

# Set up dual - boot system Windows 7 and Windows 8

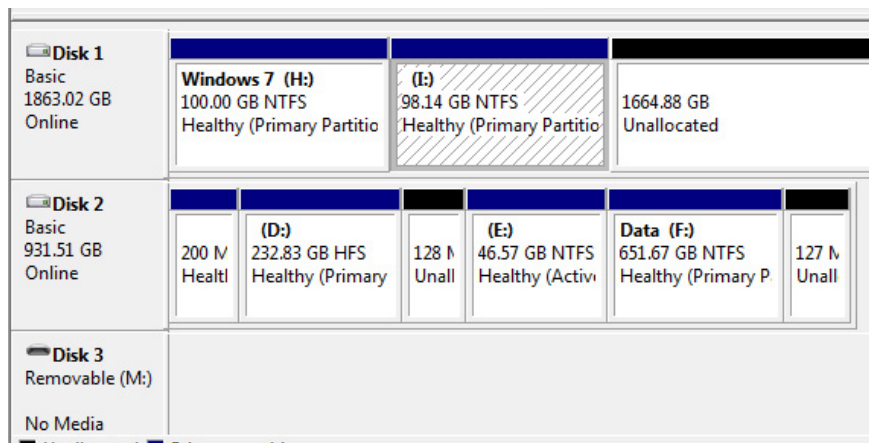
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Technically, this process is not too difficult and complicated compared to the old process, all we need to do is create a separate partition for Windows 8, install and edit re-boot menu so that Windows 7 is the default operating system will boot.

## Create a new partition:

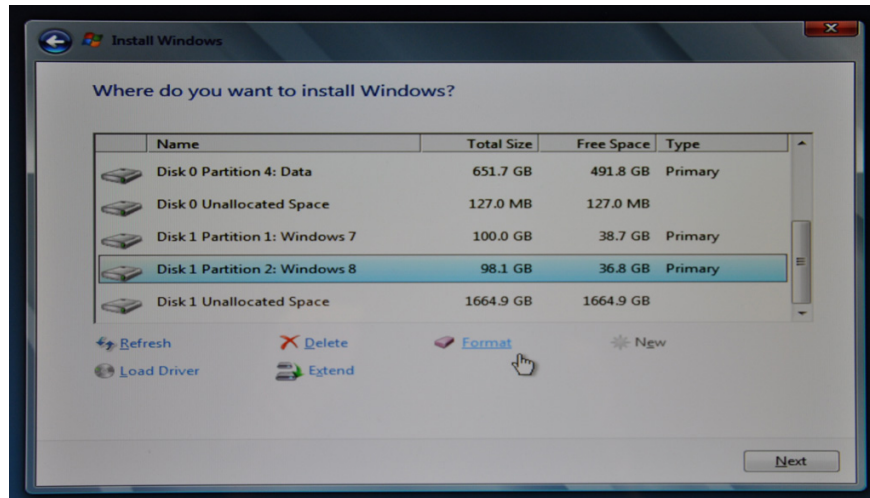
First, please store the full data on the partition used to install Windows 8, then create a new partition with a capacity of about 20GB. Open **Start Menu** , right-click My **Computer** and select **Manage> Disk Management**:



The main control window of **Disk Management** is displayed, right-click the partition to divide the capacity and select **Shrink Volume**, initialize the required minimum capacity of 20GB and **OK**. Then right-click the **Unallocated** section and select **New Simple Volume**. Click **Next** several times until the **Format Partition** window displays, enter the **Volume Label** (eg Windows 8) and **Next** . The system will proceed to reformat this new partition, and we continue to move on to the next step - installing Windows 8.

## Install Windows 8:

First, you need to download the \*.iso file of Windows 8 to your computer first, visit here and select the version that suits your needs. Then, burn it to a DVD using an supporting software like ImgBurn, UltraISO . Restart your computer, set the boot mode from the DVD drive. When the computer displays the message **Press any key to boot from DVD** , you press any key. The familiar Windows installation screen appears, similar to the previous version of Windows Vista or 7, if you select the appropriate **Language** section, click **Install Now** , then **Custom** :



On the next screen, select the partition you just created, click **Next** and the system will continue to finish the rest. After the computer restarts several times, Windows 8 is ready.

## Windows 7 setup starts by default:

You will see the first time you boot into Windows 8, the menu - boot has a relatively different interface. In this default mode, Windows 8 will start automatically if the user does not select Windows 7. Also in this menu, click the **Change Defaults or Choose Other Options** button at the bottom of the screen and **Choose the Default Operating System** , after select Windows 7 in the menu. Good luck!

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