

# **Cry for Help**

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

## **Windows 8**

Well it's finally here – Windows 8 has been released. Once retailers sell out of Windows 7, Windows 8 will become the only windows operating system available.

Like anything brand new, some people are keen to get it and don't mind that it may still have a few issues not fully ironed out.

As for the new “live tile” front screen that is especially suited to touch screens, I am not yet a fan. It will be good on tablets, also the new ‘surface’, and maybe the All-in-One style computers, but not the business user and not on the desktop computer. This new interface does nothing for businesses in an office.

As I use my computer to write this article, am I meant to touch the screen instead of using the mouse, and if that is the case, my arms aren't long enough. Even if I was closer to the screen, how is that going to be quicker than sliding my hand off the keyboard and onto the mouse?

Yes - you can get rid of the tiles and start the computer with a Windows 7 desktop look-a-like. Yes there is still a ‘control panel’ but there is no ‘start’ button. Generally they have replaced the word ‘software’ with ‘apps’.

Bottom line is, if your current operating system is NOT performing well, OR if there are new features in Win 8 that you need, then it is time to consider the upgrade. Otherwise, leave it until you upgrade your hardware.

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