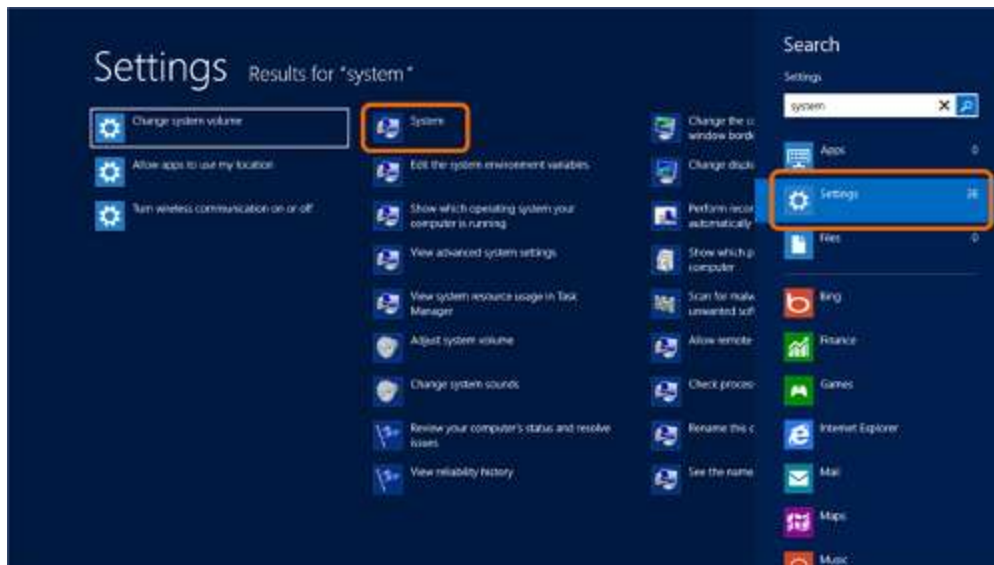# How OverDrive Media Console works in Windows 8

The first thing you need to know is that Windows 8 comes in two basic flavors. There's Windows 8, which can run legacy desktop apps, and Windows RT, which cannot.
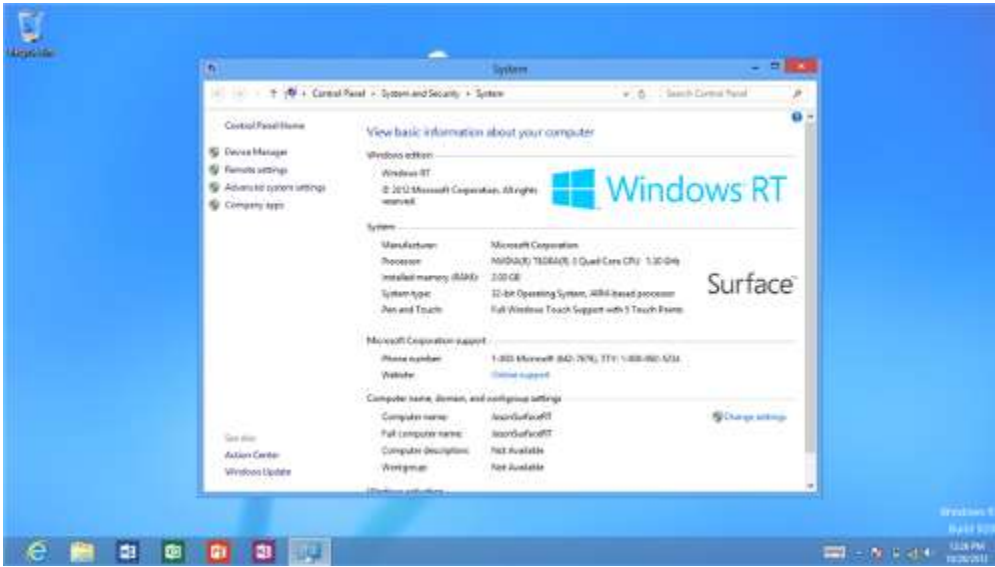
Why is this important? If you're running Windows 8, then you can install OverDrive Media Console (OMC) for Windows 8 as well as the classic desktop version of OMC.

How do I know which one I'm using?

