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OPEN NEWSLETTER – February-March 2012

A big welcome back to everyone for 2012

A big thank you to all the committee members and volunteers for making 2011 another successful year without you and our students there would be no O.P.E.N

It was another busy year at O.P.E.N . A major milestone was reached in the life of the club we turned 10.

V.I.C.T.O.R again sponsored Australia's biggest morning tea for Cancer Council.

There were several responses this year from our entries on Volunteer Connect to try to attract new volunteers, and we were fortunate to acquire 2 new volunteers through the site

Seniors week in October this year we had tutors speaking on a variety of subjects instead of having normal classes. This time around we had more of our students involved with the sessions than the public but everyone involved got something out of the sessions, also acquired a few new members from the week.

During the year I have been networking with other organisations that are involved with seniors through a forum that Centrelink holds quarterly.

Through that we were fortunate to have Kate Smith from carers Tasmania come and give a talk on her organization. The Christmas lunch was held at the Sunnyhill Hotel, it was a wonderful meal, we had about 65 people attend and we were joined by our patron Molly-Campbell Smith

At the end of 2011 we had 114 new financial members.

At the beginning of 2012 we have 119 financial members with a lot of people still to rejoin due to being away.

In 2011 we welcomed as new volunteers: Tony Garrett, Bruce Dineen, Chris Will, Heather Loffell, Irmgard Rosenfeldt

Beginners classes in 2011 were very popular with waiting lists for these classes as well as our regular classes, many of these moved on to our regular classes. Iris Meek represented O.P.E.N at the ASCCA computer conference in Sydney.

Have you lately opened up your internet explorer and found that it looks different or asks you do you want to install the latest and greatest version. Has it just appeared out of nowhere? The answer is no, Microsoft unfortunately in one of the recent updates have snuck Internet explorer eight and nine through the back door. If you haven't received eight or nine mysteriously appearing that is because they have respected the fact that at some stage you declined their offer for the new browser.

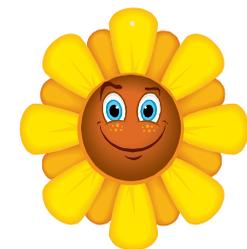
It brings up the age old question to update or not to update. For me I like to know what I'm going to update I don't want to update say a Chinese translating program and never use it and it eats up my usage.

Because with different versions of windows using windows update is slightly different ask your tutor to show you how to change your windows update options.

Finally but sadly we lost one of our long term members Margaret Birtles who had been a member since 2004. For those of us who got to spend some time with Margaret on Thursday afternoon class she was a lovely lady, her husband Eric had passed away recently also. They will be sadly missed.

Rob Tierney
Co-ordinator.

Wishing all tutors and students who have been on the sick list, a rapid return to good health. You



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The class of Computer Housekeeping Maintenance proved quite popular and in fact in some cases it could not have come at a better time. Several students were surprised at the “junk” which had mysteriously collected and were happy to find they accessed their computers much faster than usual.

An interesting speaker at the ASCCA Conference was a special guest from Japan. Nan Bosler has been sharing her energy and experience with clubs in Japan and the speaker told of the happiness found by computer users as they learn such pastimes as Art, Origami, Quilting with Excel, Movie making and animations using Windows Movie Maker, plus the use of iPads. ASCCA was also able to send messages of hope following the disasters which befell Japan earlier in the year. They held a competition and chose the ASCCA message winner from others received.
 Congratulations Nan!

Beginners and P C Support classes remain very much at the top of OPEN’s priorities. With eleven classes overall, there is still a substantial list of students waiting, mainly because of the day of the week which suits their needs. Some former students are also making enquiries about returning, as they move into different computers running different programs. You will all be fitted in directly.



VICTOR TELEPHONE NUMBER

Help for members **0408 174235**



This has been a trying year for tutors and students with many experiencing the death of family members, some having a stay in hospital and others with health problems causing great difficulties.
Your “family” at OPEN wishes you all a much less stressful year.
Our thoughts have been with you during this period.

