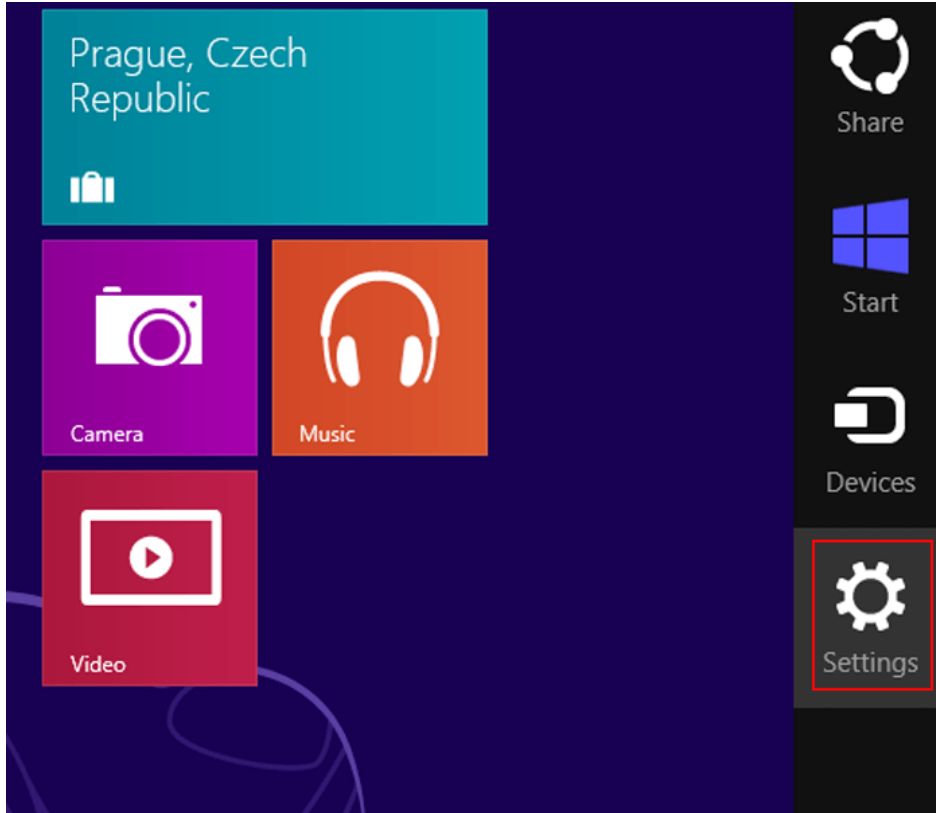# How to disable driver signature enforcement - Windows 8 & 8.1
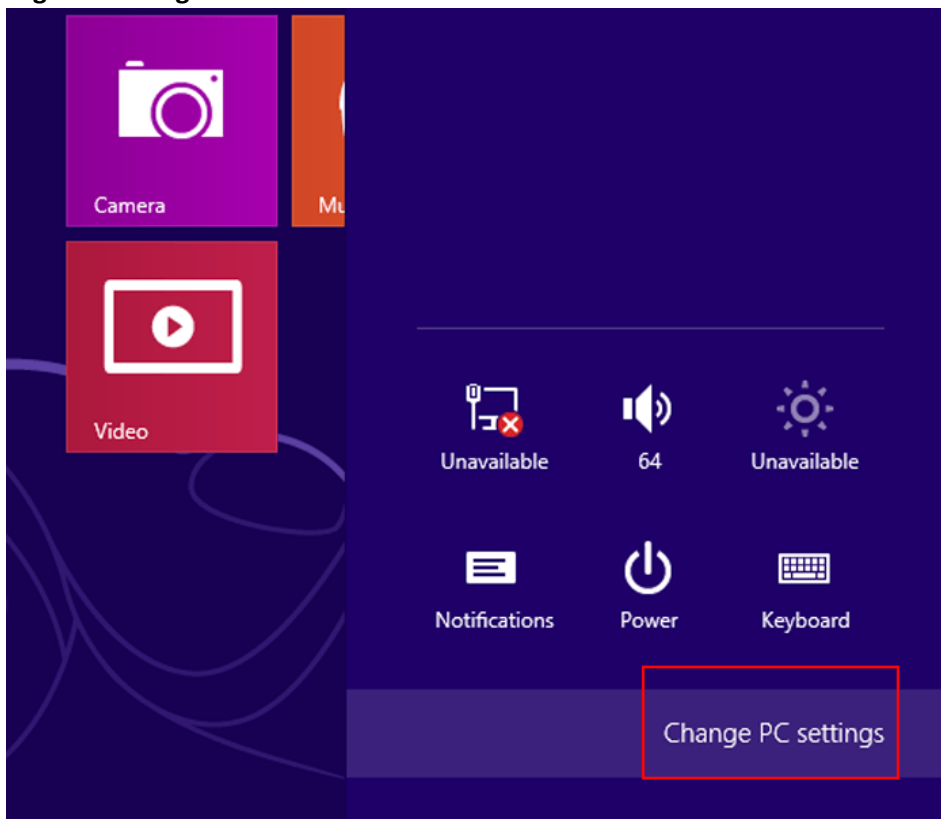
Step 1: Enter **PC settings**.

