

# Obsolete Microspeak: TDBN and the six-pack

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Windows 8 introduced its own code names. Last time [we learned about \*charms\*](#), a term which started out as an internal code name but wound up as the public name for the feature.

When you called up the charms bar, a little information box also appeared in the lower left corner of the screen. This showed the time, date, battery status, and network status. The internal name for this information box was TDBN, named after the four things which appear in it: Time, Date, Battery, and Network. It was pronounced *tidbin*.<sup>1</sup>



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If you selected *Settings* from the charms bar, a settings panel slid in, and at the bottom of the settings panel was a block of six icons arranged as follows:

Network	Volume	Brightness
Notifications	Power	Keyboard

To wit:

This cluster of six icons was known as the *six-pack*.

So there's some useless trivia for you.

<sup>1</sup> Not to be confused with [fizzbin](#).

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