ASCCA SNIPPETS

From Lyn Dalton CEO
Centre of Volunteering

There are more than 6.3 Million Volunteers in Australia assisting in 700,000 not for profit organizations working over 836 million hours per annum.

Only 23% have implemented the National Standards involving volunteers.

Her main aim is to tell prospective volunteering groups exactly what the job description is. New legislation will soon be in place so that all volunteers are covered by Insurance

VENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER
 The club telephone is available during class hours.

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REMEMBER our Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.
 Next one March 7 at 1 pm.

Basic Graphics
 March 14 and April 11
 10 am—noon

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SIMPLY, THE BEST (METHOD)

At times I find myself asking why a significant number of people don't understand the basics of file management, but sometimes perhaps modern technology should share some of the blame, as the following case demonstrates.

A member called me recently to express serious concern that almost 100 precious family photos seemed to have disappeared in the process of transferring them from a digital camera to her computer.

Any time that I want to transfer files (be it music, photos or documents) from an external device I use the tried and true '**drag-and-drop method**'. It doesn't matter whether the external device is a CD, a flash-drive, a portable hard-drive or a digital camera card.

I fire up Windows Explorer (you may know it as My Computer or Computer) and the two-pane display appears—on the left you see the drive and folder structure, while on the right the contents of folders can be displayed.

So if you have a folder of photos on a digital camera card (let's call it drive F:) I would call that the **SOURCE**. The location on your hard drive where you want to transfer the photos is the **DESTINATION**. So it's simply a matter of selecting the photos in the right hand pane, **dragging** them over to the left hand pane and then **dropping** them into the **DESTINATION** folder.

However, in our case study complexity reared its ugly head with a pop-up menu that offered to do all sorts of fancy things such as including burning a CD of the photos and deleting the photos from the digital card at the same time.

When I arrived on the scene a thorough search of the computer failed to find any trace of the photos, **BUT** ...

SIMPLY, THE BEST (METHOD) continued

... *the story does have a happy ending.*

As I combed through the folders looking in vain for the photos I noticed that there appeared to be a CD in the drive and it was named with the day's date. Looking a bit further the CD appeared to hold several empty folders and some 'ghostly icons' that seemed remarkably similar to file-names that would be allocated by a digital camera.

The built-in Windows program that I would normally describe as a pest with its "*You have files waiting to be written to the CD*" message had actually saved the day by holding the photos in memory until a CD could be burned. Once we had done that I quickly dragged and dropped the files into folders on the hard-drive to make sure there was a back-up copy available.

If there is a lesson in this episode it is that you shouldn't let the computer automatically determine which is the best method of doing a job. If the 'computer' offers to perform a series of complex tasks say "No Thanks!"

Take control yourself and do tasks simply and singly.

1. Exit from any Auto play pop-up or program.
2. Drag and drop files to folders created by you.
3. Use your own program to burn a CD if needed e.g. Nero or similar
4. At NO TIME let a program automatically delete files from your external device. Do that manually after you are 100% certain that the files have been successfully transferred.

Happy file managing!

GETTING THE BIGGER PICTURE

Although I am about to begin the process to get a new set of glasses to assist my slowly deteriorating eyesight I consider myself more fortunate than some of the people I encounter through my computer support work.

Fortunately for most of those people modern computers, operating systems and software can provide solutions to enable computer activities to be easier on the eyes.

For instance in Office programs such as Microsoft Word you are able to **Zoom In** to obtain a larger view of the text area of a document. In Word 2007 and 2010 there is a resizing bar at the bottom right of the text window while in earlier versions there is usually a 'percentage meter' on the standard tool bar. You can select one of the pre-set zoom sizes or you can manually type in your own required setting e.g. if the pre-set 125% is too large you may choose to type in 110% or 115%.

Changing the zoom or magnification will not affect the font-size when a document is printed out.

When you are browsing the Internet there may be some web-pages that use font sizes that make reading the content quite difficult. The View menu does have options for making text larger or smaller but for a quick solution try the following keyboard short-cuts.

