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President's Message

By Tom Burt

General Meetings

The Computer Club May General Membership Meeting will be held 7 PM Thursday, May 7th, at Desert Vista. A representative from the Nevada Gaming Commission will speak.

Our **June 4** General Meeting program will feature Gene Barlow of User Group Relations. Gene will reprise his backup strategy presentation using Acronis True Image.

Membership

So far for 2009, we have **1059** new or renewed members. See the [Membership](#) page for full details.

Bylaws and 2009 Budget votes.

At the **April 2nd, 2009** we had a generous quorum and so conducted the vote by written secret ballot. Both measures passed by wide margins. My deep thanks to the many members who turned out for the meeting.

Education Activities for May

Rich Walko, Howard Verne and Edith Einhorn are our education program coordinators. We have a good line-up of classes, seminars and SIGs for May. See the [May calendar](#) as well as the Seminars, Classes, "SIGs" and "KKs" pages for full details. Our education program is one of the great benefits of belonging to the Club. No matter what your experience or skill level, you should find something to suit your needs.

Genealogy SIG Moving to a New Time Slot.

Beginning in May, the Genealogy SIG will switch from meeting on the fourth Monday at 6:30 PM to meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 1 PM in the SCSCC classroom. For May, the date is May 21.

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Seminar Presenters and Class Instructors Needed

We would welcome a few more seminar presenters and class instructors to help share their knowledge with our members. If you're interested, send me an e-mail (tnburt@ieee.org) or call me at **702-341-7095**.

Lab Updates

The Club has purchased and installed a new Dazzle video capture interface for the lab's Media PC. This version is compatible with Windows Vista. The software included Pinnacle Studio 12 and also a program called to Direct to DVD. The Direct to DVD program allows the user to copy a VHS tape direct to a blank DVD on the Media PC's DVD burner.

The Club has recently downloaded and installed a nice, free Office 2007 add-in for the student PCs. It is called **UBitMenu** and was featured in a recent "Office Watch" newsletter. UBitMenu adds a "Menu" tab to the Office 2007 ribbon in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. When clicked, the Menu tab displays a comprehensive menu bar and toolbar that look and act the same as the Office 2003 menu and tool bar. This should make it easier for students and other lab users to use Office 2007 without needing to master the Office 2007 ribbon-style user interface. The hyperlink to the "Office Watch" article is:

<http://news.office-watch.com/t/n.aspx?articleid=799&zoneid=12>.

The article includes a hyperlink to the UBitMenu download page.

Technical News

In early May, Microsoft reportedly will be putting out the "release candidate" build of the upcoming Windows 7 operating system. Many club members have been trying out the "beta" version and report that it is much improved over Windows Vista. When the official download is available, we'll place a copy of it on the three PCs along the wall.

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April General Meeting Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to these winners!

Ernie Block

Joe Cruse

Betty Hougard

Linda Javan

Ed Rogers

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Irene Burt	Tom Burt	Edith Einhorn	Nilda Fernandez	Dick Kling
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Board of Directors Actions

**The Computer Club Board of Directors took the following actions on
Wednesday April 8, 2009**

No Board Actions were taken at this meeting.

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General Membership Meeting

The Computer Club May General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7th, 7PM at Desert Vista. A representative from the Nevada Gaming Commission will be the guest speaker at this event. Join us for this informative presentation, refreshments and fellowship. For Club information go to www.scsc.com or call Tom Burt, President at 341-7095 or email Tom at tnburt@ieee.org

Welcome New Members

Janice Bruttomesso
Lendell Cowsert
Maxine Crandall
Howard Eisen
Bryan Files
Phyllis Grange
Merilyn Grosshaus
Bob Hamilton
Earle Howey
Paolo Landi

Beatrice Lieberman
Harold Lieberman
Arthur Logan
Bill Magourias
Glenn Neal
Don Sibrel
Donald Solof
Glen Whitehead
Marvin Winpar

May 2009 Calendars

To view the May calendars, click the following hyperlink:

http://www.scsc.com/Calendars/scsc_calendar_2009-may.pdf.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for general discussion on a specific computer related subject. Admission to all SIGs is on a first-come, first-seated basis and is subject to the maximum allowed by fire code regulations. All of the following meetings are held in the Classroom.

