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CLASS SCHEDULE

Free classes are continually offered to help Club Members to use computers!

File Management
Apr 14, Session 1 of 1, 9 am to noon

Microsoft Power Point 2010 &2013
Apr 14, Session 1 of 2, 1 pm to 3 pm
Apr 16, Session 2 of 2, 1 pm to 3 pm

Special Session To Be Announced
Apr 20. Session 1 of 1, 9 am to noon

Understanding Windows 8.1
Apr 20, Session 1 of 2, 1 pm to 3 pm
Apr 22, Session 2 of 2, 1 pm to 3 pm

Using Windows 8.1— Part 1—"Programs"
May 4, Session 1 of 1, 1 pm to 4 pm

Microsoft Word 2010 & 2013
May 5, Session 1 of 2, 10 am to noon
May 7, Session 2 of 2, 10 am to noon

Microsoft Publisher 2010 & 2013
May 5, Session 1 of 2, 1 pm to 3 pm
May 7, Session 2 of 2. 1 pm to 3 pm

Call Marie Herr (273-2558) for more information and to pre-register. **5 members are required for each class.**
Desktop computers will be provided for all classes; however, students may bring their own laptops with power supply.

Genealogy sig meeting, April 18th, 10 AM

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May: Beverly Puckett Will Present An Easy Way to Import Photo Albums for Your Hobbies Including Scrapbooking

June: How to Use High Tech Health Monitoring Devices (Presented by representative from Schmieding Center)

July: Q & A with Panel of Experts

Aug: Election of Officers

Sept: Installing and Running "Windows 10"

Oct: Installing and Running "Windows 10" or New On-Line Banking Procedures

Nov: New On-Line Banking Procedures Follow Up Review of Installing and Running "Windows 10"

Dec. Christmas Letters – How to do them

OPEN HOUSES FOR COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

Apr 15 - (10 am —1 pm) (Wednesday)
May 2 - (10 am—1 pm) (Saturday)
May 6 - (1 pm —4 pm) (Wednesday)

ARE THEE WELL INTERNET EXPLORER

by Richard Hay, WinSuperSite

We all knew this day would come.

Late last year the rumors began about a new web browser coming from Microsoft that would be a big part of Windows 10. When Microsoft held their January event focused on the consumer features of Windows 10 this new web browser, Project Spartan, made its formal debut.

As Paul wrote back in January both browsers will be around when Windows 10 releases but Internet Explorer will be focused for business and legacy applications compatibility while Project Spartan will be for consumers.

Project Spartan is not the final name of Microsoft's new browser but based on a report from The Verge's Tom Warren earlier today that name will not be Internet Explorer.

This news came out of Microsoft's Convergence 2015 event in Atlanta, GA yesterday (March 17th) while Microsoft's marketing head Chris Capossela was speaking to the attendees. "We're now researching what the new brand, or the new name, for our browser should be in Windows 10"

I just hope they come up with a great name for it, in fact as Paul wrote earlier this year, Project Spartan would be perfect and continue the Halo related naming trend started with Cortana.

HOW TO DO A CLEAN START
Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8x and Windows 10

A Clean Start is different than a clean boot. It's much easier to do and takes less time, but it can quickly tell you if a service starting with Windows is causing problems - either causing you startups to take much longer than necessary, or causing error messages at Windows startup.

This tip works on Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8.x and Windows 10.

Press the Windows Key and while holding it down, press the R key until you see the Run dialog appear.

In the Run command line type MSCONFIG and press Enter

Click on the Services tab and tick the box next to "Hide all Microsoft services"

Now click "Disable all" , close the MSCONFIG dialog and then restart your computer

If your computer seems to start faster or if you don't see the error messages you were getting, you're going to have to do some trial-and-error work.

In the Run command line type MSCONFIG and press Enter

Click on the Services tab and tick the box next to "Hide all Microsoft services"

In the MSCONFIG dialog click make sure you put checkmarks next to your security programs (your antivirus services.) but nothing else, then reboot your computer. If you still have no problems and your computer reboots quickly, repeat the procedure -- adding a few more services back each time. You can narrow down the culprit using this method, although it can take some time.