CTRL and + (plus) increases the display size

CTRL and - (minus) decreases the display size

CTRL and 0 (zero) resets to the original size

Dennis

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

These televised documentaries have raised the interest of hereditary back grounds enormously over the past couple of years. It is not quite as fast as the program would have you believe, but with the help of our Family History online, Census and BMD (Birth, deaths and Marriages) files can be searched with the help of Judy Hall, Margaret Gilpin and helpers. Please make it easier by Bringing some sort of basic chart eg Names and date of birth and possibly place of birth of an ancestor or two to use as a starting point. Once you are bitten by the bug..it is hard to give up on Family History notes.

Classes held on the second Wednesday afternoon and the fourth Wednesday morning of each month.

Register now for
 March 14 1pm–3pm
 March 28 10 am–12 noon

PSP 1X

For the more advanced students.

Judy is running new classes this year with new tutorials. There only about three or four classes on this particular section, so make sure your name is registered.

PSP1X March 28 1pm–3pm

A reminder for people who are unable to to attend day time classes that Julie Hjort and Co hold Beginners and PC Support classes each Tuesday evening 7pm–9 pm.

Mac Classes

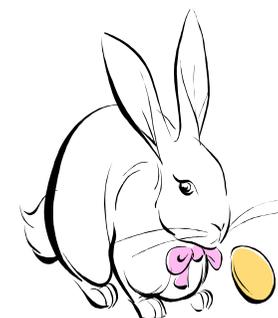
Classes for Apple Macintosh users are held each Tuesday morning and afternoon.

Tutors: Reinhard and Ivan.

SPECIAL CLASS

**Animated email Magic
 Using Arcamax.**

**A fun way to make
 and send
 animated
 cards
 via email.**



**Wednesday
 March 21
 10-until noon**

Level 2-3 Graphics with PSP

Vacancies still exist for these tutorials which pupils are encouraged to take home and use after their lessons have concluded for the day. There is so much you can learn about fading , cropping, enhancing etc, any favourite pic using these methods.

OPEN Session Times
 At Studioworks, 1 Pipeworks Rd, L'ton
Standard Sessions \$5.00

Monday	10 am –12	General & Beginners
	1 pm – 3 pm	Beginners & PC Support
Tuesday	10 am –12	P C Support & Beginners + Mac
	1 pm – 3 pm	As above
	7 pm—9 pm	PC Support (Night Class)
Wednesday	10 am—noon	Special sessions or Meetings
	1.pm—3 pm	As for mornings (see rosters)
Thursday	10 am –12	General & Beginners
	1 pm – 3 pm	General & Beginners
Friday	10 am –12	General & Beginners
	1 pm—3 pm	Beginners

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SPECIAL WEDNESDAY SESSIONS
 Please register on the sheets – numbers may be limited

Mar 7	10-noon	Graphics Workshop	Time to refresh memories of lessons
Mar 14	10–noon	Basic Graphics	Popular class with Judy and helpers
Mar 14	1-3pm	Family History online	Find your family on line or disk
Mar 21	10-noon	Animated email Magic	Have fun with cards etc
Mar 21	1—3pm	Level 2-3 Graphics	The next step up with PSP 7 & 8
Mar 28	10-noon	Family History	Tracing families through online records
Mar 28	1 –3pm	PSP XI	Further steps with this program
Apl 4	10-noon	Graphics Workshop	Pick up tips misses last class
Apl 11	10-noon	Basic Graphics	Become adept at altering pictures
Apl 11	1-3pm	Family History	Searching records online or on disks

TALKING TECH: A LOOK BACK AT THE EVOLUTION OF INTERNET EXPLORER (AND WHAT'S AHEAD)

Internet Explorer was first released in 1995, as part of the Plus! Pack for Windows 95, so it's over fifteen years old – in most states, almost old enough to drive. And for over ten years (since it took the top market spot in 1999) more computer users have been driving IE than any other web browser, although it's down from around 95% market share in 2003 to well under 50%. Still, when IE first came out, Netscape dominated the browsing world, so getting out in front in just five years was quite a coup for Microsoft.

