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Membership

LCACE membership is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. Applications for membership may be obtained at the monthly meeting, by request on the club hotline, and are now available on our web site at <http://www.lcace.org>.

Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on Saturdays at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at noon and the formal meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Robin's RAMblings



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

We owe a big thank you to Liz and Fred Barnett for graciously hosting the club picnic on July 9th; it was a rousing success. Liz proved once again that she is LCACE's "hostess with the mostest". Thirty members and guests enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages, pasta, salads, appetizers, and desserts. J.J. and Dorothy brought a cake to celebrate Terri Hanlon's birthday; Fred surprised Liz with a birthday cake. Lester didn't do a back flip this year.

Although the weather is warm, we are beginning to think about our holiday party and raffle. We have EXCITING prizes this year:

1st prize-HP 17.3" Notebook with AMD Phenom II Processor, 4GB of RAM, 500GB hard drive, 8X DVD±R/RW with Double Layer Support, integrated digital media reader, HDMI output for connection to an HDTV and Windows 7.

2nd prize-Apple iPad 2 Wi-Fi-16GB-White Tablet with 1GHz dual-core Apple A5 chip, front and back cameras, built-in Wi-Fi (802.11a/b/g/n) and Bluetooth, up to 10 hours battery life.

3rd prize-HP Laserjet P2035 printer

4th prize-One year LCACE membership

Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning one of these fabulous prizes. Winners do not need to be present so plan to sell tickets to out of town family and friends.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale at our August meeting. In addition to buying tickets for yourself, please plan to pick up tickets to sell. The person who sells the winning first prize ticket and also the person who sells the most tickets will receive prizes at the holiday party.

Our members and guests from the Grayslake Area Public Library enjoyed Detective Tim Warner's program about online banking, internet security, and identity theft at our June 11th meeting. The consensus was that we would invite him back.

We have exciting programs scheduled for 2011:

August 13, 2011-Ask the Gurus and Show and Tell

September 10, 2011-Acronis True Image Home (backup and imaging software) webinar by Gene Barlow

October 15, 2011-Using Skype phone service by Charles Mages

November 12, 2011-Digital macro photography by Wendy Warden

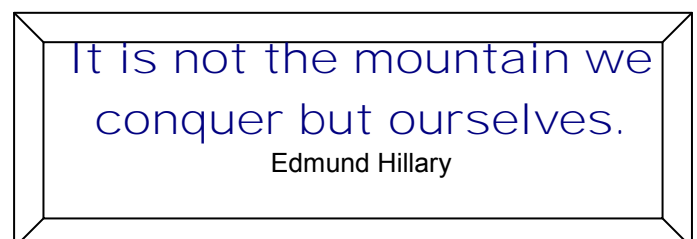
December 10, 2011-Holiday party at State Bank of the Lakes

The club officers try to come up with interesting programs but we need your input. Please email your ideas to our program chair Lester Larkin at programs@lcace.org or me president@lcace.org. We will all benefit.

If you haven't already done so, it's time to pay your dues.

Have you run across any interesting websites lately? I recently heard about www.lifehacker.com (Tips and downloads for getting things done) and CNet How to (<http://howto.cnet.com/>).

Happy computing!



Converting Documents to PDF

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One technique I frequently use to save an online article or publication is to convert and save it as a PDF file. Once converted, Adobe Reader software then becomes an excellent way to open, view and read any converted document off of your computer screen. PDF documents can also be easily emailed to others as an attachment.

You can convert to PDF from any file you can print, including Microsoft Word, Works, Excel, PowerPoint and digital pictures. Rather than being printed ink to paper the file becomes a PDF file. If the document is already a paged PDF file you can convert the file to just the pages you select and select your PrimoPDF printer to convert.

You will need PDF conversion software to accomplish this. I recommend the Free PrimoPDF program. It's free, easily installed and available at:

www.primopdf.com/index.aspx

1. Browse Primo web site and download one of the two installers available for 32 and 64-bit versions of Windows. Ensure that the version you download corresponds to your operating-system.
2. When prompted, select a download location which you can find easily, such as your 'Desktop' or 'My Documents' folder, and click OK.
3. When the download is complete, double-click the file named FreewarePrimoPDFXX.exe (XX being a 2-digit number) which would have appeared in the location you selected in the previous step.
4. Follow the simple instructions to complete the installation. A system-restart is **NOT** required.

PrimoPDF installs itself as a virtual printer in the Windows Printers and Faxes device group. This allows any software with print functionality to output files to PrimoPDF for quick and easy PDF conversion.

