple book for my Vista and Windows 7. I am not as pleased with the Windows 8. It is not as simple as they want you to believe, and they really don't go into a lot of detail with things I was looking to research. Overall I think it would have been better for me to have bought something else. In the future if I need another book for a computer I will not be getting The Plain and Simple.

This is a good book for someone who needs the basics. The new Windows 8 can be a challenge and this was very helpful.

My family started using Windows 8 this past Friday, the first day of its general availability. We have a Surface in addition to running Win8 on two desktops. For the most part, none of us including the

kids had any trouble getting used to the new interface... and everyone except me loves it! I like it, but so far have found myself switching back and forth between the new tile interface and the old desktop. I was working from home this weekend so I was on my PC a lot. My hubby bought this book so he could learn a few tricks. A few tips, from how to group the tiles and name the groups to what the new IE's "skip ahead" feature actually does, are really good. But this colorful book is really a beginner's guide. It covers everything from the new Start screen with the tiles to customizing your Windows 8 experience to managing online and family safety. But the book was evidently put together in a great rush, as it has quite a few typos! Overall, it's a good "missing manual" type of guide.

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