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Do you want to activate Windows 8/8.1 for free? In this post, MiniTool Partition Wizard shows you how to activate Windows 8/8.1 with a product key. It also tells how to activate them without a product key.Windows 8 was released in 2012, but the market response was not very good. Hence, in 2013, Windows 8.1, an improved version of Windows 8, was released. The mainstream support for Windows 8 ended in 2016, and that for Windows 8.1 ended in 2018. In addition, their extended support will end in 2023.Some people may want to try Windows 8/8.1. To unlock advanced features, they need to activate Windows 8.1/8. If they didn't enter the Windows 8/8.1 product key during the installation process, they can activate Windows 8.1/8 after the installation. Here is the guide:Select the Start button, type PC settings, and then select PC settings from the list of results.Choose Activate Windows.Enter your Windows 8.1/8 product key, select Next, and follow the instructions to complete the activation process.Tip: You can also open the Windows activation window by pressing the Windows logo key + R, typing "slui 3", and then pressing Enter.Windows 8/8.1 EditionsWindows 8 has 4 editions: Windows 8 (Core), Windows 8 Pro, Windows 8 Enterprise, and Windows RT. Because Windows 8.1 is the improved version of Windows 8, its editions are the same as Windows 8's.The Windows 8 Core edition contains features aimed at the home market segment and provides all of the basic new Windows 8 features.The Windows 8 Pro edition includes all the features of Windows 8 and additional features like the ability to receive Remote Desktop connections, the ability to participate in a Windows Server domain, Encrypting File System, Hyper-V, Virtual Hard Disk Booting, Group Policy, etc.The Windows 8 Enterprise edition provides all the features in Windows 8 Pro and additional features to assist with IT organization.The Windows RT edition is only available pre-installed on ARM-based devices such as tablet PCs.Further Reading:The Windows 8 product key can be used to activate Windows 8.1.If you enter the Windows 8 product key when you install Windows 8.1, you will fail to go through the verification. You need to use a "temporary" Windows 8.1 product key to go through the verification and complete the Windows 8.1 installation.Then, you can use a Windows 8 product key to activate Windows 8.1.How to Activate Windows 8/8.1 Without a Product KeyYou can also activate Windows 8/8.1 without a product key. Instead, you can activate Windows 8/8.1 by phone. Here is the guide:Select the Start button, type "activate windows" and select the Activate Windows feature.Click Activate by phone.Select your country or region and then call and provide your installation ID.Then, enter the confirmation ID you get over the phone. After that, you can activate Windows 8/8.1 successfully.If Windows 8/8.1 is activated, you can see the message "Windows is activated" in PC settings. As you know, Microsoft notified Windows 10 is "the last version of Windows" and explained that they will be focused on the development of powerful and new features under the guise of software updates instead of building a new version. This means there will be no Windows 10.1 or 11 in the future(*). So if you are thinking about an upgrade, this is the best time to get it. (*) New update: An expected release of version 11 was launched in late 2021. Read this post for more information. Windows 10 free upgrade The representative of Microsoft has confirmed that Windows 10 is a free upgrade for all customers using a genuine copy of Windows 7 or higher. But this offer officially will expire on Friday so do not hesitate to own it before it is too late. Your time is running out. After July 29, the upgrade will cost up to $119 for the Home edition or $199 for the Professional one. Personally, that amount of money is enough to pay my rent this month so there is no reason for me to deny that. Should you upgrade to Windows 10 "Do not upgrade to Windows 10". This seems to contradict the above analysis but that is the statement of security experts. They said that Microsoft has been violating users' privacy by collecting their personal information like gender, age, hobby, and Internet habits… without your permission. The options relating to sending feedback and data to Microsoft were enabled automatically from the moment that you installed Windows 10 successfully so most people don't know about them. However, you can disable them in Settings/Privacy easily. Install Windows 10 using ISO file instead of an upgrade You can get the latest version of Windows 10 Professional here if you don't have it already. If you have ever installed any