The <W> or <M> indicate whether a SIG would be of interest to Windows or Macintosh users.

Advanced Windows SIG <W>

Currently this SIG is suspended because no one has volunteered to be its chair.

The SIG's purpose is to answer questions on functional operation of the three principal Windows operating systems (XP, Vista, 7), review software that will enhance the operating systems and answer technical questions on the systems. The SIG is open to all users of the systems but is geared to the intermediate & Advanced users.

Creative Graphics <W/M>

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Mel Neiman (228-6727)

Featuring tips, tricks, demonstrations and give-aways with information on greeting cards, business cards, labels, simple desk top publishing, digital photo tips and using photos in your projects, creating slide show informational frames, using fonts and creating your own clipart from fonts, e-mail stationery and animated signatures, journaling, and scrapbooking using computers, new tools for publishing found in Printmaster.

Very basic photo imaging processing, using small utilities related to graphics, fonts and catalog.

Digital Music <W>

3rd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Tom Burt (341-7095)

The Digital Music SIG provides a forum for members interested in all aspects of computer-based digital music to meet, discuss, and learn more about the topic. The SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital music users, but all members are welcome.

Genealogy <W>

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Charles Johnson (804-4943)

Genealogy is one of America's most popular and rewarding hobbies. Come, let us help you find your ancestors on the internet. We will explore helpful, free, sites and assist you in building your family tree.

Hardware <W >

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

George Lobue (256-0822)

This SIG provides **club members only** with no cost assistance for those having upgrades and /or

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problems with their computers. Bring in only your P.C. tower and your problems. Our TECH team will give you our best effort. Be sure to mark your cables so you can re-connect when you get home.

Linux SIG

2nd Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. and 4th Wednesday at 9:00 A.M., in the Classroom

Sy Bensky (242-6695)

Apart from the fact that it's **freely** distributed, Linux's functionality, adaptability and robustness, have made it a main alternative to Microsoft's operating systems. IBM, Hewlett-Packard and other giants of the computing world have embraced Linux and support its ongoing development. More than a decade after its initial release, Linux is being adopted worldwide primarily as a server platform. Its use as a home and office desktop operating system is also on the rise. This Special Interest Group will investigate Linux's potentials and attributes.

Macintosh Users' Group <M>

2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rose Mary D'Aloisio (255-2813)

Bill Euler (233-2351)

This is for Macintosh users of all experience levels. We will have Q&A, so bring your questions and/or problems.

Photoshop <W>

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

David Alexman (341-6533) and Zoltan Steiner (256-1161)

This SIG will provide you with an overview of many of the basic elements found in both Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Photoshop Elements, two extraordinary photo retouching, image editing, and color painting software programs. The Adobe Photoshop programs offer the tools to get professional-quality results. If you wish to enhance your photographs, this SIG will be most helpful and of great value. This SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital imaging users, but all members are welcome.

Sun City Wings <W/M>

3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Ted Wagner (256-4037)

Using Microsoft's Flight Simulator program, we fly all kinds of airplanes from the 1903 Wright Flyer to a 400-passenger 747 jet airliner. Even helicopters are available. You can learn to fly airplanes or you can just enjoy beautiful sceneries around the world. The unrestricted view from the cockpit is something to experience. Those simulator programs have gotten "As real as it gets". We have a lot of fun. Please join us and take a look into the world of Flying.

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May 2009 Classes

Because there are a limited number of computer stations available for hands-on participation, pre-registration is necessary for all classes. See individual descriptions for details on how to register.



Boot Camp: For Members New to Computing or Windows

Lead Instructor: Bill Wilkinson

Location: Computer Lab

Boot Camp is comprised of five three-hour sessions

Dates: May 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12

Times: From 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon

Registration:

To register or seek additional information, please telephone **Susie Scott at 242-9745 or 239-8986 (cell)**. She will arrange to register you for an upcoming class and collect the course fee.

Course Description:

Boot Camp is an introductory course designed for members who are new to computing and/or the Microsoft Windows operating system. This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station in the Computer Lab. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance.

