



# I am Searching For Extraterrestrial Intelligence

## And I Haven't Found it Yet.

By Terrestrial Frank

My headline here makes it appear as though I am doing this all by myself. Well, I am not. I am doing it along with millions of other computer owners all over the world. I am on the MIT team of SETI.

I am not joking. SETI is a catchy bunch of letters. It stands for Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence. I am sure you read about it and also wondered about it. Here is a direct quote from the website. It gives you much less than a thumbnail sketch of the SETI Project:

"**SETI** (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) is a scientific area whose goal is to detect intelligent life outside Earth. One approach, known as **radio SETI**, uses radio telescopes to listen for narrow-bandwidth radio signals from space. Such signals are not known to occur naturally, so a detection would provide evidence of extraterrestrial technology.

"Radio telescope signals consist primarily of noise (from celestial sources and the receiver's electronics) and man-made signals such as TV stations, radar, and satellites. Modern radio SETI projects analyze the data digitally. More computing power enables searches to cover greater frequency ranges with more sensitivity. Radio SETI, therefore, has an insatiable appetite for computing power.

"Previous radio SETI projects have used special-purpose supercomputers, located at the telescope, to do the bulk of the data

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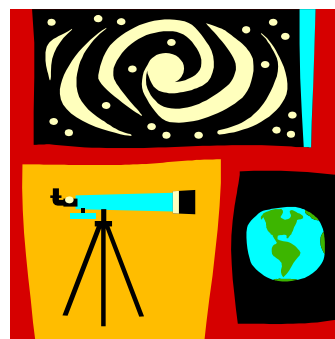
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analysis. In 1995, David Gedye proposed doing radio SETI using a virtual supercomputer composed of large numbers of Internet-connected computers, and he organized the SETI@home project to explore this idea. SETI@home was originally launched in May 1999."

On March 18, Arthur C Clarke vision-fiction writer and friend of SETI@Home Project passed away at the age of 90.

Clemson University has been the top ranked team in the University category for several years. I've been participating practically since it's beginning on an old computer with a 133 MHZ processor. I am a member of the MIT team which is not a big team.

Remember SETI@Home runs as a screensaver. And why not? The graphics displayed on the screen when it is running is interesting .... to watch for a



while ...but it can't possibly be more boring than screen savers in general which are ridiculous things to begin with. So why not let the computer do some work? You can specify how it runs. It can be strictly as a screen saver that begins after a designated time of idleness or in the background (which I don't recommend).

If you are interested in putting your computer to work in the screen saver mode, here is a URL:

<http://setiathome.berkeley.edu/>

If you really just want to learn about it go to:  
[http://setiathome.berkeley.edu/sah\\_about.php](http://setiathome.berkeley.edu/sah_about.php)



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2nd and 4th Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
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**The Task Pane Revisited**

By Frank Varano

You are an XP aficionado, right? You prefer the Folders pane in Windows Explorer to the Task pane, right? Oh, you don't even know what a task pane is? I take that back about you being an aficionado. Here, take my hand. I'll tell you all about it.

You see, it's like this. In the beginning, in its infinite "windownm," Microsoft displayed the folders by default. In that case, you just didn't know. That is understandable and forgivable. So you probably never spent much time even looking at the commands on the Task pane. Shame! The Task pane is full of exciting and sexy command shortcuts. Well, not sexy. Well, not exciting either. But very useful to be sure.

Let's cut this nonsense:

1. Right click on Start. That's the easy part.
2. Left click on Explore. That's even easier.
3. Look at the left pane in the window and you will see folders. Just folders. That is what I meant about Microsoft's infinite wisdom. How in the world are you going to know that you can make that left pane a Task pane? The CCMV President mentioned it recently. Now you are going to get it from the horse's mouth, the CCMV Newsletter.
4. On the Menu bar click on Folders.

Now see what you've done! You've made the left pane of folders into a Task pane of things you can do with going through a bunch of keyboard or mouse gymnastics. Look at it and marvel. And thank me. And the President.

**Did You Wonder About This?**

By F. Varano

It is a problem when writing a newsletter when URLs appear as hyperlinks. I used all kinds of tricks to get rid of the blue and underline. There is a way to do it.

Just select the URL and press these keys; CTRL+Shift+F9 to convert the link to plain text; or use CTRL+A to select all the text, then CTRL+Shift+F9 to convert all links before printing.

