



THE PREZ SEZ...



Welcome to Summer!!! Yes, the heat is on as the summer months begin, and life in Sun City slows down a bit. CCMV held it's first ONLINE meeting last month and had fourteen members show up for the event, some staying for

the whole two hours, others popping in and out. We had a lot of fun, and talked about different ways of running the meeting the next time. Best of all, I didn't have to go anywhere and was enjoying a great cup of coffee with my friends! Our next online meeting will be on July 26th. I hope you will consider joining us for a great meeting. Thanks to all of the members that supported our ONLINE meeting.

Thank you to Bill Oberg for running a Basic Windows XP class this summer, and to John Cope for filling his seats. The next class session will begin the second week of September. Bill will be running both beginners and advanced courses in XP and I will be teaching basic MS Word. Please sign up for the other classes you are interested in so we can find teachers and plan them for you. I am including Bill's Advanced XP Class outline in this newsletter edition. Sign up now for this great course! I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer. Keep in touch!

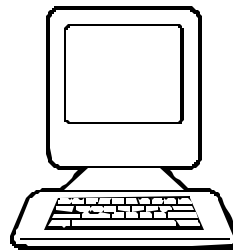
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Intermediate to Advanced Windows XP Course Outline

by Bill Oberg

- 1-Talk about how your computer boots up
- 2-System Check Points-Restore-compatibly Wizard
- 3-Removing Microsoft's-Send Message
- 4-Different ways to create Shortcuts

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Lon's Freeware of The Month

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**Visualizer Photo
Resize v2.3FIL [2.27M]
[Win9x/2k/XP] [FREE]**

In most cases, the images that we capture on our cameras or receive through other means need some tweaking. Whether its resizing, compressing, or anything else for that matter, images sometimes require a little elbow grease to make them satisfactory. Its important to note that you dont necessarily need to open up Photoshop to handle these tasks. Programs like Visualizer Photo Resize exist for the sole purpose of viewing and making quick edits to your images in a simple way. This program works with all of those JPG images that you have stored away on your hard drive. Besides the functions listed above, Visualizer Photo Resize can also add watermark protection to your photos and work with one or more images at a time. You'll find that this program does what it needs to do, and instead of running to open up the higher-class image manipulation software, you just may reach for Visualizer Photo Resize instead

QUICK SHUTDOWN

To shut down your computer at anytime in a quick way, press the Alt key and the F4 function key and a pop up will appear to close your work if it isn't already saved. You now have a chance to save it and then close it. A pop up will appear with options to "Stand By", "Turn Off" or "Restart".

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~~Meeting Time and Place~~

2nd and 4th Tuesday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Seventh-day Adventist

Church

29885 Bradley Road

Sun City, CA

Intermediate to Advanced Windows XP Course Outline

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5-Talk about the Menu bar

6-Display settings

7-Different Keyboard commands

8-Check Hard Drive items

9-How to change your Drive
letters

10-How to change Ctrl Pnl
settings

11-The right Way to install or
remove software

12-Things you can find by typing
in "run"

13-Look at MS Config.

14-Reinstalling Win XP

15-Using safe mode

16-Running SFC in XP

17-Device Manager

18- Running CHKDSK

19-Back up Registry

20-Back up Files & Folders With
XP back up or Back4win software

21-Using your CD Burner

22-Discuss some things you can do
on the Internet

23-Eliminate user name and
password: create a user account or
delete a user account

24-Talk about Antivirus, Fire Wall
and Spy ware

25-Using Microsoft's Media Player

26- How to use Information and
down load what is on supplied CD-
ROM

Where *is* That File?

By Frank Verano

In a new installation of XP (especially OEM) when you conduct a search of a file, the file list that appears may show you *only* the name of the file that the search finds and, nothing more. In the first place, the reason you conduct a search for a file because you don't know where it is, right? And let's face it, you pulled a blunder. You didn't pay any attention to where you put it when you clicked on File and Save as. Now you have to resort to the Search function, only to find that you have only the file name(s) and you still don't know where it is.

I've got a confession to make. I had this computer for a whole year before I realized that my search function wasn't doing the job of telling me where the file is. So I went through the ritual of searching, opening and saving the file again, and ending up with that file being stored a number of unknown places. I could not imagine the Microsoft software engineers designing the XP search function with that kind of defect.

