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Users Group for PC-Compatible Systems



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The [January 2012](#) meeting of the McHenry County Computer Club is [January 14](#), at the Salvation Army Building, 290 W. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake.

Our membership is \$26.00 a year. NOTE: This fee offsets the running of the club; membership benefits include help with computer problems. Please pay Lyle Giese, our treasurer, or the designated Board Member in his absence.

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions & Reports
- Demo: Freeware - Bob Wagner
- Break
- Q & A

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upcoming demos

- *January - Freeware - Bob Wagner*
- *February - Network*
- *March - Email Fraud - Lyle Giese*
- *April - Word 2010, Pt. 2 - Lucë York*
- *May - Apps for I-phone - Jim Bierle*

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Questions & Answers

Q: What is RPC (Remote Procedure Call)? What does it do? When and why would I need it? Can I turn it off?

A: It's a method for a program on one computer to talk to a program on another computer or on the same computer. It was designed for use between two computers, but it can be used within one computer.

Can you turn it off? Yes, you can, but expect things to be broken. It's not easy to determine which programs you may be using that need or use it. Just leave it alone and let your computer handle it.

Q: What is a Hyperlink?

A: Here is the definition from Wikipedia:

"In computing, a hyperlink (or link) is a reference to data that the reader can directly follow, or that is followed automatically. [1] A hyperlink points to a whole document or to a specific element within a document. Hypertext is text with hyperlinks. A software system for viewing and creating hypertext is a hypertext system, and to create a hyperlink is to hyperlink (or simply to link). A user following hyperlinks is said to navigate or browse the hypertext.

A hyperlink has an anchor, which is the location within a document from which the hyperlink can be followed; the document containing a hyperlink is known as its source document to web pages. For example, in an online reference work such as Wikipedia, many words and terms in the text are hyperlinked to definitions of those terms. Hyperlinks are often used to implement reference mechanisms, such as tables of contents, footnotes, bibliographies, indexes, letters and glossaries.

In some hypertext, hyperlinks can be bidirectional: they can be followed in two directions, so both ends act as anchors and as targets. More complex arrangements exist, such as many-to-many links.

The effect of following a hyperlink may vary with the hypertext system and may sometimes depend on the link itself; for instance, on the World Wide Web, most hyperlinks cause the target document to replace the document being displayed, but some are marked to cause the target document to open in a new window. Another possibility is transclusion, for which the link target is a document fragment that replaces the link anchor within the source document. Not only persons browsing the document follow hyperlinks; they may also be followed automatically by programs. A program that traverses the hypertext, following each hyperlink and gathering all the retrieved documents is known as a Web spider or crawling.

Visit Wikipedia at this hyperlink: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperlinks>

Q: I have a new laptop with a webcam pointed at me. How do I turn it off? How do I turn it on to use it?

A: Most newer webcams have an activity LED that lights up to indicate that it (along with the microphone) is turned on. With your laptop, it came bundled with its own software to use the camera. And that varies from laptop to laptop, so telling you how to

turn it on or off is beyond our capabilities unless we had the laptop in from of it.

Once installed and the device drivers for it are properly installed, any program that desires to use the webcam can find it and turn it on for its use. So you normally don't have to turn it on for a program to use it.

Q: When I try to do a Google search from my IE home screen, I only get a blank about page.

A: Open IE and from Tools, go to Internet Options. Find Search Settings. Make something other than Google your default search engine. Delete Google there and then re-add it.

Probably something mangled the URL for Google, and this should correct it.

Q: When using the web, I frequently see "Done but with errors."

A: Most web pages include scripts and sometimes scripts for more than one type of browser. If IE tries to run a script for something other than IE, that will happen. Plus, depending on the version of javascript, Windows host scripting, and the version of IE - all can affect when/if IE decides there is an error in a script. There are no simple answers to this particular question.

Q: Where can I purchase a legal copy of Word 2003 or 2007?

A: It's legal to sell a copy of Word or Microsoft office, if it's a retail copy (not OEM or Upgrade or Student) and they include the hologram sticker with the install code and they get rid of all existing copies that they may have.

I would check on EBay and ask if it's a full retail version and ask if they have the hologram sticker. Use PayPal to buy it. If you don't get what looks like a legal copy with the hologram sticker, complain to them, Ebay and PayPal.

Freeware

by Al Schrader

Waterfox, Jigsaw, PixBuilder Studio and Windows7 Reset Disk

Waterfox v9 (get it here: <http://waterfoxproj.sourceforge.net/>) is a 64-bit version of Firefox. I have a 64-bit version of windows on my laptop, so I installed Waterfox and have been testing it for about a week now. It seems to be just as stable as Firefox with just a little more speed. The only negative is when I startup Firefox after using Waterfox, it thinks I just installed Firefox, so the thank-you screen comes up (but that only happens once until I use Waterfox again). It appears to be another alternative like Chrome or Internet Explorer. So far it works and has not toasted my machine and, yes, a Thumbs up.

At one time I use to do jigsaw puzzles and since I am tired of solitaire, I have found a place to do jigsaw puzzles. I play online (go here: <http://www.thejigsawpuzzles.com/>) and click the big picture on the page and get started. It lets me cheat and start with the edges first (makes it go faster) and works fairly well. *(Another site is <http://www.jigzone.com/> - it has a daily picture and others to choose from that day, plus it has a gallery of subjects. It also lets you choose the cut style of the pieces. Lucë/ed.)*

Dave Lutes suggested PixBuilder Studio (get it here:

<http://www.freewarebb.com/files/file/11108-pixbuilder-studio/>), which is a free image editing software program for digital photo editing, images processing, and resizing. I have installed it and that's about as far as I have gone with it so give it a try (it's free).

Frank McGurn suggested: Why not create a 'just in case' Windows 7 password reset disk? It might save your day if you should forget your account password. (Go here: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/Create-a-password-reset-disk>) Frank sent the step by step directions but this web site does the same but with pictures so it might just save the day.
