

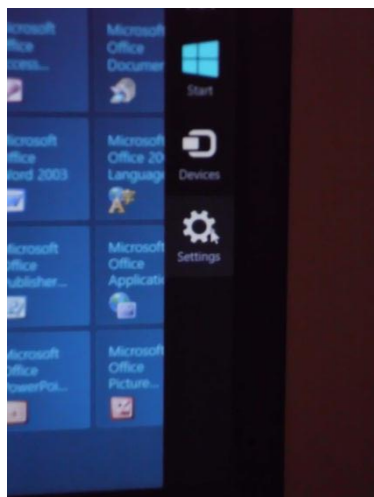
Earlier This week, Microsoft released the Windows 8 Consumer Preview. I downloaded it (the 32 bit version is 2.5 GB) and have installed it. Here is a tutorial on how to start in safe mode.

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

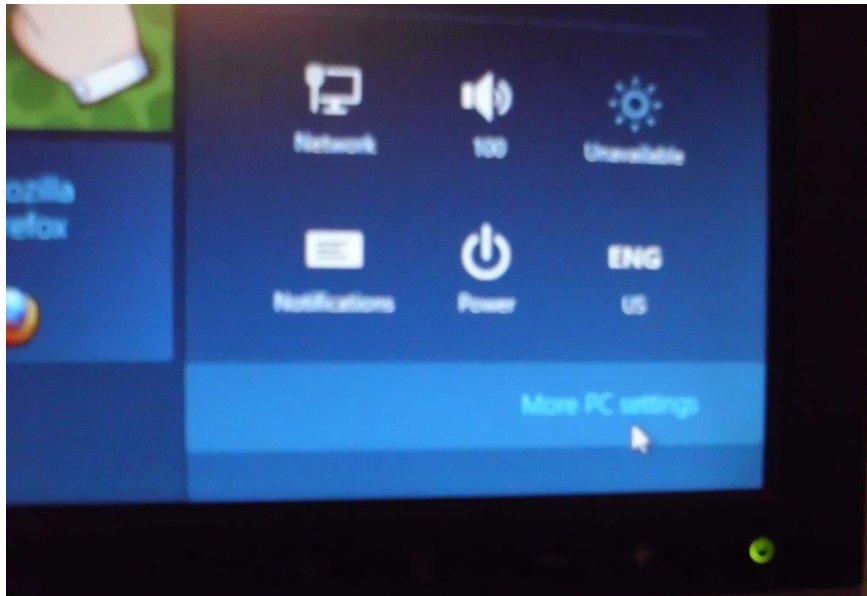
Prior to the release of Windows 8 Consumer Preview, you could easily boot into safe mode by pressing the F8 key before windows started to load. With the release of the CP, though, this has been removed. In order to boot into safe mode, you must have access to the computer's main windows OS. There are two ways to do this. The first way is to use control panel. To do this, make sure you are on the start menu.



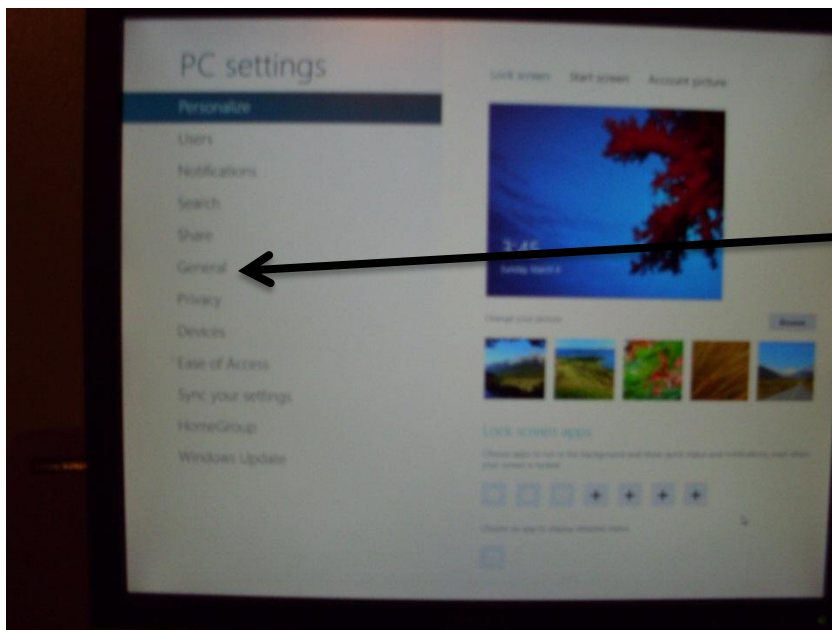
Then, use the hot corner on the right hand side and select settings.