Now why didn't I think of that before?

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## How About Some More File Management?

by Frank Varano

This month I want to tackle the **My Pictures** folder which I am willing to bet my ranch that it is a mess on your computer. It is particularly difficult to organize pictures because they may be scenery, people, things, cartoons, etc. Further the picture coming out of your camera will have names like **IMG452X077.JPG**, which is totally meaningless as to what it is all about.

Let's get to it right now. I will number the tasks so that you can check them off.

Assume first that,

1. you are starting from the desktop,
2. you have your camera powered on and plugged in the computer with the memory chip in the computer,
3. and XP is your operating system.

Now with those assumptions follow these steps:

1. Click on **My Computer** and find your camera as a plugged in device with the chip in.
2. Click on the camera icon. You will see a list of numbered file names of all the pictures on the camera chip. Shape the size of the window so that it occupies less than 1/4 of the screen, and move it to the upper left corner of your screen. As shown in Figure 1. (I assume here that you know how to move a window about and change the size of it.) Leave that window open.
3. Click to open **My Document** and drill down to and click on **My Pictures**. The end result of this step is that you will have **My Pictures** window open and occupying a full screen or a sizable part of the screen, possibly overlapping to the other above window. Reshape the size of this window so that it occupies less than 1/4 of the screen and move it to the lower left part of the screen as Window #2 in Figure 1.
4. Click to open **My Document** again and drill down to and click on **My Pictures**. The end result of this step is that you will have a second **My Pictures** window open and again most likely it will occupy a sizable part of the screen even overlapping the other two windows. Reshape the size of this **My Pictures** window so it occupies less than

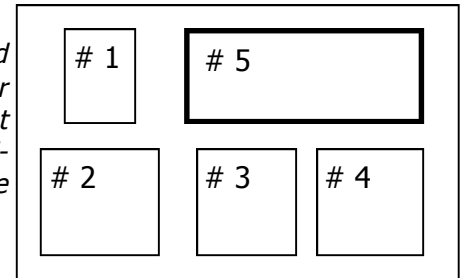
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1/4 the screen and move it to the middle lower part of the screen as Window # 3.

Figure 1

The location and size of the four windows is not critical. It is sufficient that they are separated.



4. Now do the same thing with **My Documents** folder window, locating it in the position as Window #4 as shown in the Figure 1.

## Make Folders

1. Make a decision as to what kind of folders you want inside of My Pictures. Set up a folder, one for each of windows 2, 3, and 4. I will make up three folders for purposes of this instruction. **My Family; My Grandkids; .My 90th Birthday Party.**
2. To create a folder in window #2: click on **File, New, Folder** and name the folder **My Family**. And click on it to open that folder. Now Window #2 is **My Family** window.
3. To create a folder in window #3: click on **File, New, Folder** and name the folder **My Grandkids**. And click on it to open that folder. Now Window #3 is **My Grandkids** window.
4. To create a folder in Window #4: click on **File, New, Folder** and name the folder **My 90th Birthday Party**. And click on it to open that folder. Now Window #4 is **My 90th birthday party** window.

## How it Works:

In the camera window (Window #1) click to open a file that's one of the many pictures you took. Your default picture-handler should open the picture so you can view it. Make that the default picture-handler Window (# 5) temporarily small enough to occupy the remainder of the screen not already covered by other windows. You may need to make it full screen while working with a particular picture.

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However, in order to work with your picture file in that picture-handling window, make the picture-handling window full screen so that you can work with it if you wish. For our purposes, make a decision here as to whether you will delete or put it in Window 2, or 3, or 4. That is what I want to describe here.

Treat the three folders in **My Pictures** like empty baskets. You will be dragging and dropping your picture files from a "Tank" folder which I will describe in a moment.

In my system when I click on one of the pictures in the camera it opens with the **Windows Picture and Fax Viewer**. It allows me to do a few things to the picture but in particular I only need it to show me what the picture is so that I can make a decision whether I want to keep it or not. If I wish to keep it then I click on the **Save** icon which is located in a bottom row of tools.

Clicking on **Save** opens up a **Copy To** window. In the **Copy To** window create a folder and name it **Tank**. Name it whatever you wish. **Tank** is as good as anything. It has only 4 letters whereas **Basket** has 6 letters. See how much typing you save!

