

Earlier today, Microsoft released the Windows 8 Consumer Preview. I downloaded it (the 32 bit version is 2.5 GB) and have installed it. Here is a tutorial on how to install it.

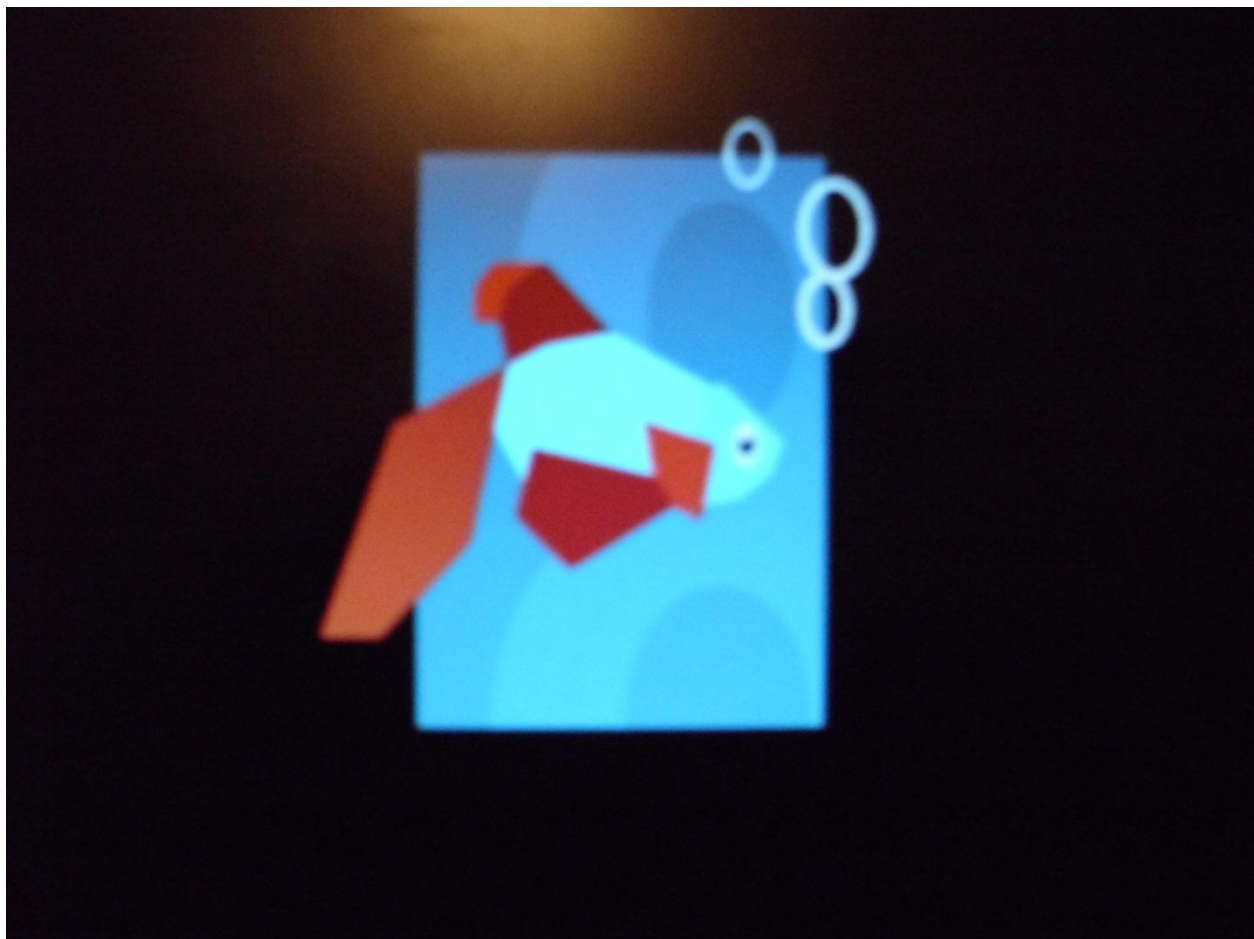
NOTE: Windows 8 Consumer Preview is prerelease software and is not intended for everyday use.

