

If you've sent me an email and not received a reply, it's because I've been quite ill since early Monday morning. Today is first day that I'm trying to stay up and get a few things done. I'm getting to email ASAP.
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The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday December 14th at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

The program will feature a presentation by Bob Walton on Windows 8 features. I know you will find this to be an interesting and helpful subject. Bob will cover purchasing Windows 8 versions, cost of upgrading and some basic navigation tips that are required to use the product.

Following the presentation will be refreshments, 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 and bring it to the meeting.

Guests are always welcome, please bring your village ID card.. For information or to sign up to be on the VCC email list, visit the website or email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com.

Bob Petrilak referenced a link at our last meeting related to "[How to buy the best laptop in the age of Windows 8](#) "

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Video confusion

by [Alain Martel1](#) - 4/12/08 9:53 AM

What the memory term means.

When you have shared memory, the video "card" is integrated into the motherboard. It use the same memory as the rest of the system. The video memory used is SUBTRACTED or removed from the main memory. This can be a big inconvenient. Another problem is that the memory bandwidth is shared between video processing and computing. You can set the amount of main RAM to be used for the video, but you need to change it from the BIOS settings. You find that kind of setup on cheap motherboards, usually with pretty limited memory expandability. It can be OK for you if all you do is surfing the internet, listen to music, do some accounting and text processing, and only do some casual gaming like solitaire and Minesweeper. You may get some degradation with some video, especially for anything high definition.

Advantage: LOW price.

Inconveniences: Reduce available RAM, lowest end video processor, can't upgrade.

The motherboard's BIOS may NOT allow you to use a separate video card. NO PCIe nor AGP connector.

Dedicated is similar to the preceding. The motherboard contains a "video card" builtin, but functionally separated from the rest of the computing circuitry. The advantage is that it's not shared with the rest of the system and have it's own data bus. The video processing can no longer interfere with the computing.

OK with about any video playing. Video editing may cause problems. Most games will play with acceptable performances. Upper mid range games and above will probably show jerky animation in the most intense parts.

Middle price. The "card" can't become unseated.

If you want to install a video card, you may need to get a PCI card as those boards seldom have a dedicated video card connector.

With the preceding 2 options, if there is a video processor failure, you need to change the mother board or install a dedicated video card.

Discreet is video RAM that reside on a video card. That memory is completely separate from system RAM. The video processing is also independent from the computing. Some of those video cards can have 512 Mb or even 1 Gb of video RAM!

TOP performances are possible... for a price!

The price range from low (about \$70) to outrageous (\$1000 and more).

Most video cards come with at least 128 Mb of video RAM. You can still get some with less, but they may not allow you to use that LCD at native resolution, and the saving, if any, will be negligible.

In your case, I'd stay well away from the shared kind. Video cards are easy to change, integrated video can't be changed.

Considering that even some "tame" video games can be very graphics intensive, and that you may discover a taste for some more intense gaming, I'd go for the dedicated video

card with 256 or 512 Mb of RAM.

Photo editing don't ask much from the video card, any will do. It's a CPU/main system RAM task.

The next step, video editing, ask for as much main RAM as possible and a fast hard drive, but very little for the video RAM, any lower mid range will do.

As for the rest of the computer, look to get as much main RAM as you can. Also, a second hard drive where you put your datas would be a very good idea. That way, when you'll need to reinstall windows, all your data will be safe without the need of backing it all up.

For the AOL users:

Change AOL's default email settings.

Click Settings on the menu bar of AOL Desktop and under My Settings click A-Z and then click Font and Text.

Set whatever default settings you want there and be sure to SAVE them.

Protect your AOL Address book and PFC items

Before you upgrade or make serious changes to your AOL program that might effect your PFC info, Save the Organize folder to your desktop. Should anything go wrong, you can always put the old organize folder into your new install of AOL. When you open the PFC all your items will be there including favorites and address book.

