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Here's good news for those who've been eagerly waiting to experiment with Windows 8. A developer preview of Windows 8 has now been made officially available for download!

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Windows 8 to revolutionize computing:- For the first time in the history of the Windows operating system, Windows 8 is going to support smartphones and tablets just as well as it supports your laptops and PCs. Windows 8 is also the first version which has support for ARM-based devices. With ARM-powered smartphones and tablets running on Android eating into sales of netbooks, Microsoft's strategy to include tablets and smartphones in the Windows ecosystem is quite obvious.

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Touch-friendliness isn't going to be the only big change for consumers. Microsoft has plenty of new features in store for its shiny new OS.

Windows 8 features a fresh new user interface, modeled after the tiles interface of Windows Phone 7. Think about the user interface of smartphones and tablets with those tiles and widgets. That is exactly what Windows 8 is going to have "a Metro style interface which lets you be more productive on the desktop.

Faster startup and shutdown:- Microsoft recently announced that Windows 8 is going to have much faster boot-up times and shutdown times. Apart from these significant improvements, it will have its own app store, from where you can download free apps or purchase them. Windows 8 is most likely to power the next generation of smartphones from Nokia. Microsoft, which unveiled Windows 8 at the BUILD conference Tuesday, calls its new operating system a "reimagining of Windows, from the chip to the interface". And it seems software giant is quite right. Not happy with the current generation of touch PCs with Windows 7? Get ready for Windows 8. Windows 8 is the first version of the Windows operating system that is optimized for touch.

In other words, Microsoft is doing all it can to ensure that Windows 8 is a success. Instant start-ups, tiles, widgets, apps, touchscreen it really is going to be a version of Windows like you had never imagined before.

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