versions of Windows before, I am sure you will have no difficulty getting started with Windows 10. If you are looking to install it with a USB flash drive, please search for "how to install Windows 10 from a bootable USB stick". There are many detailed instructions for installing Windows 10 on the web. Activate Windows 10 without using any software Windows 10 is not activated If you are using another version of Windows, please navigate to the Windows OS category and select a suitable article. Method 1: Manual activation Step 1.1: Open Command Prompt as administrator.Click on the start button, search for "cmd" then run it with administrator rights. Open cmd as admin Step 1.2: Install KMS client key.Use the command "slmgr /ipk yourlicensekey" to install a license key (yourlicensekey is the activation key that corresponds to your Windows edition). The following is the list of Windows 10 Volume license keys. Home: TX9XD-98N7V-6WMQ6-BX7FG-H8Q99Home N: 3KHY7-WNT83-DGQKR-F7HPR-844BMHome Single Language: 7HNRX-D7KGG-3K4RQ-4WPJ4-YTDFHHome Country Specific: PVMJN-6DFY6-9CCP6-7BKTT-D3WVRProfessional: W269N-WFGWX-YVC9B-4J6C9-T83GXProfessional N: MH37W-N47XK-V7XM9-C7227-GCQG9Education: NW6C2-QMPVW-D7KKK-3GKT6-VCFB2Education N: 2WH4N-8QGBV-H22JP-CT43Q-MDWWJEnterprise: NPPR9-FWDCX-D2C8J-H872K-2YT43Enterprise N: DPH2V-TTNVB-4X9Q3-TJR4H-KHJW4 Note: You need to hit [Enter] key to execute commands. Install Windows license key Step 1.3: Set KMS machine address.Use the command "slmgr /skms kms.msguides.com" to connect to my KMS server. Set KMS server Step 1.4: Activate your Windows.The last step is to activate your Windows using the command "slmgr /ato". Run command slmgr ato 0xC004F074 error code If you see the error 0xC004F074, it means that your internet connection is unstable or the server is busy. Please make sure your device is online and try the command "ato" again until you succeed. Windows activated successfully Now check the activation status again. Windows 10 is activated successfully Method 2: Using a batch file This one is not recommended anymore due to the new update of Microsoft. Step 2.1: Copy the code below into a new text document. @echo off title Activate Windows 10 (ALL versions) for FREE - MSGuides.com&cls&echo ==========&echo #Project: Activating Microsoft software products for FREE without additional software&echo ==========&echo.&echo #Supported products:&echo - Windows 10 Home&echo - Windows 10 Professional&echo - Windows 10 Education&echo - Windows 10 Enterprise&echo.&echo.&echo ==========&echo Activating your Windows...&cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ckms >nul&cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /upk >nul&cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /cpky >nul&set i=1&wmic os | findstr /I "enterprise" >nul if %errorlevel% EQU 0 (cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk NPPR9-FWDCX-D2C8J-H872K-2YT43 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk DPH2V-TTNVB-4X9Q3-TJR4H-KHJW4 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk YYVX9-NTFWV-6MDM3-9PT4T-4M68B >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 44RPN-FTY23-9VTTB-MP9BX-T84FV >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk WNMTR-4C88C-JK8YV-HQ7T2-76DF9 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 2F77B-TNFGY-69QQF-B8YKP-D69TJ >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk DCPHK-NFMTC-H88MJ-PFHPY-QJ4BJ >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk QFFDN-GRT3P-VKWWX-X7T3R-8B639 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk M7XTQ-FN8P6-TTKYV-9D4CC-J462D >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 92NFX-8DJQP-P6BBQ-THF9C-7CG2H >nul&goto skms) else wmic os | findstr /I "home" >nul if %errorlevel% EQU 0 (cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk TX9XD-98N7V-6WMQ6-BX7FG-H8Q99 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 3KHY7-WNT83-DGQKR-F7HPR-844BM >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 7HNRX-D7KGG-3K4RQ-4WPJ4-YTDFH >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk PVMJN-6DFY6-9CCP6-7BKTT-D3WVR >nul&goto skms) else wmic os | findstr /I "education" >nul if %errorlevel% EQU 0 (cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk NW6C2-QMPVW-D7KKK-3GKT6-VCFB2 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 2WH4N-8QGBV-H22JP-CT43Q-MDWWJ >nul&goto skms) else wmic os | findstr /I "10 pro" >nul if %errorlevel% EQU 0 (cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk W269N-WFGWX-YVC9B-4J6C9-T83GX >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk MH37W-N47XK-V7XM9-C7227-GCQG9 >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk NRG8B-VKK3Q-CXVCJ-9G2XF-6Q84J >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 9FNHH-K3HBT-3W4TD-6383H-6XYWF >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk 6TP4R-GNPTD-KYYHQ-7B7DP-J447Y >nul||cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ipk YVWGF-BXNMC-HTQYQ-CPQ99-66QFC >nul&goto skms) else (goto notsupported) :skms if %i% GTR 10 goto busy if %i% EQU 1 set KMS=kms7.MSGuides.com if %i% EQU 2 set KMS=kms8.MSGuides.com if %i% EQU 3 set KMS=kms9.MSGuides.com if %i% GTR 3 goto ato cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /skms %KMS%:1688 >nul :ato echo ==========&echo.