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Introduction

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Windows 8.1 is the newest and most advanced version of Windows ever. As you'll soon see, Windows 8.1 includes a number of new features that will make your PC both easier and more fun to use.

About This Book

What's New in Windows 8.1 For Dummies, Pocket Edition, is intended to help you get up to speed with Windows 8.1 as quickly as possible. In this book, you see how Windows 8.1 is changed from Windows 8, and you also discover some cool new tricks you can use to personalize your copy of Windows 8.1.

This book is intended to give you a quick start by focusing on the differences between Windows 8 and Windows 8.1. It isn't intended to be a comprehensive title that digs into the deepest depths of Windows 8.1. If you need a complete guide to using Windows 8.1, I suggest that you visit www.fordummies.com to discover additional resources.

Windows 8.1, like Windows 8 before it, represents a major change in the way you interact with your PC compared to earlier versions of Windows. The most visible change that you'll encounter is that a touch-screen interface is now a very important part of the way you use a PC. If your PC has a touchscreen, you'll find that touching objects on the screen soon becomes second nature, and, in most cases, far

easier than using a mouse. Microsoft hasn't forgotten, however, that most existing PCs don't include a touchscreen. In fact, Windows 8.1 adds a number of features that make it easier for you to use a mouse whether you have a touchscreen or not. In creating this book, I realize that even when it would be easier to simply tap or swipe the screen with a finger, it's easier for you to understand what I'm trying to show in a screen if I include the mouse pointer — so that's what I do whenever possible.

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