

**The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday Oct 19, 2012 at La Hacienda Recreation Center.**

**The program will feature a presentation by Bobbie Seabol on Managing Email Options.**

**Following the presentation will be refreshments, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes and a problem solving session.**

**If you have a computer problem you can't resolve, fill out the troubleshooting request form found at [thevillagescomputerclub.com](http://thevillagescomputerclub.com) and bring it to the meeting.**

**Guests are always welcome. For information or to sign up to be on the VCC email list, visit the website or email Paul Rabenold at [VCC.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:VCC.Pres@gmail.com).**

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## **Mark your calendar**

**Come to the Recreation sponsored Tech "Know How" EXPO**

**Date: Saturday October 20th**

**Place: Colony Cottage Recreation Center**

**Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

**This will be an exciting event to learn more about the clubs and organizations that feature technology as part of their groups. The EXPO will feature:**

- **Computers, iPads, Mac's, Android Tablets and Phones**
- **Photography**

- **Genealogy**
- **Scrapbooking**
- **Astronomy**
- **Science**
- **Gems and Minerals**
- **Home Brewing**
- **Electric Boats**
- **RC Model Cars**
- **Scuba**
- **Segway**

**One feature will be a demonstration of "Windows 8"**

**The Villages Computer Club, Computer Plus and iPad Android group will be at the EXPO to show their "Know How" and what they are doing to "help folks help themselves" with Technology.**

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#### **Windows 7 Desktop Icons**

**By default, Windows 7 will "align to grid" your desktop icons: this means that icons on your desktop will automatically be aligned to an invisible grid, to ensure that each icon is neatly line up horizontally with the icons next to it, and vertically line up with icons below and/or above it. This is a default setting because it prevents an icon from being accidentally placed completely or partly above another icon; the downside to the *align to grid* feature is that you cannot place your desktop icons any way you want.**

To *disable align to grid*, and let your desktop icons be freely moved around without alignment:

- § Right-click on an empty area of the desktop (*between two icons, not on an icon*)
- § From the desktop's context menu, choose "View"
- § The *View* submenu displays a checkmark next to "Align icons to grid" when the feature is enabled; so, if *Align icons to grid* is unchecked, this means that the feature is already disabled.
- § If *Align icons to grid* is checked, click on it: Windows 7 will first remove the checkmark next to the menu item, and then disable Align to Grid.

You are now able to move your desktop icons in any direction, and drop them wherever you want: since align-to-grid is disabled, Windows will no longer re-align the icons to their "grid" position.

## RE-ENABLE ALIGN TO GRID DESKTOP ICONS

The steps to enable or re-enable align-to-grid are the same as above:

- § Right-click on your desktop, and choose View from the context menu that appeared
- § If a checkmark is displayed next to "Align icons to grid", you can stop here
- § Otherwise, click on *Align icons to grid* to enable the feature
- Windows 7 will first, place a checkmark next to the menu item; then, re-enable align-to-grid; finally, it will automatically re-align icons on your desktop, and automatically align any desktop icon you try to move in the future (*until and unless you choose to disable align-to-grid*).

## SHOULD YOU HAVE ALIGN-TO-GRID ENABLED OR DISABLED?

As noted earlier, the reason Windows 7 has align-to-grid enabled by default is because it prevents your desktop icons from accidentally stacking up one on top of the other, in which case the icon or icons below would be invisible. For this reason, we recommend keeping align-to-grid enabled.

*Tip: Regardless of your current align-to-grid settings for desktop icons, you can view desktop files by opening Windows Explorer: press the Windows logo key and hit "R" to launch the Run dialog. When it opens, type "desktop" and hit Enter: Windows 7 will open your desktop icons (files and folders) in Windows Explorer, like a regular folder. From there, you can change the icon view as you want, without affecting your desktop, as you see it when all windows are minimized.*

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Win 7 Tutorials <http://freewindowsvistatutorials.com/Windows-7-Tutorials.php>

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- § WINDOWS 7 DESKTOP
  - § Hide or show desktop icons
  - § Enable or disable "Align to Grid" desktop icons
  - § Sort your desktop icons by name, size, item type, or date modified
  - § Enable or disable Auto Arrange desktop icons
  - § Change the size of desktop icons + create custom icon dimensions
  - § Change the "My Computer" icon
  - § Change the "Recycle Bin" icon
  - § Restore your default desktop icons
  - § Prevent themes from changing your desktop icons
  - § Show/hide common desktop icons: Computer/User/Network/Recycle Bin/Control Panel
  - § Configure Recycle Bin settings
  - § Show multiple program windows at the same time (stacked / side-by-side)
  - § Change wallpaper (desktop background): picture or solid color
  - § Resize / move your desktop wallpaper: Fill, Fit, Stretch, Tile, Center
  - § Automatically change (rotate) wallpaper desktop background picture
  - § Find and download free Windows Wallpapers online (Windows 7 / Vista / XP)
  - § < SHOW ALL WINDOWS 7 TUTORIALS

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## HP Tools and Recovery Disks Created

Most HP Computer comes with a Recovery Program installed on the D:\ drive. Manual instructions also suggests that **you** create a set of Tools (startup disk) and Recovery Disks and store them in a safe place.