&echo.&cscript //nologo slmgr.vbs /ato | find /i "successfully" && (echo.&echo ==========&echo.&echo #My official blog: MSGuides.com&echo.&echo #How it works: bit.ly/kms-server&echo.&echo #Please feel free to contact me at if you have any questions or concerns.&echo.&echo #Please consider supporting this project: donate.msguides.com&echo #Your support is helping me keep my servers running 24/7!&echo.&echo ==========&choice /n /c YN /m "Would you like to visit my blog [Y,N]?" & if errorlevel 2 exit) || (echo The connection to my KMS server failed! Trying to connect to another one... & echo Please wait... & echo. & echo. & set /a i+=1 & goto skms) explorer " "&goto halt :notsupported echo ==========&echo.&echo Sorry, your version is not supported.&echo.&goto halt :busy echo ==========&echo.&echo Sorry, the server is busy and can't respond to your request. Please try again.&echo. :halt pause >nul Create a new text document. Create a new text document Step 2.2: Paste the code into the text file. Then save it as a batch file (named "1click.cmd"). Save the text file Set name of the batch file Step 2.3: Run the batch file as administrator. Run the batch script with admin rights Please wait a minute. Your Windows is activated Note: If you guys see three times the same error message saying that the connection to the KMS server was unsuccessful, please read this post. Check the activation status again. Check out activation status of Windows 10 If you would have any questions or concerns, please leave your comments. I would be glad to explain in more details. Thank you so much for all your feedback and support! Have you encountered "We can't activate Windows on this device" error? This error may be followed by various error codes. In this post, MiniTool Partition Wizard offers you 5 ways to solve this problem.When you reinstall Windows, sometimes you may need to reactivate Windows. However, some people report that Windows displays the message "we can't activate Windows on this device".I have recently reinstalled Windows… After Windows was reinstalled, I was informed that Windows wasn't activated on my computer… When I troubleshooted, the error I got was "We can't activate Windows on this device right now. You can try activating again later or go to the store to purchase genuine Windows." Along with the error code 0x8007056c. — answers.microsoft.comActually, the problem "we can't activate Windows on this device" has various error codes including 0x8007056c, 803F7001, 0x8007232B, 0x8007007B, 0x803fa067, etc. Then, what causes the problem?The possible causes include:Your product key is invalid and you will have to replace it with a valid key to activate your Windows 10.Your product key is designed for a different Windows version (for example, Windows 8).Your product key was used on multiple computers. If so, this product key is not valid for Windows activation any more.You have performed significant hardware changes.Your new Windows is counterfeit. If your Windows has proven to be a fake, Microsoft will not let you activate it on your computer.A malware infection is at work and it causes your Windows 10 activation to fail.Your computer has corrupted registry entries and/or damaged system files.Your drivers are faulty / outdated.How to Solve This Problem?What to do if you have encountered this problem? You can try the following methods.Fix 1. Reactivate WindowsPlease reactivate Windows and make sure the operation is correct and you have entered the correct product key. Click Start button and go to Settings > Update & Security > Activation > Change Product Key. Enter the product key and wait for the activation process to complete. Finally reboot your PC.You can also try activating Windows via your phone. But please note that this method won't work if Windows 10 comes pre-installed on your PC.Press Windows logo key + R.Type 'Slui 4' into the Run box and hit Enter.Select your Country/Region from the list and click Next.You will be given a toll-free phone number. Please use this number to get your confirmation ID and then activate Windows.Fix 2. Update DriversOpen Device Manager by pressing Windows + X key and selecting Device Manager from the pop-up menu or by directly