

The Villages Computer Club

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday March 22th at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

The program will feature a presentation on "Basic Windows 8 Navigation Part 1" by Bob Walton and John Campbell.

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. Forms are also available at the meeting. Ask for one when you pick up your door prize ticket.

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

Old Warning, worth repeating!

Do *Not* Dial AREA CODE 809, 284, AND 876 from the U.S. or Canada .

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US BY AT&T.

DON'T ***EVER*** DIAL AREA CODE 809

This one is being distributed all over the US. This is pretty scary, especially given the way they try to get you to call.

Be sure you read this and pass it on.

They get you to call by telling you that it is information about a family member who has been ill or to tell you someone has been arrested, died, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc..

In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away.

Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

If you call from the U.S. or Canada, you will apparently be charged a minimum of **\$2425 per-minute**.

And you'll also get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep

you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.

WHY IT WORKS:

The **809** area code is located in the Dominican Republic.
The charges afterward can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call.

If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company.

You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

AT&T VERIFIES IT'S TRUE : <http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045>

HEADS UP! This was in Snopes in 2010 but applies to today as well.

[Click here: snopes.com: Drano Bottle Bombs](http://snopes.com: Drano Bottle Bombs)

Subject: Be Careful

Creeps are creating simple Drano bombs in plastic bottles and leaving them on lawns, in mail boxes, in gardens, on driveways etc. just waiting for you to pick it up intending to put it in the trash, but you'll never make it!!! If the bottle is picked up, and the bottle is shaken even just a little - in about 30 seconds or less it builds up enough gas which then explodes with enough force to remove some your extremities. The liquid that comes out is boiling hot as well.

Before going any further you just **MUST** watch this little video

Subject: **How the Internet works.**

Be sure and click on the full screen square.

This is done so well it is definitely worth the few minutes it takes to watch to see what goes on behind the scenes. Absolutely amazing.

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

If you have automatic windows updates ON, the Win 7 SP1 should be downloaded and installed beginning March 19, 2013. To check if it has been installed on your Win 7 computer,

- 1. Click Start...rightclick Computer**
- 2. Click Properties - Service Pack 1 will be listed near the top of that screen.**

[Click here: Microsoft: Install Windows 7 SP1 Or Lose Support / Infopackets.com](http://Microsoft: Install Windows 7 SP1 Or Lose Support / Infopackets.com)

Run command in Win 7

- You can also access the Run command by pressing the Windows logo key +R.**

The Run command no longer appears on the Start menu in this version of Windows. The search box that appears on the Start menu provides much of the same functionality as the Run command. However, the Run command is still available if you prefer to use it. You can even add it to the Start menu for easier access.

To add the Run command to the Start menu

1. [Click to open Taskbar and Start Menu Properties.](#)
2. Click the Start Menu tab, and then click Customize.
3. In the list of Start menu options, select the Run command check box, and then click OK. The Run command will be displayed on the right side of the Start menu.

Monitor Fix

Q. The monitor worked fine until one day the screen had a yellowish cast. I tried all the normal stuff, different video card and different computer, but still had the yellow cast. To confuse things more when the monitor was disconnected from the computer the self test on the monitor had perfect color.

- A. This is often caused by the monitor being shoved up against the wall so the connection gets bent.

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Stop monitor flickering problems

Opening and closing windows produces an animated zooming

effect that you probably won't notice. But with slower video cards, this zooming makes the title bars flicker so much that you can't ignore it. You can fix the problem by editing the registry.

Note: Registry editing is NOT for new users. Always create a System Restore Point before entering the registry.

To do this, click the Start button and choose Run. In the Open text box, type REGEDIT. Navigate to the following registry key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\ControlPanel\Desktop\WindowsMetrics. Next, choose Edit | New | String Value. Type MinAnimate, press [Enter], and double-click on the new entry. Enter a value of 0 and click OK.

Note: Repeat editing the computer's registry is not recommended for inexperienced users.

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 have 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.

Monitor Display

The displayed page on my monitor is larger than my monitor screen, so I have to continually be scrolling right and left to see all of the words. What can I do to adjust the display to fit the monitor.

Give this a try to reduce the overall size of your monitor's active screen.