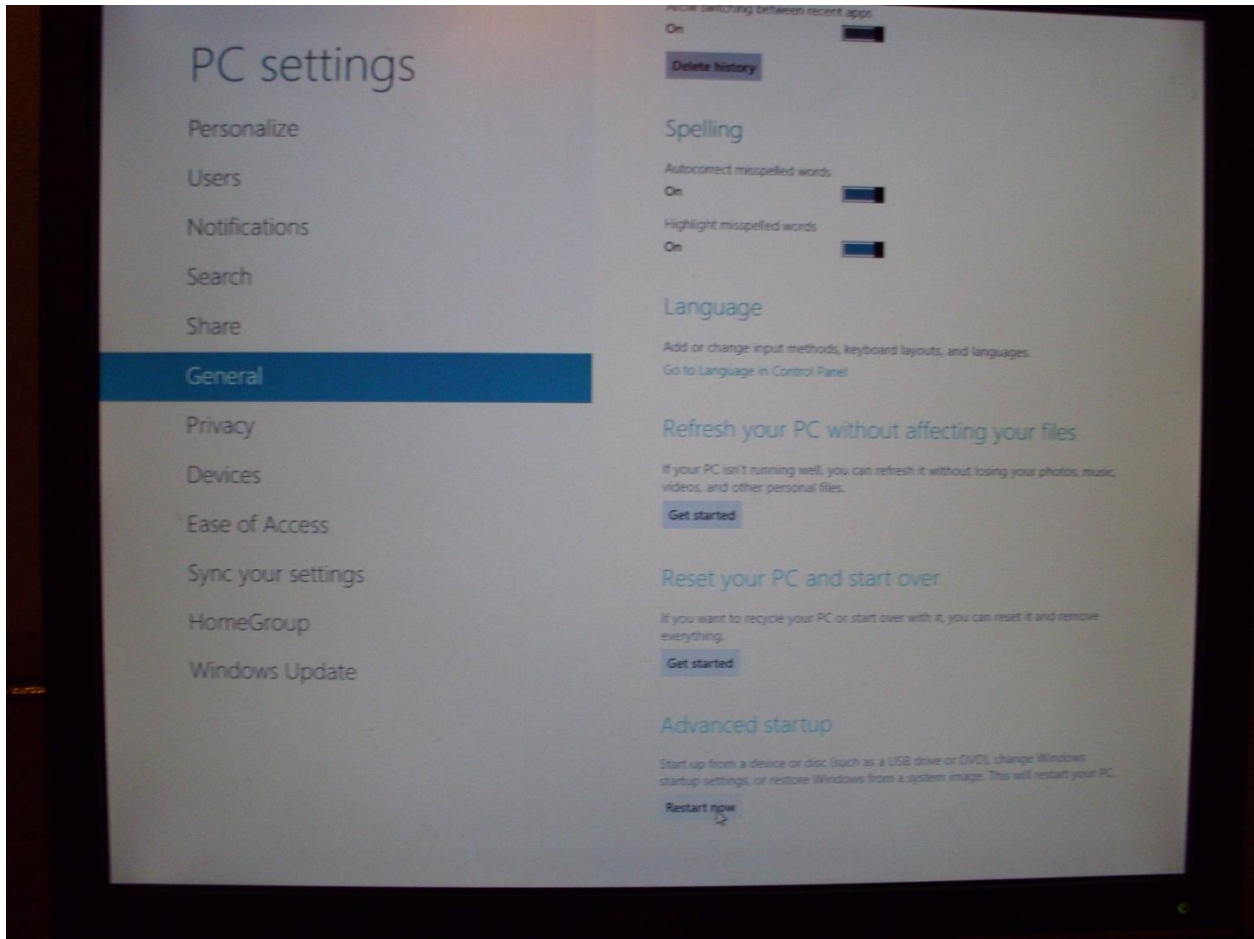
Next, click on More PC Settings to bring up the new control panel app.