Participants will be introduced to the basic vocabulary and concepts necessary to establish an understanding of Windows. They will be instructed in practical strategies for managing and organizing their own data files, will be introduced to word processing, email, and the Internet, and will learn how to read and write data from and to a compact disk and a portable thumb drive. Those participants who own a digital camera will enjoy the demonstration on how to copy and paste photos from the camera to the user's hard drive, utilizing the newly acquired skills of file management.

Prerequisites: Must be a Club member (\$20 fee for new members) and own a computer using Microsoft Windows.

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Fee: Fifteen dollars (\$15.00), which includes a 126-page participant's manual, a CD, and a portable flash drive.



Firefox

Instructor: Howard Verne

Location: Computer Lab

Wednesday, May 13, at 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Mozilla Firefox is a fast, full-featured Web browser. Version 3 includes a bevy of new features and changes, including a redesigned address bar pull-down menu that includes bookmarks and history, a new add-on manager, the ability to pause and resume downloads, malware protection, a better password manager, and OS-specific themes. No longer a fledgling upstart, Firefox 3 is full-featured, lightning fast, and an able Internet Explorer foe. Many knowledgeable computer users have moved from Microsoft's Internet Explorer to Firefox. Firefox 3 makes that decision even more appealing.

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words "**FIREFOX**" in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. If you do not receive a reply from Howard within 24 hours, please contact him at 363-5337.

Handout: Can be found at <http://www.scscc.com/smnr/FireFox.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to class.

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Gmail (Google Mail)

Instructor: Howard Verne

Location: Computer Lab

Tuesday, May 19, at 9:00 A.M. - Noon

This class is for beginners as well as experienced users, Vista as well as XP users. You will sign up for a FREE Google email account. No software need be installed. No more fighting Hotmail/AOL/Outlook Express/etc. You will learn how to: send and receive mail from ANY computer ANY operating system, ANYWHERE in the world; view attachments (e.g., pictures) and download them to your computer; send attachments as part of your email; set up contacts/address book; and recognize phishing and spam emails.

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the word “GMAIL” in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. If you do not receive a reply from Howard within 24 hours, please contact him at 363-5337.

Handout: Can be found at <http://www.scsc.com/smnr/GMAIL.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to class.



Excel 2007 for Beginners: for Members New to Excel

Instructor: Malcolm Singer

Location: Computer Lab

Wednesday, May 20; Thursday, May 21, 2009

Time for both sessions 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Excel for Beginners is an introductory course designed for members who want to learn what they can do with Excel and how to do it. This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station in the Computer Lab. A team consisting of a lead instructor and 2 or 3 coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance.

Participants will learn the basic vocabulary and concepts necessary to understand Excel. They will learn to open existing files, and create, format, and save files of their own design. They will learn the basics of formulas and how to move, copy, insert and delete cells, columns, and rows. They will also learn about cell protection.

The course is composed of 2 three-hour sessions. We will use Vista operating system. However, XP and Open Office users are welcome. References will be made to Excel 2003 under XP. The main difference is Vista uses ribbons instead of drop down menus.

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Prerequisites: Must be a Club member and own or have access to a computer using Excel, Open Office, or compatible spreadsheet.

Fee: None

Registration: To register or seek additional information, please email **Malcolm Singer** at malcolm@fedragons.com

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May 2009 Seminars

No advanced registration is necessary for any of our seminars unless otherwise noted. Seating is on a “first-come, first-seated” basis.



Seminar: Picasa 3: What's New, What's Changed?

Presenter: Stu Gershon

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Monday, May 4, at 1:00 P.M.

Picasa 3 now has the ability to support more photos on your computer -- now up to a million photos! And they have made plenty of other improvements that you are sure to enjoy. Experiment with six different collage types and a slew of new settings in the more hands-on collage creation screen. Sharing your photos is now a one-step operation. Upload album to Picasa Web Albums and email invitations to friends and family with just one click.

The program's improved technology automatically detects faces and corrects the red eye in your photos. The Crop tool offers three crop suggestions based on the composition of your photograph. Don't miss the 10 different dimensions to choose from when cropping.

