

The START button in Windows 8 is located on the left side of the taskbar, it's the one that looks like a 4-paned window. It doesn't function the same way as in previous versions of Windows.

When you click START you go to an entirely different screen full of "apps", much like your cell phone. Look for the down-arrow on that screen to see the rest of your apps, if they are not all on the first screen. The Apps screen is where you access programs like Notepad, Calculator, or Paint. The Apps screen also contains an icon labeled "This PC", this is Windows 8 version of My Computer. Go to "This PC" when you need to access anything that is not on your Apps screen.

Hint: You can place any app as a shortcut on your desktop, highly suggested for This PC app!

You can arrange your apps into groups, either using the Windows 8 existing groups, or enter a new name for your group. Right-click an app to display options for it: Pin to START, Delete app, Resize icon, or customize the app properties (for some apps). After you Right-click an app it will be "checked", then select the action you wish to take from the menu at the bottom of the screen.

**Right-clicking** the START button will bring up a drop-down menu of other tasks you can go to, such as Task Manager, Control Panel, and Device Manager. You can restart or shutdown your computer from here as well.