The minimum system requirements for Windows 8 Consumer Preview are:

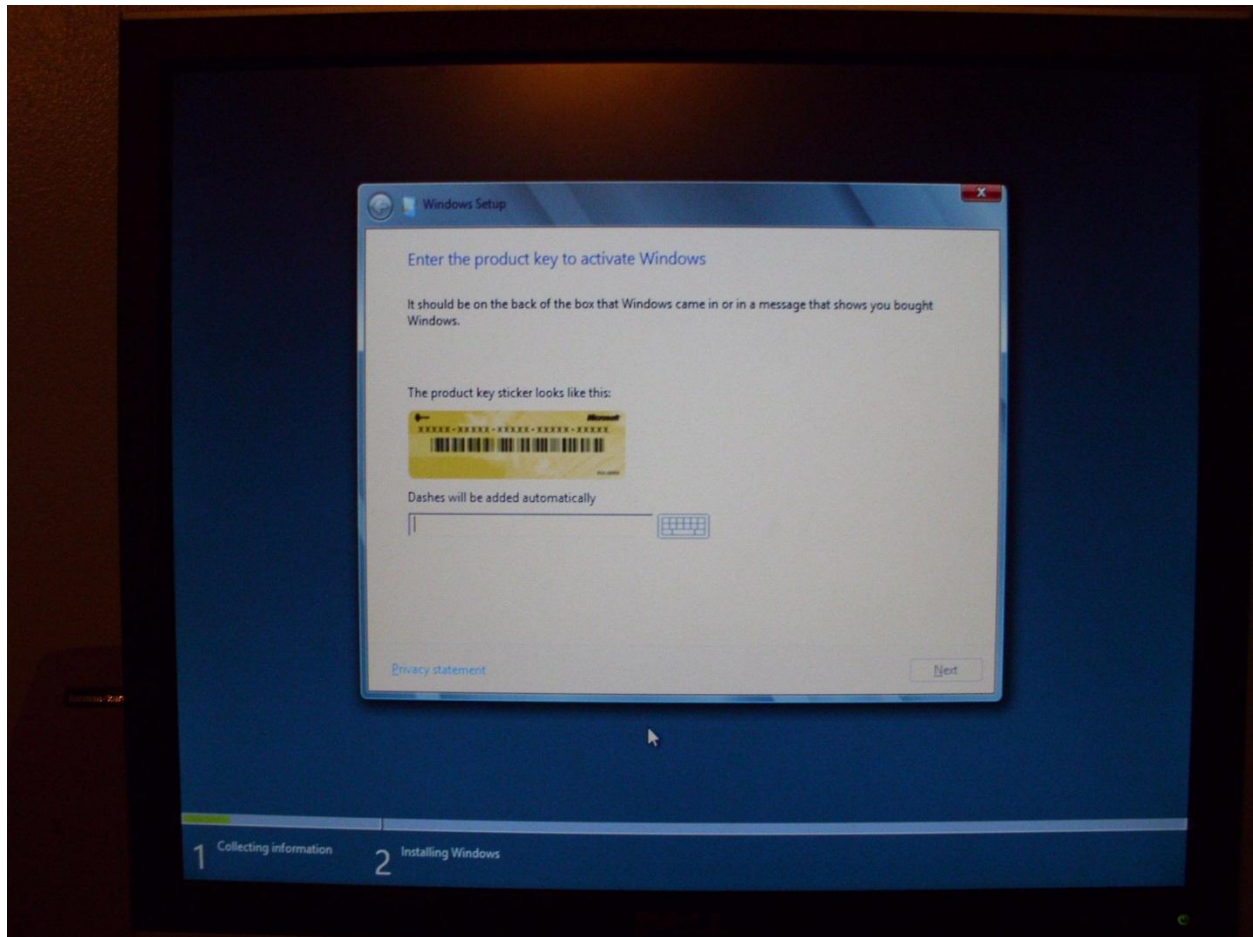
Spec	32 Bit	64 Bit
Processor Speed	1.0 GHz	1.0 GHz
RAM	1 GB	2 GB
Hard Drive	16 GB	20 GB

The first time I did this, I tried to install it on virtualbox, however I do not have Virtualization technology on the computer, so it failed to boot with an error.

