How to determine if Windows 8 is Activated

Background Information:
Windows 8 requires a Digital Product Key (DPK) to activate. Lenovo systems, for Windows 8, has a unique DPK added during manufacturing. Windows 8 is designed to automatically activate. Users can determine if Windows 8 is activated.

How to identify if Windows 8 is activated:
Begin from the **Start** Menu.

Figure 1: Windows 8 Start Menu

Access the **Charms Bar**, by one of the following methods:
- Systems with mouse attached: Drag mouse pointer to bottom right corner.
- Systems with touch capability: At the right edge, swipe finger to the left.

Figure 2: Windows 8 Start Menu: Charms Bar

Select "**Search**" on the **Charms Bar**, and type "**Control Panel**". The "**Control Panel**" appears.
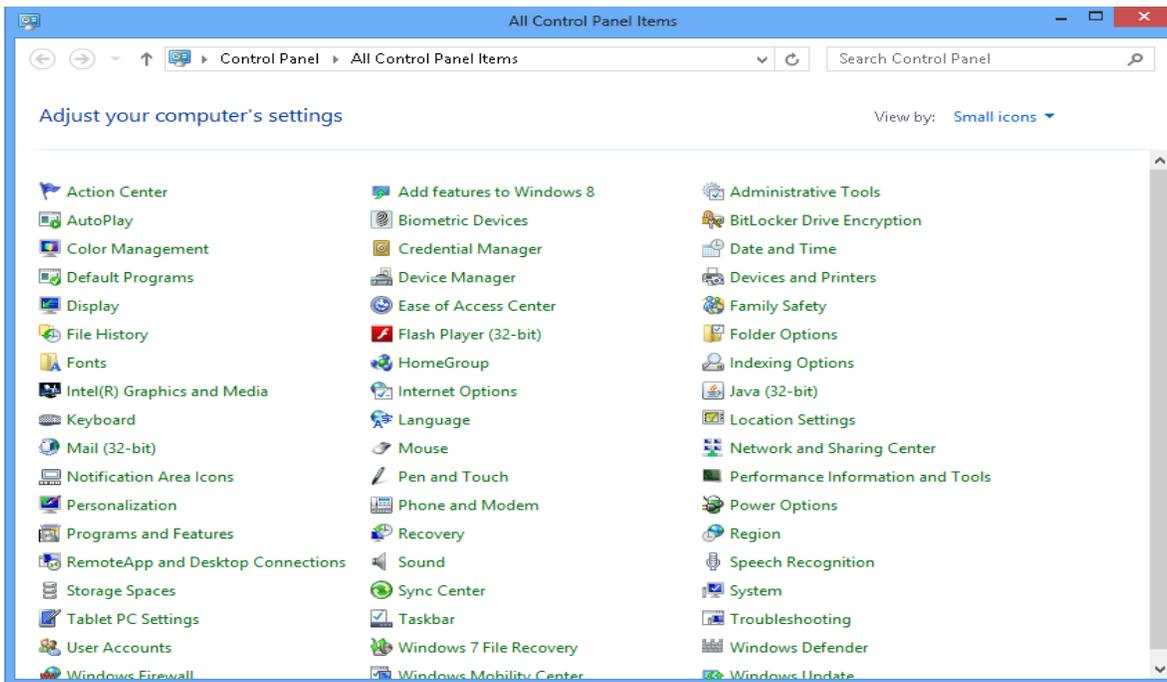
Figure 3: Control Panel

Select "**System**" on "**Control Panel**". The "**System**" information appears.

Windows is activated:

If Windows is activated, the following "**System**" information appears:
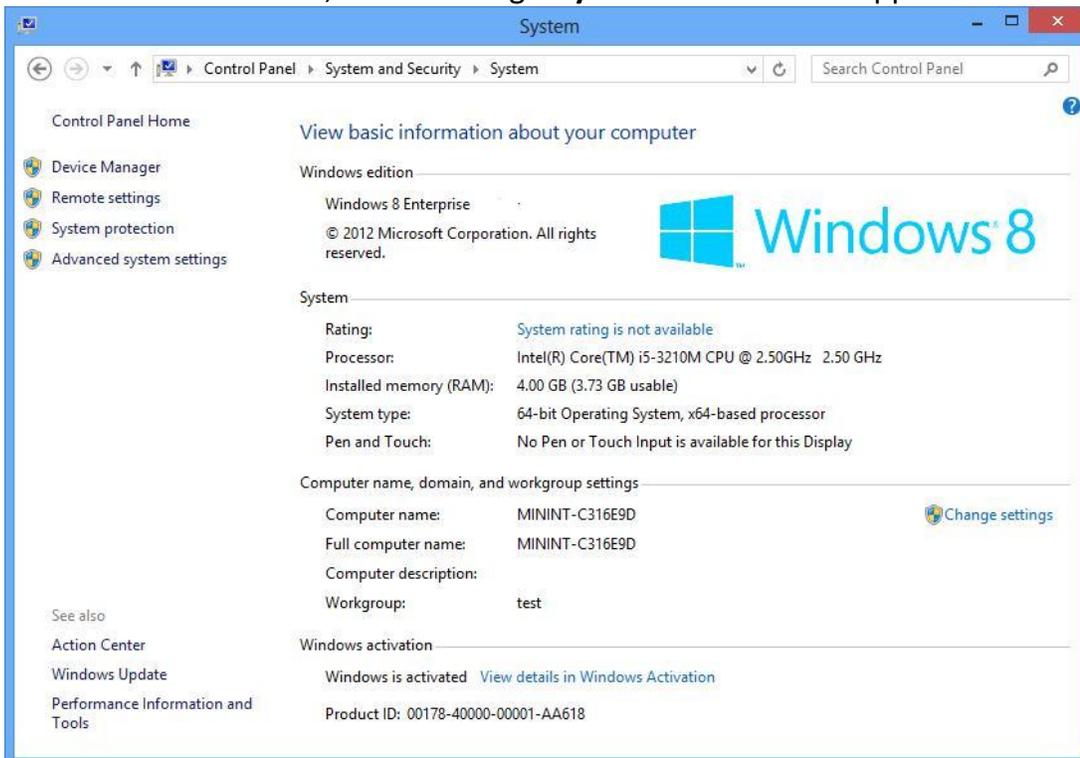
Figure 4: System information: "Windows is activated"

