

READ ME

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WinReducer was developed on my free time with the feedbacks and the support of many WinReducer forum members. So, please respect this work and do not try to use it in another way which I programmed it for.

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All WinReducer builds should be consider as preliminary, it is usable only for testing.

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2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Operating System: Windows 8.1 (x86 or x64) – Previous Windows editions are not supported
- Screen Resolution: 1024 × 768 (*Best view in 1920 x 1080 with a DPI of 120 (= 125%)*)
- Memory: 5 Mb (Compatibility Mode) or 30 Mb (WinReducer Themes)
- Internet Connection: required to download WinReducer resources (like updates)
- Languages Supported: all
- Original Windows 8.1 ISO: Core, Pro, Enterprise (x86, x64) - All-in-one ISO supported
- Third-party software: it needs to be downloaded (see § 5)

3. OPTIMIZATION PERFORMANCE GUIDE

- It is preferable to extract WinReducer ZIP package and the Windows ISO into a solid-state drive (SSD) instead of a common magnetic hard drive (HDD).

- Temporarily disable your antivirus.
- Use a fast multicore CPU,

Estimated time: 40 minutes on HDD, 25 minutes on SSD (CPU x64 Quad-core 3GHz)

4. INSTRUCTIONS

WinReducer will not work with spaces in folders path to avoid many common errors.

Follow instructions:

1. Button "HOME" (Open a Folder or Extract an ISO)
2. Choose a Windows 8.1 Edition
3. Button "MOUNT"
4. Wait (approximately 2 minutes)
5. Choose Components and/or Customization elements
6. Button "APPLY"
7. Wait (approximately 30 minutes)
8. Button "ISO File Creator"

Further information is available in the WinReducer website or in the HowTo file.

5. THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE

WinReducer uses external tools to achieve many tasks. In order to use it, you have to download them from their owners websites reported hereafter:

- **7zip**

<http://www.7-zip.org/>

- **ImageX and Oscding**

<http://www.msfn.org/board/topic/156869-get-waik-tools-wo-loading-the-huge-isos/>

- **Resource Hacker**

<http://www.angusj.com/resourcehacker/>

- **SetACL**

<http://helgeklein.com/>

6. THANKS

I want to dedicate WinReducer 8.1 to all of you who enjoy customizing their Windows OS !
And especially to all WinReducer forum members, thank you so much guys !!!

Also thanks to all developers for creating the useful third-party software on which is based WinReducer. If you like their works, do not hesitate to help them in the way you prefer, visiting their respective websites.

7. DONATION

If you like my work, you could help the website and support me with the link "Donate" in this page:

<http://www.winreducer.net/donate.html>

8. LINKS

- **Website:**

<http://www.winreducer.net/>

- **Forum:**

<http://www.winreducer.net/forum.html>