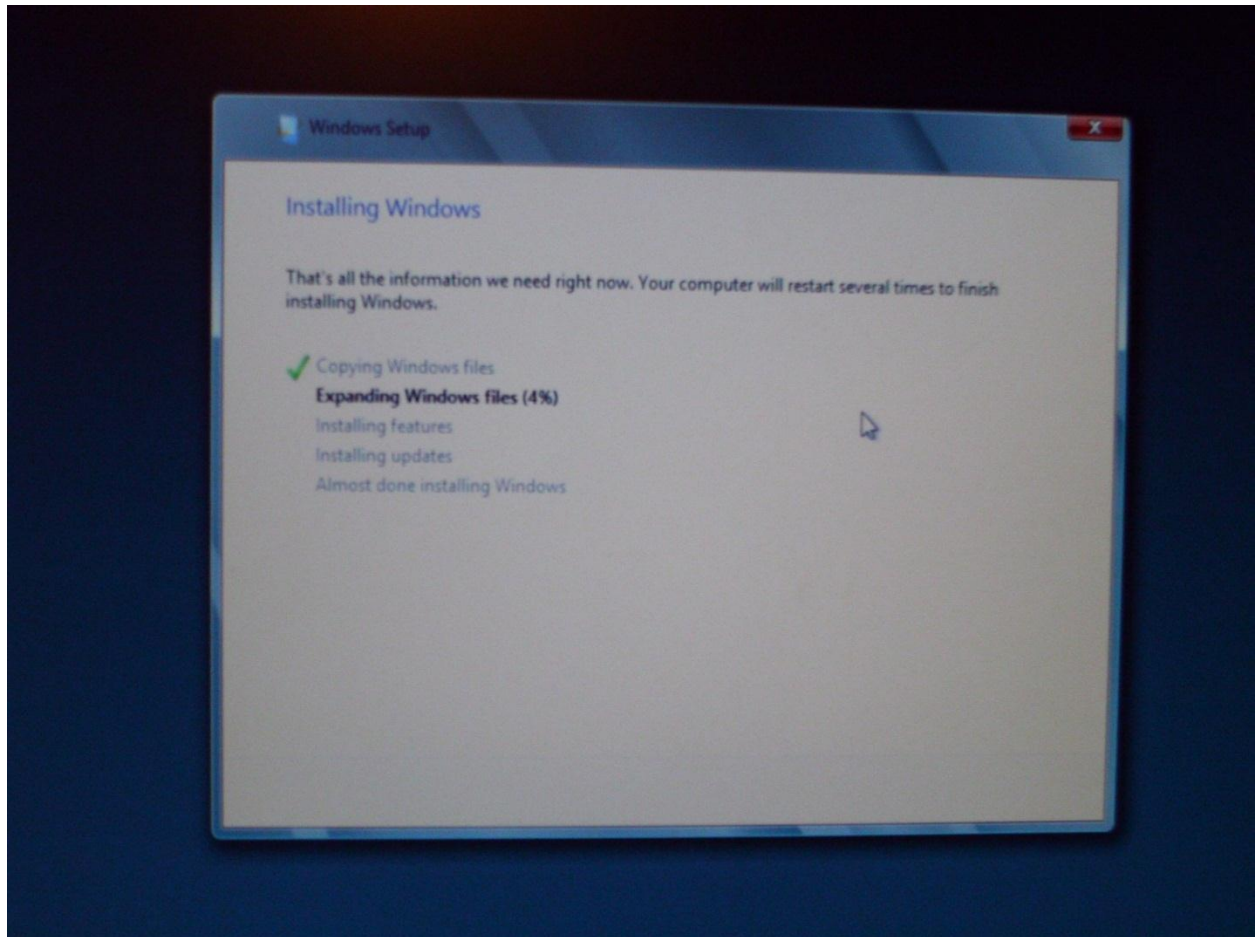
The next time, I started the install on a physical computer. The first thing that one will see when installing is the new splash screen.