1. Open the **Search** charm (**Windows key** + **Q** or swipe left from the right edge of the screen).
2. Type **System**.
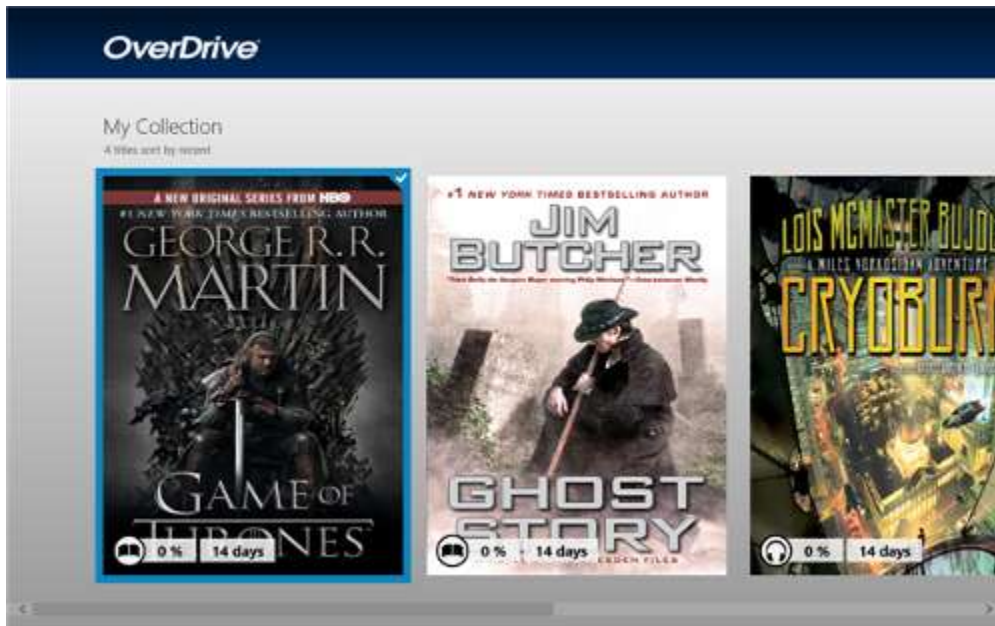3. Select **Settings** on the right, then **System** on the left.

4. A window pops up in desktop mode and show's you which version of Windows you're using.
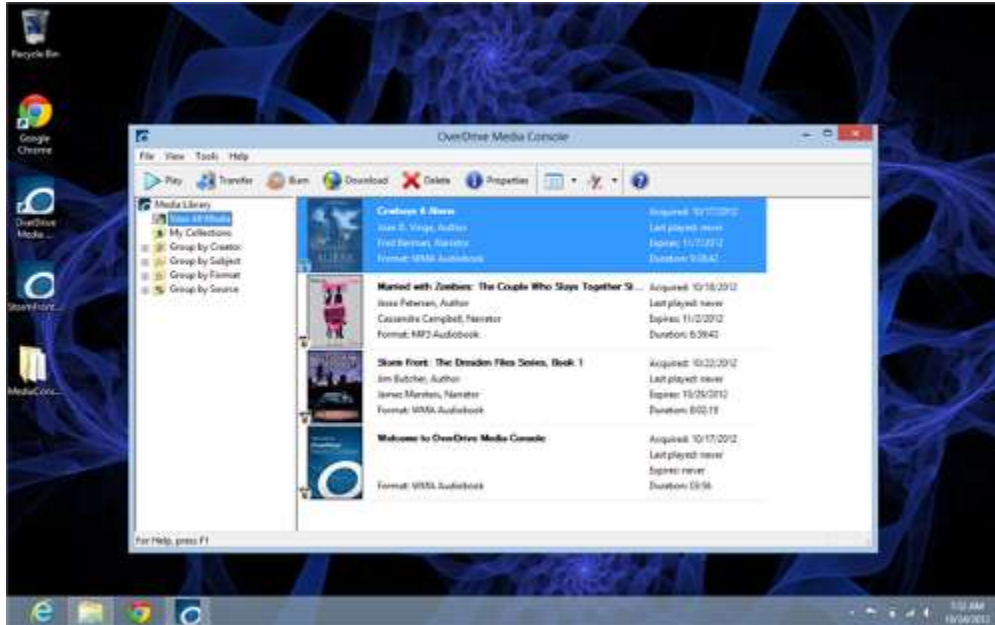
What's the difference between OMC for Windows 8 and the classic desktop version?

OMC for Windows 8 utilizes Microsoft's new Modern UI. With it, you get live tiles and refreshed graphics for EPUB eBooks and MP3 audiobooks. OMC for Windows 8 does not, however, support WMV or WMA titles. This version can be used with both Windows 8 and Windows RT.

If you want WMV (video) or WMA (audiobooks and music) support on your Windows 8 machine, then you will need to use the **classic desktop version of OMC (see the install instructions below).** This version can only be used with Windows 8 because it requires 'Desktop

mode.'

You can even install both versions of OMC (keeping to see how to do it) if you're using Windows 8 (not RT). That way you can read eBooks and enjoy the refreshed user interface on the Windows 8 version, while using the classic version to listen to or watch WMA or WMV files.

How to install the desktop version of OverDrive Media Console on Windows 8

If you prefer the original desktop version of OverDrive Media Console (OMC), or you're trying to listen to WMA files or watch WMV movies, fear not. The desktop version of OMC can be installed on any Windows 8 machine with an x86 or x64 processor.

If you're not sure which version of Windows you're using (8 or RT), we've got an article that should help you out.

How to install desktop version of OMC for Windows

1. Switch to 'Desktop' mode.
   Tap or click the **Desktop** tile, or press **Windows Key** + **D**

2. Open your favorite web browser and navigate to the [download page for OverDrive Media Console](#).
3. With the **Windows** option selected, click **Download Now**.