1. Rightclick the AOL icon in the startup tray and select System Information.
2. Click Utilities and select Close all AOL files.
3. Click AOL Software and click Open data folder (middle button).
4. Now Rightclick the Organize folder in the version of the AOL that you've been using and select Copy.
5. Go to the desktop and right click and select Paste to place this copy of the Organize folder there for safe keeping.

Should you need to replace the Organize folder of the new AOL install with the Organize folder from your OLD version of AOL:

1. Rightclick the Organize folder you saved on your desktop and select Copy.
2. Rightclick the aol icon in the startup tray and select System Information.
3. Now, click Utilities and select Close All AOL Files.
4. CLick AOI Software and click the Open data folder.
5. Rightclick the newly installed version of AOL and select Paste. You'll get a message, "there is already an Organize folder, do you wish to replace it with this Organize folder?" Click YES.
6. Close the System Information screen.
7. Open AOL and log in. Click File and click Mail Saved on my PC. You should see the PFC that you saw before shutting down the old version of AOL.

Reload the AOL address book from the AOL server

Rarely when a new AOL version is installed something happens so that the address book is not loaded from the server. You can make the server deliver the address book:

1. Rightclick the aol icon in the startup tray and select System Information.
2. Now, click Utilities and select Close All AOL Files.
3. Click AOL Software and click the Open data folder.
4. Doubleclick the Organize folder.
5. Scroll down and rightclick the file that is your screen name.abx (example: jmaxjp2.abx), select Delete.
6. Now close the System Information screen. Open AOL and log on. Click Mail and select Address Book. It should be there.

The AOL Toolbar Carousel

To access your Toolbar Carousel Settings, click the CHECK MARK on the lower right of the Toolbar Carousel. This will give you quick access to the controls for the Carousel section of the Toolbar. From there, you can add, edit, move, and remove AOL Toolbar icons.

To add a Toolbar icon:

1. On the Toolbar Carousel Settings window, click ADD.
2. Click the EXTRAS or DEFAULTS tab.
3. Check the items you want to add, then click ADD.

To add a custom icon on the Toolbar Carousel:

1. While on AOL, navigate to the favorite area or site you want to add.
2. Click the Heart icon on the upper-right of the window, then click ADD TO TOOLBAR.
3. In the Select Icon window, select a Toolbar icon you want to use.
4. In the Enter Label box, type the name for the Toolbar icon (maximum of 8 letters), then click SAVE.

To edit a Toolbar icon:

1. On the Toolbar Carousel Settings window, click EDIT.
2. Select the new icon you want to use, type the new name in the Enter Label box, then click SAVE.

To move a Toolbar icon:

1. On the Toolbar Carousel Settings window, click the icon you want to move, then click MOVE ICON LEFT or MOVE ICON RIGHT.
2. Click SAVE.

To remove a custom icon:

1. On the Toolbar Carousel Settings window, click the icon you want to remove, then click REMOVE.
2. Click YES.

Note: The AOL webmail (www.aol.com) does not have the carousel. However, even FREE AOL users may install the AOL Client program (now called AOL Desktop) and get all the features.

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You will also be able to sync books from your PC to your handheld Kindle

Note: It's a big help to sign up for Amazon Prime, \$79/year.

Kindle Fire Software Update

There is a new, free over-the-air software update available for Kindle Fire. This update enhances fluidity and performance, improves support for manually set up e-mail providers in the Email app, and offers a new full screen mode for viewing web pages. The update will be automatically delivered to your Kindle Fire.

If you are not sure what software version you're running, tap the Quick Settings icon, tap "More," then tap "Device." If your System Version is "Current version: 6.2.2," you are running the latest software. If your System Version is "Current version: 6.0, 6.1, or 6.2.1" follow the instructions below to take advantage of all of the features available for Kindle Fire.

To update your Kindle Fire, ensure you are connected to a Wi-Fi network and that your battery is fully charged. Tap the Quick Settings icon in the upper right corner of your device, then tap "Sync." The software update will automatically download in the background and will be applied once download is complete and the device is asleep.

