Bits & Bytes

Arkansas' Premier Computer Club

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Bella Vista Computer Club - John Ruehle Center

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New Newsletter Editor:

Someone has to do it as we all have enjoyed and learned from the Bits & Bytes. I will try to do my best and encourage members to make suggestions for articles of interest. So, here we go! Julie Storm, amateur editor

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Meetings

September 14 BVCC Board Meeting

5:45 pm

Computer Club Meeting

Community Room at

Highlands Crossing 7 pm

Visitors and Guests are Welcome!

Be sure to check the class schedules at the meeting and sign-up for the ones you are interested in. There is no charge for classes to Club members.

Club Officers:

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Genealogy SIG 10 AM John Ruehle Center

3rd Saturday 10-12 am

Windows 10 upgrades continue at a torrid pace

The day after Microsoft launched Windows 10 worldwide, the company announced that the new OS was running on more than 14 million machines. Since then, executives in the Windows division have been quiet about disclosing follow-up numbers for Windows installations.

But a check of third-party data sources suggests that the upgrade pace is not slowing down.

StatCounter, for example, reported that worldwide web traffic from devices running Windows 10 was roughly 0.3 percent of the total in the week leading up to the July 29 launch.

Two weeks after the launch, for the week ending August 16, the share of traffic from Windows 10 devices had soared to nearly 20 times that level, or 5.4 percent.

Data from StatCounter
It's no coincidence that other Windows versions were down an identical amount, with the share of traffic from Windows 7 machines dropping 1.4 percent and the Windows 8.1 share declining even more precipitously. If the StatCounter numbers are even close to reflecting real-world usage, then roughly one out of every six Windows 8.1 machines has already upgraded to Windows 10.

Internal traffic numbers at ZDNet suggest even more dramatic momentum for Windows 10 among our audience, which is more technically sophisticated than the general population.

In the full week that ended a few days before the worldwide launch, about 1.8 percent of unique visitors to ZDNet were running Windows 10. Two weeks after the launch, 12.6 percent of all unique visitors to this site (roughly one out of every eight, including mobile devices) were using Windows 10.

Pageviews/Desktop	July 20-26	Aug 10-16	% Change
Windows 7	54.3%	52.9%	-1.4%
Windows 8.1	17.0%	14.4%	-2.6%
Windows XP	10.0%	9.6%	-0.4%
OS X	8.7%	8.4%	-0.3%
Windows 10	0.3%	5.4%	+5.1%
Windows 8	3.6%	3.4%	-0.2%
Other	6.0%	5.9%	-0.1%

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Class Schedule

Sept. 3   Windows 10 and People apps.10-noon

Sept. 7   Internet Mircosoft Edge 10-12 1 0f 2

           Setting up Windows 10 1 pm-4 pm

Sept. 8 Windows Live Mail (Window 7,8.1 & 10

           10 am to noon 1 of 2

Sept. 9   Internet Microsoft Edge 10-noon 2 of 2

Sept. 10 Windows Live Mail (Window 7,8.1 & 10

           10 am to noon 2 of 2

Sept. 15 Security 9 -noon

           PC Maintenance part 2 Protect and Recover 1 pm-3 pm

Sept. 17 Setting up Windows 8.1 9-noon

Sept. 21 Special Session Cortana 9-noon

Sept. 22 Microsoft Word App. Win 10 10-noon

           1 of 2

           Microsoft Excel Win 10 1 pm-3 pm 1 of 2

Sept. 23 Setting Up Windows 10 9-noon

Sept.24   Microsoft Word App. Win 10

           10-noon 2 of 2

           Microsoft Excel Win 10 1 pm-3 pm 1 of 2

Sept. 29 Understanding Windows 10 10 am -noon

           Session 1 of 2

You must pre-register for classes by calling Marie at 273-2558 5 members are required for each class. PCs are provided; however, you may bring your laptops with power supply.

Help Clinics

Sept. 2   Wed. Help Clinic 1 pm - 4 pm

Sept. 5   Sat. Help Clinic 10 am - 1 pm

Sept. 16 Wed. Help Clinic 10 am - 1 pm

Welcome New Members!

Jo Ann   Bonuka
John   Brach
Steve   Knudsen
Jim   Lane
Marty   Lane
Steve   Little
Laura   Wiersema
Gloria   Fry
Gerry   Kowalski
Ellen   Gaconnier

Window Media Player and Windows 10

Despite what you may have read and despite what all those "Microsoft-is-out-to-steal-your-soul" doomsday bloggers have written, we are here to tell you:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Windows Media Player in Windows 10 and it plays music and video. Not only does it do what it has always done, it's easy to make it your default media player in Windows 10. And besides making it the default music player and video player, you can create shortcuts for Windows Media Player on your start menu, taskbar, or desktop – YES! Just like the good old days, I tells ya.

Making Windows Media Player your default music player is easy.

- Click the start button
- Click Settings
- Click System
- Find Default Apps on the left pane
- Scroll down
- Find Music player
- Click on Groove Player (if it's set as default) or if not, the big plus sign
- Choose "Windows Media Player" by clicking it To get all the options, go to this link.

http://thundercloud.net/infoave/new/windows-media-player-and-windows-10/

I missed the "start" button from Windows 7. I liked the ease of finding my programs without having to search for a tile. I found there are many options to add a button on Windows 8.0-8.1. This one is found in Cnet/Download, is easy and free.

Start Menu 8 recaptures the navigation structure that you are familiar with from Windows 7. The Windows 8 interface, called Metro, did away with the Start button and replaced it with the flat-paneled menu used on Windows phones and tablets.

Pros

A familiar interface: The Start button and menu has been a mainstay of Windows since Windows '95. In Windows 8, Microsoft decided to do something new, but the truth is that it is hard to adjust to something new after so long. Start Menu 8 resurrects that old interface to make navigation familiar again.

Stylistic options: Start Menu 8 lets you completely customize your new Start button. First, you can choose what you want the button itself to look like. You can either select a button that looks like the classic Windows 7 button, or opt for something more modern that looks like it fits in with the Windows 8 style.

Customized menu: When you walk through the setup process with Windows 8, you can select exactly what you want to have included in the menu. This lets you keep it basic and only include your most commonly used items, or comprehensive so you can navigate through your entire system from the menu. A great addition is the ability to incorporate a menu for your Windows 8 Metro apps.

Cons

Time to set up: The only real drawback is that it took a fair bit of time to set up exactly the way that we wanted it. A few presets or similar quick-start options might have minimized the time it took to get going.

Bottom Line

This program takes only a few minutes until you're returned to a more familiar interface. You can customize the menu exactly as you want, so you can either have a menu just like the one in Windows 7, or you can create your own customized option.

http://download.cnet.com/Start-Menu-8/3001-2072_4-75852660.html?hlndr=1

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