You can enter PC settings according to the following two procedures.

1. Open **Charms Menu** by simultaneously pressing WIN key (also referred to Windows logo key) and C key, and select **Settings** in it.

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2. Click **Change PC settings** on the bottom.

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Step 2: In PC settings, choose **General** on the left and click **Restart now** under Advanced startup, as shown in the following screen shot.

PC settings

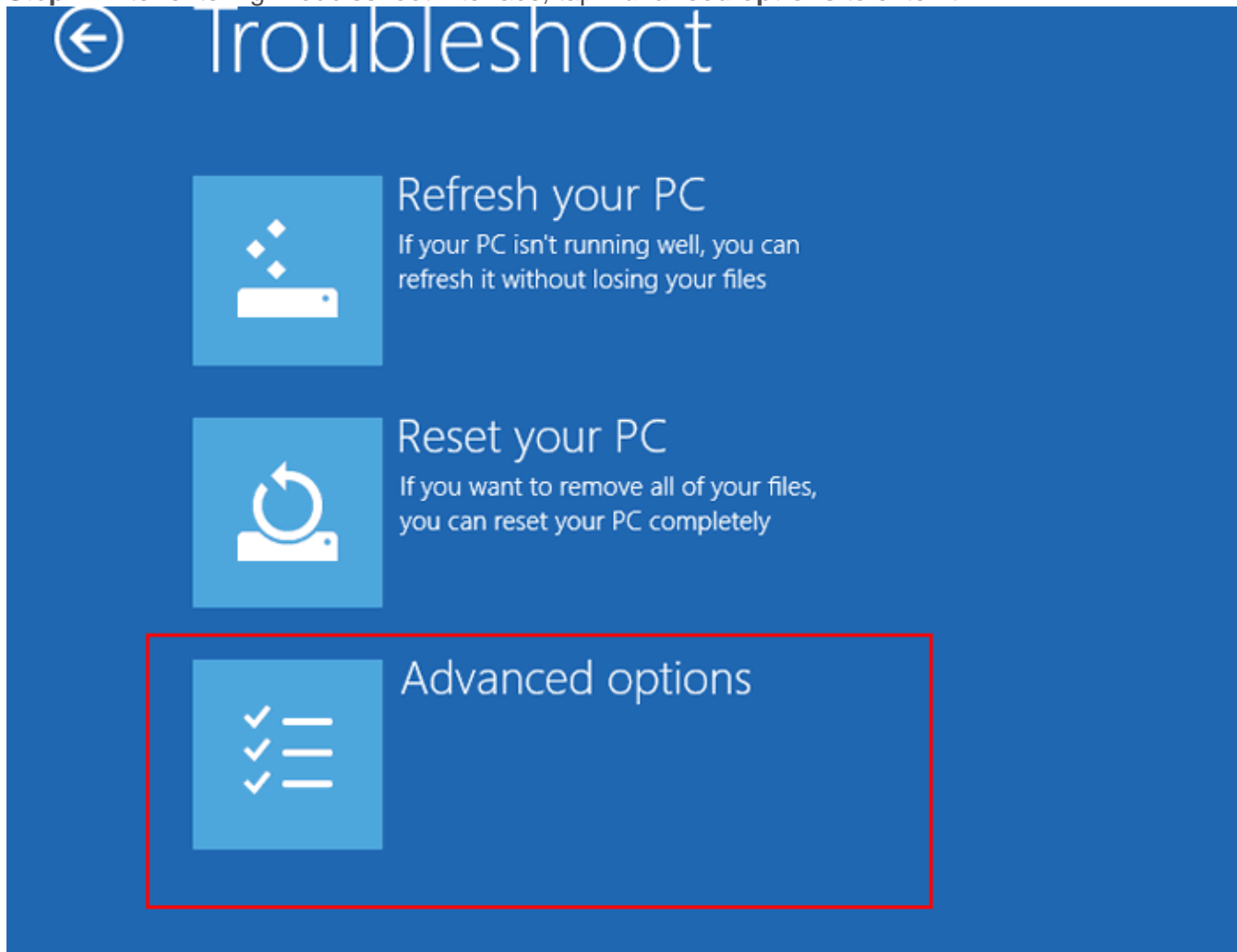|	
Activate Windows	**Language** Add or change input methods, keyboard layouts, and languages. Language preferences
Personalize	
Users	**Available storage** You have 51.0 GB available. See how much space your apps are using. View app sizes
Notifications	
Search	**Refresh your PC without affecting your files** If your PC isn't running well, you can refresh it without losing your photos, music, videos, and other personal files. Get started
Share	
General	
Privacy	**Remove everything and reinstall Windows** If you want to recycle your PC or start over completely, you can reset it to its factory settings. Get started
Devices	
Ease of Access	**Advanced startup** Start up from a device or disc (such as a USB drive or DVD), change Windows startup settings, or restore Windows from a system image. This will restart your PC. Restart now
Sync your settings	
HomeGroup	
Windows Update	