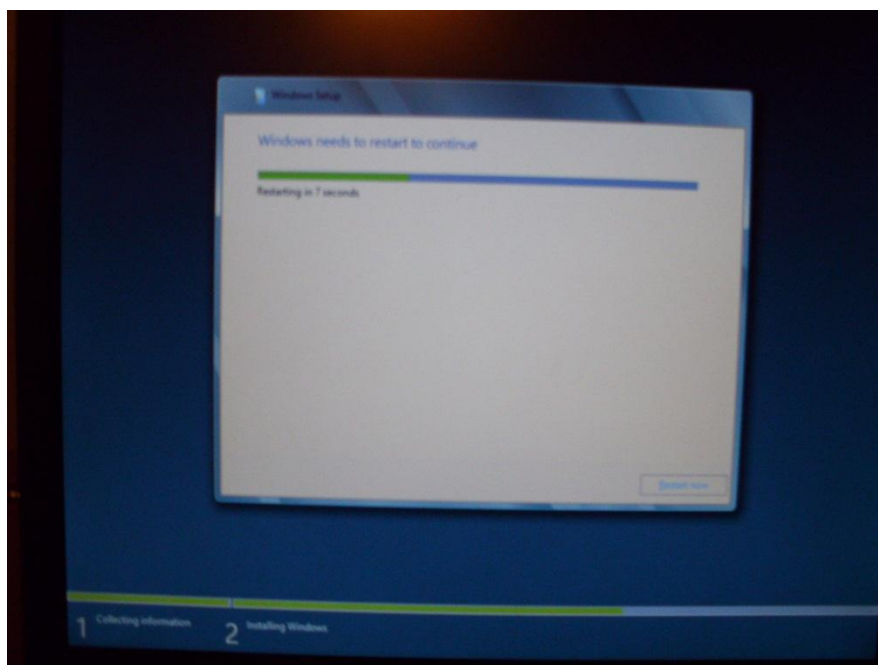
The install is basically a Windows 7 installation; however there were two differences I found. The first one is that you cannot install the Consumer Preview until you enter a product key. Microsoft provides one for you to use, but this might be required on the final version.