1. Rightclick on the desktop and click Settings.
2. Increase the resolution a bit at a time until the screen just fits your monitor space....
Be sure to write down the settings as they were before you starting monkeying around with the resolutions. Larger numbers makes the screen smaller.
3. If you can't see to click the Apply button, just press Enter to make it change.

Connect to an Available Wireless Network

When you connect your computer to a network by using an Ethernet cable, Win 7 automatically creates the network connection. To connect to a wireless network for the first time, YOU need to make the connection.

Connect to an Available Wireless Network

1. In the notification area look for either a single monitor screen or a stack of reeds toy. This will be the icon for the wireless connection. Click that icon to open the wireless network box where there will be a list of wireless networks that are available. If the network says Secured, it means you must enter a wep or wpa code before you can connect.

2. There may also be a box to click to show Available Wireless Networks. you should recognize your own wireless network since you set it up.

3. Click the wireless network to which you wish to connect, then click the Connect button. If necessary enter the WEP or WPA password.

4. In Win 7 each network profile includes these settings:

a. Network discovery - can the computer see and be seen by other computers connected to the same network.

b. File and printer sharing - shows if network users can access files and printers you have shared.

c. Public folder sharing - shows if network users can access files stored in the Public folders in your computer.

d. Media streaming - shows if network users can access music, videos and pictures stored in your media library.

e. File sharing - shows the security requirements for devices that connect to your computer's file sharing connections.

f. Password-protected sharing - shows if files are available to any network user or only to users with user accounts in your computer.

g. HomeGroup connections - shows if only those with User Accounts can be joined to your homegroup.

Note: Network connection types and homegroups may not be available on a computer running an earlier version of Windows.

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How Secure is your internet?

Go to www.grc.com and run SHIELDSUP

Security Tool, Port Scans

http://grc.com/port_NUM.htm, where you replace "NUM" with the actual port number you're interested in. For example, if you want to know if your Port 1900 is open, you'd type http://grc.com/port_1900.htm, and that URL leads you to the page that discusses port 1900. It's simple, and it works for any of your PC's 65,535 ports. Click Probe to have that port scanned

on your PC.

Grc.Com just gets better and better

Downloads Organized

1. Create a new folder on C:\ drive and name it AHOLDING TANK.

Easy to do, just go to Explore, scroll to the top and click to select the C:\ drive then click FILE...NEW...FOLDER. Name it and doubleclick. The folder has been created and can now be seen at the top of the Explore list.

2.Create a 2nd new folder on the C:\ drive and name it ADOWNLOAD.

The A in front causes it to be listed near the top of the list of folders in Drive C:\.

Open your email program, if AOL without signing online, click File....Download Manger.(Or whatever you click to set download preferences in your email program) A screen comes up with a box at the bottom that says C:\Program Files\America Online \Download. This is the default folder set by AOL to send downloads. Change this line to read C:\A\Holding Tank. Now anything you download from AOL emails will go to the A\Holding Tank folder.

3.If you download a program, when the box comes up with the choices to RUN or SAVE, click, SAVE. Then click the down arrow in the top box and select C:\ drive and then doubleclick the A\DOWNLOAD folder. This causes the program to go to the A\DOWNLOAD folder in your C:\drive . Periodically, copy this A\DOWNLOAD folder to a cd if you have a cd-writer. If you ever need to reinstall drivers or programs that you've saved to this A\DOWNLOAD folder, they will be there waiting. It is also a good idea to create a sub folder for each program you download so that the install file is easy to find. For instance, AVG, AOL, McAfee, HP Printers,etc and then download the file or driver to that folder.

Should the computer's hard drive fail, I can put in my Download CD that contains my A\DOWNLOAD folder and reinstall them when my computer is up and running again. If computer crashes, the Recovery disk can be used to recover all software and system files just as when the computer came from the factory. My Downloads CD can be used to reinstall other programs I've added to my computer

FORGET PRINTING ALL THOSE HARD COPIES of Jmax Bits. The computer will alphabetize your files making it easy to find tips again if you take a little time to save it according to Jmax

Create a JMAX Folder as a subfolder under My Documents folder. SAVE the tips you want to keep in that folder. It's not a good idea to keep such info in folders on your email program. You may decide to change to a different email program.

