

Installing unsigned drivers in Windows 8.1

1. Open Windows 8 style Control Panel

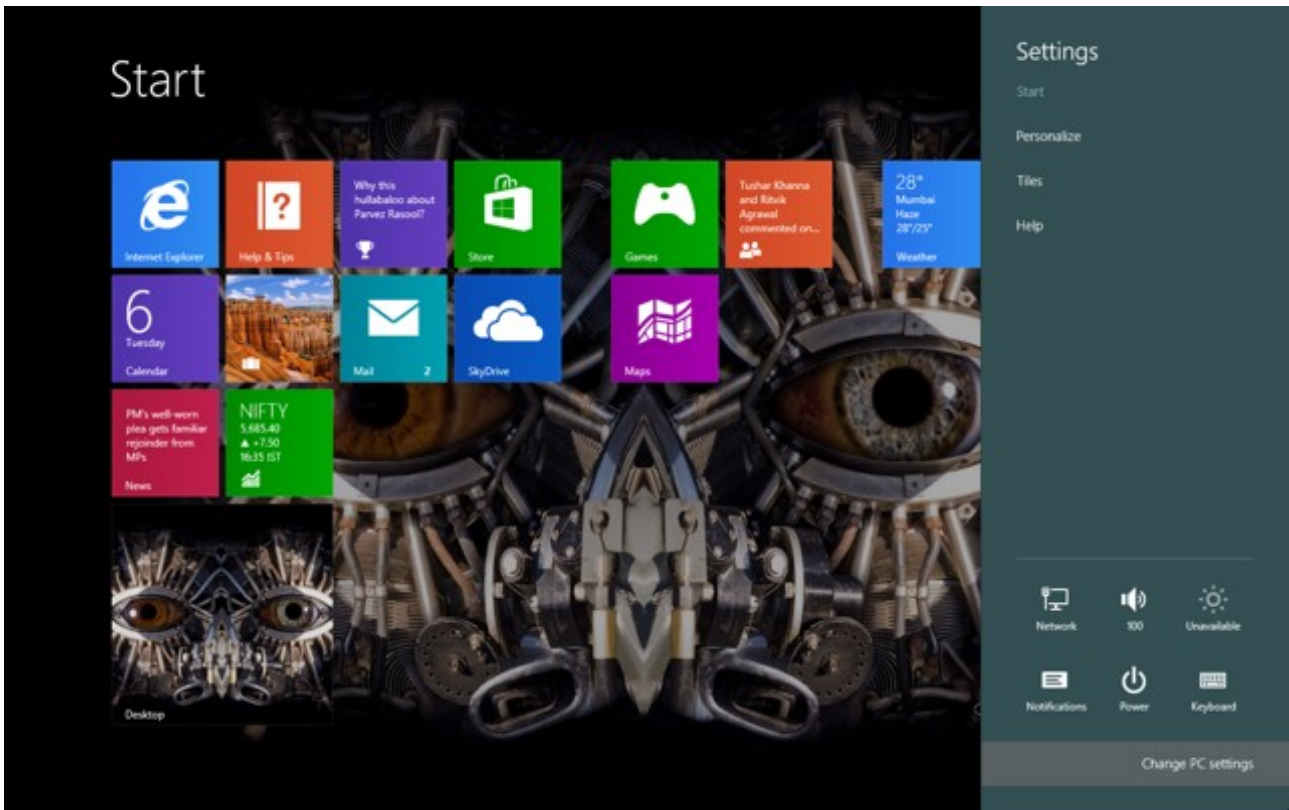
Invoke Charms

Invoke the Charms bar and click on Settings.