From here, select the general tab.



Once you are there, scroll the whole way down to the bottom and select advanced boot options and click restart now. **Make sure all your work is saved before doing this as this will restart your computer now.**



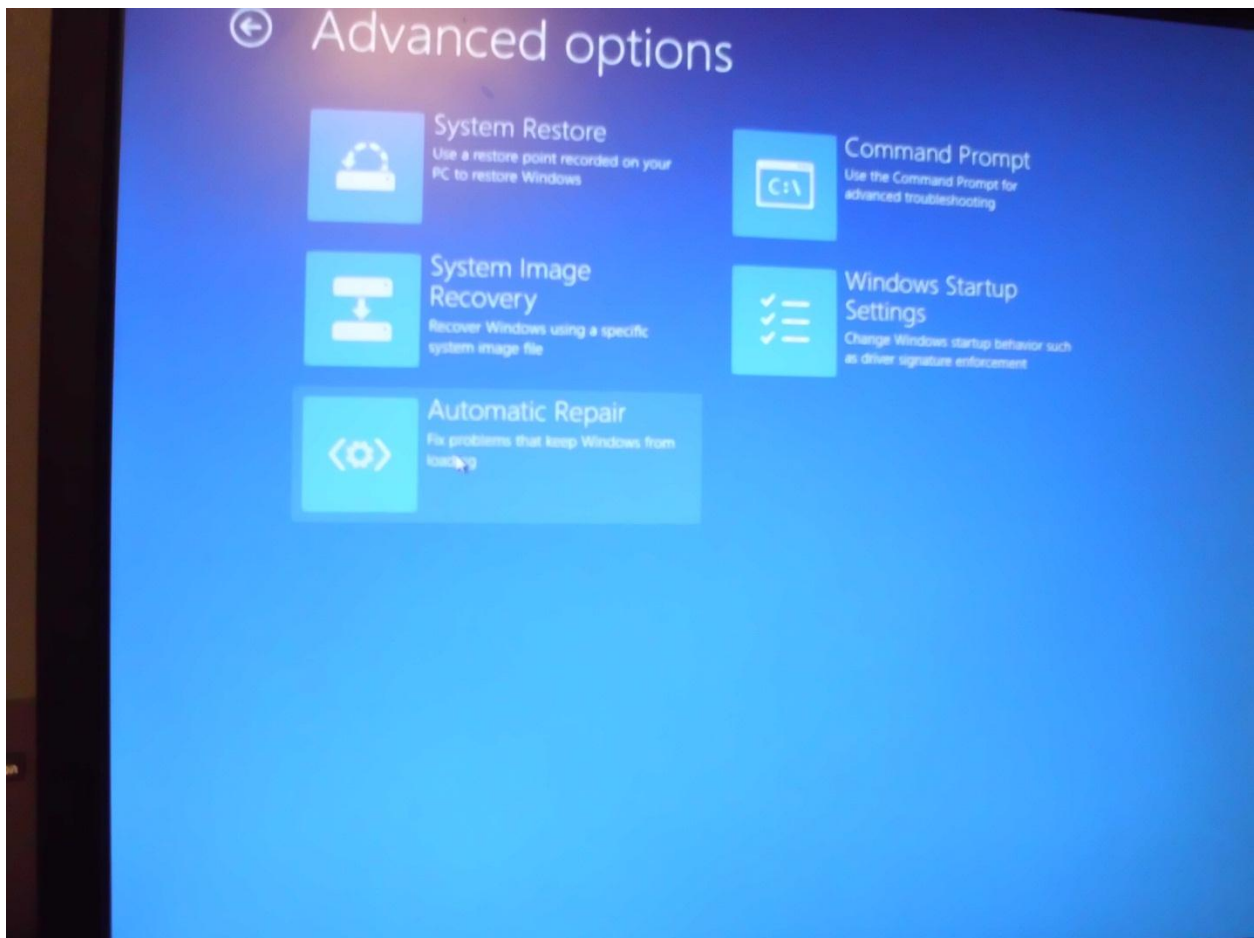
It will then ask you to choose an option, to boot into safe mode, select troubleshoot, the middle option.