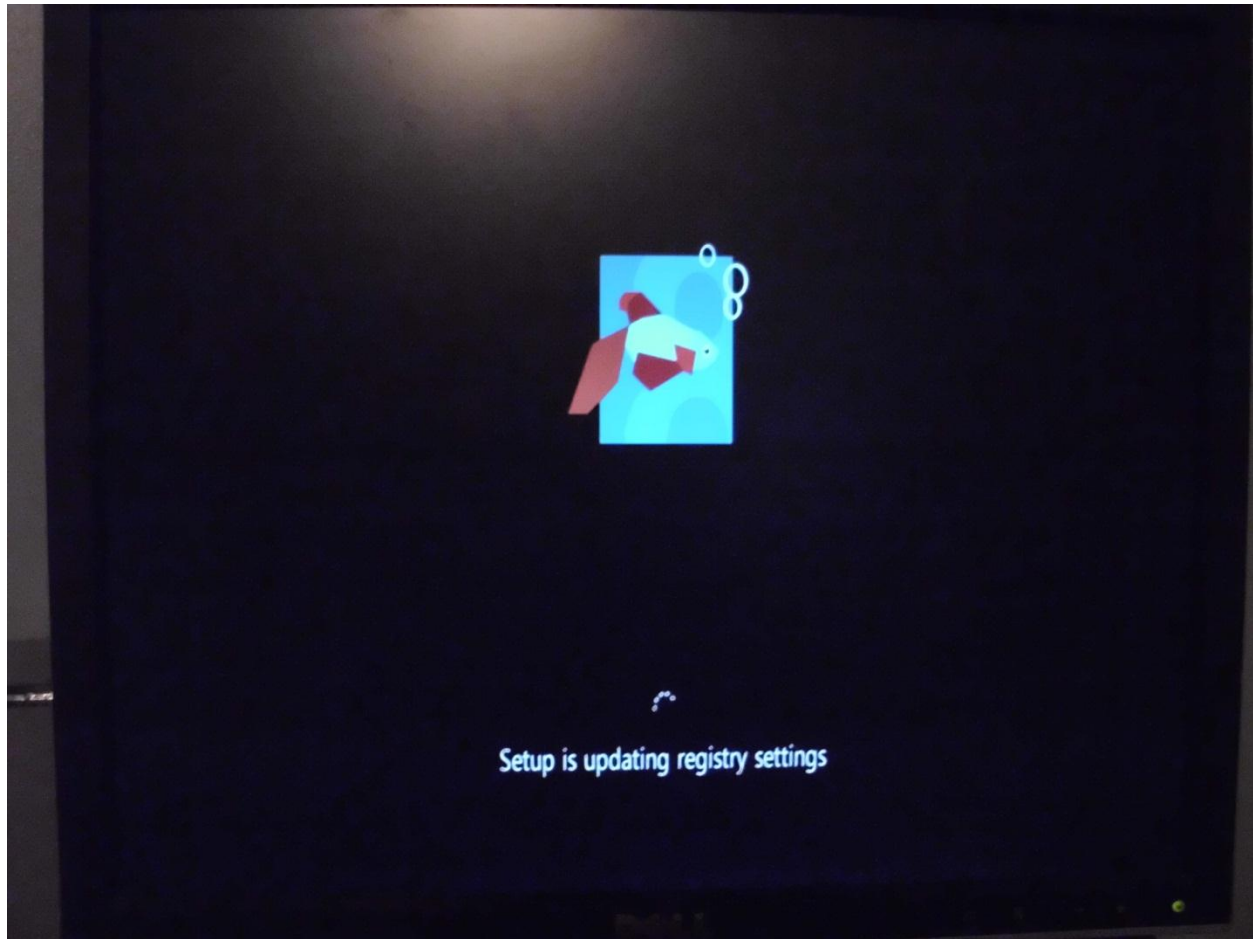
The second difference is not very major. There are no dots moving on the installation screen next to the percentage of expanding windows files. This isn't really anything bad, but I liked to have them there to show that it was still working.