Open Control Panel

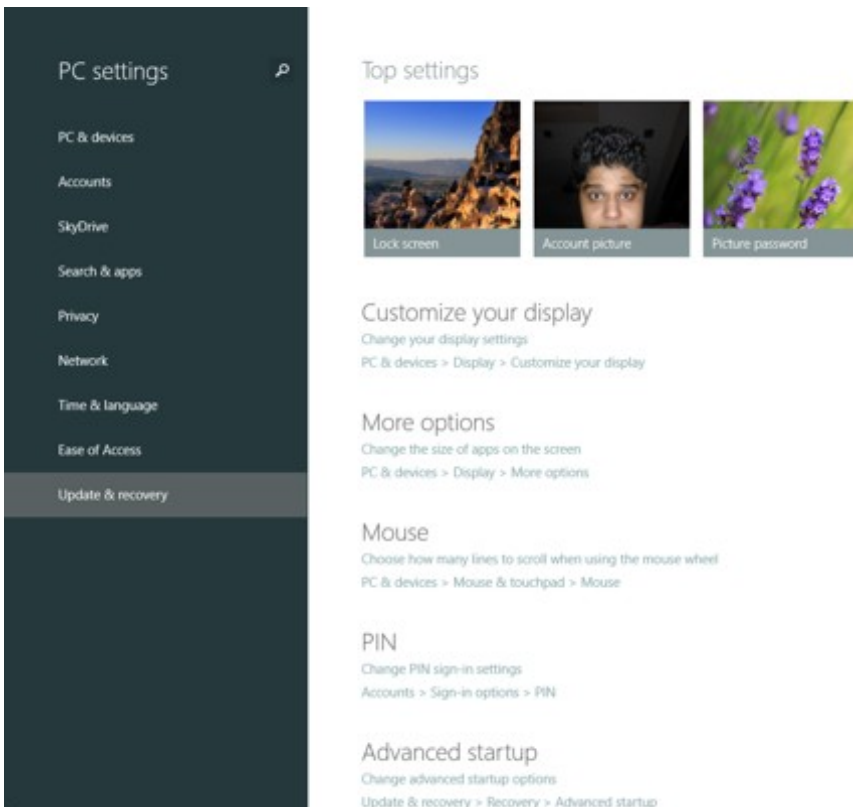
You'll do this by clicking on "Change PC Settings".



2. Boot into the EFI

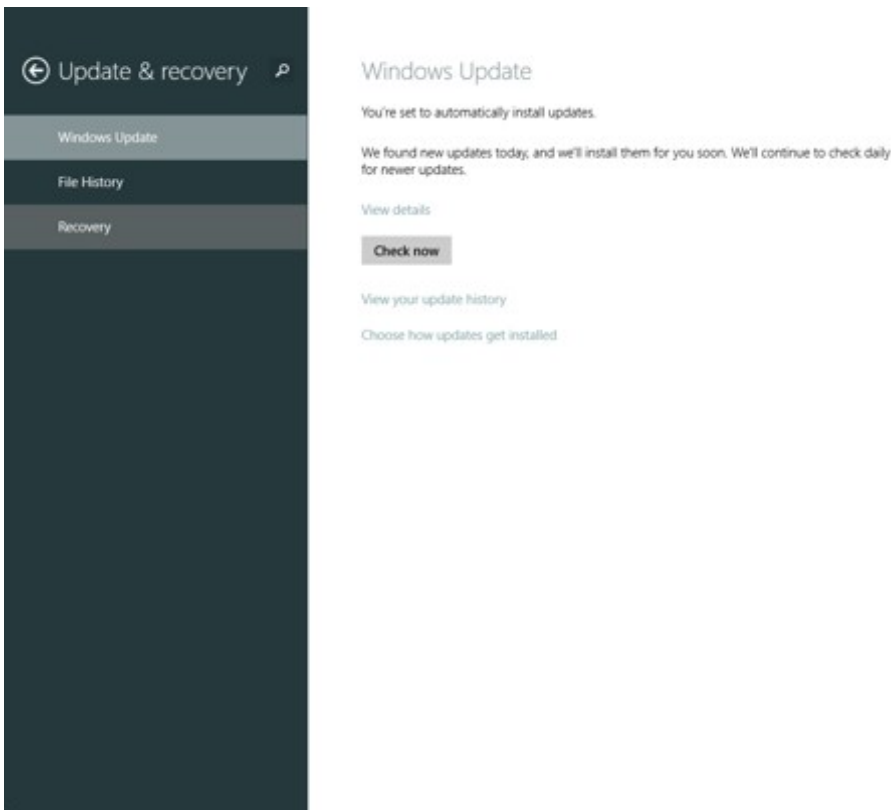
Visit Update and Recovery

Click on the last option on the left column. This will open up a set of options to update or recover your system.