In a brilliant relapse from my stupidity, I realized that the XP installation by default inserted only "Name" as a column heading in the Search window. So where was the file path, the file size, the date the file was modified? I needed *more* column headings. In my 'relapse' I mused that the clue must be in the space where there was an empty heading. I right clicked on that space and grinned sheepishly knowing now that I could add more column headings: the file path and the file size, and the date the file was modified and much more. A stroke of genius!

I can now relapse back into my stupidity and be blissfully happy.

BPC (Before Personal Computers)
By Frank Verano

Before PCs there were (and still are to some extent) other computers. After shutting down the "Rockefeller Differential Analyzer" at MIT's Instrumentation Laboratory in 1954 I headed out to California where I did one year of teaching at Cal Polytech College in San Luis Obispo. But it was the next job at Lockheed that I want to talk about because of the three different kinds of computers we used on aircraft design problems. I worked on two of them and my wife worked on the third. (Circa 1955)

One of the computers was a Digital Differential Analyzer. It used digital techniques to solve differential equations. It was a quirky machine that was a nightmare to program. There appeared no rhyme or reason to setting up the initial conditions before running a program. One engineer ran the machine and he was a slob and also a union steward. No one could work with him and only he really understood the machine. I tried but gave up. This machine was not extensively used or was it productive.

I then started programming the (Boeing made) Analog Computers. These were fantastic machines yet they were analog. They consisted of amplifiers with very well controlled feedback loops. The principles of operation borrowed from servomechanism theories. Since I had a course in servos the computer was easy for me to work with.

As an example, the aeronautical engineers needed to know how much current to run through the defrosting wires in the windshield (of the Electra) to adequately defrost the inside for the extremely low temperatures expected outside at high altitudes. Coincidentally, at that time there was an article in the Institute of Radio Engineers Publication on the mathematics of that problem. And that provided the basis for writing the program. The resulting chart showed the temperature gradient through the thickness of the windshield from the inside temperature to the outside temperature as a function of the current applied to the defrosting system.

The other machine that we had in the computer department was a Network Analyzer. I only know enough about that computer to briefly describe how it was programmed. It was called a Network Analyzer because the programming consisted of defining the airplane wing as a network of small cells. A really big bunch of cells. Each cell represented a small piece of the wing and all the cells represented the whole wing. Inputting information to define each cell was a very tedious job and that is what my wife did based on information given to her by the engineers.

Various external actions were applied to the simulated wing to evaluate how it behaved. These actions represented the real world actions of wind, buffeting, flexing, etc. The Analyzer defined what the wing would do given the information inputted for each cell.

These three machines were commonly used in the Airplane industry at that time. Later when I went to Rockwell I ran into another computer, a centrally located mainframe with 250 terminals. That's for another time for an interesting story.

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Problem With Downloading Emails From mchsi.com

By Frank Verano

For all of you mchsi.com users: Once in a while, you'll notice that your cable modem seems OK. Your computer seems OK; Outlook or Outlook Express works OK. Except that you can't get your email. When you click on Send/Receive the download seems to start then it aborts.

Problem: This happens some times when there is a peculiar message waiting on the server for you and for some weird reason it will not download and nothing else will download either. You are ready to call mchsi.com.

Let me suggest a solution. Go to mchsi.com website and get into webmail. Look over your messages. You'll find a message that is the culprit. You usually will know which are the good messages. But you may not know immediately which one is hanging up the downloads. Select a likely culprit. Then go back to OE or OLK and try the download again. You'll find which message is giving you a problem. Don't ask me why this happens.

HANDS FREE SCROLLING

The double arrow with or without a circle around it is a hands free scroll feature. If you have to read a bng message or a long spreadsheet and you want the screen to slowly scroll up, place the cursor somewhere in the message area and press the scroll wheel on the mouse (the little wheel between the mouse buttons), and a double arrow will appear. If there is more than one full screen available, it will have a circle around it, if not it won't work. If you place the cursor above the double arrow, the screen will scroll up. If you place the cursor below the double arrow, it will scroll down and the farther down you place the cursor, the faster it will scroll. So, if you place it just below, it will slowly scroll so you can read the message without having to scroll to read the next page.

VIEW BLOW UP AND REDUCTION

If the type in a message is too small, hold down the Ctrl key and roll the scroll wheel on the mouse and it will get larger and smaller. This works on most Microsoft software and has been picked up by a lot of others.



LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

Memory was something you lost with age
An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A cursor used profanity
A keyboard was a piano
A web was a spider's home
A virus was the flu
A CD was a bank account
A hard drive was a long trip on the road
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
And if you had a 3-1/2 inch floppy

... you just hoped nobody ever found out

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