

Attention World Citizens!!!

Extreme Importance to Americans!!!

Best explanation of the National raising of the debt limits I've seen or heard. I'm sharing it with friends and family.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/Li0no7O9zmE>

No Meeting of The Villages Computer Club Friday

In spite of the earlier notification, there will be NO VCC meeting this week. The Windows 8 Navigation presentation will be given at Lake Miona on Friday, March 22nd. So, plan to be at the meeting that Friday instead of this week. Sorry about the change. A special event is taking place at LaHacienda this Friday.

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Mouse Not Working HELP

For some reason my cursor will not move on my laptop, even when I use a mouse.....Any suggestions?>>

Answer: IF it doesn't move when you use the synaptic mouse built into the laptop, it's because someone has turned it off.

If a regular PS2 mouse is plugged into a USB port and it won't move the cursor...it's because the driver for the mouse has not been loaded.

Try this:

Check PS2 USB Mouse:

- 1. Rightclick My Computer and select Properties.**
- 2. Click Device Manager**
- 3. Scroll down to Mouse, click the plus to see if both the laptop's mouse and the PS2 mouse or listed. Rightclick the PS2 mouse and select Delete.**
- 4. Now, with the PS2 mouse plugged into a good USB port on the laptop, restart your computer. The computer should find the PS2 mouse. Wait a moment, It should then say "new hardware found, driver loaded and ready for use". Now you should be able to use the PS2 mouse.**

For activating the Synaptic Mouse on the laptop:

- 1. Rightclick START and click RUN**
 - 2. Type MSCONFIG and click OK.**
 - 3. Click STARTUP and scroll down and put a check in the box for the Synaptic Mouse so it loads each time you start the laptop.**
- Now the Synaptic mouse on your laptop should be activated and ready for use.**

You can have both the Synaptic mouse and a PS2 or other Mouse activated and use either or at any time, if you prefer.

Mouse Settings in Win 7

- 1. Rightclick in a blank area of the desktop and click Personalize.**
- 2. From the Personalization menu click Change Mouse Pointers.**
- 3. Scroll down the list of Pointers and click your preferred pointer.**
- 4. Click APPLY and OK.**

STOP AUTOPLAY

You probably already know a couple ways to disable AutoPlay for CDs: **As a one-time measure, hold down the Shift key when you insert any CD to prevent it from going into AutoPlay. You may then go to the CD-Rom and click it to start it.**

For a permanent effect, uncheck the Auto Insert Notification box under the CD-ROM Device Manager: Open Start/Settings/Control Panel/System/Device Manager, expand the CD-ROM entry and double-click on your CD-ROM. Open the Settings tab and uncheck the appropriate box. But did you know you could also use Tweak UI's Paranoia tab to separately toggle AutoPlay options for audio or data CDs? This is also helpful if you don't want to alter your Device Manager settings.

AutoPlay CD Windows XP

To change how your computer handles multimedia content

1. Open My Computer.
2. Under **Devices with Removable Storage**, right-click the [device](#) you want, such as a digital camera or CD-ROM drive, and then click **Properties**.
3. On the **AutoPlay** tab, click the multimedia content type you want to change.
4. Under **Actions**, click the action you want Windows to perform when it detects the media type you selected.

Notes

- To open My Computer, double-click the **My Computer** icon on the desktop.
- Your removable storage device must be attached to your computer for it to appear in the **My Computer** folder.

Computer Crash

Sooner or later, your computer is going to crash - when you least expect it, and probably when you need it most.

While your system is working properly turn it on and prepare a boot disk

Win XP & Vista

Creating an XP or Vista boot disk is much more involved and so it is recommended that you have the RECOVERY Disks that came with your computer, or that you create a set of the disks while setting up the new computer and keep those in a safe place just in case a crash occurs and you have to reinstall the applications or do a full format and recovery. IF your XP will not power up so you can get to the Recovery disks stored in a partition of your C:\drive, you're going to need something to power up. Here is a link to the microsoft site which tells how to get replacement disks, how to create a boot disk, etc.

