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Windows 8: Discover New Features

In 2010, Steve Ballmer said that "the next release of Windows" is the riskiest bet company had made. In terms of user interface, Windows is the biggest change in the history of OS after Windows 95.

Now family of operating systems Microsoft Windows presented a new member of the family. Before the appearance in the sale of the operating system, there were many rumors and speculation about what it will be, what new features will offer.

Consequently, there is a lot that is new in Windows 8.

Metro is a graphical interface, which integrates various software and hardware platforms from Microsoft that allows users to effectively operate with information on stationary PC as well as mobile devices. The main advantage of Metro-style applications is their corporate design, availability of full-screen, high speed and low system requirements. Switching between usual and metro-applications, as a rule, occurs in a single click.

Currently, programs are installed after a user downloads the installer from the web. In Windows 8, all the programs with Modern UI design language distributed through Windows Store, a concept that is similar to app stores on Android devices, iPhone and iPad etc.

As we know, Lock Screen is boring and useless. So, Windows 8 changes it to something that is more useful. Lock Screen on Windows 8 can show information like battery status, connectivity status, number of unread mails, Twitter mentions, Facebook updates etc. The new Lock Screen features several new ways to unlock the PC. You can use a picture password. This means with a tablet, you can draw a pattern on a picture to unlock the device. You can also use your Microsoft Live ID to log on to the computer.

User accounts can be linked to a Microsoft account to provide additional functionality, such as the synchronization of user data, and integration with other Microsoft services such as Xbox Live, Xbox Music, Xbox Video (for gaming and multimedia) and SkyDrive online storage.

Windows 8 is a radically new version of Windows. No more Start Menu, but instead the Metro interface. It's an environment suited for devices with touch screens, which is what most PCs don't have, but tablets do. Currently, Windows 8 looks like a good choice for tablet users, but for most PC users it will be a very big step. So only time will tell how successful is this product.