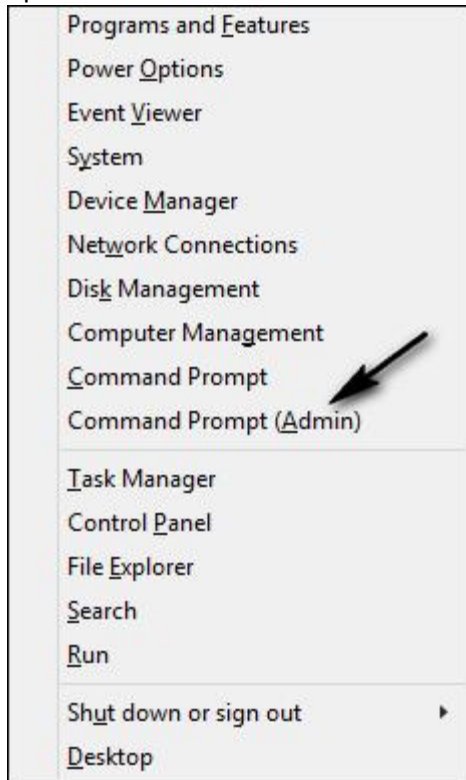


Windows 8 advanced tips

How to enable the F8 key to start Safe Mode in Windows 8

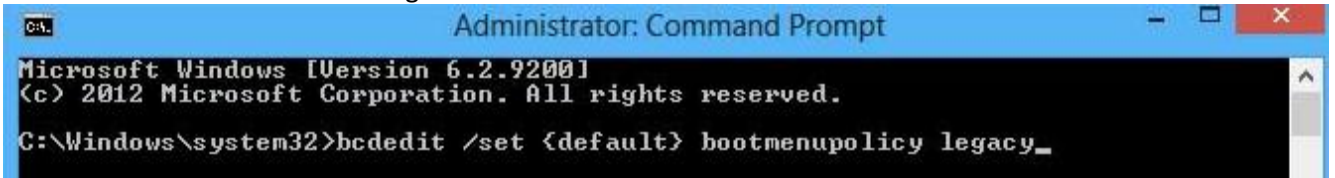
1. Open an elevated command prompt, use the **Windows+X** keyboard combination ( + ) to open the Power User Tasks menu.



2. To enable F8 in Windows 8 you need to type the following in the command prompt and then press the Enter key.

bcdedit /set {default} bootmenupolicy legacy

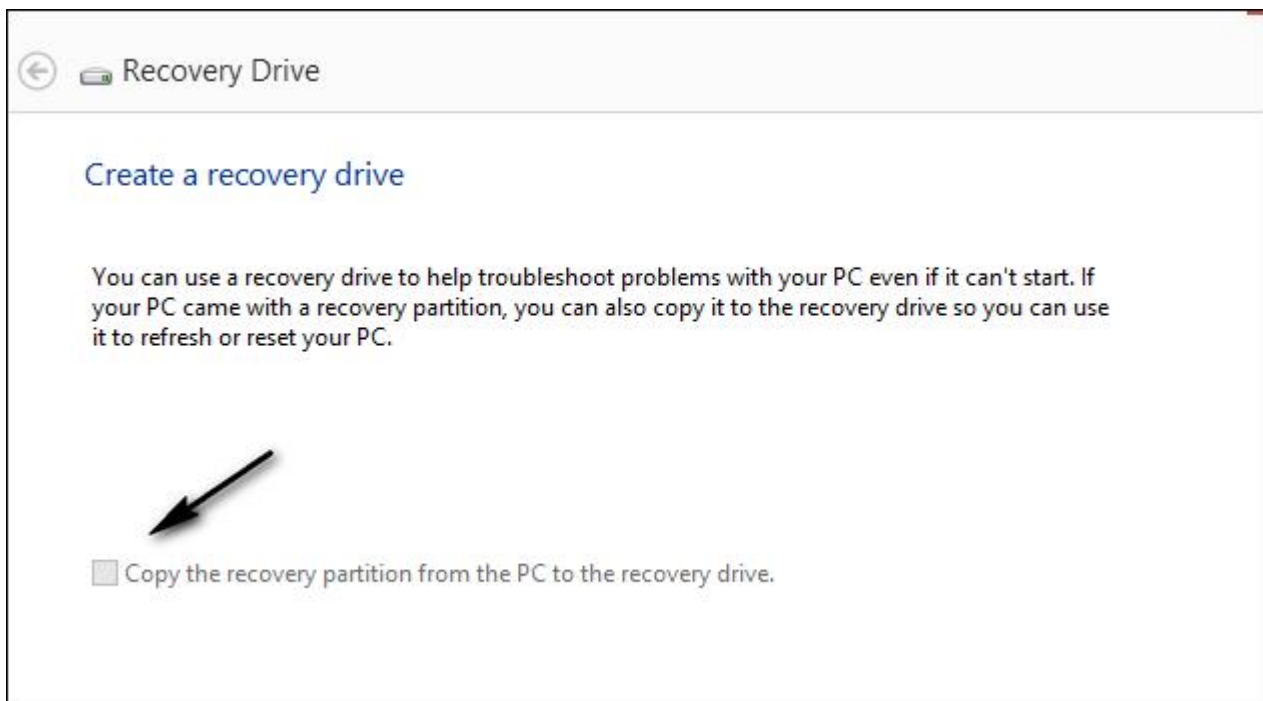
Your screen should look like the figure below



3. To return to normal type the following in the command prompt and then press the Enter key.
bcdedit /set {default} bootmenupolicy standard

Creating a Recovery Drive

If your Windows PC has a recovery partition, you can store that on the drive, too, just in case you need to restore Windows on a brand new drive. You should use a 4GB drive or larger for this purpose. Just place a check in the box as shown below.



How to boot your PC from a USB drive or CD

See the article at the link below:

<https://craftedflash.com/info/how-boot-computer-from-usb-flash-drive>

One of the best Rescue Discs

Hiren's BootCD has been around forever and is available at <http://www.hirensbootcd.org/>. You can make a bootable CD or USB drive using the instructions on the web site.

After booting, select Mini Windows XP from the menu. This boot disk has a file manager to help you recover files and folders from a non-bootable PC.

A great program for burning ISO images to a USB drive is Rufus available for free at <http://rufus.akeo.ie/>.