Spice up your screensaver by pulling in pictures from additional photo sources, such as your Web Albums and photo feeds. You also have more control over presentation aspects such as slide transition style, slide duration, and captions. You can now add multi-word tags to your photos. Finally, you can tag your rocking chair as 'rocking chair,' rather than 'rocking' and 'chair.'

To help you import images from a particular day or event, Picasa now segments your images according to the time frame when they were taken. Also, you will be able to make your slideshow come alive with new capabilities, such as including video footage, zooming, and an assortment of slide transitions.

These issues plus eleven new features will be introduced during this presentation.

Handout: Please print and read the handout before class; bring it with you to class.

<http://www.scsc.com/smnr/Picasa%20v3.pdf>

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Seminar: Using the Clark County Library's Powerful Data Bases

Presenter: Zane Clark

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Tuesday, May 5, at 10:30 A.M.

The Clark County Public Library website has over 140 databases which you can search, ranging from thousands of full text periodicals and newspapers to auto repair manuals, and medical references. You can log in to the Rosetta Stone, a popular commercial language learning program or search the New York Times and Los Angeles Times for articles that go back in time over 100 years. Your tax dollars pay for these databases, so why not learn how to use them?

Zane's presenter's notes are available by clicking [HERE](http://scscc.com/smnr/LibraryDataBases.pdf).
(<http://scscc.com/smnr/LibraryDataBases.pdf>)



Seminar: Scanning for Beginners

Presenter: David Alexman

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Monday, May 11, at 1:00 P.M.

This seminar will address two separate but related components: (1) scanning photos, text, and clipart; and (2) scanning 35 mm. slides. The presentation is designed for the **first-time user** of scanner hardware and scanning software.

You will learn how to (1) scan a file, (2) create a folder of scanned materials and (3) insert your scanned material into documents, including email messages.

The second part of the seminar will be to offer basic information to get you started with the Computer Club's 35 mm film scanner. These scanning tips are basic and appropriate for the person new to scanning. The content is not advanced, but it is certainly not superficial either. It describes the things we need to know to be efficient and get the most from our scanning projects. The material is intended for home and hobby scanner users, and is not concerned with commercial matters.

There are no handouts; so, participants are **encouraged** to bring a writing pad for taking notes.

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Because there are a limited number of student stations (15) in the Classroom, it is necessary for all participants to pre-register for the seminar below. Details for registration appear below.



Seminar: Digital Camera Operation

Presenter: Stu Gershon

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Monday, May 18, at 1:00 P.M.

No one can teach you everything there is to know about your camera EXCEPT YOU! YOU must make an effort to READ your Owner's Manual and learn how to navigate through the Menu System. This class is designed to help you find the important items and change the settings to make the use of the camera easy and efficient!

Among the topics that will be discussed are camera power; shutter release; recording and playback; camera zoom; camera menu; camera flash; camera display; camera resolution; "ISO"; and formatting the memory card.

Come – get your camera ready for those summer photos!

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the word "CAMERA" in the body of your message to stugershon@gmail.com. If you do not receive a reply from Stu within 24 hours, please contact him at 255-3309.

Handout: Please print and read these notes; bring them to the seminar.

<http://www.scsc.com/smnr/YourCamera.pdf>

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Seminar: Gmail and Other Google Programs

Presenter: Pat Lemay

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Wednesday, May 20, at 9:30 A.M.

Do you think Gmail (aka Google Mail) is just another email program? If you do, you are wrong. Gmail has nearly three gigabytes of free storage, so you can keep emails stored on their server – not on your computer. Email attachments open on their server so the chance of getting a virus is almost impossible. The best part is that with a Gmail account you have access to numerous other programs.

This Seminar will also cover creating documents and spreadsheets that will be stored on their server. Would you like to safely store 4,000 photographs on their server? This Seminar will show you how.

If your computer ever crashes, you will never lose the information in your Google email account, or your documents, spreadsheets and photographs. You can also access the above information from any computer in the world with your user name and password.

The best part – it is all FREE! Pat's presentation notes are available by clicking this link:

http://scscc.com/smnr/GMAIL_and_Other_Google_Programs.pdf



Seminar: Investment Resources on the Internet

Presenter: Tom Burt

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Thursday, May 28, at 9 A.M.