Ironically, it was the version of IE that is now scorned as outdated and insecure (IE6) – so much so that [Microsoft has begged users to give it up](#) – that attained that lofty 99% position. [When you break it down by versions](#), as of June 2011 the largest number of folks were using IE 8.0 (almost 28%) with versions 7.0 and 9.0 both coming in close to 6%. To provide a little perspective, Firefox 4.0 was in second place with a bit over 16% and Chrome 11.0 in third with 10.23.

Some might find it interesting that after a decade and a half, IE is only coming up on its tenth iteration, whereas Google's Chrome browser, only about three years old, is now in version 15 (with 16 in beta and the developer version of 17 just released earlier this month). In fact, Google set a goal in the summer of 2010 to release a new stable version every six weeks. [Microsoft has obviously been considerably slower about releasing new versions of IE](#), with the longest interval being between IE 6 (released in 2001) and IE 7 (released in 2006).

The company got a lot of negative pushback when IE 9 was released, due to the fact that it can't be installed on Windows XP (which still has many die-hard fans and a [substantial – but steadily decreasing – share of the operating system market](#)). That has kept many people who would

otherwise have upgraded their browser software stuck on IE 8. It's not an altogether bad place to be stuck, as v8 added a number of important security features and greatly improved stability over IE 7. The accelerators feature made browsing much more user-friendly, although I never really got into the "web slices."



For those who are running Vista or Windows 7, IE 9 brought support for HTML5. As I wrote a while back over in the [VIPRE Security News newsletter](#), HTML is the future of the web, promising to free us from Flash and other proprietary technologies for displaying video and animations. Developers can create sophisticated web apps with HTML5, and HTML5 is used to write Metro style apps for Windows 8. For some examples of what web developers can do with HTML5, see these [sample sites](#).

IE 9 has a number of nice new features, such as the ability to pin web sites, complete with jump lists, to the Windows 7 taskbar (if the site was created that way by the web developer). It's also much easier to

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compare the information on two different web pages, because you can just grab a tab and drag it off the window to create a new window, then use Aero Snap to align the two pages side-by-side; this is one of my favorite features. Another nice new feature is the [Download Manager](#), although in this respect IE is just playing catchup to other web browsers that have had this feature for years.

But Microsoft isn't sitting still, and IE 10 is already available in developer preview version on the dev preview of Windows 8. It's a safe bet that they won't be waiting five years between releases this time; we'll almost certainly see IE 10 in late 2012 or early 2013 when Win 8 is released, and we'll likely see public betas before that time.

IE 10 is all about HTML5 optimization, and there is support for many new CSS (Cascading Style Sheet) features. Not surprisingly, given the fact that Windows 8 is designed to be tablet-friendly, IE 10 also includes features that are geared toward the touch interface. You can see some [screenshots of the IE 10 preview here](#).

The IE 10 preview works only on Windows 8, but the final release (and presumably the public betas) will reportedly run on Windows 7. That's the good news; the bad news is that, [according to ComputerWorld](#), Microsoft has confirmed that Vista users (along with those still hanging onto XP) will be out of luck when it comes to the new browser. The message I'm getting from that is that if you want to have the best and most up-to-date browsing experience with IE, you're going to have to be running at least Win7

XP TIP OF THE WEEK:

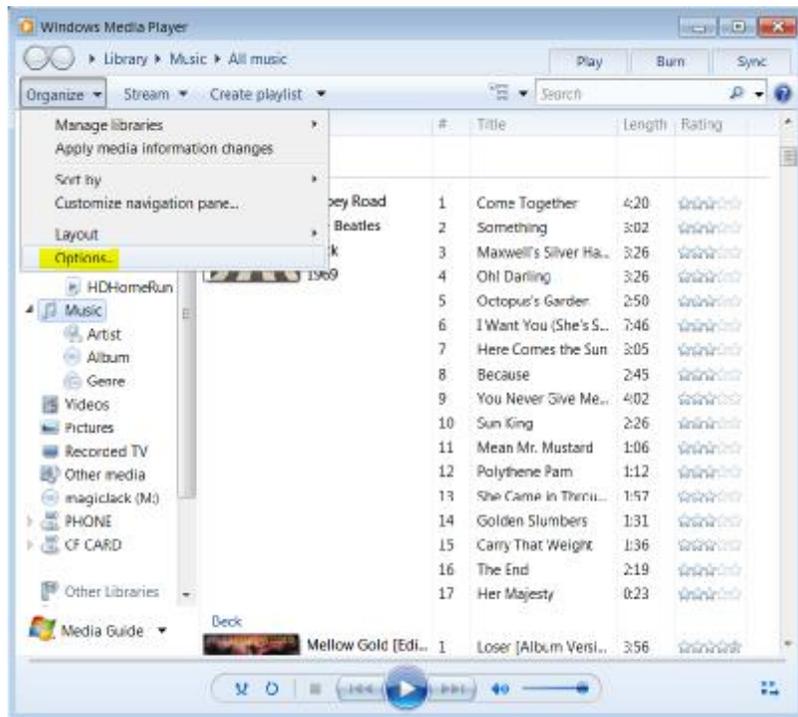
1. Want to be able to turn off Caps Lock with the Shift key instead of having to go back to the dedicated Caps Lock key? Some folks who touch type – especially those who learned on a typewriter – prefer this "old fashioned" method. Did you know that you can make XP do this? Here's how:
Open Control Panel and then open the Regional and Language options applet.
2. Click the Languages tab.
3. Click the Details button.
4. Select the keyboard you use (for example, "United States – International") and click the Key Settings button.
5. Select Press the SHIFT key in the section labeled To turn off Caps Lock.

Now Caps Lock turns off when you press either of the Shift keys. Note that with this setting applied, pressing the Caps Lock button a second time won't turn it off.

WINDOWS 7 TIP OF THE WEEK:

1. You might have noticed that when you play a song in Windows Media Player on Windows 7, the playback controls are hidden until you hover the mouse over the window. Some folks would prefer to have those controls displayed all the time while the music is playing, and you can do that with a tiny bit of tweaking. Here's how:
Go to Library view in WMP.
2. Click Organize.
3. Select Options at the bottom of the menu list.

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4. Click the Player tab.
 5. Uncheck the checkbox that says Allow autoshow of playback controls.
 6. Click OK.
- Now the playback controls will stay put while a song is playing.

WINDOWS 8 TIP OF THE WEEK:

On first glance, the Control Panel we've known and loved for so long seems to be missing in action in Windows 8 – but it's there; you just have to know where to find it. When you're in the default Metro interface, open the new (but not necessarily improved) Metro style Control Panel, then scroll all the way to the bottom of the screen. Click More settings and you'll find yourself in the familiar Control Panel.

WINDOWS PHONE 7 TIP OF THE WEEK:

Browsing the web on a phone isn't always the most pleasant experience in the world, but some hidden tricks in Windows Phone's IE 9 can vastly improve it for you. For example, if you want to open a link on a web page in a new window, you can just press and hold (the phone's equivalent of right clicking) to reveal that option. A nice feature of IE in WP is tabbed browsing, which isn't just for desktops anymore. You can quickly switch between tabs on mobile IE 9 by pressing and holding the Back button. This opens the App Switcher which shows your recently viewed tabs.

Did you know you can get to your Favorites more quickly by starting to type the name or URL in the address bar? The Favorite will pop up in the suggestion bar and all you have to do is tap it. And here's another handy tip: Highlight a word and then touch the Search button. This will invoke a Bing search on the highlighted word or phrase.

TALKING TECH: PRECIOUS MEMORY (PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL)

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the evolution and future of electronic storage technology. This week, I thought I'd continue the hardware discussion by talking a little about another important "storage area" in your computer: the memory chips that we call RAM (Random Access Memory).