To convert a document to PDF:

1. Open a document in any printable program (e.g. Microsoft Word, Works etc.), and select **File >Print**.
2. In the printer dialog, select PrimoPDF from the dropdown menu and click OK to complete the print, and launch the PrimoPDF interface.
3. Select one of the Creation Profiles for the document **Quality** you need to achieve. A detailed explanation can be found in the PDF Creation profiles section of this guide. Point your cursor at each button to define.



4. Select the Save As dropdown menu to set a name and location for the created PDF.
 - Ask when creating PDF – Allows you to rename the PDF and select a save-location.
 - Specific Folder – Allows you to select a save-location while using the name of the document which is being converted. This option returns you to the PrimoPDF interface should you wish to change other settings for the same conversion.
5. Click the Create PDF button to convert your document.
6. Alternatively, if you wish to save the PDF under a different name or directory, just click Cancel and you will be returned to the Save As dialog.

There are many more options and features available. (Appending a PDF)

Go to the web site below and download the PDF Primo detailed User Guide.

http://www.primopdf.com/pdfs/PrimoPDF_V5_User_Guide.pdf

This and That or Things that May Interest you

By Lynn Page, Editor, Crystal River Users Group, Florida
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Excel

Copy with No Formatting

To copy the contents of a cell and not the underlying formula on the Home tab, in the Clipboard group, click Copy. Move to the cell to paste into and on the Home tab, in the Clipboard group, click Paste, and then click Paste Values.

Move or Copy a Formula

Cell references are important and it is important to be aware of what can happen to these references, whether absolute or relative, when moving a formula by cutting and pasting it, or by copying and pasting the formula into a new location.

When moving a formula, the cell references within the formula do not change regardless of the type of cell reference used.

When copying a formula, the cell references may change based on the type of cell reference used. Verify that the cell references in the formula produced the desired result. If not, switch the type of reference.

Windows 7

Run Multiple Copies of Applications from the Taskbar
Many times I like to have two Word documents open side by side. To open multiple copies of an application so that different files are shown in separate windows, shift click the icon on the Task Bar to open an additional application window.

Pin a Folder to the Windows Explorer Jump List
To have a folder quickly available in Windows Explorer pin it to the Explorer Jump List. Find and select the folder, then drag and drop it to the Windows Explorer icon on the Task bar. To quickly open the folder right click the Windows Explorer icon and select the folder from the jump list.

USB Security and Protection

USB flash drives are wonderful for transporting files between computers. Just remember that if one computer is infected with a virus or malware can come along on the flash drive. So for security before transferring files scan the flash drive with up to date virus and antimalware before copying files.



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To: Liz and Fred Barnett

On July 9th L.C.A.C.E. had its annual summer break party at Liz and Fred Barnett's home. Thank you Liz and Fred for opening up your home to us again this year. I know I for one had a really nice time. There was plenty of food and drinks. Let me tell you we have some really good cooks in this club.

It was really nice to be able to get out of the heat of the day and into that wonderful air conditioning.

To top every thing off it was nice to be able to sing happy birthday to Terry Hanlon and Liz Barnett.

Again thank you for your wonderful hospitality.

Mike Mc Enery

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Discovering Windows 7

Part 16

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One of the features of Windows 7 lets you pin program icons onto the taskbar at the bottom of the screen. This allows you to easily start your favorite program without opening the Start Menu or hunting around your desktop for the icon. It also lets you start and run programs with a single mouse click.

