If you’re just getting started with Microsoft’s newest operating system, these tips and tricks will turn you into an 8.1 wizard in no time at all. For starters let’s take a look at the new Start button.

With Windows 8.1 Microsoft has added back a modified version of the old familiar Start button, but it doesn’t work quite like the Windows 7 Start button.
Turning Off the Windows

If you simply click the Windows 8.1 Start Button, it does not produce a pop up menu. Instead you’re taken directly to the Live Tile interface. So follow a few quick tips to make the most of this feature.

1. Hover over the Start Button.

2. Right-click using a mouse, this will produce a pop-up screen.
3. **Hovering over Shut Down** opens an additional and familiar pop-up that allows you to put your PC to sleep, shut it down, or restart it.
Windows Mobility Center (laptops only)

Click to open Mobility Center, Device Manager, Network Connections, Task Manager, Control Panel, File Explorer and other options opens up familiar menus where you can further tweak your Windows 8.1 experience. Windows PowerShell opens a command line option.
Windows Mobility Center allows users to tweak a PC screen brightness, battery settings, system volume, sync settings and to manage connected displays.
Burn a CD or DVD in Windows 8

1. Log on to Windows 8 computer with your user account.

2. Insert a blank CD or DVD into the CD/DVD optical media drive.

3. If not in desktop mode, click Desktop tile from the Start screen to go to the desktop.

4. Once on the desktop screen, click File Explorer icon from the taskbar.
5. Click **Computer** one the left pane.

6. On Computer window, under Devices with Removable Storage category, double-click the optical media drive on which a blank CD or DVD is inserted.
7. On the displayed Burn a Disc box, type the appropriate title for the disc in Disc title field.

8. Click to select **With a CD/DVD player** radio button, and click **Next**.
9. On the opened window, copy the desired contents from the hard disk that are to be added, and paste them to the blank CD/DVD window.

10. Once added, right-click on the white area.

11. From the displayed context menu, click Burn to disc.
12. On the opened Burn to Disc box, select the appropriate burning speed from the Recording speed drop-down list.
13. Once done, click Next to start the burning process.

14. Click Finish when done.