Figure 2 is my **Windows Picture and Fax Viewer** with a picture of my family cat. Click-



Figure 2. My program that opens my Canon pictures.

ing on the **Save** icon (see floppy icon in the bottom row, third from right) brings up the **Copy To** window, Figure 3 in the next column. I've made the **Tank** folder and the picture file appears in the **Tank** folder ready to be named and saved. While the **Tank** folder is open it is  
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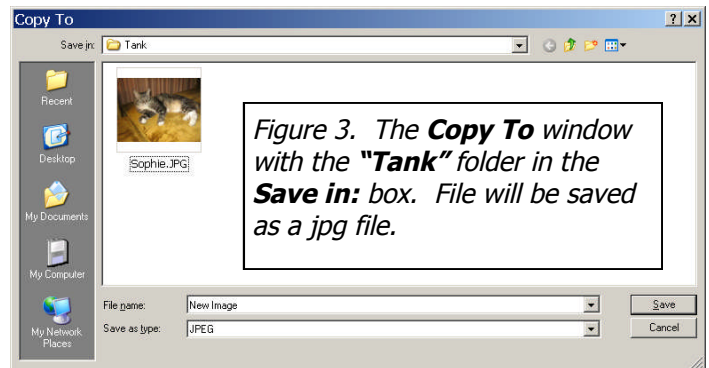
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on top of the other folders but it will go away when the file is saved.

All the pictures you open and save will appear in the window of Figure 3, the **Copy To** window with the **Tank** folder in the **Save in:** box. When the **Tank** folder is full then leave it open by not saving any more files in it. This is where you drag and drop the **Tank** files into the folders of Figures 2, 3 and 4.

### Drag and Drop Example

To drag and drop, click on my cat file in the picture and drag it to the **My Family** folder. (After all my cat is part of the family.) All we've done so far is to get to this point. The proce-



cedure is very productive once the **Copy To** folder is full.

### Side Benefits

The above is an example of using multiple windows to move and sort files. Setting up such an array of windows is not difficult. I use the procedure daily. Sometimes I use only two windows; other times it may be as many as 5 as in this example.

Here are some other practical applications:

1. Internet Explorer (IE) and your Email handler open at the same time to monitor your email while working on the internet.
2. IE and word processing (WP) open at the same time so you copy text or pictures off the web page to assemble material in a WP or picture handling software.
3. Two word processing windows at the same time so that you can move text from one word processor file to the other (as I do in making the CCMV newsletter and The Connection).



Monthly Income and Expenses	
4/1/08 thru - 4/30/08	
Chet Hartley, Treasurer	
<b>Income (\$)</b>	
Contributions	93.00
Interest	6.51
Shareware/Freeware Sales	30.00
Textbook Sales	20.00
Rebate	30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>179.51</b>
<b>Expenses (\$)</b>	
Church Usage	250.00
Insurance	0.00
Newsletter expenses	22.41
Lab Expenses	8759.79
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9032.20</b>
<b>Income less expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8852.69</b>

### Wanna Make a Dinky Table in Word?

By F. Varano

MS Word is a very versatile program. Let's say that during these high gas prices and high food prices you have to write a report documenting the costs of all your Mistresses, (you rascal, you!). In the middle of the report you needed only a small table (after all, you had to scale down from 8 to only 4 mistresses). (Yes, I feel sad for you.)

Let's cut through all the junk of the fancy tables in word. You're mad as hell anyhow that you had to downsize. I really want to help you because I 'feel your pane.' First, get the Tables and Borders Tool bar showing. What? You forgot how?

On the Standard Tool bar find the icon that says 'Tables and Borders' and click on it so that you can use its tools. Now follow these steps:

1. Click the Draw Table tool. On my screen I see it as the first tool. Anyhow, point to it and it will tell you what it is. (In Word 2007, click the Insert tab, then click Table, then click Draw Table.)
2. Press and *hold* the [Ctrl] key.
3. Click and drag the 'pencil' pointer diagonally to draw the *outside border* of the table.
4. Release the [Ctrl] key. Remember, nothing is sacred here. Make the outside dimension of your table to accommodate the number of Mistresses you have now. If you finish your report and found another one, you can enlarge the

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table to add more rows.

4. If you have four Mistresses then click about a quarter of the way down the length of the left border and drag the pencil pointer to the same place on the right border of your Mistress table. (Microsoft does not call them Mistress Tables. However, I am going to copyright the term right here and now. Mistress Table ©. That ought to be good for some royalties.)

