

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday May 18th at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

This week's program will feature a presentation by Fred Benson titled "Photo Editing Options."

Following the presentation will be refreshments, 50/50, door prizes and a problem solving session. If you have a computer problem you can't resolve, fill out the problem report form found at <http://thevillagescomputerclub.com/meetings.php> and bring it to the meeting.

For more information on the VCC please reference the clubs web site at: <http://thevillagescomputerclub.com/>

Guests are always welcome. For information, email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com

Are you an animal lover? Would you like to volunteer or donate to help an organization who cares for wounded creatures? Take a look <http://www.allcreaturessanctuary.com/Volunteers.html>

iPad Meeting - Tuesday June 5, 1:30PM **at Colony Cottage Rec Center**

Due to the great interest in tablets, we have decided to start a new group(Club) called The iPad/Android Group. Our plan is to rotate every other month, iPad (IOS) then the Android operating systems. The first meeting in June will be on the iPad/iPhone and apps. All the meetings will be at Colony Cottage on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30PM. The July meeting will be on Tuesday July 3, 1:30PM, discussing the Android operating system.

We will send out a reminder and more information about a week ahead. If you know anyone that has an iPad, please invite them to the June iPad meeting. If they have an Android, come to the meeting on the July 3

There will be an Android meeting with Village Computer Plus on Thursday June 21 at Laural Manor, 1PM.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call or email me.

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Emails are circulating that proclaim all new pyrex is very, very unsafe and explodes easily. See mixture of facts below

[Click here: snopes.com: Exploding Pyrex](http://snopes.com: Exploding Pyrex)

Are you one of those who look forward to the latest and greatest in computing???? IF so, you'll probably be very disappointed with Windows 8. It's the newest on the Microsoft line, but according to PC Pitstop it definitely is not the greatest.

[Click here: Windows 8 - The View from the Inside](#)

Why Defrag a Hard Drive?

To understand why defragmentation (or defrag) is necessary, let's go over how a hard drive stores files. Your hard drive is made up of sectors and blocks, which are like file folders and filing cabinets in an office. When a document, picture or other file wants to save to your hard drive the drive needs to find space to put it. To make most efficient use of the space on your hard drive (and allow you to easily delete/move files), the hard drive breaks up the files into little pieces and stores them where there is available space on the drive. The result of this is a file that may exist as a single, but pieces of it may be in 3 different parts of the hard drive. When you go to open the picture the hard drive knows to look in those 3 separate areas to get the complete file.

So why do you need to defragment if the hard drive knows where to look? Two reasons: Speed and wear-and-tear.

Speed: Every time the hard drive needs to move the read head to a new location it takes a certain amount of time to move. If the file is in one single area of the hard drive, the head only needs to move once to read the file. If the file is contained in 3 different places, the head needs to move 3 times to get the same file, making the time it takes to load longer.

Wear-and-tear: As a mechanical device, your hard drive read head moves a lot as it accesses files. Limiting the amount of times it has to move is going to increase the drives lifespan.

By defragmenting the hard drive all the files that can be lined up together are moved so that the hard drive reads files faster, has less movement needed, and lasts longer. Win/Win!

Internet Explorer and the Red X

IE can be configured so that it doesn't show pictures. To change this setting,

1. Click the Big E on your desktop to open Internet Explorer.
2. Click Tools...Internet Options.
3. Click the Advanced tab.

Scroll down and put a check in the SHOW PICTURES box.

Note: Try rightclicking the red X and select Show Picture. Sometimes this works.

Outlook Express unblock images in HTML messages (Prevents many red Xs)

Service Pack 2 installed changes were made as to how HTML messages are handled. Now when email messages are opened in OE, you get a red X placeholder instead of images that were embedded in the message. This happens because of a security setting that SP2 turns on by default. You can turn it back off. Here's how:

- 1.. Click Start | Programs.
- 2.. Click Outlook Express to open it.
- 3.. Click the Tools menu.
- 4.. Select Options.
- 5.. Click the Security tab.
- 6.. Uncheck the checkbox labeled "Block images and other external content in HTML e-mail.
- 7.. Click OK.

Now your images should show up in HTML messages.

Windows XP update KB916281

Uninstalling this Microsoft Update has helped many. You might try that. If it doesn't help you, you can download it again from www.microsoft.com

The RED X Problem

[leo.com/images/askleo.gif](http://ask-leo.com/images/askleo.gif)" and display it here - the upper left corner. The contents of the image, the .gif file, is not contained within the HTML file, but is referenced by it.

This presents a problem for HTML email, which is a single "thing" ... a single message which should be self-contained. As a result there are two ways that images are included with HTML email.

The first is that they are not included in the email at all. In this approach, the HTML email works exactly like a web page - the HTML contains a *reference* to the image, which is then downloaded and displayed as you look at the email. For example, my email could contain a reference to "<http://ask-leo.com/images/askleo.gif>". When someone opens that email, the mailer would go out to the server, download that image and display it.