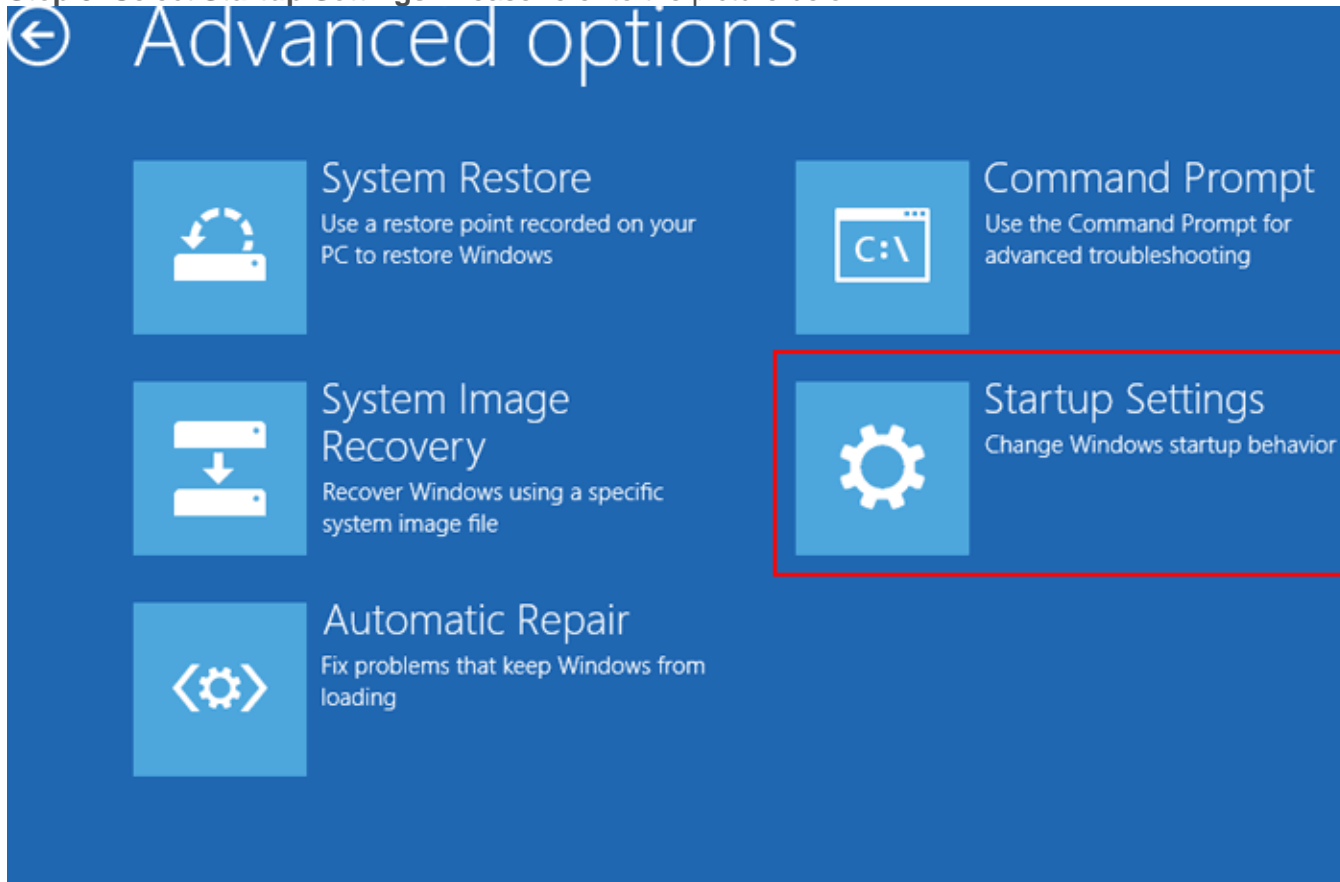**Step 3**: Click **Troubleshoot** in the next interface.

