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The perception of computing has undergone a complete modulation in the past few years. Now people are using it more to stay connected and socialize with the world rather than writing and creating activities. More and more users are inclining towards laptops and tablets in comparison to desktops. Among all Windows PCs sold in 2009, desktops clinched 44% and laptops 56% of the market share, after 3 years the laptop share went off to over 61% of the PCs sold worldwide. Citing the United States the analytics goes further in favor of laptop share with 76%. The application base is also shifting from the desktop to cloud or web thereby accelerating the usage of the Internet or Wi-Fi. Overall people have started expecting their PCs to behave more like their phones: connected, mobile, long battery life, centered on people and activities and keeping up with whatâ€™s going on. Windows 8, with features like Metro style apps, Windows Store, hardware-accelerated Internet Explorer 10, touch sensitive simple user-interface, and more is assumed on the same factors. Present of .Net Framework 4.5 with expanded class libraries in sync with Visual Basic 11 is a boon for developers.

Evolution brings challenges, and Windows 8 is no more an exception. After the Windows 8 Consumer Preview, now itâ€™s available as Windows 8 Release Preview by today itself (May, 31) as per the rumors, that gets it root from the MSDN blog authored by Chuck Chan, Corporate Vice President of the Windows Development Team that was posted and deleted later on. The latter one is expected to be less risky than the earlier one, as itâ€™s a refined version that is coming after almost 3 months of the former release. Yet Microsoft is ready to handle any awkward situations through the computer technical support services offered by its authorized network partners.

However, one this is clear that Microsoft is not serious about the machine level development rather it puts emphasis on user-interface. This is a good sign as consumers donâ€™t need to change anything into their existing hardware, as long as they are with Windows 7. They can go for the Windows 8 Consumer or Release Preview without amending anything on the hardware part. However, a bit considerable approach is required to avoid any software or hardware conflicts. Probabilities related to system crash and issues with installed antivirus or network components and accessibility issues with corporate or home networks are quite common. To be on safer side users are recommended to have a backup of their computer data and settings in advance. Online services from PC help portals bring instant resolutions for Windows 8 issues at usersâ€™ comfort through the highly secure Internet connection.

Problems related to peripherals or drivers are also frustrating. Experts can remotely diagnose the Microsoft Management Console components like Event Viewer, Registry Settings, Device Manager, System Monitor, Performance Logs and Alerts, System Information etc. to troubleshoot and fix computer problems. Apart from relying on external support, one should also make sure to get only Microsoft recommended software or hardware on their system for maximum utilization of Windows 8 development or engineering.

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