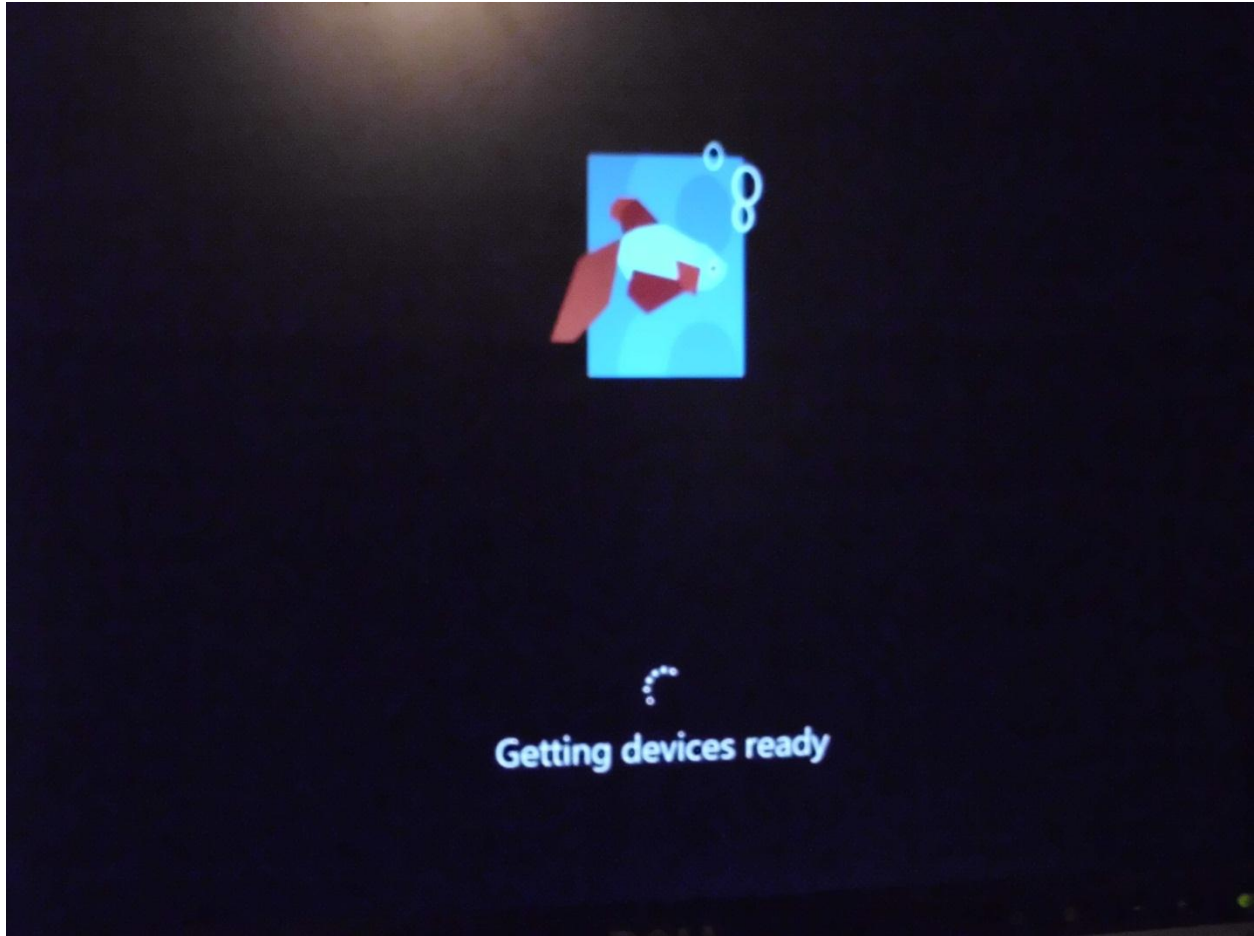


Windows will soon ask you to reboot like it does on Vista/7.

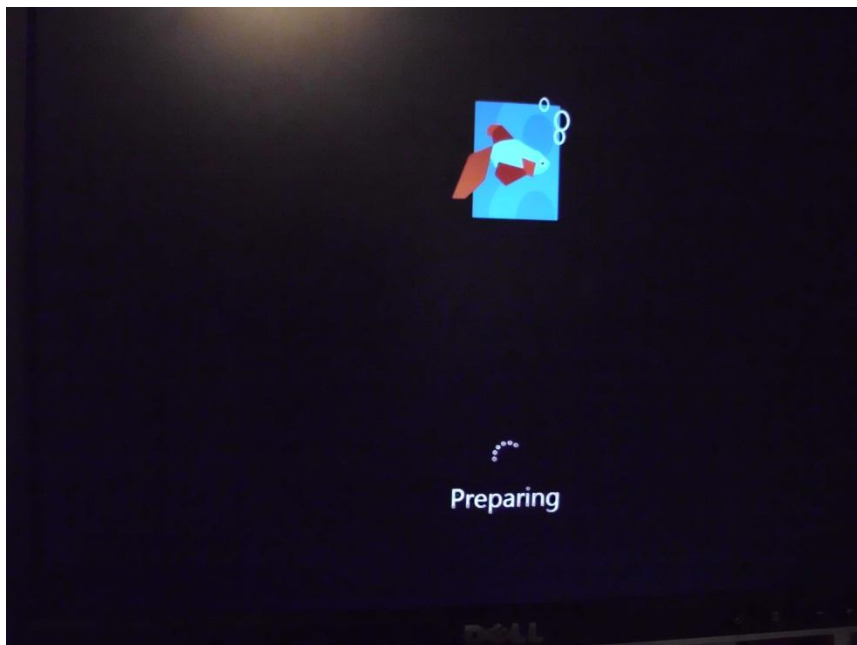


When you reboot, you will once again be greeted by the new splash screen. Windows will then begin to get devices ready for use.