[Click here: How to obtain Windows XP Setup disks for a floppy boot installation \(www.microsoft.com/kb/310994\)](http://www.microsoft.com/kb/310994). IF your computer has no floppy drive, use a flash drive or cd-rom disk instead.

Win 7 Startup Repair Disk

When Win 7 refuses to boot, you might first try booting from Safe Mode, it has a Startup & Repair built into Safe Mode. For more serious problems with booting Win 7, create a Win 7 Startup & Repair Disk.

It's a good idea to create a Win 7 Startup and Repair Disk before you need it. There is a video to help you.

Click Start and type "Create A System Repair Disc" in the search box on the Start menu the link to create a disc will be at the top. If you click on it, the disc creation process starts.

Or you can use the following steps

1. Click Start...Control Panel.
2. Click System and Maintenance and select Backup and Restore.
3. Click Create a System Repair Disk in the left pane. IF you're prompted for administrator password or confirmation, type in your password or provide confirmation.

Booting from the A: drive or from CD

It makes no difference to a boot sector virus whether a floppy disk is Bootable (has on it the necessary system info to start your computer.) or not, contains only data files, or even has no files. To this type of virus, the boot sector is what's important. Here's how they work. At boot, **if a virus infected floppy** is in drive A:, or in a **bootable CD and you've told it to boot from the CD**, the PC's BIOS reads the boot sector (or a virus written there) into memory first, even before the operating system (or an antivirus program) loads into memory.

At that point, a virus can spread from an infected floppy disk to the hard disk. The process is almost instantaneous: The virus program in the floppy's boot sector gets read, then it takes control of memory--and most boot-sector viruses infect the hard disk immediately. If the floppy is not bootable, the boot process may halt, usually with a Non-System Disk message, but the virus is in memory nevertheless and can spread, usually by copying to the hard disk's boot sector or to its MBR (master boot record).

By infecting those areas of the hard disk, this type of virus loads into memory every time you turn the PC on, even before the operating system loads. This gives the virus an opportunity to restart the cycle by copying to more floppy disks as they pass from user to user.

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Introduction to Speech Recognition Vista and Win 7

Note: Win XP lacks a built-in speech recognition feature.

1. You'll need a good quality microphone, preferable a headset.
2. When you plug in the microphone, Win 7 will identify your default microphone. In Vista, you'll have to set your particular microphone as the default. Run Sound from the Start Menu and click the Recording tab.
3. In Start Menu click Speech Recognition to bring up the Speech Recognition wizard.
4. You must then read the required sentences designed to show that your microphone is on and working.
5. When the Wizard is finished with microphone setup, you will go through a tutorial of speech recognition. This is important and time well spent as you'll interact with the by voice so the system learns to recognize YOUR voice.
6. A little microphone icon will be seen on your desktop now. Gray=Off, Blue=Active, Pale blue=Sleep but listening for you to say "start listening". You can put it back into Sleep mode by saying "stop listening". Orange=It didn't understand said, or it can't do what you said.

7. Most of the time the program reacts when you "say what you see". For instance, Say START, pause and say the name of the program (e.g. Microsoft Word) and MSWord opens. Say VIEW, pause and the VIEW menu opens. However, some programs are listed inside a folder and will not respond to your START command. Pin the program to your taskbar first, then it will respond to START which opens the START menu, then say its name to open the program. With some programs you may have to say "Click VIEW" to have it open the View menu.

8. Dictation. You must speak slowly and clearly, especially at first as the computer system is still working to define your voice characteristics. Remember to say any punctuation marks out loud. Example: "The sky is blue(say Comma), but there are also a few dark clouds." You don't need to say "Space", but you will need to say "New Line" or "New Paragraph". You may also say, "Insert" to add text or say "Delete that" to delete text you just said.

9. You may want to Print the Speech Reference Card to refer to in the beginning. However, you can call it up at anytime by saying, "Speech Reference Card".

