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- If you work 10 hours you can redeem those hours for priority service at one of the Club's help clinics. When you walk into a help clinic with this "Golden Ticket" you are next.
- If you work 36 hours you can redeem those hours for a free one year membership.
- If you work 50 hours you can redeem those hours for a free home service house call.
- If you work 54 hours you can redeem those hours for a free one year membership for your spouse.

All hours worked must be credited to the Computer Club in order to receive any of the above incentives.

A SIMPLE TRICK TO FIX PAGE LOADING PROBLEMS

Any browser - all versions of Windows

If you're having trouble with a site that doesn't load correctly or the content doesn't seem to look like it should, here's a simple and quick tip that could help.

This tip will clear the cache or a single site - which forces the browser to load the page anew. And it's easy to do. Just hold down the SHIFT key while pressing the browser's refresh button -- or hold down SHIFT key while pressing the F5 key.

This works on any site and with any browser. Clicking the refresh button while holding down the shift key, that site's cache is deleted immediately, and the browser will reload the entire page again. This is a good first option if you're having trouble loading a page or viewing its content. Try it! It's a quick and easy way to fix some common page-loading problems. copyright 2008 by Cloud-eight Internet, <http://thundercloud.net/infoave/index.html>

WINDOWS 9 PREVIEW TO LAUNCH SEPTEMBER 30

Code-named Threshold, Windows 9 is set to bring a major change in terms of design and features compared to Windows 8, which was launched less than two years ago.

According to sources within the company, speaking to well-known Microsoft-watcher Tom Warren at "The Verge", the company is planning to hold a media event on Sept. 30 to unveil the new software, though that date could change in the coming weeks.

The news from Warren comes just days after fellow Microsoft expert Mary Jo Foley at ZDNet reported that the Redmond-based company was planning to make a "technology preview" of Windows 9 available in late September/early October.

Threshold — as the software is currently known within Microsoft — is set to be the next major release of the company's desktop software and will be known as Windows 9 when it officially launches in the spring of 2015.

Microsoft is said to be focusing more on making the new Windows experience better for those using non-touch devices, with Windows 8 roundly criticized by mouse and keyboard users for being too touch-focused.

Microsoft began to address these concerns with the Windows 8.1 update last year, and this will continue with Windows 9.

Among the additions to feature in the Windows 9 release:

- A mini Start menu returning to the desktop
- "Windowed" Metro-style apps
- Virtual desktops
- Cortana integration
- Removal of the Charm bar

Microsoft has stated its intention of having a much more rapid update cycle for Windows software, similar to its update cycle for Windows Phone mobile software.

With that in mind, the preview set to become available at the end of September is likely to be accessible not just to developers but to the public as well, unlike the Windows 8 preview, which was initially available only to developers.

<http://goo.gl/wQOXX4>

WILL "WINDOWS 9" GO FREE TO TEMPT US INTO AN UPGRADE?

Windows 9 news is coming at a faster clip now that we're drawing closer to its likely September 30 debut, and the latest concerns the new OS's price.

According to Russian leaker WZOR (via Myce) Microsoft is planning some nice incentives to get folks to upgrade to Windows 9.

For Windows 8.1 users who want to make the jump, WZOR reports Windows 9 will either come free or be available through a special offer. We'd put our money on it going the free route since Windows 8.1 arrived at no charge for Windows 8 users.

If you bought a retail or OEM flavor of the Windows 8, Microsoft will apparently throw you a Windows 9 upgrade for around \$20. Finally, since Windows XP holdouts are still numbering more than Microsoft would like, despite the company ending support earlier this year, the firm is said to be planning an "awesome" incentive to get XP users to cave in to Windows 9.

Michelle Fitzsimmons, Techradar Pro, August 26th
<http://www.techradar.com/news/software/operating-systems/windows-9-price-or-lack-thereof-may-give-users-a-reason-to-upgrade-1262864>

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“UNFREEZE” YOUR COMPUTER WITHOUT REBOOTING

Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8x

This is one of our favorite tricks and we use it all the time. If you've ever been faced with a situation where your computer has become unresponsive (frozen), we're going to show you a trick that can help you unfreeze your computer without rebooting. Like all things Windows, this trick won't work 100% of the time, but it will work most of the time. You can use this trick when your computer completely freezes up and the only thing left to do is to resort to shutting off your computer at the switch and then turning it back on.

There are lots of things wrong with doing that, even if the consequences are not as nearly as catastrophic as they were with earlier versions of Windows. In those older versions of Windows, shutting off your computer at the switch was like playing Russian Roulette – you never knew if your computer would start up again or die on the spot. Windows XP, Vista, and Windows 7 and Windows 8.x are all much more forgiving.

But even with Windows XP, Vista, and Windows 7 and Windows 8.x, shutting your computer off at the switch and then turning it back on should be done only when you have no other choice. Some bad things can still happen although seldom do they result in disaster like they did with Windows 95, 98, and Windows ME. One of the things that will happen if you shut your computer down incorrectly are file system errors on your hard drive. So don't do it unless you have no other viable choice. So while shutting your computer off at the switch and then turning it back on will certainly unfreeze your computer, doing it too often is going to cause problems down the road even in the newest versions of Windows.

So, here's a really nifty trick that has bailed us out more than a few times – you might want to memorize this one because someday you're going to need it.