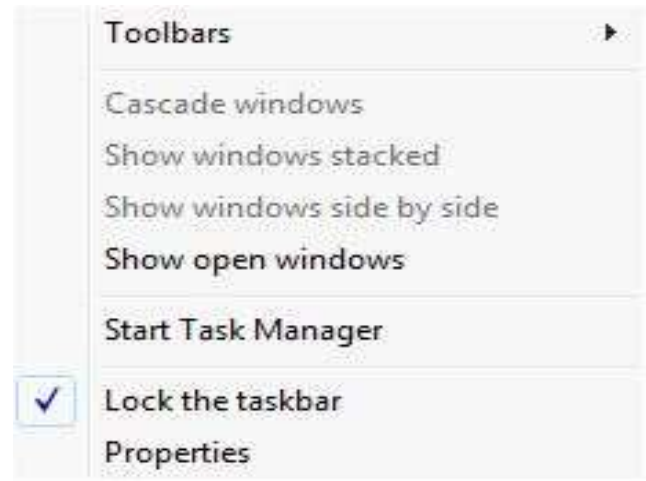
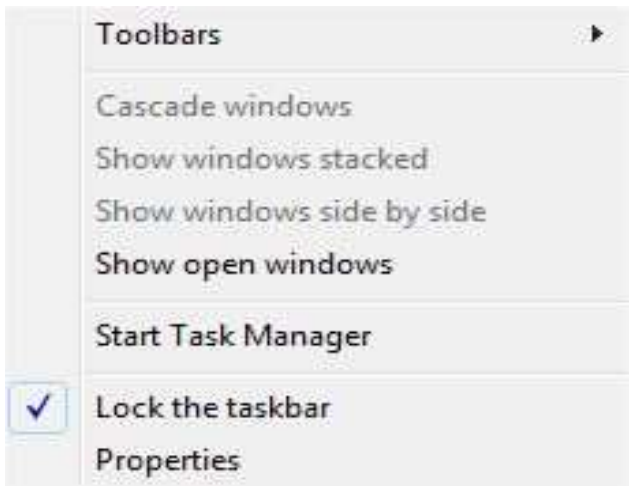
You can attach programs to the taskbar by first opening the Start Menu and locating the program you want. Then, place your mouse pointer on the program name and press the right mouse button. In the window that opens, locate "Pin to taskbar" and left-click. That's all there is to it!

You can remove icons from the task bar just as easily. Just move your mouse pointer over the icon to be removed. Right-click and select "Unpin this program from taskbar".

Some people like to pin start icons for all the programs they routinely use to the Windows Taskbar. Windows will push the icons closer together when it needs more room but eventually it may be impossible to see them in the space available.



So is what can you do if this happens? I would probably figure I had too many icons and start deleting some. However, Windows 7 provides another solution.



Move your mouse pointer on the taskbar to a place on the taskbar where it doesn't touch any icons. This may be hard to find but try someplace near the Windows Start button. Now, right-click to reveal the window shown on the right. You'll probably see a check mark next to "Lock the taskbar". This locks the size (height) of the taskbar. Click to remove the check mark. Now move your mouse pointer to where the taskbar touches the main window. The pointer should change into a vertical double arrow. Hold down the left mouse button and drag the top of the taskbar up. This will give you a wider taskbar and should reveal any hidden icons. At this point you can relock the taskbar if you choose.

Of course my advice, just as with desktop icons, is to minimize. Only put icons for programs you use all the time on your taskbar and icons for programs you use most of the time on your Windows desktop. If you need a program that's not on your taskbar or desktop, you can always locate it in your Start menu. You can always add a program's icon to your desktop or taskbar by finding it in the Start menu, right-clicking on the name and then selecting "Pin to Taskbar" or "Pin to Start Menu".

From the Editor
Submissions for the September News Journal will be due by August 20th. All articles are welcome and appreciated.

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3rd Prize:

HP Laserjet P2035 Printer

- 30 pages per minute



4th Prize:

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I saw this company at CES and was impressed with their product. iPads and tablets are great, stylish products. But the touch-screen action leaves a trail of oily fingerprints that soon cover

the whole surface. A cloth isn't effective and some sprays and tissues can make the fingerprint mess even worse. In reality you should not use a glass cleaner on you monitor or tablets, because they have a special coating on them. While I did find a wet paper towel works pretty good on the iPad the SideKick works the best.

SideKick's carbon compound is similar to the one found in printer's ink; why newspapers have been an effective way to clean windows for generations.

The cost for SideKick is \$19.95. A package of two replacement cleaning pads is \$14.95. Each pad gives 150 cleanings. www.lenspen.com

"Don't watch TV tonight. Play it!" - 1978 Atari Advertisement

Nolan Bushnell. He probably should have quit while he was ahead. He founded Atari. Then he gave kids Chuck



E. Cheese. Pizza, video games, and creepy animatronic animals playing banjos. Plus, you got free tokens for good grades. What more could a kid want?

For most folks in their twenties, Mario represents their computing youth. For most of us in our 30s, the Atari logo is our totem of a misspent youth. Even though the corporation has morphed many times from what it once was, when we see the friendly Atari logo on packaging today, it still fills us with nostalgia for a simpler time. A time when woodgrain was cool. A time when televisions didn't have remotes. A time when there were no 3-button combos, because *there was only one button.*

You brought us Pong, Asteroids, and Centipede. You brought the masses to the idea of a computer in the home, and, for that, we salute you, Atari

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Is There a Tablet PC in Your Future?