searching the tool in Windows search box.Expand every directory to see whether there are drivers warned to be outdated. Right-click the outdated driver and select Update driver.SelectSearch automatically for updated driver software in the pop-up window.If you don't know which driver should be update, you can use professional driver software to detect and update outdated drivers.How to Update Device Drivers Windows 10 (2 Ways)Fix 3. Run Antivirus SoftwareIf you reinstall Windows because the previous Windows has some problem, you should check whether the problem "we can't activate Windows on this device" is caused by virus. Please run an antivirus scan to solve the problem.Fix 4. Reinstall WindowsPlease format the hard drive and reinstall Windows, lest the error "we can't activate Windows on this device" is caused by incorrect Windows installation.Fix 5. Purchase a New Product KeyIf the above methods don't work for you, please contact Microsoft customer service for help. If necessary, you need to purchase a new product key. User Comments : Until now, getting Windows 8 / 8.1 onto a computer hasn't been the easiest thing in the world, if only because you couldn't use a Windows 8 product key to install Windows 8.1 afresh or even choose the architecture to be installed. Instead, if you had 32-bit Windows 8 installed during setup you'd end up with the 32-bit version of Windows 8.1, too. There were other niggling issues too, but Microsoft has quietly made available a tool that goes quite a long way towards rectifying a good few of hose issues. Called the Windows Installation Media Creation Tool, the app can be downloaded and can be used to create either an ISO or a bootable USB stick in order to get Windows onto a machine. It's not rocket science these days, but here's how you would go about downloading and installing Windows 8.1 now this wonderful little utility is around. Step 1: Head on over to the installation media webpage here and download the small app that is needed in order to kick this all off. Click on the 'Create media' button to initiate the download. Step 2: Run the newly downloaded executable and start making the relevant selections. That means you'll need to choose a language for the new installation of Windows as well as the version of Windows itself that you want to install. Importantly, you can also choose which architecture to install at this point. Step 3: On the next screen you can choose whether to download Windows to an ISO for use later, or to a USB stick. The latter option is the default and only downloads the required files rather than a full ISO image. Step 4: Remember, everything on the USB stick that you're using here will be erased, so make sure you're using an already-empty USB, or back up the contents beforehand to save yourself some trouble. Step 5: Sit back and wait for the download to complete, and this could take a while depending on your Internet connection. The app will also make the USB stick bootable as part of the process, leaving you to simply install at your leisure. Who said Microsoft didn't know how to make software easy to use? You may also like to check out: You can follow us on Twitter, add us to your circle on Google+ or like our Facebook page to keep yourself updated on all the latest from Microsoft, Google, Apple and the web. Microsoft has stopped the support of Windows 8. For higher security and better user experience, you can upgrade your Windows 8 to 8.1. If you are confused, this post from the MiniTool Partition Wizard that introduces Windows 8 to 8.1 upgrade download can help you.Windows 8 and 8.1 are two versions of Windows NT operating systems provided by Microsoft. Windows 8 was released as an upgrade to all Windows 7 users through Windows Update in August 2012. Windows 8.1 was released as the successor to Windows 8 in October 2013.As the successor, Windows 8.1 has been improved a lot and is quite different from Windows 8 in various aspects.Windows 8 vs 8.1: InterfaceWindows 8.1 has a different outlook from Windows 8. Generally speaking, Windows 8.1 is more in line with user habits.Start Screen: The Start Screen of Windows 8.1 looks more beautiful than Windows 8. You can also use the same background with your desktop in Windows 8.1.Tile: The Tile layout is also changed in Windows 8.1. On the one hand, Windows 8 supports up to 6 rows of tiles while Windows 8.1 can show up to 9 rows. On the other hand, Windows 8.1 includes four tile sizes: 1×1, 2×2, 4×2, and 4×4.Start button: Windows 8.1 also adds a Start button that is missing in Windows 8. With this Start button, you can restart or shut down your computer more quickly.Windows 8 vs 8.1: File ExplorerIn addition to the outlook, File Explorer also gets some