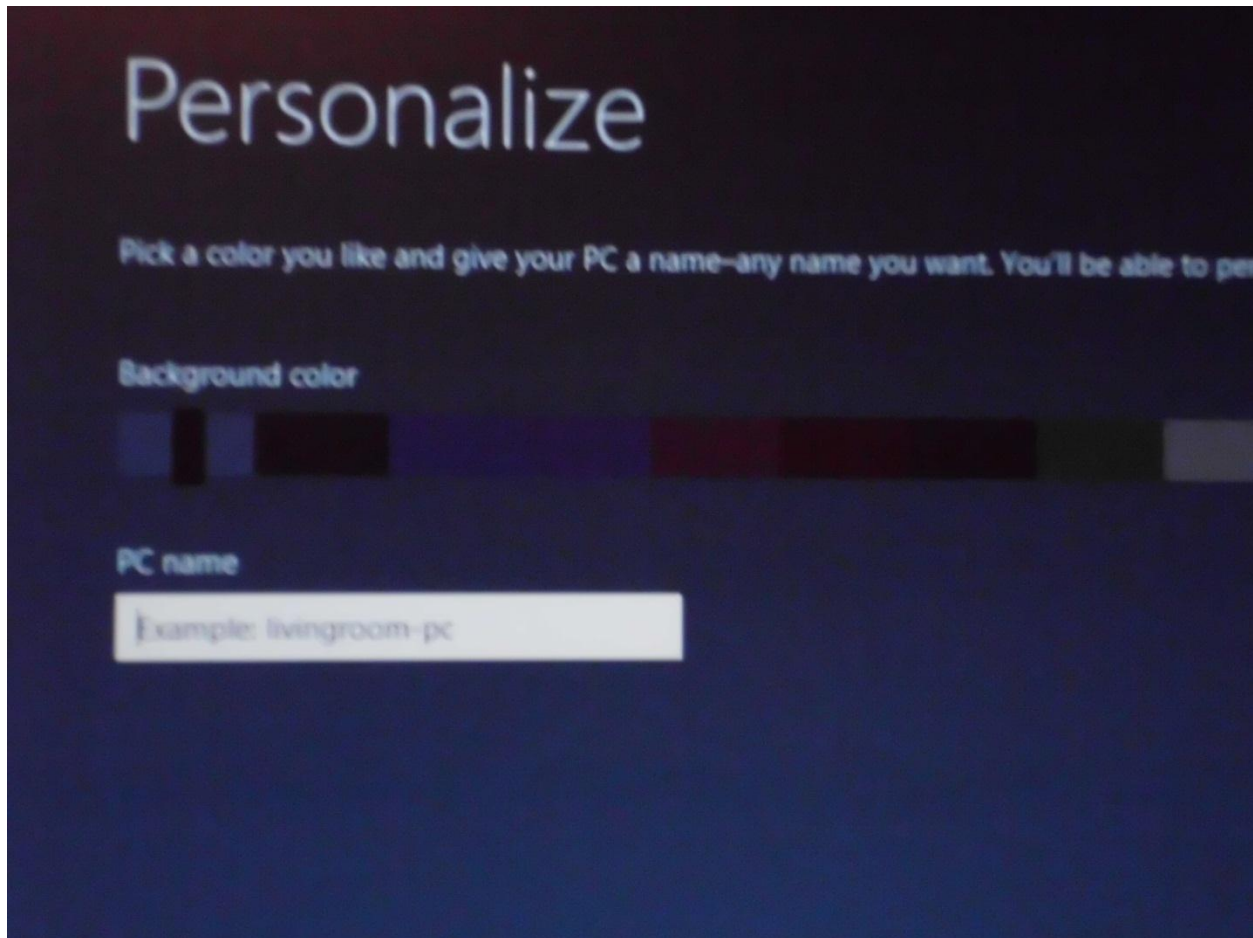




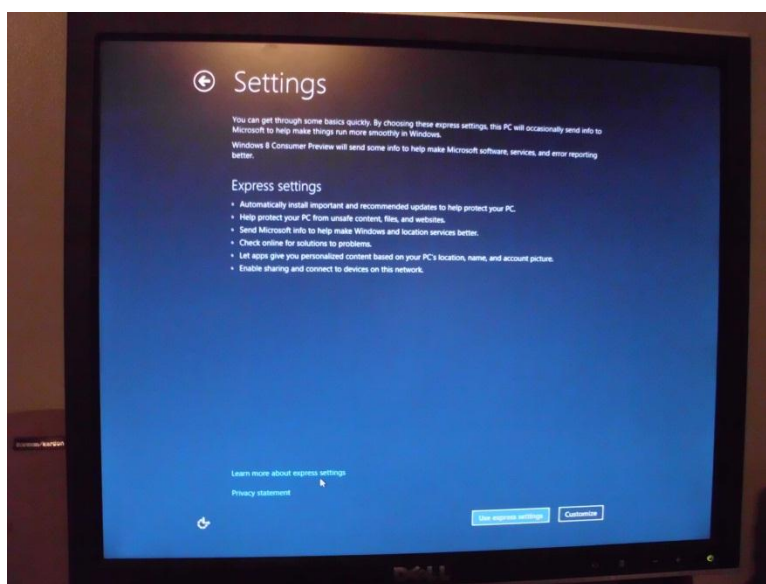
Your computer will restart again, this time it should boot faster. The next screen you will see will be a preparing screen.



After this, you will start to personalize your computer. Select a background color and a PC name.