It's important that seniors follow and manage their investment portfolios. The Internet provides a wealth of helpful information for doing this.

This 2 1/2 hour seminar will feature a discussion and a walk-through of a series of interesting web-sites to illustrate the many resources you can tap into to invest wisely and profitably and to follow how your investments are doing. The seminar will include a bio-break and lots of opportunities for Q&A.

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The target audience is club members who are moderately comfortable with surfing the Internet, who understand basics of investing and who want to improve their own skills in managing their investments. However, all members are welcome.

Please review Tom's notes before the seminar and bring them to the session.

http://www.scsc.com/smnr/Investment_Resources_2009.pdf



Seminar: WRITER - a *free* word processor from OpenOffice

Presenter: Rich Walko

Location: The SCSCC Classroom

Thursday, May 28, at 1:00 P.M.

Over the years, word processing applications have been free and pricey, as well as, easy and frustrating to use. This seminar treats one of the present-day FREE word processors that can scale from simple note taking to document publishing! That is quite a volume of information to present and for users to understand.

This is the third of three sessions to deliver a working knowledge of the Writer application. On Thursday, May 28th at 1:00 P.M. we will discuss mail merge and extensions along with other topics that are of interest to the members in attendance.

I plan to present an introduction to Calc – the parallel to Excel – in our June session. Naturally, I/we will build on our knowledge and comfort of Writer with Calc.

See my handout note under **Open Office Writer** on our [SCSCC Handouts/Seminar](#)

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Ask The Experts

By John Polich

Q. (Email message) *Just bought new computer with Vista Home Premium system. Set up two accounts: me and wife; both with admin privileges. However, wife's account does not have access to programs such as Microsoft Office. She has to log on to my account to access those features. How to fix (or is it fixable)?*

A. Try uninstalling then re-installing Microsoft Office. During the installation, you should see an option that allows just the installer to have access to its use or allows all users the right to use it. Obviously, you should select the latter.

Q. (Email message) **"How do you make a CD/DVD of all security patches and upgrades needed in case you have to reload XP from the original disks and do not have internet access at the time?"**

A. (The questioner uses Windows XP) Initially you should download SP3 (Service Pack 3) to a CD/DVD disk. Microsoft has made it possible to do so in an ISO format. Use the following site to burn the disk:
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=2fcde6ce-b5fb-4488-8c50-fe22559d164e&displaylang=en>. The site states the following: *Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3) includes all previously released updates for the operating system. This update also includes a small number of new functionalities, which do not significantly change customers' experience with the operating system. This file is a CD image file for users who wish to create an update CD for Windows XP Service Pack 3, for example for offline installation by administrators.*

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You should then download each Windows update since SP 3. Use a computer that has an up-to-date SP3 and write down all the KB numbers. Go to <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/default.aspx> where you can locate and then download each update.

Q. (Email message) *Recently, on my Windows XP all the icons along the bottom of the Desktop were suddenly arranged along the right side of the screen. How do I correct this?*

A. I assume that *all the icons along the bottom of the Desktop* is the Taskbar. Simply direct your mouse pointer to a blank area of the Taskbar (right side of the screen) then left drag (hold down the left mouse button as you do the manipulation) the Taskbar to the bottom of the Desktop if this is where you want it. You can prevent the Taskbar from being moved by “locking” it i.e. right click on blank area and click on *Lock the Taskbar* from the menu.

Q. (Email message) *I would like to format my USB jump drive. Is this possible? If so, how do I do this?*

A. Yes, it is possible to format a USB jump drive. Bring up My Computer (Computer in Vista); right click the icon for the jump drive; click on *Format* from the menu.

Q. (Email message) *Do CD-RW's have to be formatted before use?*

A. Usually not. Once you write to a CD-RW, formatting takes place automatically.

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Q. Is Secunia PSI worthwhile?

A. First let me summarize what Secunia PSI (**P**ersonal **S**oftware **I**nspector) is and how it works. It is a **free** program that locates, assesses and assists you in patching insecure programs on your computer. It activates additional security features in Sun Java. It utilizes very little hard drive space i.e. slightly more the 1 MB. It operates through your browser with no installing or downloading required directing you to the vendors own Web sites which contain their security patches. It can provide extensive details of installed software. It verifies that all Microsoft patches are applied.