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If you're ever working in Windows and suddenly everything freezes, don't panic. Don't hit the "Off" button. Don't take a chance on losing your work.

Try this first:

1. Press the "CTRL" "SHIFT" "ESCAPE" keys in sequence
2. Task Manager Appears
3. Click The "Processes" Tab
4. Find any and all instances of "Explorer.exe" and close them all by right-clicking and choosing "End Process"
5. If you've done this successfully your taskbar and desktop icons will disappear – don't worry – that's what you want.
6. Now, while you're still in Task Manager, click "File" "New task" and type in "explorer.exe" (without the quotes)
7. Your taskbar should now reappear and your computer that was frozen should now be ready to go.

This trick will work most of the time – but not always. Sometimes you cannot even use your CTRL+SHIFT+ESC keys. If this happens you'll just have to turn off your computer with the power switch and turn it back on. But don't do that until after you've tried our little trick. It often works and it can save you a lot of aggravation.

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Definition: A **network server** is a **computer** designed to process requests and deliver data to other (client) computers over a local network or the Internet.

Network servers typically are configured with additional processing, memory and storage capacity to handle the load of servicing clients. Common types of network servers include: Web servers, Proxy Servers, FTP Servers, Online Game Servers

Numerous systems use this client / server networking model including Web sites and email services. An alternative model, peer-to-peer networking enables all computers to act as either a server or client as needed.

http://compnetworking.about.com/od/basicnetworkingconcepts/g/network_servers.htm

DO I LEFT CLICK OR RIGHT CLICK?

Windows 7 & 8

Most computer [mice](#) have at least two mouse buttons. When you press the left one, it is called a left click. When you press the one on the right, it is called a right click. By default, the left button is the main mouse button, and is used for **common tasks such as selecting objects and [double-clicking](#)**.

The [Right Click Menu](#) or the **Context Menu** is the menu, which appears, when you right-click on the **desktop** or a **file** or **folder** in Windows.

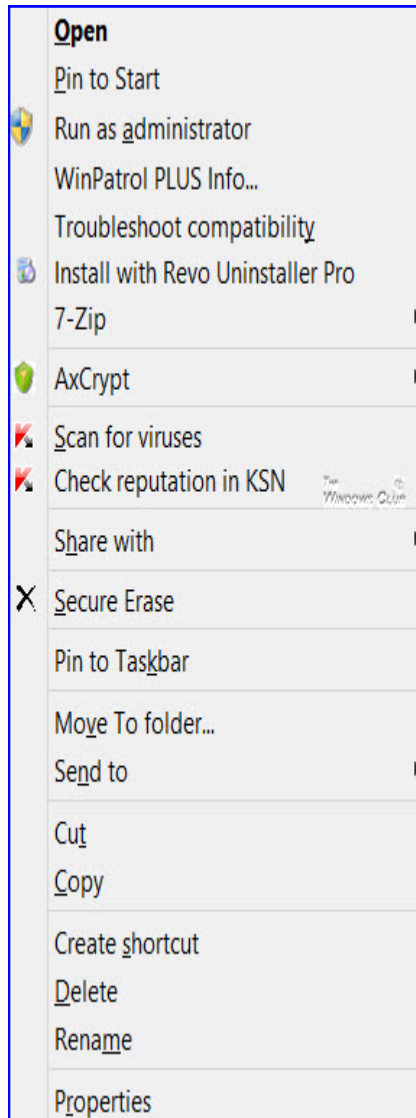
This menu gives you added functionality by offering you actions you can take with the item.

Most programs like to stuff their commands in this menu.

While they can be useful, the problem is that even when you uninstall the programs, they fail to remove the respective context menu item, making the menu slow and appear cluttered.

Another context menu example is if you right click anywhere on the desktop, you may see a

menu pop up that includes "Change View Options" and "Change Desktop Background." (continue on next column)



If you right click on a folder, the menu might include options such as "Open" and "Properties". Certain programs, such as video games, may use the right click to perform other functions, such as firing a secondary weapon in a first-person shooter. Most programs, however, use the right click to open contextual menus.

<http://www.techterms.com/definition/rightclick>

["The Tech Terms Computer Dictionary"](#)

Easily Rearrange Your Taskbar Icons

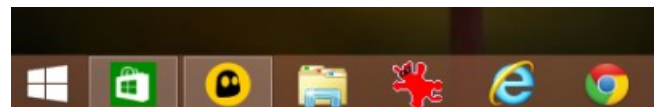
Windows 7 and Windows 8x

How many of you knew you can easily rearrange your taskbar icons on Windows 7 and Windows 8x by dragging them? It seems a lot of folks don't know they can put the taskbar icons in any order they want, any time they want. It's not complicated, in fact if you can hold-down your left-mouse button you can drag the taskbar icons to any position you want and arrange them any way you want. See?



Look up! Check out the order of the icons on my Windows 8x taskbar.

Now, check out the picture below.



As you can see, I've completely rearranged my taskbar icons. The way I do it is put the ones I use the most on the right and the ones I use the least on the left. You may prefer the opposite. The point is, you can have your taskbar icons in any order you want them, and all you've got to do is drag them around while holding down your left-mouse button.

Don't you just love quick and easy tips?

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