Choose an option

Continue
Exit and continue to Windows 8

Troubleshoot
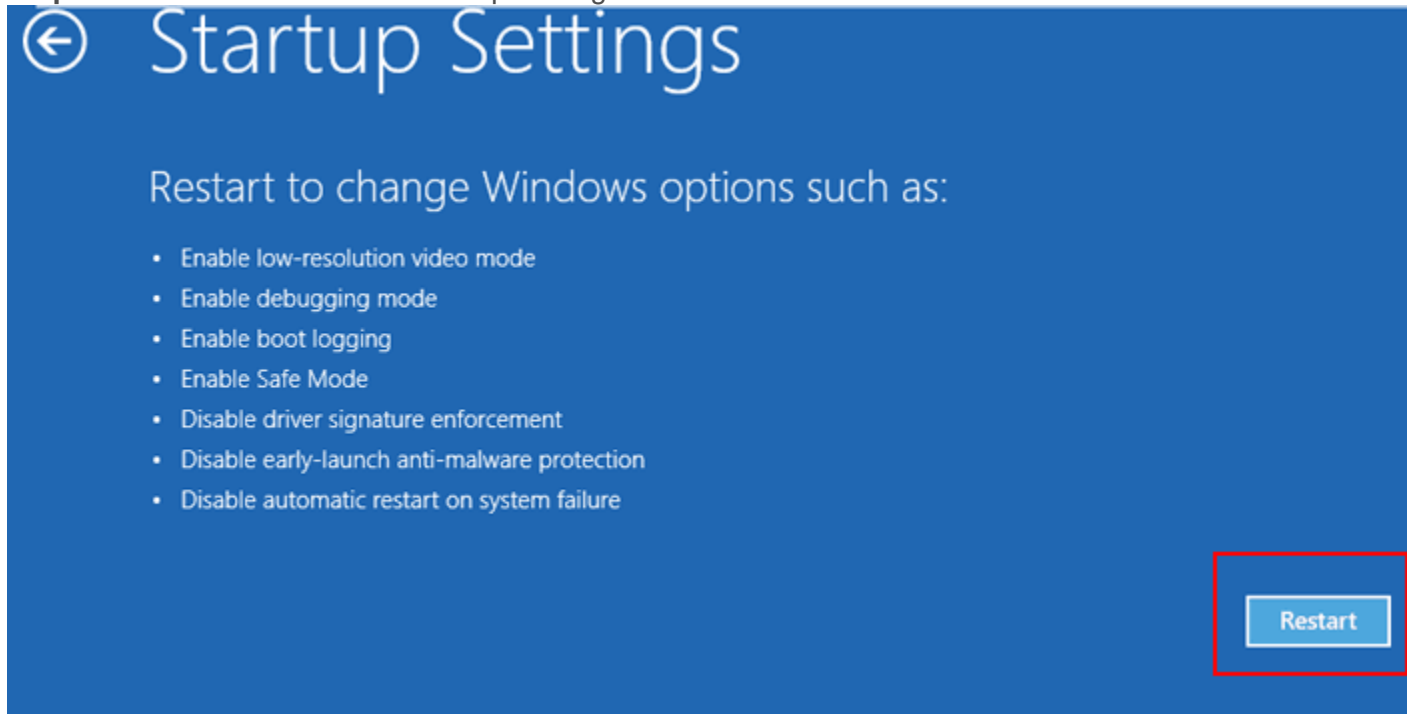Refresh or reset your PC, or use advanced tools