To answer your question, I installed it recently and feel it has been very worthwhile (so far). Initially, it found a number of updates including Firefox, Java and Adobe and guided me to the sites for downloading the “updates”. It is great to find that I am “*100% secure*” now when I run it. Feedback from the Smart Computing Internet site was very positive. One answerer wrote that it *maybe the best free software out there*. Despite my enthusiasm for this free software some of our experienced computer club users were not pleased after trying it. For example, one member, after scanning his computer, was unable to update Sun Java even after “pushing” the proper button.

Try this URL for more information and as a download site:

http://secunia.com/vulnerability_scanning/personal/.

Q. I have Microsoft Office XP Professional on my Ultimate Vista computer. It includes MS Front Page which I would like to remove since I do no longer use this feature. I want to keep the features such as MS Word, Power Point and Excel. Can you help?

A. To remove Front Page and keep the other features, click on the Start orb; click on Control Panel (Classic view); click Programs and Features; right click on *Microsoft Office XP Pro with Front Page*; from the menu, click *Change*; check the radio button *Add and Remove Features*; click *Next*; click on the *Microsoft Front Page for Window* icon; click *Not Available* from the menu; click *Update*. That should remove the Front Page feature.

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Q. I recently installed Internet Explorer 8 on my Vista computer. It seems slower than Internet Explorer 7. I would like to un-install Internet Explorer 8. How do I do this? I have tried using the uninstall feature in the Control Panel i.e. *Programs and Features* but do not see Internet Explorer listed.

A. Internet Explorer 8 is not called a *program* in Vista but is categorized as an *update*. This is the reason that you did not find it in *Programs and Features*. To get rid of Internet Explorer 8 click the Start orb; click Control Panel; click on *Uninstall a program* under *Programs*; click the *View installed updates* link; locate and right click on *Windows Internet Explorer 8* from the list of updates; click on the Uninstall button; click *yes* when asked if you want to uninstall the update.

Microsoft has offered to “fix” the situation for you. If you so desire, go to:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/957700#fixit4me>

According to Microsoft Knowledge Base, if you have Windows XP, you cannot uninstall Internet Explorer 8 (and Internet Explorer 7) after you have installed Windows XP SP 3.

Q. (Email message) *Sir: I have a CD-RW with old information i.e. folders and files on it. I want to replace the data of the folders and files on the CD-RW from a folder on my Desktop with the same names. Do I have to format the CD first or can I over-write what is on the CD???? Thanks for your help.*

A. There are several ways to accomplish this without formatting the CD-RW disk. One way do so is to use the *Send To* command. Bring up the folder on your Desktop; right click on it; click on *Send To* then select the CD-RW drive. You will be asked if you really want to replace the “old” files and folders that are currently on CD-RW drive; select accordingly.

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Q. I have just networked our two Vista Computers. I would like to share the printer. How do I do this?

A. Click on the Start orb; click on the Control Panel; click on Hardware and Sound and click on the Printer link. Note all the installed printers. Right click on the local printer that you want to share then select *Sharing*. If this option is missing, click on Properties; click the Sharing tab; click on *Change sharing options*. If the UAC notice comes up, click Continue; click Sharing tab; click *Share this printer*; click OK. You should now see a check sign next to your printer.

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Web Surfing *by Dick Kling*

Olympic Stories

From an outsider's perspective the Olympic Games is an event of extreme grace, elegance, and international camaraderie, but things aren't always as they seem. This fun feature by MentalFloss.Com features "7 Medal-Worthy Stories You Haven't Heard About the Olympics", with tales of chaos at the 1900 Paris Games, the long lost event of "Ropeclimbing", and other esoteric Olympian tales.

<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/10100>

How You View the World

Get inspired thanks to these fascinating videos from the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Conference. The list of "Ten Videos to Change How You View the World" include such notable speakers as Richard Dawkins, Stephen Petranek, and Hans Rosling.