And here you can see at least one common cause for "red X's" in your email. If the mailer, while displaying the email containing that reference can't locate the picture the result is a red X. The picture could have been removed, the server holding it could be down, or your machine could be disconnected from the internet. All have the same result.

The second approach actually includes the images as "hidden" attachments to your email, and encodes the references to them in a special way. Rather than referencing "<http://ask-leo.com/images/askleo.gif>", the email might have a reference to using some special code that means to pick up the image contained in the first attachment, and display it. This results in larger emails, since the images are physically included, but you're no longer concerned about locating the images since they came with the email.

One point of confusion between the two methods above is that you may not always be certain what type of email you're creating. A copy/paste from a web page or HTML editor *may* generate the first type with pointers to images. Are those pointers correct? Will they work on the recipient's machine? It's hard to say, because it depends on the type of web page, the type of browser or tool you were using to view it, and even the mail program you were pasting into. Similarly a copy/paste from, say, an image editing program will commonly produce the second type, if it works at all.

Email Options

Because images can increase the size of your emails, many email programs allow you to select whether or not images should be sent with your email at all! In **Outlook Express**, as you **compose a message**, you'll find an option labeled **Send Pictures with Message** on the **Format** menu. Make sure that's selected to include any pictures with your outgoing messages. Other email programs may have similar or related options.

Email Display

Now that we're somewhat uncertain about what we're sending, we'll introduce even more uncertainty into what your recipients are viewing.

Outlook 2003 introduced a security feature whereby all remote images from untrusted addresses are displayed as red X's by default. In order to view the images you must either add that sender to your safe sender's list, or right click on one of the red X placeholders and specifically tell Outlook to download and display the images.

Most email programs that display HTML email actually use a browser such as Internet Explorer to do so. That implies that any settings you've made to your browser will also impact your HTML email. One such setting controls whether images are displayed at all. Turn that off in your browser, and chances are you've turned it off in your email as well.

Some email programs may understand HTML email, but not the referenced to images as hidden attachments.

Email programs must save embedded images to disk in order to display them ... if there's not enough room or some other problem, that may fail and the images not appear.

As you can see there are a lot of reasons that things might not work. Don't let that discourage you, though. Experiment a little. Take a little time to understand how your emailer creates email from what you give it, and how the people you send it to see it.

If things have been working, and suddenly do not ... see what changed. If your images are coming from a remote server, is that server still available? Did you change your email program, or perhaps a setting in your browser?

With the knowledge you now have, you should be able to at least make some educated guesses as to what's happening, and perhaps correct it.

Ridiculously awesome iPad tips and tricks

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<http://shopping.yahoo.com/blogs/digital-crave/ridiculously-awesome-ipad-tips-tricks-210948557.html>

Think you know your [Apple tablet](#) inside and out?

Oh, sure, you're well aware of double-tapping the Home screen to see all open apps, enabling iCloud to wirelessly sync content between devices and how to group apps into folders -- but there is a lot more to your beloved 9.7-inch [iPad](#) (from \$499).

And so the following is a handful of lesser-known tips and tricks to getting the most out of your iPad.

If you have a few suggestions to share of your own, be sure to submit them in the Comments section below — so you get the credit for them.

Split keyboard

If you like to type while holding the [iPad](#), simply press on the virtual keyboard with both thumbs and drag to each side of the tablet. You'll then see the keyboard split into two, grouping the left and right portions of the keyboard together near the corner of the screen. Now, whether you hold the iPad vertically or horizontally, this makes it easier to type using your thumbs while holding the tablet at the same time — instead of trying to stretch your thumbs to reach letters in the middle, like G and H.

Speak to me

The new iPad doesn't have Siri — the powerful voice-activated "personal assistant" feature built into the iPhone 4S — but it does offer built-in voice dictation. Once you enable it in the Settings menu, you'll see a small microphone icon on the lower left of your keyboard (to the left of the spacebar). Tap it when typing an email, iMessage, note or searching the web and start talking.

You'll find it's surprisingly accurate — even in somewhat noisy environments — and even works in third-party apps like Facebook or Twitter. But be aware you need an Internet connection (cellular or Wi-Fi) for this feature to work. [iPad 1 and 2](#) users should download the free [Dragon Dictation app](#) from Nuance.

Snap that screen

If you see something you like on your iPad screen — a high-score in a video game, funny emoticon during a chat session or cool website — simply press and hold the Home button and quickly tap the Power button on top of the iPad. This will take a screen grab of whatever you're looking at on the iPad; you'll see a brief white flash and hear a camera click noise to confirm the shot has been taken and will be saved to your Camera Roll. Alternatively, if there's an image you like while browsing the web, press and hold on the image and choose "Save."

Roam if you want to

If you're using a [3G or 4G/LTE iPad](#), you can turn data roaming on in the Settings menu, allowing you to access the Internet in another country. But be aware fees will apply, and they can be pretty hefty, so be sure to check with your provider (e.g. AT&T) about roaming costs per megabyte. You can check your data usage by going to Settings>General>Usage. Also, keep in mind, you can swap out your local SIM card with one from a carrier in the country you're going to, in order to avoid roaming fees — or disable cellular connectivity at all and only use free Wi-Fi, if cash is tight.