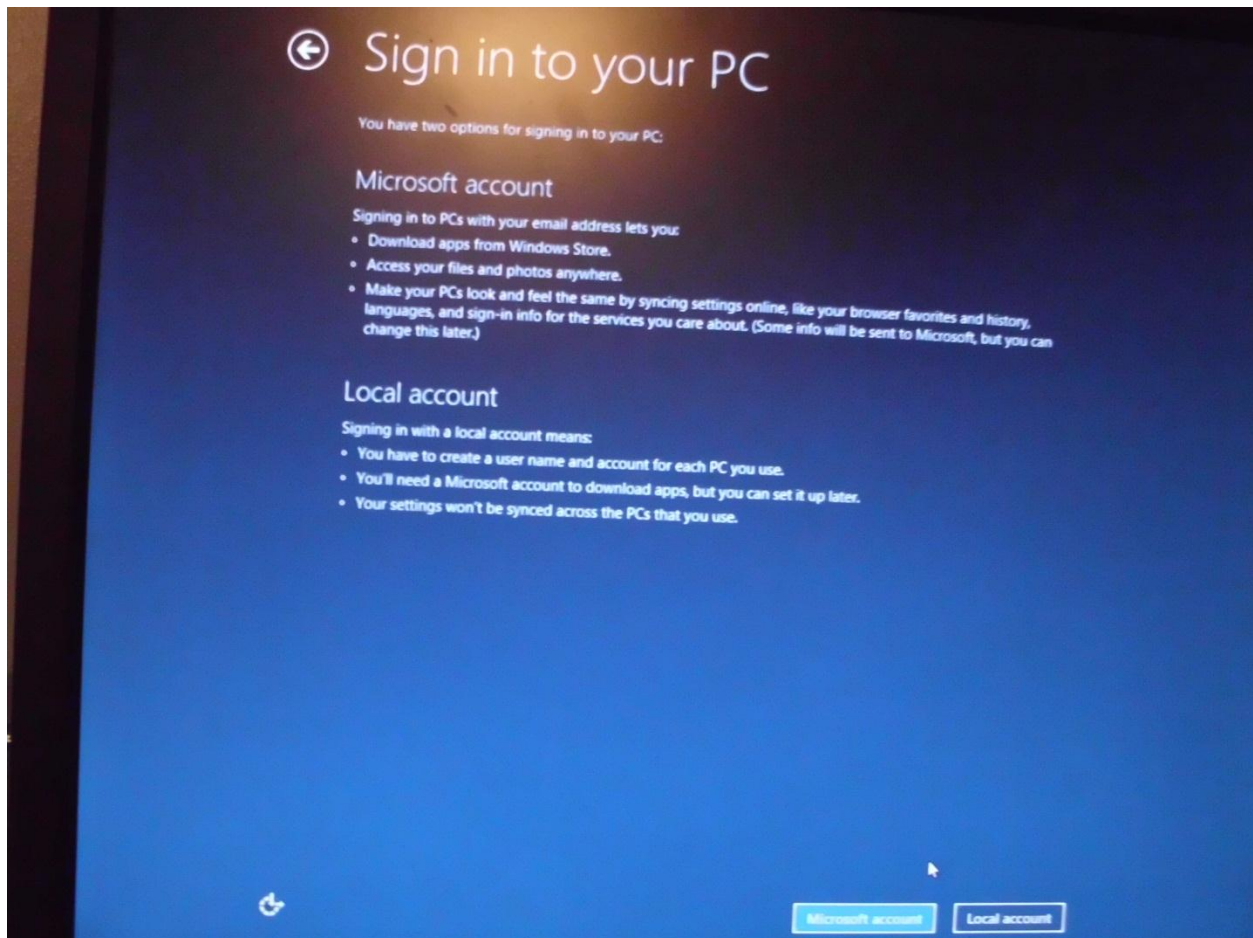
You will then select settings; I'm going to do the custom settings.



When you do custom settings you select the following things:

1. Turn on sharing between PCs
2. Automatic Update Settings
3. Smart Screen Filters
4. Sending information to Microsoft to make Windows Better
5. Check online for solutions to problems
6. Share information with apps

Next, you will sign into your pc. I'm going to set it up to log in with a local account. I'll try the email address later.



As always, when you enter a password, you will be required to enter a password hint. After this, it will log you in. Welcome to the Windows 8 Consumer Preview.



Thanks for Reading!!!

The next Tutorial will be new features since the Developer's Preview.

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