The term "memory" is used in different ways. Some call hard drive storage "secondary memory," and particularly in the advertising of smartphones and tablets, you'll see the non-volatile storage (usually solid state storage) referred to as "internal memory" (to distinguish it from external storage that you can add in the form of a flash memory card such as a microSD card).

When those who build desktop or laptop computers say "memory," they usually mean RAM. RAM is a type of *volatile* memory. That means data that's stored on it is lost when the computer is powered off. "Flash memory," the type of storage found on USB sticks and SD, CF and other types of memory cards, is *non-volatile* and thus retains the data stored on it without electrical power to the device. Another type of non-volatile memory in our computers is called ROM or PROM or EPROM/EEPROM. This is where the computer's firmware is stored; the firmware holds the software that runs when you turn on the computer and provides the environment in which the operating system boots. That software was once called the BIOS (Basic Input/Output System). Newer computers instead use EFI (Extensible Firmware Interface), but it's often still referred to as the BIOS.

The amount of memory (RAM) that's installed in a computer, and the maximum amount that can be installed, are important specifications to consider when buying or

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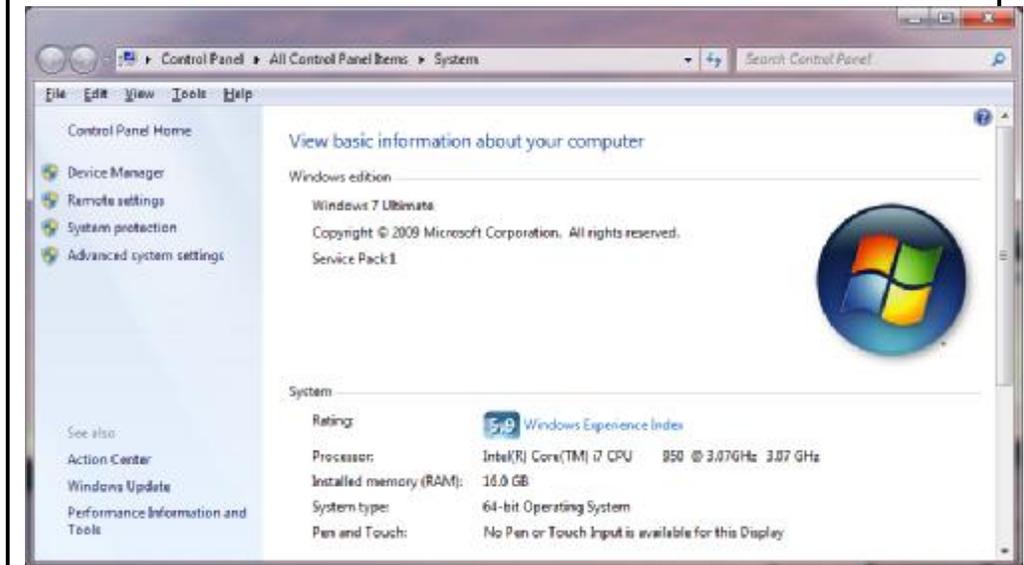
building a new computer. Because all programs that are running at a given time need to be stored in RAM (for best performance), the amount of RAM that you need depends on how many programs you want to run simultaneously and how big the memory "footprint" is for each of those programs, along with the "memory overhead" used by the operating system itself.

My very first computer, a Commodore VIC-20, had 16K of RAM. Its successor, the Commodore 64, had (as its name implies) a whopping 64K. I moved way up in the world when I got my first IBM PC, which boasted an enormous 256K of memory. Of course, everyone knows that Bill Gates was quoted in the '80s as saying that "640K ought to be enough for anybody," although [he later denied saying it](#).

Whether he did or not, it turned out to be very wrong. I dumped MS-DOS for Windows in the early 1990s, and the Tandy computer that ran it had a whole MB of memory. That seemed like a lot at the time, but the need for more and more memory just kept on growing. In the mid-'90s, I paid over \$300 for a 16MB stick of RAM and was on the cutting edge of technology... for a little while.

