

Windows 8 and Multimedia

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- **Windows 8 Versions and pricing**

- New PC with Win 7 – Upgrade to Win 8 Pro - \$14.99
- New PC with Win 8 - Upgrade to Win 8 Pro - \$69.99 !!!
- Win 8 Basic – Retail - \$99.99 *
- Win 8 Pro – Retail - \$139.99 * (Retail not yet available).
- Win 8 Pro Upgrade from Win XP, Vista, 7 - \$39.99
- (available until Jan 31st 2013)
- After promotion period Win 8 Pro upgrade - \$199.99

(source <http://www.ghacks.net/2012/10/26/windows-8-pricing-overview/>)

- Only Win 8 Pro can upgrade to Media Center

Buy Win 8 Pro for Multimedia

- Media Center function is “disabled” in Win 8 Pro – needs “Key” to activate it.
 - If using Win 8 Release Preview you can activate Media Center using key MBFBV-W3DP2-2MVKN-PJCQD-KKTF7
 - (source http://news.cnet.com/8301-10805_3-57445533-75/how-to-add-media-center-to-windows-8-release-preview/)
 - If using Genuine Win 8 - Media Center key is “free” until Jan 31 2013 - click on link at:-
<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-8/feature-packs> (key will be emailed to you)

Microsoft Strategy? Unbundling !!

- Will my PC be able to run Windows 8 ?
 - Download the Windows 8 Upgrade Assistant from <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows-8/upgrade-to-windows-8> .
 - Results of running the Upgrade assistant on my new PC are as follows:-
 - New PC Compatibility

Upgrade to Win 8 is cheaper than Win 7 !!

- What about the new “Surface” tablet?
 - 2 versions – “RT” and “PRO”
 - “RT” is Nvidia CPU – “PRO” is Intel i5
 - Compare specs - [HelpMeChoose AUS.pdf](#)
 - (PRO not yet available in Australia)
 - Video Review of RT Version - [Technology - Microsoft Surface tablet review-1.mp4](#)

What will you use it for?

- Summary
- Hardware looks good – but Pro version needed for Multimedia Use
- Software is sparse for Multimedia at the present (Nov. 2012)
- Certainly worth looking at upgrading XP/Vista Media Center PC to Win 8 before Jan 2013

Try it before you buy it !!