Windows 7 Libraries

There are 4 default Libraries in Windows 7: Documents, Pictures, Music and Recorded TV links.

Libraries do not by default include a standard Windows Menu bar. You can enable Windows Menu bar to allow you to access more than you see when you rightclick and get a short dropdown menu.

Each USER has his/her own 4 default Libraries: Documents, Pictures, Music and Videos and corresponding Public folders. Click to open one of these libraries, then click to select a folder and Click to select one of the libraries listed if you wish to have this folder included in another library. You may click the Includes link and select Create New Library if you wish to create a new Library and include this folder in it. In this way, you may have folders listed in more than one Library.

Windows 7 Menu Bar Enabled

Enable Windows Standard Menu Bar to Libraries (Recommended). It allows easier ways to navigate to different locations.

Click Start...Organize...Layout, and select Menu bar. It will appear above the Library menu.

You'll now see the familiar menu that includes File, Edit, View, Tools and Help.

The default Layout drop down menu includes the Preview Pane and the Navigation Pane.

Windows 7 Panes

Changing Library Layout Panes to make the library look the way you want it to look

1. Click the particular Library you wish to customize (change layout)
2. Click Organize
3. Click Layout
4. Select the particular Pane you wish to use.
Note: The Details and the Preview panes can be used at the same time.

The Details Pane lists information about the selected document or folder.

The Preview Pane displays a preview of the selected document.

The Navigation pane displays other locations accessible from your computer.

The Library pane displays the files in the current library.

Windows 7 Folders

Each User may add more folders to each of their Libraries. Rightclick the folder to see folders it includes.

The Library feature allows you to view the contents of multiple folders at the same time.

Example: Click the Documents Library... hover the mouse over the Documents folder and you will see a list of the Folders stored there. Doubleclick the folder and the content of that folder will be shown. Click a file listed and you will be able to see the contents without opening it.

Add Folders to a Library

1. Click Start and select the particular Library
2. Click Includes
3. Click Add to another location
4. Click the drive or network location that contains the folder you wish to add to this Library.
5. Scroll to the particular folder, click to select it.

6. Click Include Folder, the folder will be added to the Library in step #1
7. Click OK to close.

Windows 7 Files

Files of different types may be stored in any folder you select when saving the files. That is, in Documents you may store documents, pictures, music, etc. If you choose to do that.

Windows 7 Preview Pane

If you click a file stored in a folder, it will open the file to allow the contents to be previewed before actually opening that file.

Windows 7 Navigation Pane

Lists other locations available to your system.

Windows Flip (Win-Tab) Key

Press the Windows and the Tab keys to flip through open programs. Each flip causes another program to come to the front. This is an easy way to bring up an open program as you need it when you have several programs open at the same time.

This is something we should all read at least once a week!!!! Make sure you read to the end!!!!

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the

column once more:

- 1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good...*
- 2. When in doubt, just take the next small step...*
- 3. Life is too short - enjoy it...*
- 4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.
Your friends and family will...*
- 5. Pay off your credit cards every month...*
- 6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to
yourself...*
- 7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying
alone...*
- 8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it...*
- 9. Save for retirement starting with your first
paycheck...*
- 10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile...*

11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present...

12. It's OK to let your children see you cry...

13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about...

14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it...

15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks...

16.. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind...

17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways...

18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger...

19. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else...

20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer...

21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special...

22. Over prepare, then go with the flow...

23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple...

24. The most important sex organ is the brain...

25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you...

26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter...?'

27. Always choose life...

28. Forgive...

29. What other people think of you is none of your business...

30. Time heals almost everything. Give time; time...

31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change...

32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does...

33. Believe in miracles...

34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do...

35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now...

36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young...

37. Your children get only one childhood...

38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved...

39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere...

40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back...

41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need...

42. The best is yet to come...

43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up...

44. Yield...

45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift..."

Drowning Victim's Visit to Heaven

http://www.cbn.com/media/player/index.aspx?s=/mp4/RH64v3_WS

Jmax

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

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