Fast forward to today. My primary workstation has 16GB of RAM and will hold a total of 24GB. Most people don't need nearly that much, but I do a lot of multitasking and run some memory-intensive applications, as well as virtual machines that function like separate computers and each need their own allocation of memory. The trend, however, is starting to go a little backwards. Many people are giving up their desktop systems in favor of laptops or even tablets. Most tablets don't have more than 1 or 2GB of RAM, but that's okay because the apps they run are simpler and thus don't need as much memory as more complex Windows applications.

To find out how much RAM your Windows 7 computer has, open the Control Panel System app, which will show you the amount of RAM installed.



Adding RAM can speed up your computer, depending on how much you already have and what kind of workload you're running. For a guide on how to add RAM to your computer, see this [Microsoft At Home article](#).

Today, memory is relatively cheap. A quick look at the Newegg site shows that you can get [24GB of DDR3 \(a kit of four 6 GB chips\) for under \\$100](#). Of course, you have to be sure that the memory you buy will work with your computer's motherboard, unlike in the old days when pretty much all RAM chips would work in all computers. This was the very olden days (pre-Pentium processors). Soon we got bogged down in the confusion of [SRAM, DRAM, SDRAM, RDRAM \(Rambus\), FPM RAM, EDO RAM, DDR SDRAM](#). Then there's the type of memory module the motherboard wants. Once upon a time, there were SIMMs, then came DIMMs and RIMMs. Notebooks and netbooks use their own types of modules. If you're buying memory to upgrade your system, you also need to realize that not all RAM that will fit your computer is created equal. Some chips are faster than others.

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Luckily, finding out what type of memory you need isn't as difficult as it might seem, since several memory vendors and manufacturers offer online analyzers (memory advisor tools) that will scan your system and tell you. I find that you can usually get the best prices from [Crucial](#).

Up to now, we've been talking about *physical memory*. Modern operating systems also use something called *virtual memory* to supplement the RAM that you have installed. The system uses a part of the storage space on the hard drive to store information that would normally be stored in RAM. The data is then swapped out between the file on the hard drive (which is sometimes called a swap file although it is officially referred to as a page file because the blocks of memory addresses are divided into units called pages). This gives the effect of having more RAM than you actually do, although the virtual memory isn't accessed as quickly as the physical memory. You can increase the amount of virtual memory, by [following these instructions](#).

Windows 7 and Vista also allow you to use space on a flash drive or flash card (which may be faster than a traditional hard drive) to supplement the computer's physical memory, using ReadyBoost technology. You might not have this option if your computer uses a fast SSD drive though, because the hard drive itself is fast enough to hold the paged data. Also, not all flash drives/cards will work with ReadyBoost. Windows will detect the speed of your flash device and if it's fast enough, you'll be able to [turn on ReadyBoost by following these instructions](#).

XP TIP OF THE WEEK: ADD DROPBOX TO THE SEND MENU

If you use the Dropbox service to share files between your computers across the Internet, you can make it easier to work with by adding it to the "Send" menu in XP. Then when you right-click a file, you'll have the option to send it to Dropbox "automagically." Here's how:

1. In XP, go to Control Panel and select Folder Options
2. In the Advanced Settings list, select Show hidden files and folders
3. Now, in Windows Explorer, go to C:\Documents and Settings*user name*\SendTo
4. Create a shortcut here to your Dropbox folder by right dragging and dropping it into the Send To folder and selecting Create shortcut here