1. Click Start...Programs
2. Locate and click PC HELP and Tools
3. Follow instructions to create a set of Disks to recover your computer back to factory setup should you have a serious crash.
- 4.

If you didn't create these disks, then the option should still be available for you in your Start Menu.

HP and Compaq Recovery Disks Available at link below

<http://www.computersurgeons.com/shoppingcart/5.htm>

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## Recovery Disk Creator Reset

(This bypass worked for HP prior to Win 7. I haven't tried it since I got Win 7.)

Most computers desktops nowadays don't ship with any restore CDs any longer. Instead, they create a partition on your C: drive and name it the D: drive(Recovery Disk). Here they load a copy of the data that was loaded at the factory usually 4-9 gigs.

Users are allowed to make a set of Recovery Disks (CDs or DVDs). This is a one-time operation due to licensing agreements with Microsoft . A set of your own Recovery Disks is a welcome security in case any misfortune should befall your computer.

There is a way to reset this one-time limit restriction:

Copy the URL below into browser and click GO

<http://www.coderetard.com/2008/08/12/how-to-reset-hp-pavilion-recovery-cd-one-limit-restriction/>

1. Download the **Recovery Reset Patch**.
2. Extract the contents and run extracted file "ResetRmc.exe". NOTE: This is a very small file that executes very quickly so you may not even detect that it did anything
3. Now try to run the Recovery CD/DVD Disc Maker again, the one-time limit restriction will be reset and you should again see the option to create a set of Recovery disks again.

If the computer was restored at any point using Created Recovery Disks this patch will not work. In that instance, the only backup media available for the customer is the D: Recovery Partition. Attempting to run the ResetRmc.exe patch in this instance causes the "Incorrect Password Specified" error message to appear. Note: Recovery Reset patch download works only for HP computers, so far as I know

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## Recovering from Windows XP

**Note: These instructions are from [www.HP.com](http://www.HP.com). You probably should go to your manufacturer's website and download the instructions for your particular computer. These instructions are not suggested to be used by a NEW computer user. Jmax**

Use the following steps to recover the computer from the Windows XP desktop:

1. Backup files from the My Documents folder and from other folders you may have created.
2. Disconnect all connected devices (such as the Personal Media Drive, USB drives, printer, and fax), remove media from drives, and remove any recently added internal hardware. Do not disconnect the monitor, keyboard, mouse, and power cord.

3. From the Windows XP desktop, click **Start** , **All Programs** , and then one of the following options:

**NOTE:** The following options are for HP computers. Compaq computers will have similar options (for example, Compaq Tools).

- **HP Tools** , and then **HP PC System Recovery** .
- **Hewlett-Packard** , **hp pavilion pc tools** , and **hp pc system recovery** .
- **PC Help & Tools** , and then **HP PC System Recovery** .

A recovery Welcome screen appears.

4. Click **Yes** or **OK** to continue the recovery process.

The computer restarts to the recovery program. If another welcome screen is displayed, click **OK** to continue.

5. Select one of the following procedures, depending on which recovery type you want to perform:

- To perform a system recovery, click **Next** , and then click **Yes**
- To perform a destructive recovery, click **Advanced** , (select **Destructive Recovery** ) and then click **Next** .

**CAUTION:**A destructive recovery will format the hard drive. This will delete all the information on the hard drive and reinstall Windows XP and the original software that came with the computer.

6. Read and respond to each window and screen that appears.

7. After the System Recovery is complete, the computer restarts and continues into Windows setup. Complete the setup screens and wait until the PC finishes the setup.

**NOTE:** It may take a long time to complete Windows setup. This time varies and may take over several hours. Recovery times are most affected by using recovery discs that were ordered from HP and/or the amount of files that were stored in the user account folders (for example, My Documents and the Desktop).

8. Before using your computer, update and protect your computer. For more information, refer to [Things To Do After Performing a System Recovery in Windows XP](#) .

9. Re-install applications that you added after purchasing the computer, and any files that you have backed up.

## Recovering during startup

Use the following steps to perform a recovery from the *hard drive* :

1. Backup files from the My Documents folder and from other folders you may have created.

2. Disconnect all connected devices (such as the Personal Media Drive, USB drives, printer, and fax), remove media from drives, and remove any recently added internal hardware. Do not disconnect the monitor, keyboard, mouse, and power cord.
3. Turn on the computer.
4. Just after the first screen appears (the logo screen), press the **F10** key *repeatedly* until a recovery menu appears.
5. Select one of the following procedures, depending on which recovery type you want to perform:
  - To perform a standard system recovery, click **Next** , and then click **Yes** .
  - To perform a destructive recovery, click **Advanced** , (select **Destructive Recovery** ) and then click **Next** .