changes. In Windows 8.1, the old "Computer" option is replaced by "This PC". And the "Libraries" option has been removed.Windows 8 vs 8.1: Built-in AppsThe following built-in apps are also different in Windows 8 and Windows 8.1.SkyDrive: It's your own choice to download SkyDrive or not in Windows 8. However, Windows 8.1 integrates SkyDrive for all users. And by default, PC settings and data of specific apps will sync among multiple devices. You can also decide which to sync.Internet Explorer (IE): In Windows 8, the default web browser is IE 10. In Windows 8, it is upgraded to IE 11, which is better and convenient to use.PC Settings: This feature is enhanced in Windows 8.1. It includes more settings and is more user-friendly….Windows 8 vs 8.1: Microsoft SupportUnfortunately, Microsoft announced that the support of Windows 8 ended in January 2016. It indicates that users cannot receive any new updates since then. And they cannot download any new apps from Microsoft Store but the downloaded apps still work.According to Microsoft, Windows 8.1 will read the end of support in January 2023. Nowadays, Windows 10 and Windows 11 are both popular operating systems. You might need to upgrade to Windows 10 or 11 in the future.Windows 8 to 8.1 Upgrade DownloadAs mentioned, Microsoft has ended the support of Windows 8, which means you can't get further updates for security, bug solutions, as well as more features if you are using Windows 8.Therefore, for better user experience, most users choose to upgrade Windows 8 to Windows 8.1. You don't need to worry about the cost because Windows 8.1 is released as a free update available on Windows 8. You can also download Windows 8.1 ISO from Microsoft for free.What You Should Do Before Windows 8.1 UpgradeBefore the Windows 8.1 upgrade, you need to do some preparations to make everything goes well.Back up your important data at first.Before you upgrade to Windows 8.1, it is recommended to back up your important files and programs to an external hard drive in case of data loss. And this post might help: [Guide] How to Back up Your Computer to an External Drive.Install the latest Windows Updates.To receive Windows 8.1 update, you might need to install the latest critical and important updates first. If you don't see any pending updates, you should check for updates manually.Disable your third-party antivirus program temporarily.The Windows 8.1 upgrade might interfere with some antivirus programs. Therefore, if you have installed any third-party antivirus, please disable it before the upgrade.Make sure there is enough space in your system drive.To install Windows 8.1, your Windows 8 computer (C drive) must have enough space. If you want to install the 32-bit version of Windows 8.1, there should be 3,000 MB of free space at least. To install the 64-bit version of Windows 8.1, you need more than 2,250 MB of free space.If your system drive is running out of space, you would fail to upgrade to Windows 8.1. To free up space, you can:Free up space using Disk Cleanup.Delete unneeded files or uninstall some programs permanently.Tip: If you don't know what to delete, MiniTool Partition Wizard can help you figure out what is taking up space. MiniTool Partition Wizard is a powerful and reliable disk manager, designed with a built-in Space Analyzer feature that can scan your drive and list your files and folders in a specific order.MiniTool Partition Wizard FreeClick to Download100%Clean & SafePlease be careful while deleting files from your system drive. If you delete system files by accident, your system might run into problems. If you are unable to free up disk space, don't worry. You can extend your system drive by taking space from another logical drive on the disk.Here are the steps.MiniTool Partition Wizard FreeClick to Download100%Clean & SafeDownload and install MiniTool Partition Wizard. Then launch it.Create a bootable USB drive and boot your computer from it.Right-click your system drive and select Extend.In the pop-up window, select a drive to take free space and drag the slider to choose how much free space to take. Then click OK.Click Apply to start extending the system partition.Tip: In the bootable version of MiniTool Partition Wizard, your system drive might not be assigned with the letter C. Therefore, please make sure you have selected the right drive.Note down your product key.You will need the product key while upgrading Windows 8 to 8.1. If you don't know your product key, you can follow this post to check it: Use Windows Key Checker To Check Your Product Key.Make sure your computer is connected to the internet properly.If you are using a laptop, you should connect to the power cable.Make sure your laptop won't power off while