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Apple's iPad tablets are flying off the shelves and many competitors are introducing similar tablets. Here's a brief synopsis of the tablet situation and what it means to you.

In just nine months in 2010, Apple sold more than 15 million iPads. In the first month of sales, the iPad 2 sold millions more. According to some industry experts the iPad is the fastest growing new product in history. Perhaps, though, the most important thing about the iPad is that it has ushered in a new era in computing. Steve Jobs calls it the Post PC age. Although I agree that this is a new era in computing, there is nothing Post PC about it. The iPods, iPhones, and iPads that Mr. Jobs is talking about, all run on computer processor chips. They all perform functions that are similar to those performed by computers. No, this is not the Post PC era. Rather, it is the era of ubiquitous computing. If you look up the word "ubiquitous," you will find that it means omnipresent, pervasive, permeating, universal, and ever-present. This is what mobile devices like the iPhone and especially the iPad bring to us.

A business card for Windys Computer Repairs. The card features the company name at the top, a slogan 'Computer Won't boot... Who U Going To Call...', and a list of services including Computer Repairs, Virus Removal, Upgrades, Custom Built Computers, Notebook Repairs, and Wireless. It also includes the name Phil Nocerino, a photo of a computer monitor, and contact information: 1475 Robincrest Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046, windypiper2@yahoo.com, 847-356-5527, and www.windysatellite.com.

I expect that tablet PCs like the iPad will continue to grow in popularity. Although as of this moment, no other manufacturer has yet been able to equal the design, implementation, and price point that Apple has set, the march of the tablets has only just begun. There is plenty of competition in the making. Apple boasted 9.5 billion in revenue from the iPad in the last nine months of 2010, so everyone else is hurrying to get their version of the tablet PC to market.



Motorola recently released the Xoom, an Android tablet that is a competitive but pricey alternative to the iPad. Research in Motion, the creators of the Black-

Berry, released their tablet called the Playbook in April. This will, of course, be based on their own BlackBerry operating system. Asus, Dell and LG Electronics will be introducing new tablets based on the Android operating system in the next few months. Samsung has announced that they will revamp their Android tablet and introduce two updated versions soon. HP is scheduled to roll out its first tablet based on the webOS operating system sometime in June. So within the next few months, we will have at least eight tablets from major manufacturers running four different operating systems.



If you are wondering why you should care about this, here's the scoop. Tablets are an entirely new category of computers. In most cases, they will not replace personal computers, but will augment them. There will still be computers running infrastructure, businesses, and hospitals, but both professionals and home users will find tablets extremely useful for their day-to-day living.

Since tablets have touch screens. You don't need a keyboard, mouse, or stylus. This makes them extremely portable. Also most tablets have very long battery lives, so you aren't tethered to the wall by a cable. Because tablets use apps rather than traditional software programs, they are much easier to use and more stress-free than computers. App stores like Apple's iTunes store and Android's Marketplace have hundreds of thou-

sands of apps available, so a tablet PC can be quickly and easily personalized to perform only the functions that the user needs or wants. This gives users a more intimate relationship with their devices.

In fact, this relationship is not only revolutionary, it is often somewhat magical. I recently watched my three-year-old granddaughter play with a Disney fairy app on an iPad. She gently moved the iPad to and fro to make Tinkerbell and her friends fly over the breathtaking scenery sprinkling fairy dust over the land. She was thoroughly enchanted. I also watched a 70-year-old man who was equally mesmerized by the interactive audio and video of a magazine site that he was viewing on his iPad. These devices are engaging for everyone. People from three to 103 can use and enjoy them.

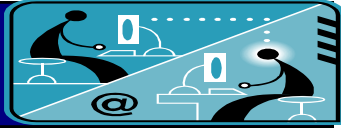
Tablets are so empowering that I predict that they will become indispensable to everyday living. Who wants to walk into another room to get over to the computer when they need a recipe or want to look up a word. It is much easier to just grab a tablet PC off the coffee table. You can use it to watch television when you are on the go, to check the weather in the morning, or to read a book or listen to music as you endure the wait in the doctor's office.

Teachers are using tablets with great success because they are enthralling to children. Doctors are using them as a point-of-care device that can not only document the patient's progress, but can also help doctors explain procedures to patients. Artists are using them to create new masterpieces.

More and more applications are being found for tablets every day. With the new tablets that will be appearing in the next few months, this will be a very interesting category of devices to watch. Keep your eyes open, there may be a tablet PC in your future.

I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

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