If you'd like to manually download and install the software update on your Kindle Fire, follow the instructions below. Please note that you'll need a USB cable (sold separately) to transfer the update to your Kindle Fire.

Download Version 6.2.2

Here's how to download the Kindle Fire software update version 6.2.2 and transfer it to your Kindle Fire via USB:

1. **Determine your software version:** Tap the Quick Settings icon, tap "More," then tap "Device." If your System Version is "Current version: 6.2.2" you are running the latest software. If you see a System Version other than "Current Version: 6.2.2," please proceed with the steps below to update your Kindle Fire to the latest software.
2. **Download your software:** Click on the link below to download the software update file directly to your computer:

[Download Software Update 6.2.2](#)

3. **Transfer software to your Kindle Fire:** Turn your Kindle Fire on and unlock the screen. Then connect it to your computer using a USB cable (sold separately). Drag and drop the new update file from your computer to the kindleupdates folder on your Kindle drive. (The drive is typically displayed as a "device" icon).
4. **Monitor file transfer and disconnect:** Check your file transfer progress to ensure the file transfer to your Kindle Fire is complete before disconnecting. After the file has transferred successfully, tap the "Disconnect" button on your Kindle Fire screen to safely disconnect your Kindle Fire from your computer. Disconnect the USB cable from your Kindle Fire and your computer.
5. **Start the software update:** Ensure your battery is fully charged. Tap the Quick Settings icon in the top right corner of your screen, then tap "More..." then Device. Select "Update Your Kindle." (This option will be grayed out if the most recent update has already been installed or if the file transfer was not successful.) Your Kindle Fire will restart twice during the update. After the first restart, you will see the Kindle Fire logo on the screen.
6. **Once the update is complete:** The Device screen will display "Current

Version: 6.2.2" when the update is complete.

If you cannot successfully update your Kindle Fire software using the instructions above or encounter any difficulty with your software update, please contact Kindle Support by clicking the "Contact Us" button in the right hand column of this page.

**I MUST BE A REDNECK This is not the type of Redneck jokes we normally hear,
this is a bit different.**

We have enjoyed the redneck jokes for years. It's time to Take a reflective look at the core beliefs of a culture that Values home, family, country and God. If I had to stand Before a dozen terrorists who threaten my life, I'd choose a half dozen or so rednecks to back me up. Tire irons, squirrel guns and grit -- that's what rednecks are Made of . If you feel the same, pass this on to your redneck friends. Y'all know who ya are.....

You might be a redneck if:
*It never occurred to you to
Be offended by the phrase, 'One nation, under God..'*

You might be a redneck if:
*You've never protested about seeing
The 10 Commandments posted in public places.*

You might be a redneck If:
*You still say ' Christmas'
Instead of 'Winter Festival.'*

You might be a redneck if:
You bow your head when someone prays.

You might be a redneck if:

*You stand and place your hand over your heart
when they play the National Anthem*

You might be a redneck if:

*You treat our armed forces Veterans with
great respect, and always have*

You might be a redneck if:

You've never burned an American flag, nor intend to.

You might be a redneck if: *You know what you believe
and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.*

You might be a redneck if:

*You respect your elders and
raised your kids to do the same.*

Some of you are so old you don't have elders to respect.

You might be a redneck if:

You'd give your last dollar to A friend.

You might be a redneck if:

You believe in God & Jesus

***And believe that others have the right to believe in
which ever God they believe in as long as their God does not
tell them to kill anyone who does not believe the same
As they do!!!!***

*If you got this email from me, it is because I believe that
You, like me, have just enough **Red Neck** in you to have the
same beliefs as those talked about in this email.*

God Bless the USA !

*Keep the fire burning, redneck friend. You can pass it on to your redneck
friends*

And Associates-----

It is totally acceptable and might save our Country!!!!

IN GOD WE TRUST! *Call me a redneck anytime!*



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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

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to 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

5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com