Turn off your PC

Step 4: After entering Troubleshoot interface, tap **Advanced options** to enter it.

← **Troubleshoot**

Refresh your PC
If your PC isn't running well, you can refresh it without losing your files

Reset your PC
If you want to remove all of your files, you can reset your PC completely

Advanced options

Step 5: Select **Startup Settings**. Please refer to the picture below.

← **Advanced options**

System Restore
Use a restore point recorded on your PC to restore Windows

Command Prompt
Use the Command Prompt for advanced troubleshooting

System Image Recovery
Recover Windows using a specific system image file

Startup Settings
Change Windows startup behavior

Automatic Repair
Fix problems that keep Windows from loading

Step 6: Click **Restart** button in Startup Settings interface.

Step 7: Press **7** or **F7** to choose Disable driver signature enforcement.
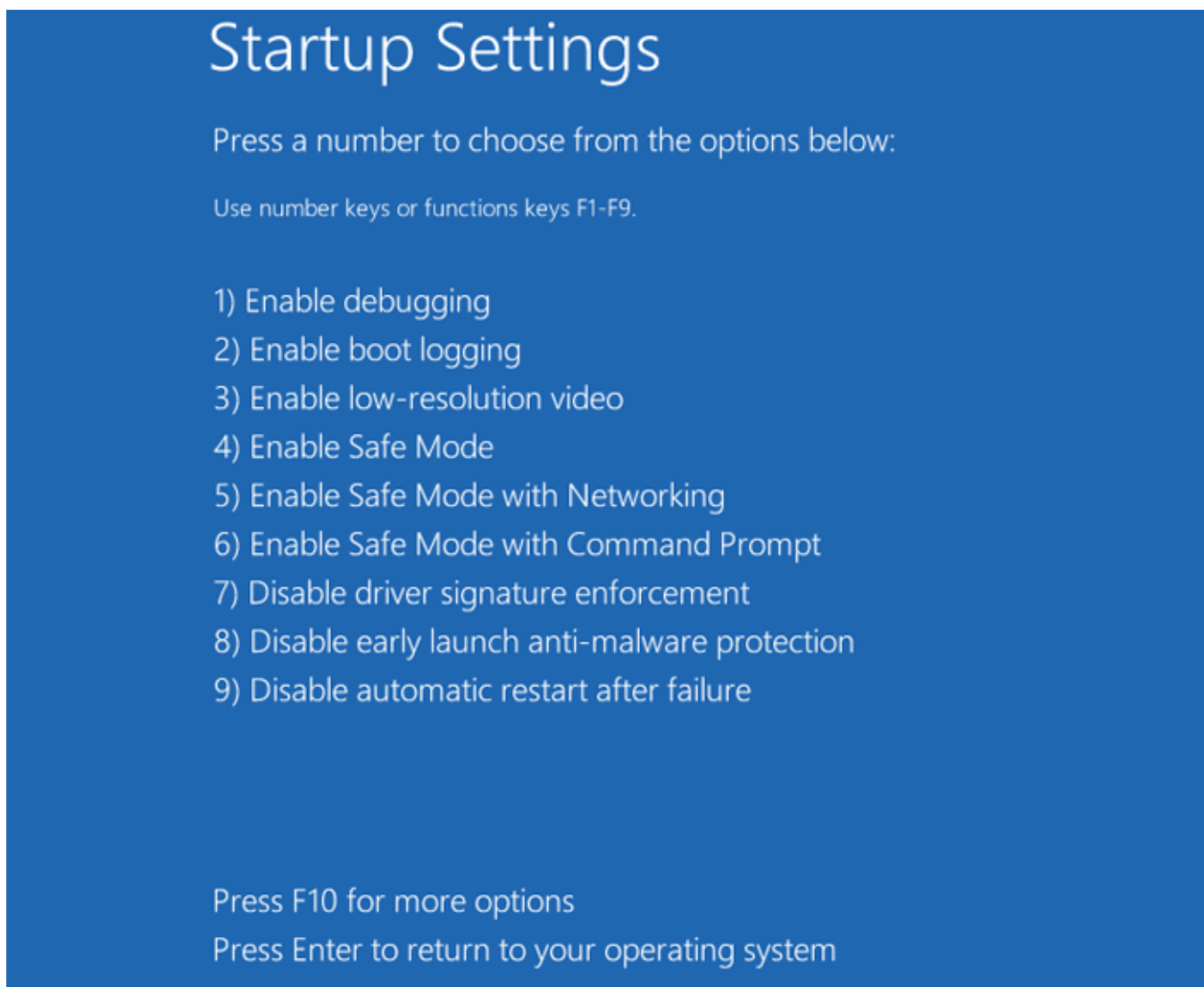
Note: This solution is easy, but it can only be set when the computer is booted. In addition, the setting will return to its original state after restarting.