1. Rightclick START...click EXPLORE...Scroll up the left column and click once to select the MY DOCUMENTS folder. Then on the menu bar click FILE...NEW...Folder. On the right screen there will appear a 'new folder' box blinking, waiting for you to type in a NAME for it.
2. Name it JMAX Bits. Doubleclick the ENTER key. The JMAX BITS folder will appear as a subfolder of My Documents.
3. Create within the Jmax Bits folder sub-folders e.g. Software, Hardware,Internet, Inspirational and Humor by clicking once on the Jmax Bits folder and clicking File...New...Folder as you did in step 1 above. Create subfolders to these folders as suits your particular preference E.g. under the Internet folder, you might want to create a folder and name it AOL. Create another subfolder

and name it INTERNET EXPLORER, create another folder and name it COMCAST, etc

Save the "bits" to these folders on your hard drive:

1. Before opening the Jmax Bits newsletter email, open your wordprocessor (WORD, Works, WordPerfect or Wordpad whichever you use). Click the minus on the top right corner of that program to minimize it. You will see it's name down on the taskbar.
2. Now, IF you receive a Jmax Bits about the Internet, for instance, that you think will be useful for you, instead of printing it, Copy and Paste just that "bit" to a document form in your wordprocessor. Click File and Save and select the Jmax Bits Folder under My Documents as the place to store the 'bit'.

To Copy the "bit".

- a. Highlight only the part you wish to save. Press CTRL + the C key on your keyboard to copy it to the computer's invisible clipboard. (or you can click EDIT and select Copy on the menu bar)
- b. Next, Click the word processor shown in taskbar so that it opens.
- c. It will open with a new document form, press CTRL + V to paste the "bit" in the new document. (or use EDIT...PASTE.)

To Save the "bit" to the Jmax Folder or Subfolder

- a. Click FILE, SAVE .
- b. In the box that pops up, locate the My Documents folder. Doubleclick it and My Documents will appear in the top box.
- c. The JMAX Bits folder will be listed in the box under MY DOCUMENTS. Doubleclick JMAX Bits and now it's name will show in the top box. The subfolder into which you wish to save this 'bit' will now be seen in the box under JMAX Bits. Doubleclick that subfolder so that it shows in the box at the top of the SAVE IN box.
- d. In the box at the bottom of that screen is a FILE NAME box. Type a title for this particular 'bit' so that it will be meaningful for you in finding it again.
- e. Click SAVE to the right of the Name box. The file has now been saved to the Jmax Bit folder. (The path C:\My Documents\Jmax Bits

To OPEN and View a file saved in Jmax Bits

When you want one of these files again, to read, print or to send to someone else:

1. Open your word processor, Click FILE...OPEN...
2. Click the down arrow in the LOOK IN box and click the + beside the C:\ drive,
3. Scroll up and click the + beside the MY DOCUMENTS folder,
4. Scroll down and click the + beside JMAX BITS folder,
5. Doubleclick the particular file and it will open onto the screen of your wordprocessor.
8. To print, just click the print icon on your menu bar at top of that screen.

To send to someone, place your cursor at the top line and drag down to highlight the portion you want to send. Rightclick and select COPY. It will be copied to the computer's invisible clipboard.

9. Open the AOL program (or your ISP mail program). Open an email form. Place your cursor in the message portion, rightclick and select PASTE The portion you copied from the file will be pasted in the email. Address and Send.

If this doesn't work for you let me know. It seems like a lot of steps but when you've done it a few times, it takes no time at all and saves a lot of paper and time searching for information in a 3 ring binder.

From Tozer's book, Pursuit of God

"Every age has its own characteristics. Right now we are in an age of religious complexity. The simplicity which is in Christ is rarely found among us. In its stead are programs, methods, organizations and a world of nervous activities which occupy time and attention but can never satisfy the longing of the heart. The shallowness of our inner experience, the hollowness of our worship, and that servile imitation of the world which marks our promotional methods all testify that we, in this day, know God only imperfectly, and the peace of God scarcely at all."



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