5. Add successive rows (for each of the Mistresses). (See how you can expand your table for later acquisitions of more Mistresses?) Any time you need to get out of that tool, just double click outside of the table.

6. Here is the tricky part. You have to make columns too for each of the parameters you need to record as a consequence of having those Mistresses in inflation times. Make similar vertical lines with enough spacing for the data you will enter. Some of the data will be dimensions and some will be costs incurred.

7. To delete a line you will have to use the delete eraser tool which is next to the pencil tool. Caution: The eraser only deletes the lines, not the Mistresses.

8. Click the middle of the left border and drag to the middle of the right border.

9. Double-click outside the table to return the pointer to an arrow.

I've included a ready made table based on my own coterie of Mistresses. Just incase you can't follow these instructions. Keep this information confidential.

Name or ID	Cost per unit	Age	Level of competence	Tentative dismissal date



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April  
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<b>Income (\$)</b>	
Contributions	98.00
Interest	5.63
Textbook Sales	170.00
Tuition	976.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1249.63</b>
<b>Expenses (\$)</b>	
Church Usage	250.00
Textbook purchase	689.96
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 939.96</b>
<b>Income less expenses</b>	<b>\$ 309.67</b>

**Editor's Comment:**

I have a confession to make. When I delivered the April issue, I sneaked into the meeting room late only to find it dark. The noise of the door and the bright light from the sun through the door rendered the sneak ineffective. So I had to hide my face with my scarf amid some snickering from all of you. But why was I late? That is even more embarrassing. And I must confess.

I was sitting at the computer watching General Petraeus at the Senate hearing. So what? Well, I forgot. D'ya hear me? *I forgot!* Until Marilyn called me from the other end of the house, "Frank, aren't you going to the CCMV meeting?" "Oh my God!" I said and I was startled that it was already 10:00 AM. Still in my pajamas, and in record speed I dressed, (didn't shave.) and headed for the meeting with the April issue of the newsletter beside me.

Again, so what? Well, on the way, I marveled at the fact I was watching the Senate hearings on my computer. Just a few years ago I could not. I marveled that more and more of that broadband capability is spreading across the country, and for that matter across the Western world. After all this a computer story!

And as for all of you who snickered at me, just remember that I have the power of the pen and at any time I can write about salacious gossip about any of you. So there!



**Why Doncha??**

By Frank Varano

I understand that at 3 in the morning XP's Updates tool wants to download and install updates for your computer. For a long time I was getting up at 3 AM just to turn on the computer so Microsoft can do its thing.

Then I asked myself (I am in that stage now) why do I have to get up? Why don't I put the computer next to the bed so I would not have to get up? But there was no room for the computer. My surfboard was there. (Surfboard? Well, I had dreams.) Then my (late) wife said very sagaciously, "*Whydoncha?*" "What," I asked? She repeated "*Whydoncha?*" She was always prone to be a 'wiseguy.'

"OK, I'll byte, *whydoncha what*," I blurted out, pretending innocence.

"Just leave the computer on one night of the week." She was trying to be nice so as to not make me look stupid.

"Now why didn't I think of that?" I said that really looking stupid. She always liked it when I made myself look stupid.

I got so accustomed to looking stupid that I had to take some courses at the local College.

I used this silly sketch to lead up to the time when you can't seem to shut down the computer. You can use the Ctrl+Alt+Del trick to open up the Task Manager (in XP). And in the Task Manager there is a Shut Down option in the Menu bar. I suggest that you use this instead of the 'forced' shut down option with the power switch.

I told my wife about this. And she said "Huh?"

**REWARD OFFERED\***

From the Internet

A reward of 500 microfarads is offered for information leading to the arrest of this desperate criminal - Hop-A-Long Capacity. This un-rectified criminal escaped from a western primary cell where he had been clamped in ions awaiting the gauss chamber.

He was charged with the induction of an 18 turn coil named Millihenry who was found choked and robbed of valuable joules. He is armed with a carbon rod and is a potential killer. If encountered, he may offer series of resistance.

Capacity is also charged with driving dc motor over a Wheatstone bridge and refusing to let the band-pass. The electromotive force spent the night searching for him in a magnetic field, where he had gone to earth. They had no success and believed he had returned ohm via a short circuit.

He was last seen riding a kilocycle with his friend eddy current who was playing a harmonic. - *Author Unknown*