Additional activation information is available by selecting "**View details in Windows Activation**". The following "**Windows Activation**" information appears.
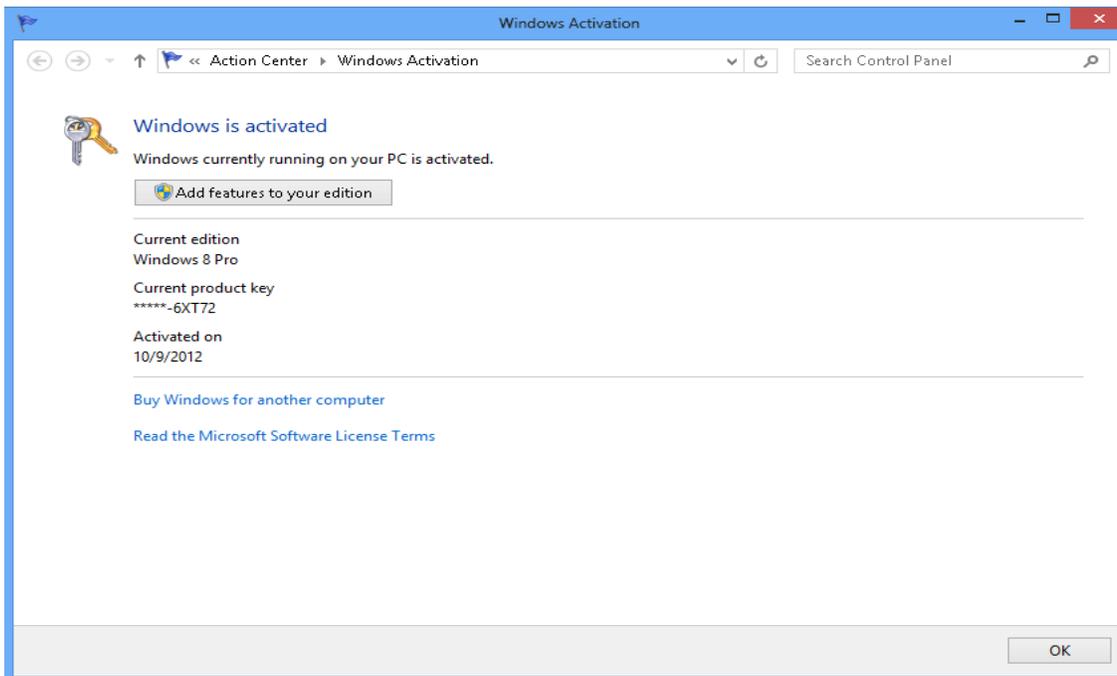
Figure 5: Windows Activation information

Windows is not activated:

If Windows is not activated, the following "**System**" information appears:

Figure 6: System information: Windows is not activated

Select "**View Details in Windows Activation**" on "**System**" to . The "**Windows Activation**" appears.
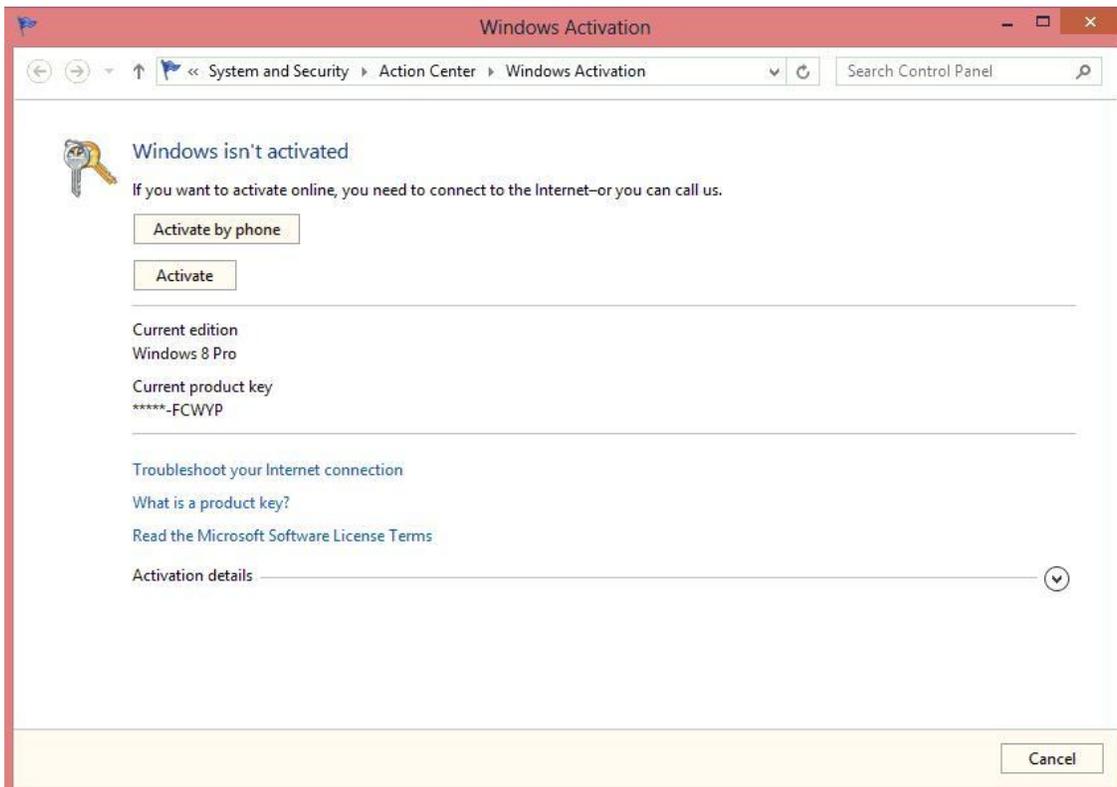
Figure 7: Windows Activation information: Windows isn't activated

"**Activation details**" provides additional "**Error Code**" information that is used to identify specific activation problems. Select "**Activation details**" to display the "**Error code**".
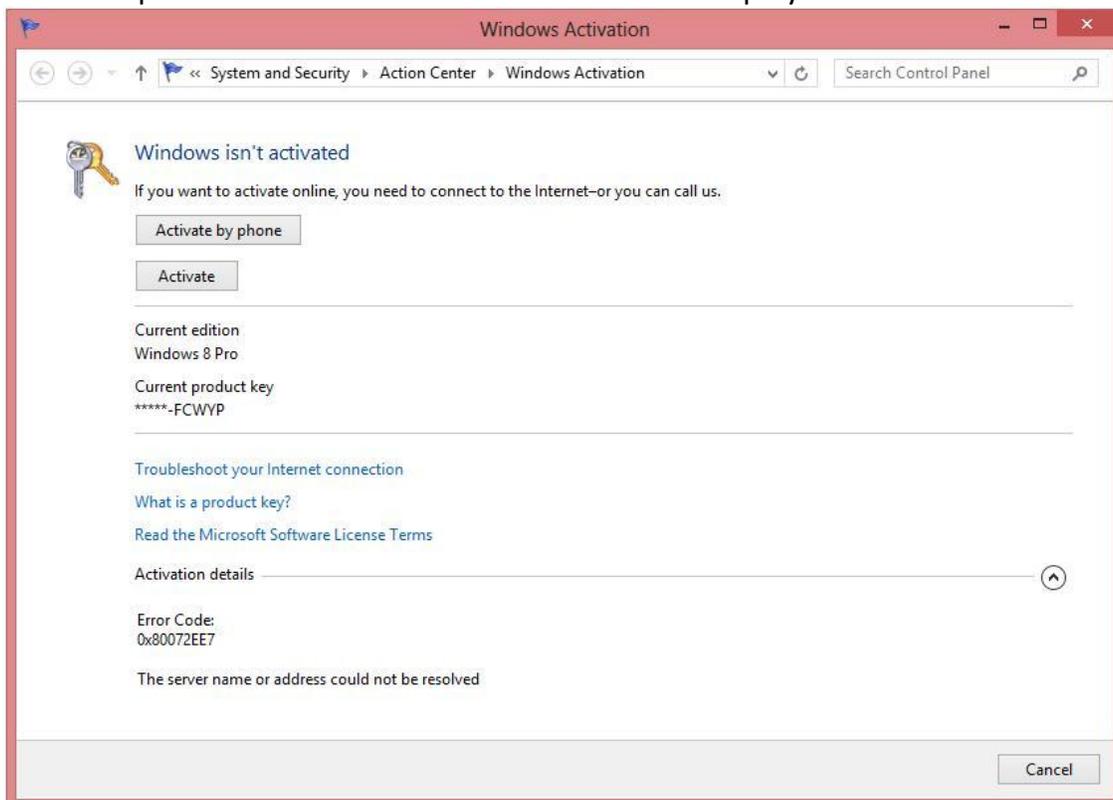
Figure 8: Windows Activation information: Window isn't activated, with Error Code