How to Disable Driver Signature Verification on 64-Bit Windows 8.1 or 10

To disable driver signature verification, we're going to need to get into the **Troubleshooting options** from the boot manager. The easiest way to bring this screen up is using a secret trick.
Simply select **Restart** from the **power options** menu (on **Windows 8 that's under Charms** or on the login screen, and in **Windows 10 it's on the Start Menu**).
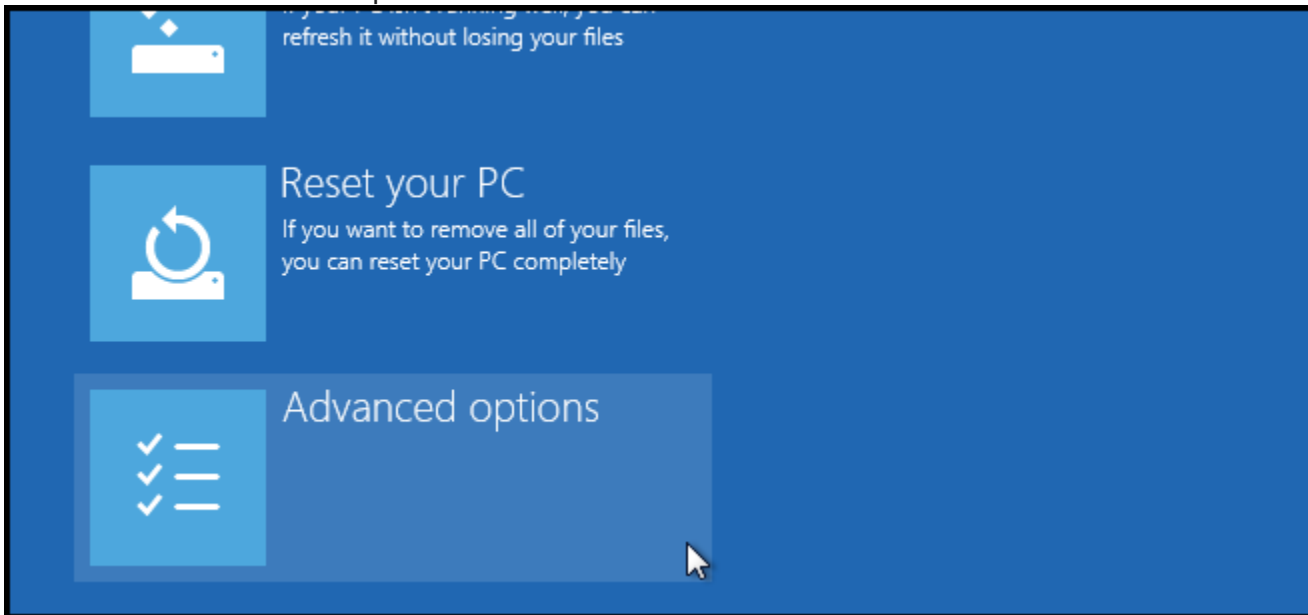Hold down the **SHIFT key** while you click **Restart**.