This tip is especially useful for those who've kept their start-up programs in check, but who still experience long boot times or error messages on startup. Services are not mystical things that Windows uses to baffle you -- they're just programs, special programs, but programs nonetheless.
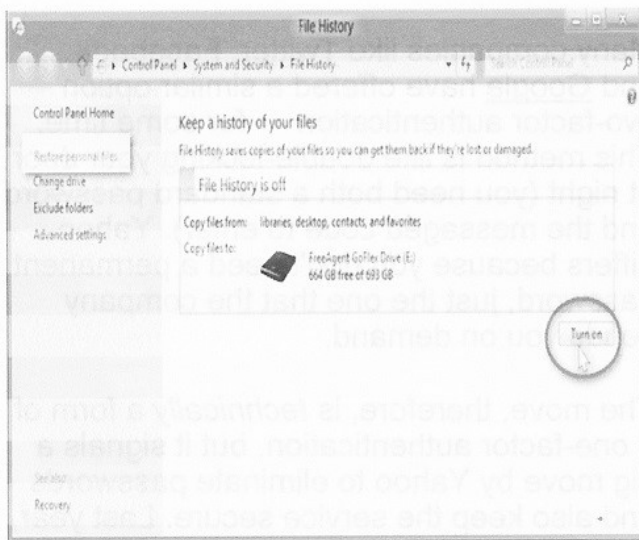
Go backward or forward when browsing the Web using only your mouse wheel - To move backward or forward while browsing the Web with Internet Explorer or Firefox, hold the Shift key while turning the mouse wheel to go forward or backward.

WINDOWS 8 FILE HISTORY
Windows 8 all versions

One of our favorite features in Windows 8 is File History. File History is an automatic update service in Windows 8 that can back up your personal files and folders to an external hard drive, and lets you selectively restore personal files and folders whenever needed. However, for some reason you have to open and access it. Remember, to use File History you must have a second hard drive or an external hard drive.

You have to turn on File History to use it -- it is not turned on by default. To turn on File History, Open File History control panel applet. Connect an external drive, and click Turn on. If the drive you want to use for File History back up to is not selected, you can change drives by clicking the "Select a drive" link. Now File History will automatically backup and update your personal files automatically -- you won't have to give it a second thought. In the File History dialog, you also can restore files by clicking "Restore personal files".

So what exactly is File History and what does it do? File History is a backup application that continuously protects your personal files stored in Libraries, on your Desktop, in your Favorites and Contacts folders. It periodically (by default every hour) scans the file system for changes and then copies changed files to the selected location. Every time any of your personal files has changed, a copy will be stored on your external drive. As time goes by, File History builds a complete history of changes made to any personal file.

Why File History? We all know that we should back up our computers, but less than 10% of us do. We wish we had a dollar for every email we have from someone saying "my computer crashed and I lost everything...." File History makes protecting your data extremely easy -- and automatic. You don't need any special computer skills to use it beyond clicking the "Turn on" button in the File History dialog.

File History isn't an image backup, but it is automatic and it will protect your personal files. We can always reinstall software programs and set-up mail accounts again, but if we lose those precious documents, photos, videos, etc. they can't be replaced. And since File History is automatic and all you need is an external hard drive and the ten seconds it takes to turn it on, there is no excuse not to use it!

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.

TWO QUICK RIGHT-CLICK TIPS

Windows XP through Windows 8.x

Here are two handy (and easy) Windows right-click tips. The results you'll get depend on your version of Windows. These tips work on Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7 and Windows 8.x

Drag and Drop + Right-Click
When you drag and drop using a left-click you have only limited options. When you drag and drop using right-click you get a context menu that allows you to choose from several options. Right-click; drag and drop is the way we more files around because of the additional options. Try it; we'll bet it becomes your preferred way of moving files around too!

Shift + Right Click

When you hold down the Shift Key when right-clicking a file, you get many more options. The options you get depend on the operating system and the file you're right-clicking. One thing for sure, when you hold down the Shift key and right-click a file, you'll get more options, and more options are good, right?

YOU CAN NOW LOG INTO YAHOO MAIL WITHOUT REMEMBERING A PASSWORD

Remembering a unique password for each online account you manage — social networks, banking and email, to name a few — is a headache. There are likely dozens of letter and number sequences you have to keep track of at any given time.

But Yahoo wants to help by making it easier to log into its email service. In fact, it doesn't want you to have to enter a traditional password at all.

The company introduced a new on-demand login feature that sends users a specialized code to their mobile devices to gain access. The code is generated only for that account; since it changes each time you log in, the method is secure. Hackers would have to be in possession of a user's smartphone to know the code and thus access the account.

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Many companies like Twitter, Facebook and Google have offered a similar option — two-factor authentication — for some time. This method is like double-locking your door at night (you need both a standard password and the messaged code to enter). Yahoo differs because you don't need a permanent password, just the one that the company sends you on demand.

The move, therefore, is *technically* a form of a one-factor authentication, but it signals a big move by Yahoo to eliminate passwords and also keep the service secure. Last year, the company announced that it was the target of a massive hacking that stole usernames and passwords from its email customers, so the need to provide a safe, encrypted way to keep accounts secure is greater than ever.

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