Copy en masse

Saying you're writing a lengthy email, note or something in a word processor and you need to select a lot of text. You probably tap on the words in question, line up those blue pushpin thingies and stretch to cover all the text you need to highlight. There is an easier way to highlight an entire paragraph, in fact. Simply quickly tap four times on the text in question and you'll see the entire text will be blue, so you can copy or cut and paste it elsewhere, or delete it. Remember, this only works on editable text and not websites or ebooks, and such. Cool, huh?

You *can* touch this

Just like [Macs](#), you can use multi-fingered gestures to perform tasks quickly on the iPad. For example, close any open app by simply placing your outstretched fingers and thumb on the screen and pinching inwards. Or scroll between all open apps by dragging four fingers left or right on the screen. Or did you know you could create your own gestures? First, go to Settings>General>Accessibility, and then enable AssistiveTouch to record a gesture and the action it should perform. Sweet!

Those dang kids

Are your kids buying all kinds of in-game goodies, like Smurfberries and virtual coins, without your consent? You can, in fact, turn off in-app purchases on your iPad. Simply go to Settings>General>Restrictions and tap Enable Restrictions at the top of the screen. Now you can select what restrictions you want to impose for apps, music, movies, TV shows, web browsing, location-based services, video calling, and more. If all you're only concerned with is in-app purchases, you can restrict this, by sliding over the words "In-App Purchases."

Battery bust

Those who've upgraded their iPad to the third-generation model know it can take a lot longer to charge up the [new iPad](#) — due to the much larger battery used to compensate for the power-sucking features like the Retina display, 1080p camera and 4G/LTE connectivity. So here are a few tips to saving battery life so you don't have to keep it plugged into the wall all day: reduce the brightness of your screen, turn off wireless radios you don't use (such as GPS or Bluetooth), limit the number of push-based notifications and ensure apps aren't running in the background (double-tap the Home button and manually close minimized apps).

Switch it up

Ever since iOS 4.3, you've been able to customize what the little switch does on the right side of the iPad. By default, it turns audio on and off. But you can also program that switch to lock your screen orientation so it won't switch between portrait and landscape view whenever you handle the tablet. To do this, go to Settings>General, look for where it says "Use Side Switch to:" and then change it from Mute to Lock Orientation. That's it! Tap your iPad's home button to exit it out of Settings and enter your desktop (Home Screen).

Get back

Ever delete an app on your iPad and want it back — especially if you paid for it? There are three ways to do it. If you don't have your PC or Mac handy, open the App Store and go to download it again. Where the price is listed, it should say "Install" instead of "Free" or "\$4.99" or whatever. Or, in the App Store app, tap on the Purchased icon at the bottom (between Categories and Updates) and at the top you can select "Not On This iPad" and you'll see a list of all apps associated with your iTunes account that aren't installed on the iPad. The third way is connecting the iPad to your computer and synchronizing it again with the desired app selected in iTunes.

I've been framed

This is an oldie but a goodie. Well, if you consider something that worked as far back as 2010 as "old." And it's surprising how many people don't know about this one. You can turn your tablet into a digital photo frame. Press the Home button to wake up your iPad (where it says "Slide to Unlock") and tap the small icon with the flower on it. Doing this launches a photo slideshow built into the iPad. To tweak settings, go to Settings>Photos, and under Slideshow you can select duration for each photo, and adjust repeat and shuffle options. To change the style of slideshow, go

to the Photos app on your iPad and under Photos, tap the Slideshow tab to choose transition type and what song to play (if any).

Let's connect

Apple's \$29 [Camera Connection Kit](#) lets you import photos or videos onto the iPad without requiring a computer. It consists of a USB port to connect your camera via USB cable and a SD card slot to insert the memory card; both attachments snap into the 30-pin connector at the bottom of the iPad. But did you know you could also attach a desktop keyboard, microphone or MIDI instruments, such as a keyboard, to the USB port? In fact, you can connect one of those inexpensive USB hubs to attach multiple devices to the iPad at the same time.

Read between the lines

Still hungry for more iPad tips and tricks? You can download a free 145-page ebook from Apple, entitled [iPad User Guide for OS 5.1](#) — it's actually the no. 1 free download at the iBookstore (be sure to download the free iBooks app first). Alternatively, you can download the free PDF version of the [iPad User's Guide \(OS 4.3\)](#) from Apple's website. This ebook contains basic information on how to use the tablet rather than little-known tips and tricks, but should still teach you a few things you weren't aware of.

Obama's big successes, "Bin Laden, dead, GM alive"....VP Joe Biden

It's a long video but worth seeing and sharing.

General Motors is Now China Motors!

70% of all GM cars produced out of the country!

Thanks for the bailout Mr. President!

A must watch!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvI5Gan69Wo&feature=youtu.be>

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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