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After upgrading to Windows 8, some users will be surprised because it is impossible to watch the DVD. Indeed, unlike previous versions of Windows operating systems, Windows 8 no longer integrates DVD playback.

The reason Microsoft dropped the option to support DVD because most new computers today (especially tablets and ultrabooks) are not equipped with optical drives. Therefore, the company requires users to pay additional software license fees when choosing to buy Windows version that supports DVD.

However, you do not need to worry because in addition to using paid software of computer manufacturers, there is still a solution to use third-party software or buy Windows Media Center software suite exclusively for Windows 8 .

Here are 3 ways to view DVDs on Windows 8 computers:

Install additional third-party DVD playback utility

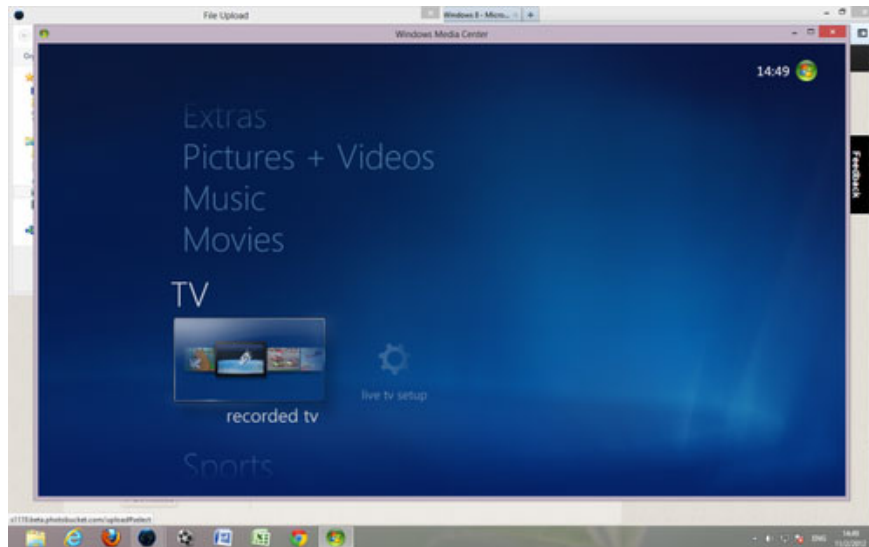
The easiest way to watch DVDs on Windows 8 is to install a third-party DVD player. A popular player that most people currently use is VLC Media Player. This is a completely free application. After installation, you can insert the disc into the drive and watch DVD easily.

Find the DVD player software installed in the computer at the All Apps interface.

Also, to check and find all the software installed in your new computer, use the **All Apps** screen. You press the **Windows** button on the keyboard to enter the **Start Screen screen** > right-click anywhere in the **Start Screen** > select **All Apps** . Scroll down and take a look at the list of available applications and find the DVD player.

Buy Windows Media Center software suite

If you are using Windows 8 Pro version, you can buy more Windows 8 Media Center Pack software (cost about 70 USD) to activate Windows Media Center and play DVD on your computer.



Buy the Windows 8 Media Center Pack software to play DVDs on your computer.

A good news for Windows 8 users is that Microsoft is providing this software for free until the end of January 31, 2013. To join the program, you just need to send your email address information to Microsoft here and wait for the company to send the copyright registration number information.

Then, use the **Add Features** feature in **Windows 8** to install **Windows Media Center**. To open this feature, move the mouse pointer to the upper or lower right corner of the screen> press **Search** and enter the phrase **Add Features** . Next, select **Settings** > **Add features to Windows 8** and select "*I already have a product key*" and enter the registration number that Microsoft sent.

If you are using Basic version of Windows 8, users will have to upgrade to Windows 8 Pro version before downloading Windows 8 Media Center. Unfortunately, Windows Media Center is not available in Windows 8 Enterprise version.

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