<http://tinyurl.com/2xbju>

A Wiser Earth

Welcome to WiserEarth.Org, a cool community directory that connects non-governmental organizations (NGO) and individuals who are active in addressing the central issues of our day. Like-minded activists and organizations are able to use the site to network and work together in fighting global challenges related to Climate Change, Poverty, the Environment, Peace, Water, Hunger, Human Rights, Etc.

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Search the Wiser Earth website and virtual directory to find organizations, employment opportunities, fellow activists, upcoming events, and other resources related to a specific cause. The entire site's content is created and edited by the people who share the common desire for a "Just and Sustainable World Created by Community".

<http://wiserearth.org/>

The Food Museum

Welcome to "The Food Museum", a tasty online resource for gastronomes, epicureans, chefs, cooks, homemakers, and enthusiastic eaters everywhere. The delicious website is fully stocked with food-related photography, news, exhibits, history, and much more information about the wide world of food and drink.

Search for a specific food or simply rummage through the site's many categories, which include Temporary, Seasonal, and Permanent Exhibitions, Articles, as well an interesting section on Food Heritage. Current highlights include a feature entitled "Making Crepes: then & now", an article on the elusive but delicious "Mangosteen", and an unappetizing look back at "School Lunch History".

<http://www.foodmuseum.com/>

Flight Delay Info

The holidays are here, which means that many of us will have to endure the chaos of airline travel in order to experience the joy of seeing family or the peace of taking a sunny vacation. Travelers will want to bookmark this useful government website, which provides flight delay information directly from the FAA's "Air Traffic Control System Command Center".

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Passengers, as well as friends and family members, can easily search the site's virtual map by entering a specific Region, Airport, Airport Code, or City. This is a great way to track flights and monitor delays at every commercial airport in the United States, from the comfort of your computer. Happy Trails!

<http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp>

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Fun and Games!

There are many thousands of “fun” sites on the Internet. Here are a few which may bring you hours of enjoyable entertainment. They’re also good for “stress relief” or good old fashioned time-wasting:

<http://tr.im/j80g> “Regifting Robin.” I have no idea where that title came from, but your family and friends might be amazed (or at least surprised) with this phone-related gimmick.

<http://tr.im/jhIs> “BaKno.” An amazing collection of extremely well-constructed games. More realistic than any others I’ve seen for computer play. All are free to try; Billiards was so well done I actually bought it!

<http://tr.im/jhJO> “Set Puzzle.” A game of visual perception updated with new puzzles every day. It’s on a New York Times site, free of charge. Not only challenging, but also brain stimulating.

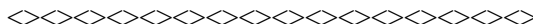
<http://tr.im/jhYH> “Shufflepuck REVOLUTION.” If you like table hockey, here’s a 3-D action game which you can play alone or with another player.

<http://tr.im/jhZQ> “Big Bang Board Games.” Checkers, Chess, Reversi, Mancala, 4-in-a-Row, Tic-Tac-Toe and Backgammon in one package. You can play Solo, LAN, or Net games in 3-D.

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Make an Animated Movie in Minutes!

Here's a fun, clever site that is sure to entertain family and friends, while giving you the chance to exercise your creative side. At <http://tr.im/ji2I> you can make an animated movie faster than you ever imagined. "MovieMaker" guides you through making an animated movie in a few simple steps. When your opus is complete, you can send it to friends or post it to your website.



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Tuesday of each month in the Classroom

At 6:30 PM. Come to learn, ask questions,
and share ideas with fellow Mac users.

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King, Al Wiens, Ed	May 2 Sat
Taylor, Millie Davis, Barbara	May 4 Mon
Jarzomb, Leo Lehr, Charles	May 6 Mon
Cohen, Fred Enlow, Jim	May 9 Sat
York, Blanche Hopkins, Enid	May 11 Mon
Scott, Susie Brennan, Tom	May 13 Wed
Helling, Bonnie Helling, Dean	May 16 Sat
Ayers, John Ayers, Lois	May 18 Mon
Fabian, Pat Collins, Tamara	May 20 Wed
Pun, Raymond Zuzich, John	May 23 Sat
MEMORIAL DAY CLOSED	May 25 Mon
Scott, Susie Southwell, Jeff	May 27 Wed
Mallonee, Bill Kinn, Rebecca	May 30 Sat