upgrading to Windows 8.1. Otherwise, the Windows 8.1 upgrade might fail and you might even lose data.How to Upgrade to Windows 8.1After the preparation, you can start to upgrade to Windows 8.1. Do you know where to get the Windows 8 to 8.1 upgrade download? Generally, there are two methods:Method 1: Download Windows 8.1 ISO file from Microsoft support page.Method 2: Migrate the operating system from another Windows 8.1 computer.Tip: Microsoft Store provided Windows 8 to 8.1 upgrade download, too. However, as Windows 8 has been out of support, you can't get Windows 8.1 upgrade in Microsoft Store now. Therefore, you might need to try other methods.You can choose one according to your situation. And here are more details.Method 1: Windows 8.1 Upgrade via Windows 8.1 ISO An easy way to upgrade Windows 8 to 8.1 is to download Windows 8.1 ISO offered by Microsoft. And here is how to upgrade to Windows 8.1.Step 1: Click this link to visit the Windows 8.1 ISO download page of Microsoft.Step 2: Scroll down to find the Select edition section. Then click the down arrow, select a Windows 8.1 edition, and click the Confirm button.Step 3: Select the product language and click the Confirm window.Step 4: Click 32-bit Download or 64-bit Download according to your needs. Then you just need to wait patiently until the ISO file is downloaded successfully.Step 5: Right-click the downloaded Windows 8.1 file in File Explorer and select Mount. Then click This PC and select the DVD Drive to access the mounted files.Step 6: Double-click the setup file to run the Windows 8.1 setup tool. This setup tool might take some time preparing and you should wait patiently.Step 7: Select Download and install updates (recommended) and click Next.Step 8: On the next page, input your product key and click Next. Then accept the license terms and choose what to keep.Step 9: When you get to the Ready to install page, confirm your choice and click Install. Then you just need to wait patiently until Windows 8.1 is installed successfully.Step 10: Your computer might restart during the process. After that, you need to make some settings configurations for your Windows 8.1. Just follow the on-screen instructions.After upgrading to Windows 8.1, your personal files and apps will be kept if you select to keep your files in Step 8. However, you need will need to reinstall the apps you downloaded from Microsoft Store. And you can go to Microsoft Store > Account > My apps to install them.Method 2: Migrate Windows 8.1 from Another ComputerIf there is another computer with Windows 8.1 installed next to you, you can copy the operating system from that computer to upgrade your Windows 8 easily.Before the operation, please note that all the data on your computer will be deleted if you use this method. Therefore, please back up your computer at first.Step 1: Remove the hard drive on your computer and connect it to another computer that installs Windows 8.1.Tip: To connect the hard drive to another computer, you might need a USB cable. You can buy one according to the type of your hard drive.Step 2: Launch MiniTool Partition Wizard. When you get the main interface, click the Migrate OS to SSD/HD Wizard feature from the left action panel.MiniTool Partition Wizard DemoClick to Download100%Clean & SafeStep 3: In the pop-up window, select option B and click Next.Step 4: Select the hard drive including Windows 8 as the destination disk and click Next. In the pop-up window, click Yes to confirm the operation.Step 5: Configure the copy options and destination disk layout according to your needs. Then click Next.Step 6: Read the note carefully and click Finish. Then click the Apply button located at the bottom left corner.Step 7: When the migrating process finishes, disconnect your hard drive properly and put it back to your computer.Do you know how to upgrade Windows 8 to 8.1? Where to get the Windows 8.1 download? Figure them out in this post!Click to TweetWhat are the differences between Windows 8 and 8.1? Should you upgrade to Windows 8.1? How to upgrade to Windows 8.1? Read this post and you can know the answers.You can share your ideas with us in the following comment zone. As for any problems with MiniTool Partition Wizard, you can contact our support team via . windows 8 1 free legal download Installing a fresh Windows 8.1 hasn't been the easiest thing in the world till now as Windows 8 users needed a licensed product key for upgrading their systems to the latest version of Windows operating system. Other problems were you couldn't use your old Windows 8 key to install Windows 8.1 or choose the installation architecture. To solve these trifling issues, Microsoft has quietly released a tool that solves all of them. This tool is