**CAUTION:** A destructive recovery will format the hard drive. This will delete all the information on the hard drive and reinstall Windows XP and the original software that came with the computer .

6. Read and respond to each window and screen that appears.
7. After the System Recovery is complete, the computer restarts and continues into Windows setup. Complete the setup screens and wait until the computer finishes the setup.

**NOTE:** It may take a long time to complete Windows setup. This time varies and may take over several hours, depending on the amount of files that were stored in the user account folders (for example, My Documents and the Desktop).

8. Before using your computer, update and protect your computer. For more information, refer to [Things To Do After Performing a System Recovery in Windows XP](#) .
9. Reinstall applications that you added after purchasing the PC, and any files you need from backup.

## Recovering from recovery discs

Use the following steps to recover the computer from a set of recovery discs (either CDs or DVDs):

1. Before recovering, back up files from the My Documents folder and from other folders you may have created.
2. Disconnect all connected devices (such as the Personal Media Drive, USB drives, printer, and fax), remove media from drives, and remove any recently added internal hardware. Do not disconnect the monitor, keyboard, mouse, and power cord.
3. Turn on the computer and press the **Esc** key when the first logo screen appears.
4. Insert the first recovery disc into the top CD or DVD drive.
5. Use the **Up Arrow** and **Down Arrow** keys to select the CD or DVD drive containing the recovery disc, and press the **Enter** key to start.
6. If a screen displays "Press R for recovery options", press the **R** key.

7. A screen with a list of options should appear: R, F, and Q. These options can change depending on the state of the hard drive. For example, if the hard drive is new, only R lists.

Select one of the following methods depending on the type of recovery method you want to perform:

- Press **R** to perform a standard system recovery.
- Press **F** to perform a destructive recovery. This will format the hard drive. If the hard drive is new or has had the recovery partition damaged, this option will also create new partitions and format the drive.
- Press **Q** to quit recovery.

8. Read and respond to each window and screen that appears.

**NOTE:** When changing discs, do not press the **OK** button. Instead, wait for the drive to read the disc and automatically continue the recovery.

**NOTE:** If you are using a supplemental recovery disc (select models only), you must remove the supplemental disc before restarting the computer.

9. After the System Recovery is complete, the computer restarts and continues into Windows setup. Complete the setup screens and wait until the computer finishes the setup.

**NOTE:** It may take a long time to complete Windows setup. This time varies and may take over several hours. Recovery times are most affected by using recovery discs that were ordered from HP and/or the amount of files that were stored in the user account folders (Like My Documents and the Desktop).

10. Before using your computer, update and protect your computer. For more information, refer to [Things To Do After Performing a System Recovery in Windows XP](#).

## Related support

- [Obtaining Recovery Discs](#) . A system recovery from the hard drive may not be possible in some circumstances. Use this document for instructions on how to order a recovery CD set.
- [Troubleshooting Full System Recovery Problems](#) . Use this document if a problem occurs while attempting a full recovery.

## Other solutions customers found helpful

- » [-- HP and Compaq Desktop PCs: Looking for Recovery Discs?](#)
- » [HP and Compaq Desktop PCs -- Troubleshooting System Recovery Problems in Windows XP](#)
- » [HP and Compaq Desktop PCs -- Things To Do After Performing a System Recovery in Windows XP](#)
- » [HP and Compaq Desktop PCs -- Obtaining Software and Drivers](#)

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<http://www.wimp.com/explainscanada/>



This is a MUST SEE! It may even change your perspective of a few things...

PROUD TO BE THOUGHT OF IN THIS WAY!

Every Canadian and American needs to see this.

We live side-by-side in two wonderful countries filled with wonderful people.

THE LONGEST BORDER (This is an interesting American perspective)

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This is not politics - it's about the future of the world. I saw the Movie in it's entirety tonight.

<http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/clips.html>

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Jmax's Website <http://www.jmaxbits.com/>

Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website.  
You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.

1. For help with a computer problem, put **HELP** in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2. To view or print Jmax Bits Good Services List in the Villages area, click link [www.jmaxbits.com](http://www.jmaxbits.com)

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to [VLGSClassifieds@aol.com](mailto:VLGSClassifieds@aol.com). Put **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject line. To send an Ad, place **AD** in the subject line.

4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: [Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club](#)

To add your name to the VCC announcements list, send email to [TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

5. Fred Benson's website [www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com](http://www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com)