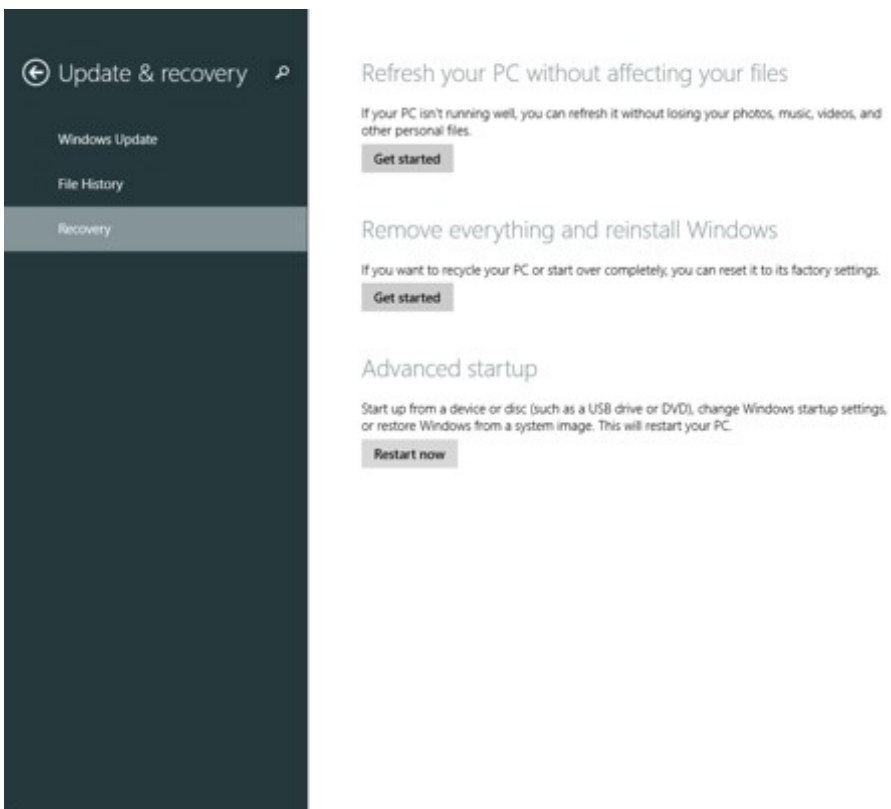
Choose Recovery

Click Recovery to be presented with further options to enter the EFI mode.



