

## **The Villages Computer Club**

**Friday Sept. 28, 2012 Lake Miona Time 1:00 PM**

**We have another great VCC Workshop planned where you can visit any of our tables each covering one or more subjects and staffed by knowledgeable technical support people.**

**Please join us. There will be refreshments, 50/50 and door prizes.**

**The subjects for this workshop are:**

- **Photo editing with Picasa and Photoshop Elements - Jack Casto**
- **General Questions – Carl Bell**
- **Android – Ted Wright**
- **iPad – Art Fenn**
- **How to speed up your PC – Don Kobes**
- **G-mail, Yahoo Mail – Richard Woods**
- **Kindle & AOL – J Maxine Miller & Virginia Mauldin**

**Sign up to be on the VCC email list at the VCC home page:**

**<http://www.villagescomputerclub.com>**

**For more information on the VCC, please reference the club's web site (above).**

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**The iPad and Android group will meet on  
Tuesday October 2nd at 1:30 PM at  
Colony Cottage Recreation Center.**

**The meeting will follow a new format with both iPad and Android will be together for presentation and discussion of topics of common interest – APPS. The group will then split to cover specific topics and basic introduction to iPad or Android.**

**For more information, please contact Art Fenn 430-0252**

**iF you haven't, you should check to see if your iDevices are up to date. Some iDevices, the newer ones, may be able to update to IOS 6. To check go to Settings => General => Software Update for information.**

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## **Monitor Blank Screen**

**Shake your mouse or press the space bar or whatever you do to wake up your monitor just in case time has passed and the 5 min are up and the monitor has been shut down.**

- 1. Press the Windows Key + R. to bring up the RUN box although you won't be able to see anything as the screen is still black.**
- 2. Type "cmd", without the quotes to bring up the command prompt. Press the ALT + Enter. Don't worry that you still can't see what's on the screen. This will reset the Video card and allow the monitor to be seen again.**
- 3. If the screen becomes 'alive' again, type Exit in the Run box and click Ok**

**Do this several times before you decide that you've got a serious problem. If it doesn't work, it could be that you need a new graphics card or a new monitor.**

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## **Two monitors are better than one**

**You can never have enough screen space, especially when organizing and working on your digital pictures. Instead of buying a larger monitor, if you're using Windows 7, Vista, or XP, you can buy an **inexpensive second monitor** and connect it to your computer—instantly doubling your desktop space.**

**Flat panel LCD monitors look great and will save room on your desk; CRT monitors also work well and can be less expensive.**

**There are several different ways you can make use of this extra screen space when working at home or in your office. If you take a lot of digital pictures, some of the advantages to having dual monitors at your work space include:**

- When browsing your picture library, you can view the thumbnails on one monitor, and use the second monitor to view pictures full screen to check for proper focus and image quality.**
- When editing photos, you can use one monitor to browse the pictures with Windows Explorer or a photo library program, and use the second monitor to edit the pictures with your photo-editing software.**

- If you need to stay on top of your e-mail while working, you can keep your inbox open on one monitor and work on your photos on the other.

### **Set up two monitors on your desktop computer**

Many new desktop computers support dual monitors without requiring any additional hardware. To see if you have more than one monitor connection, look at the back of your computer for two Video Graphics Array (VGA) connectors or two Digital Visual Interface (DVI) connectors or one of each.

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### **Monitors Multiple in Win 7**

**When you plug a monitor into a laptop Win 7 automatically detects the monitor. However, you must enable additional display and specify how you want to use it.**

- 1. Connect the additional monitor to your laptop's VGA, DVI or HDMI port.**
- 2. Turn on the monitor.**
- 3. From the screen Resolution menu, click DETECT.**
- 4. Select the newly detected display.**
- 5. Select EXTEND THESE DISPLAYS. The desktop will then appear on the second monitor as well as on the primary monitor screen.**
- 6. Click APPLY and OK.**

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### **Screen Resolution in Win 7**

**The best quality pictures and text can be had by using the correct screen resolution. When changing to a larger monitor or smaller monitor, reset the screen resolution.**

- 1. Rightclick a blank area of the Desktop.**
- 2. Drag the resolution slider to the recommended setting if it is not already there.**
- 3. Click APPLY and select Keep Changes if it looks good to you.**
- 4. Click OK.**

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### **MONITOR SETTINGS**

The setup/install program for your monitor should resolve any problems involved with screen resolution.

Whenever you change from a lower to a higher resolution, the icons and text on screen will get smaller.

1. To adjust, rightclick in an open space on the desktop.
2. Click Properties.
3. Click Settings and write down the present settings, so you can change them back if you don't like the new settings chosen.
4. Change the settings by moving the slider bar. Left to lower number to enlarge, right to higher number to decrease size.
5. Click Apply, OK . Most computers will give you a few minutes to decide if you like the new settings, if not it will revert to the old settings. Some computers require a restart of the computer to change the settings.

Note: If you don't like the new settings you can change them back to what they were before you made the changes (if you wrote those down).

Note 2: If the resolution setting refuses to change, it is probably a problem with your graphics card rather than the monitor. Go to the manufacturers web site and download the driver for that graphics card. Or the card could be bad. More likely it needs the drivers. The computer's plug and play may have loaded a standard driver and it's not right for your card

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## **LCD vs. CRT Monitors**

**While the initial cost of a CRT (those heavy monsters) monitor is less than the cost of an LCD monitor, it costs less to operate an LCD.**

**A new 22-inch LCD monitor will draw about 60 watts of power maximum. (Smaller LCDs use less power.) a 21-inch CRT generally uses more than 120W of power.**

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### **My Monitor Screen is Sideways**

[Click here: My screen is sideways | HelpLine | Chron.com - Houston Chronicle](#)

**Q.** I attempted to press CTRL + ALT + DELETE to bring up the task menu but must have inadvertently pressed a different key combination. Now the display on the screen is horizontal (from left to right) rather than vertical (top to bottom).

**A.** Some video cards support the rotation of the image on your computer screen. You'd use this if you a monitor that can also rotate. Web designers and artists use this, as an example, to check long pages.

It would appear that you managed to press CTRL + ALT + Left Arrow.

To correct this problem simply click CTRL + ALT + Up Arrow.

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## Monitor Graphics Rotation

Has your monitor suddenly gone daft and is looking sideways at you??? Could be that someone has changed the Graphics Rotation settings.

1. Rightclick Desktop, click Properties.
2. Click the Settings tab and Advanced.
3. Click the Graphics card tab
4. Click Graphics Properties
5. Click the Rotation tab
6. Normal is the default setting

Any other setting will give you something other than a square to face picture.

Isn't computer fun??? So many things to learn.

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## Monitor Screen Laptop

To brighten or darken your laptop's monitor screen, hold down the FN key and press F7 to darken or press F8 to brighten. Keep in mind when using battery a brighter screen also uses more battery power.

Press FN + F4 to turn on a second monitor being used with the laptop instead of the laptop's monitor screen.

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