4. **Run** or **Open** the MSI file to start the setup wizard.

Do you want to run or save **ODMediaConsoleSetup.msi** (4.73 MB) from **overdrive.com**?   Run   Save ▼   Cancel   ×
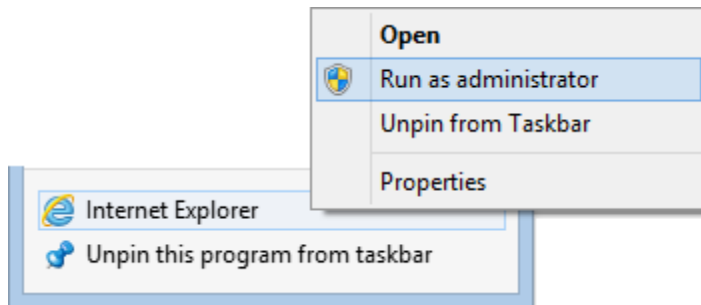
5. When the setup wizard opens, follow the prompts to install OverDrive Media Console.

Upgrade your security settings

Before you can listen to WMA files or watch WMVs, you'll need to upgrade your media player security settings. Don't worry, it's easy.

1. Right click on **Internet Explorer**, then click **Run as administrator**.
   This step is important. If you don't run Internet Explorer as an administrator, this won't work.

2. Click **Yes** to continue.
3. Go to this address: http://drmlicense.one.microsoft.com/Indivsite/en/indivit.asp.
4. Click the **Upgrade** button and follow the prompts to finish.

That's all there is to it. The desktop version of OMC is now ready to go.

A few things to keep in mind

We have an app specifically designed for Windows 8 for reading EPUB eBooks and listening to MP3 audiobooks so follow the instructions below to install it.

How to install OverDrive Media Console for Windows 8

Installing OverDrive Media Console (OMC) for Windows 8 is easy. Simply click or tap the **Store** tile, and search for **OverDrive**.

*Note: You can access the search function by pressing **Windows key** + **Q** or swiping to the left from the right edge of the screen.*
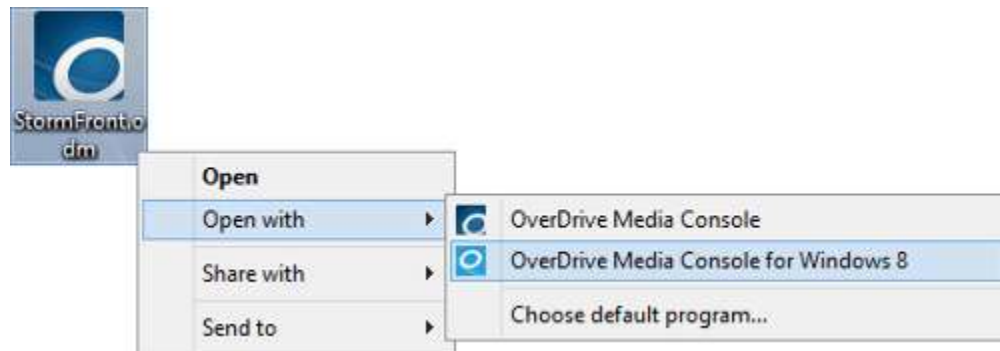
Once you find OMC, select it then click or tap the **Install** button. That's all there is to it. OMC will show up on your Start screen as soon as it's ready.

If you want to use both versions of OMC on the same computer, make sure you're opening titles with the appropriate version of the app. WMA and WMV titles need to be opened with the desktop version. MP3 and EPUB titles can be opened in OMC for Windows 8. Next we will talk about:

How to open titles in the right version of OMC

When you have both apps installed, one of them will end up being the default program for ODM files. That's that kind of file OMC uses to download audiobooks, music, and videos. Follow the instructions below to make sure that the titles you download open with the right version of OMC.

1. Once you've found an audiobook, music title, or video that you want to check out, **save** it to your computer instead of opening it. (**note**: if you have done this before you were always "opening" it but not any more!)
   To do that, right-click the **Download** button, then select **'Save As**,' or select the **Download** button, then **Save**.
2. The save file may land in the "Downloads" folder unless you have specified another folder.
3. Once the ODM file has been downloaded, **right-click** (or swipe down) on it.
4. Select **Open With**, then choose the right version of OMC:
   o **WMA and WMV titles**: choose **OverDrive Media Console**. You can also open MP3 titles with this too, if you prefer (use if transfering to an iPod, iTouch or MP3 player.
   o **ePUB and MP3 titles**: choose **OverDrive Media Console for Windows 8** for reading or listening to on the computer.
   o **ePUB for transfering to an eReader** (like Nook touch, Kobo, etc.): choose **OverDrive Media Console**

eBooks you want to read on the computer use ACSM files, which OMC for Windows 8 opens natively. There's no need to install Adobe Digital Editions but you will need to add your Adobe Digital ID and password to OMC for Windows when you first set it up. You can open eBooks just like normal, and OMC for Windows 8 loads them automatically.