Restart for Advanced startup

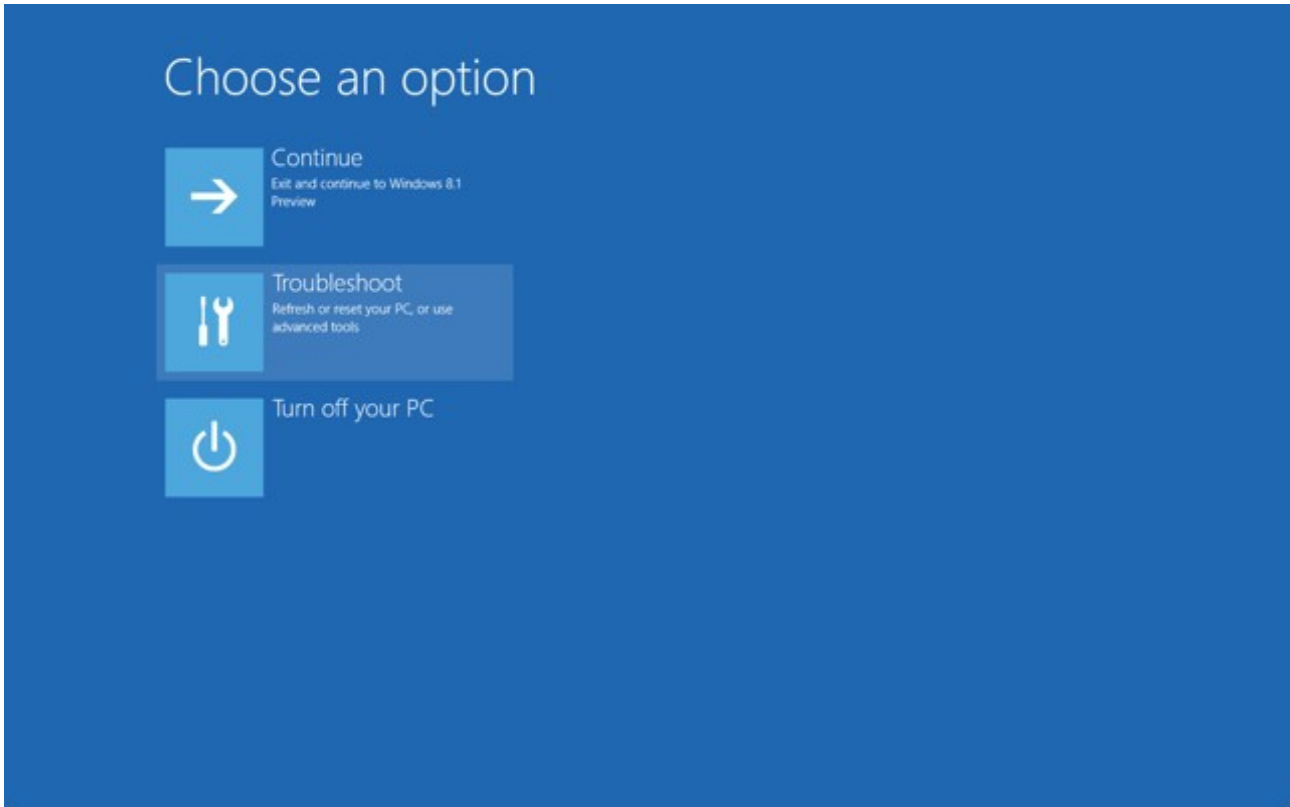
Click on "Restart now" under Advanced startup which will take you immediately into the EFI menu.



3. Explore for disabling driver enforcement

Troubleshoot

In the list of options presented select "Troubleshoot".



Advanced options

Choose Advanced options among the troubleshoot options.

← Troubleshoot



Refresh your PC

If your PC isn't running well, you can refresh it without losing your files.



Reset your PC

If you want to remove all of your files, you can reset your PC completely.



Advanced options

Startup Settings

You'll want to visit the Startup Settings option from the set of Advanced options.

← Advanced options



System Restore

Use a restore point recorded on your PC to restore Windows.



Command Prompt

Use the Command Prompt for advanced troubleshooting.



System Image Recovery

Recover Windows using a specific system image file.



Startup Settings

Change Windows startup behavior.



Startup Repair

Fix problems that keep Windows from loading.

Final Restart

After reviewing all of the things you could change in the Startup Settings click on Restart.

⏪ Startup Settings

Restart to change Windows options such as:

- Enable low-resolution video mode
- Enable debugging mode
- Enable boot logging
- Enable Safe Mode
- Disable driver signature enforcement
- Disable early-launch anti-malware protection
- Disable automatic restart on system failure

Restart

4. Disable driver signing enforcement

The system will restart with the ability to let you choose which mode you'd wish to boot your system in. You'll be offered a few familiar options like Safe Mode and Debug mode. Here you have to choose option 7 by clicking the function key F7.

Startup Settings

Press a number to choose from the options below:

Use number keys or functions keys F1-F9.

- 1) Enable debugging
- 2) Enable boot logging
- 3) Enable low-resolution video
- 4) Enable Safe Mode
- 5) Enable Safe Mode with Networking
- 6) Enable Safe Mode with Command Prompt
- 7) Disable driver signature enforcement
- 8) Disable early launch anti-malware protection
- 9) Disable automatic restart after failure

Press F10 for more options

Press Enter to return to your operating system

The system will boot normally and won't look visually different than it did before. However, drivers installation won't be blocked entirely. This time, the system will be as hospitable as Windows 7 for new unsigned drivers.

This mode will last for only as long as the system is up and we'd recommend you restart as soon as possible in order to make your process worthwhile.

If you like, you could find out other articles about [Windows 8.1](#) and the changes that it has been through. Feedback is appreciated.