called Windows Installation Media Creation Tool. This applies for Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 How to use this tool to download Windows 8.1 Pro legally without product key is pretty straightforward and simple but here's how to do this: Download Windows 8.1 Pro Legally Without Product Key: Step 1: Go to the Windows Media Creation Tool page on Microsoft's website and click on the 'Create Media' button to get this tiny app to get the download started. Step 2: After the download is complete, run the executable file and select the proper options. Select language, edition, and architecture (64-bit or 32-bit). It should be noted that here you could choose the architecture of Windows install. While installing Windows 8.1 via other means, you don't get to see this option. Click "Next". Also, check out our article on how to find windows 10 product key using CMD here! Step 3: Now you are greeted with a screen that lets you choose the download type. You can either directly make a bootable USB or download the entire ISO image for later use. Everything on the USB disk being used will be erased, so you should make sure that you don't have anything important in that territory. Click "Next". Step 4: Now all you have to do is wait. The download will take a while depending upon your internet connection. When the download is completed, you'll be having a bootable USB to do a fresh installation of the Windows 8.1 legally without product key on your system. If you've chosen the ISO image option, you can write the file to a DVD or make a bootable USB using tools like PowerISO or Microsoft's own USB tool. Note: Applies to Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 Also Read: How To Enable Start Menu Button in Windows 8 Via: Redmond Pie Adarsh Verma Fossbytes co-founder and an aspiring entrepreneur who keeps a close eye on open source, tech giants, and security. Get in touch with him by sending an email — Sometimes, you may need to find the Windows product key for use. In this post, MiniTool Partition Wizard offers you 5 ways to find product key Windows 7/8/8.1. You can try them.A Windows product key is a 25-character code used to activate Windows. However, sometimes, you may need to find your product key. For example, if you want to use the product key to activate Windows on another device, you need to find the product key first.Tips: If you want to reinstall Windows on the same device, you don't need to find the product key and enter it during the installation process because the product key has been stored in the UEFI and the PC will activate the Windows automatically.How to find product key Windows 7/8/8.1? You can take the following methods. All of the following methods are valid on Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 8.1.Method 1. Go to the System WindowIf the Windows runs normally, to find Windows 8 product key, the simplest way is to go to the system window. It just requires a few clicks. Here is the guide:Open Windows File Explorer.Right-click This PC/Computer icon and choose Properties.You will see a window showing you the Windows system basic information. In the window, you should find the Product ID, which is the Windows 7/8/8.1 product key.Method 2. Use Command Prompt To find the Windows 7/8/8.1 product key, you can use Command Prompt. Here is the guide:Press the "Windows + R" keys to open the Run box. In the Run box, type "cmd" and press Enter to open the Command PromptIn the window, type "wmic path softwarelicensingservice get OA3xOriginalProductKey" and press Enter.The PC will return the Windows product key to you.Method 3. Use Windows PowerShellPowerShell is available on Windows 7 and later versions. You can also use this tool to find Windows 8.1 product key. Here is the guide:Press the "Windows + S" keys to open the Windows search bar. On Windows 7, you just need to click the Windows icon on the bottom-left corner to open the Start menu.Type "powershell" and press Enter to open it.In the PowerShell window, type "(Get-WmiObject -query 'select * from SoftwareLicensingService').OA3xOriginalProductKey" and press Enter.The PC will return the Windows product key to you.12 Tips to Fix Windows 11/10 Activation Key Not WorkingMethod 4. Use Registry EditorWindows Registry Editor is a Windows built-in utility for managing computers. It can also tell you the Windows 7/8/8.1 product key. Here is the guide:Open the Run box.In the Run box, type "regedit" and press Enter to open Windows Registry Editor.Go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE > SOFTWARE > Microsoft > Windows NT > CurrentVersion > DefaultProductKey.You can find the ProductId entry on the right side of the window.Method 5. Find the Windows Product Key