On the following screen you will see three options, refresh your PC, Reset your PC, or Advanced Options. I will cover the next two options in a later tutorial, for now select advanced options.



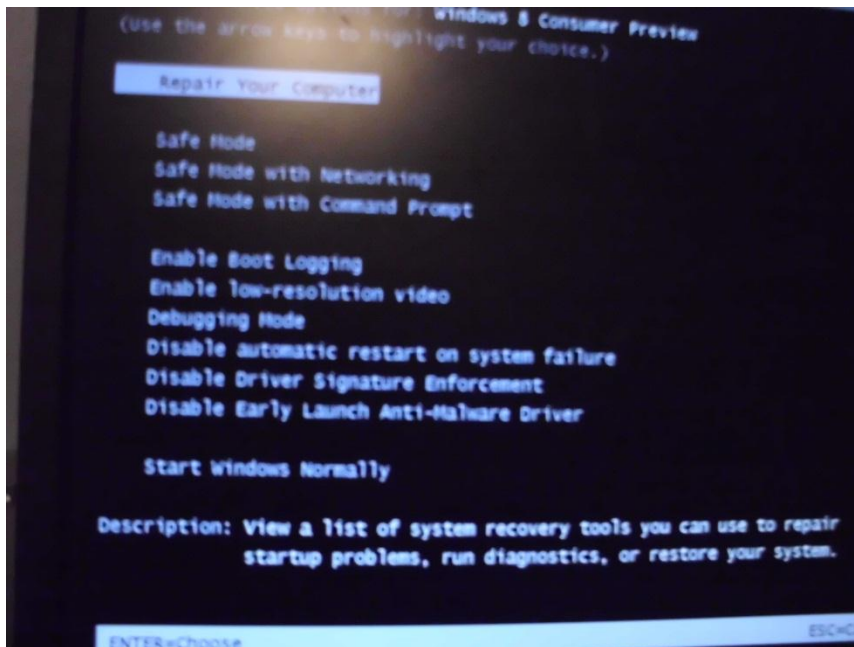
From there, select Windows Startup Settings. Again, I will cover the other options in a later tutorial.



Once again, select restart now.



Finally, once your computer restarts, you will come to the familiar advanced options menu. Select the type of safe mode you want.



The second method is to do it through msconfig. To do it this way, right click on the start menu hot spot and click run. Type in msconfig and click ok. Go to the boot tab and select safe boot. Select your type of safe boot. The table below shows what each one corresponds to.

Safe Boot Option	Safe Mode
Minimal	Safe Mode
Alternate Shell	Safe Mode with Command Prompt
Active Directory Repair	Directory Service Restore Mode (won't be needed on Windows 8...Active Directory servers only)
Network	Safe Mode with Networking

Restart your computer and you will be in safe mode. Be sure to uncheck the safe boot checkbox to get back into regular Windows mode.

A few notes about this version of Windows:

1. You must be able to access Windows to boot into safe mode. I simulated this by shutting off the power to the computer while Windows was loading and it still didn't let me use F8.
2. There are new types of restores that might work better than trying to use safe mode. I will be trying these out in later tutorials.

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