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.

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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.

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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.

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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