on the StickerSome PCs use a technology called System Locked Pre-installation (SLP). If your PC uses this technology, the product key showing on the PC will be different from the actual key your PC uses. You need to find the actual key on a certificate of authenticity (COA) sticker on your PC or its power supply. User Comments : Have you encountered The Crew Motorfest crashing, not launching, or black screen issues? Don't worry! This post from Partition Magic offers you 8 solutions to these issues. Just have a try.The Crew Motorfest is an online-only 2023 racing video game developed by Ubisoft Ivory Tower and published by Ubisoft for the PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Windows, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X/S. You can get this game on Ubisoft, Steam, and Epic Games stores.All apps and games have errors and The Crew Motorfest is no exception. Some people report that they have encountered The Crew Motorfest crashing, not launching, or black screen issues. Do you also encounter these issues? Don't worry. The following methods can help you solve them.To run The Crew Motorfest, your computer must at least have an Intel Core i5-4460 or AMD Ryzen5 1400 CPU, 8 GB RAM, and an NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1060 6GB or AMD Radeon RX 480 8GB GPU. You need to check your PC specs to see if they meet the requirements.A compatibility mode is a software mechanism, in which software either emulates an older version of software or mimics another operating system in order to allow older or incompatible software or files to remain compatible with the computer's newer hardware or software.Windows allows you to run apps in compatibility mode to solve some app running issues. Therefore, when The Crew Motorfest not launching issue occurs, try running the game in compatibility mode. Here is the guide:Go to the game installation folder and find the game app.Right-click on it and choose Properties.Go to the Compatibility tab and check the box before Run this program in compatibility mode for.Click Apply and OK to save the changes. Then, you just need to launch the game as usual.If you have extra monitors, controllers, VR equipment, or other peripherals connected to your computer, disconnect them because they interfere with the running of the game. Then, check if the issue can be solved.Are you using an AMD GPU? Some AMD users report that The Crew Motorfest crashing may be caused by the latest GPU driver. Then, rolling back or downgrading to an older version like 23.5.2 may solve the issue.Tips: Do you want to recover game files or extend the game drive? If so, you can try MiniTool Partition Wizard.MiniTool Partition Wizard DemoClick to Download100%Clean & SafeIf your computer has both dedicated and integrated GPUs, the game may run on the integrated GPU, causing The Crew Motorfest crashing issue. In this case, you need to switch to the dedicated GPU.If you are using an NVIDIA GPU, you need to open NVIDIA Control Panel and go to Manage 3D Settings > Program Settings. Then, add the game so that you can customize it. Then, select the NVIDIA GPU as the preferred graphics processor.Tips: If you are using an NVIDIA GPU, you should also check if you are forcing Vulkan to work on DXGI. If so, change it to Auto and reboot the PC.If you are using an AMD GPU or you don't have NVIDIA Control Panel, you can let Windows decide the GPU. Here is the guide:Press the Windows logo key + I to open Settings.Go to System > Display.Choose Graphics setting link from the bottom of the page.Click on the Browse button and then choose the executable for the game.Click on the Options button to bring up the GPU select window.Choose the dedicated GPU and click Save.This method is offered by Ubisoft Support. You can have a try.Log out and close Ubisoft Connect PC.Go to the Ubisoft Connect PC installation location (C:\Program Files (x86)\Ubisoft\Ubisoft Game Launcher).Right-click on the cache folder and rename it to something else.Restart Ubisoft Connect PC.Some people say The Crew Motorfest black screen issue is caused by the recent update to Logitech G Hub (version 2024.3.553733). Close G Hub and then start Motorfest. The issue disappears.Therefore, I recommend you perform a clean boot to find out software that may similarly cause The Crew Motorfest black screen issue. Then, close or remove them.If all the above methods don't work, you can uninstall the game and then delete the game folder in your documents. Then, reinstall the game and see if the issue can be solved.This post offers 8 methods to solve The Crew Motorfest crashing, not launching, and black screen issues. You can try them one by one.

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