



## Windows 8/8 Pro/RT: What is Exactly What?

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the Surface tablet.

On the other hand Windows RT is not a retail product-- it is only built into specific devices (such as the Surface RT). Being designed for low power ARM processors, Windows RT does NOT run legacy or 3rd party software. It only supports apps from the onlin Windows Store (apart from a built-in Office 2013 version).

In other words, Windows RT is the Microsoft take on iOS... a closed garden locked for all but those with Microsoft approval.

In summary-- Windows 8 and Windows 8 Pro are "true" Windows versions able to run all legacy software, Windows RT is the tablet-only variant running only Windows Store apps. Thus, the differences are really only skin deep.

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