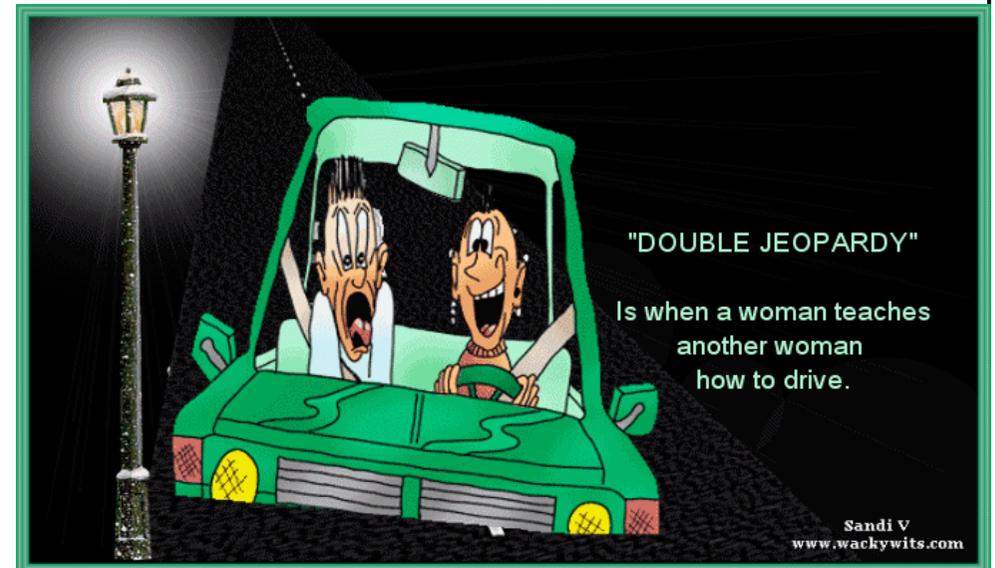
NOW WHEN YOU RIGHT-CLICK A FILE AND SELECT SEND TO, YOU SHOULD SEE THE OPTION SHORTCUT TO MY DROPBOX IN THE LIST

1 WINDOWS 7 TIP OF THE WEEK: START MEDIA CENTER IN LIVE TV MODE

2 If you use Windows Media Center mostly to watch live TV, you might want it to automatically start in that mode, rather than having to navigate through the menu to the Live TV choice. You can do this with the Live TV button on a Media Center remote control, but not everyone has this remote. If you use your mouse and keyboard to control Media Center, here's the solution: make a desktop icon that launches Media Center directly into Live TV mode.

1. First, create a desktop shortcut to Windows Media Center
2. Right-click the icon, and select Properties
3. Click the Shortcut tab
4. In the box labeled Target, you'll see the following: %windir%\ehome\ehshell.exe
5. Leave the text that's there and put a space after it, then add after the space (and include the quotation marks): "/mcesuperbar://tv?live=true"
6. Make sure the Target string now reads as follows: %windir%\ehome\ehshell.exe "/mcesuperbar://tv?live=true"
7. Click Apply and OK

Now when you open Windows Media Center with this shortcut, it should open to Live TV.



EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A FEAR OF SOMEONE UNDER MY BED AT NIGHT.

SO I WENT TO A SHRINK AND TOLD HIM:

'I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.' 'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' said the shrink.

'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears..' 'How much do you charge?' 'Eighty dollars per visit,' replied the doctor.

'I'll sleep on it,' I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street.....

'Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?' he asked.

'Well, Eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money!.....

On a recent trip to Australia An Aussie barman cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that when I came home I bought me a new pickup!' 'Is that so!' With a bit of an attitude he said, 'and how, may I ask, did an Aussie bartender cure you?' 'He told me to cut the legs off the bed! - Ain't nobody under there now!!!' Good old Aussie know howi

A young Portsmouth woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the sea, but just before she could throw herself from the wharf, a handsome young man stopped her.

"You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we are off to Australia tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day, and keep you happy."

With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Australia , the woman accepted.

That night the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a small but comfortable compartment in the hold. From then on, every night he would bring her three sandwiches, a bottle of red wine, and make love to her until dawn. Two weeks later she was discovered by the captain during a routine inspection.

"What are you doing here?" asked the captain.

"I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied. "He brings me food and I get a free trip to Australia ."

"I see," the captain says.

Her conscience got the best of her and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me."

"He certainly is," replied the captain. "This is the Isle of Wight Ferry."