(Again, you can use this trick on any of the power menus in Windows 8 or 10, whether on the login screen, Charms bar, Start Menu, or Start Screen)
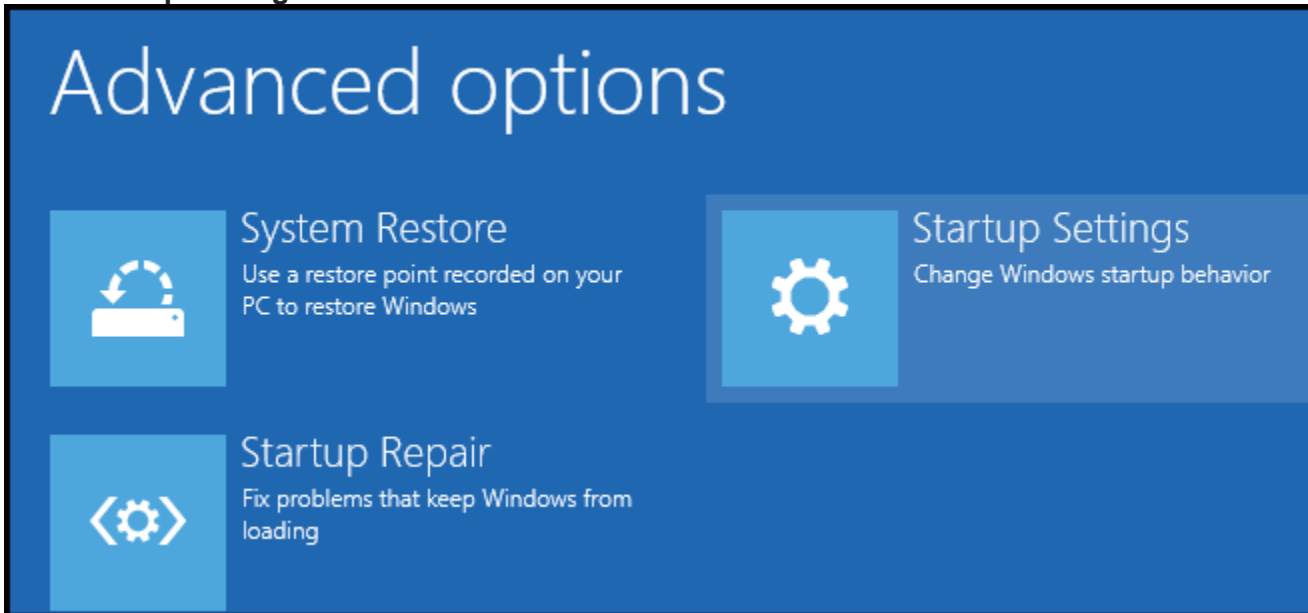Once your computer has rebooted you will be able to choose the **Troubleshoot** option.
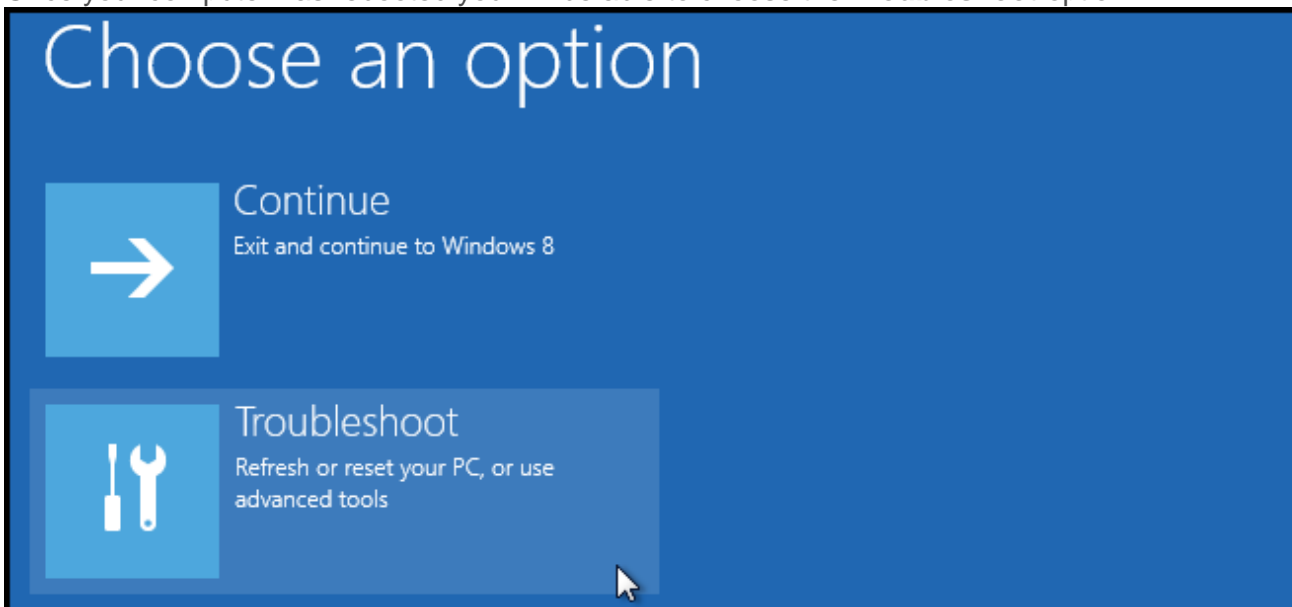
Then head into **Advanced** options.

Then **Startup Settings**.

Since we are modifying boot time configuration settings, you will need to **restart** your Computer one last time.

Restart to change Windows options such as:

- Enable low-resolution video mode
- Enable debugging mode
- Enable boot logging
- Enable Safe Mode
- Disable driver signature enforcement
- Disable early-launch anti-malware protection
- Disable automatic restart on system failure

Restart

Finally, you will be given a list of startup settings that you can change. The one we are looking for is **"Disable driver signature enforcement"**. To choose the setting, you will need to press the **F7** key.

Startup Settings

Press a number to choose from the options below:

Use number keys or functions keys F1-F9.

1) Enable debugging
2) Enable boot logging
3) Enable low-resolution video
4) Enable Safe Mode
5) Enable Safe Mode with Networking
6) Enable Safe Mode with Command Prompt
7) Disable driver signature enforcement
8) Disable early launch anti-malware protection
9) Disable automatic restart after failure

That's all there is to it. Your PC will then reboot and you will be able to install unsigned drivers without any error message

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