The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday April 12th at Lake Miona.

The program will feature a presentation on "Secure your computer: Antivirus & Malware choices" by Richard Woods".

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

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BOOLEAN SEARCH SYSTEM
A systematic search of the web, similar to the Dewey Decimal System for categorizing library books.

The Boolean System searches are those that include the words "and," or" and "not" which makes a search more specific thus eliminating many sites.

Boolean Search Operators

- The Boolean search operator **AND** is equal to the "+" symbol.

- The Boolean search operator **NOT** is equal to the "-" symbol.

- The Boolean search operator **OR** is the default setting of any search engine; meaning, all search engines will return all the words you type in, automatically.

- The Boolean search operator **NEAR** is equal to putting a search query in quotes, i.e., "sponge bob squarepants". You're essentially telling the search engine that you want all of these words, in this specific order, or this specific phrase.

Here are a few BASIC BOOLEAN SEARCH tips:

> **Use *and* or a plus sign to specify what you're looking for: *dyslexia AND adults* Dyslexia+adults**

> **Use *and* or a plus sign to specify what you're looking for: *Dyslexia AND adults; Dyslexia+adults*.**

- ➢ Use *or* or a slash mark to broaden your search: *College OR university; Cats/felines*

- ➢ Use *not* or a minus sign to indicate that a word shouldn't appear: *Dolphins NOT NFL*
  Dolphins-NFL

- ➢ Use *near* when words should be close to each other: *Moon NEAR river.*

- ➢ To find an exact phrase, put it in quotation marks: *Seattle Preparatory School* without quotation marks gives 4,790 returns on www. Google.com whereas "*Seattle Preparatory School" gives 392.*
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Acronym Finder

So many people use abbreviations of all kinds of words or phrases, especially since they've learned texting on cellphones. These acronyms are too often used in emails as well.

1. Go to Click here: Abbreviations and acronyms dictionary: Find definitions for over 4,219,000 abbreviations, acronyms, and initialism

2. Type the acronym into the box at the top of the page.

3. Click Find.

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Asf files do not play

Can't play those .asf files??? Try this:

1. Open Internet Explorer
   2. Go to Tools in the browser
   3. Then to Internet Options
   4. Click the Security tab
   5. Click Custom Level
   6. Under "Active Controls and plug-ins,"
   Enable "Download unsigned activeX controls"
   Media Player should download the codec automatically after doing the above.

Note: You can download codecs at
http://www.video-buzz.com/download/Video/InstaCodecs/?f=IZdqIu8TS&a=6591&adid=6746817680

If you're in the middle of doing something and need info you can type www.google.com and click ENTER to go to that web site, if you're signed online already.

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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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CD KEY TO REINSTALL A PROGRAM

CAUTION: Using Regedit is not recommended for new computer users.
Good idea to always backup the registry to a folder on your hard drive before making ANY changes in the registry.

If you've lost the Windows cardboard envelope that had the CD Key on the back of it and need to reinstall Windows, you can track down your CD Key by peering into the Registry.

1. Click START…RUN and type in regedit. Click OK..
2.   Once you have the Registry Editor up, double-click HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.
3. Click the + by each following subkeys in succession:

Software
Microsoft
Windows

4. Doubleclick CurrentVersion
5. Write down the number by ProductID on the right side of the screen.
6. Click File and Edit to close Regedit.
7. At the desktop, rightclick MY COMPUTER and click properties. The number you've just copied from the registry should be the same as the number on the My Computer Properties screen.

CAUTION: Using Regedit is not recommended for new computer users. EVEN EXPERIENCED USERS SHOULD CREATE A NEW SYSTEM RESTORE POINT BEFORE MAKING ANY CHANGES IN THE REGISTRY. IF YOU FIND YOU'VE MADE AN ERROR, YOU CAN USE THAT RESTORE POINT TO RETURN THE REGISTRY TO THE WAY IT WAS PRIOR TO MAKING THAT CHANGE.

Note: Another way to obtain the Key number is to download and install free Belarc Advisor and run it. It will list all programs on your computer and most of them will also list their Key.

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Close Open Windows Quickly in XP and or Win 7

1. Press Ctrl + ALT + DEL to bring up the Task Manager.
2. Click the Application tab.
3. Select all the applications and click End Task button, or click only selected applications to close and then click End Task.
Note: If any applications have unsaved files, you will be prompted to save files for that application.

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Microsoft .NET Framework

What is?

The **Microsoft .NET Framework** is a software component that can be added to or is included with the Microsoft Windows operating system. It provides a large body of pre-coded solutions to common program requirements, and manages the execution of programs written specifically for the framework. The .NET Framework is a key Microsoft offering, and is intended to be used by most new applications created for the Windows platform.

The pre-coded solutions that form the framework's class library cover a large range of programming needs in areas including: user interface, data access, database connectivity, cryptography, web application development, numeric algorithms, and network communications. The functions of the class library are used by programmers who combine them with their own code to produce applications.

Programs written for the .NET Framework execute in a software environment that manages the program's runtime requirements. This runtime environment, which is also a part of the .NET Framework, is known as the Common Language Runtime (CLR). The CLR provides the appearance of an application virtual machine, so that programmers need not consider the capabilities of the specific CPU that will execute the program. The CLR also provides other important services such as security mechanisms, memory management, and exception handling. The class library and the CLR together compose the .NET Framework. The framework is intended to make it easier to develop computer applications and to reduce the vulnerability of applications and computers to security threats.

First released in 2002, it is included with Windows Server 2003 and Windows Vista, and can be installed on most older versions of Windows.

Microsoft.Net Framework Download Problems

Below is one possible solution to the download problem.
1.   **I went to WINDOWS UPDATE and did all critical downloads using EXPRESS download.**
2.   ** I then went to CUSTOM and tried to download non-critical downloads, which included the MS .NET framework 3.5 sp1 and others. It failed!!**
3.   ** I then went to a list of options on the left to GET HELP & SUPPORT, & among the possible cures, it suggested clicking (KB949105) TO GET THE LATEST VERSION OF WINDOWS OR MS UPDATE, which I did and downloaded and install that.**
4.   ** I then went back to WINDOWS UPDATE (custom) and to the non-critical updates in the left column. The three that I wanted were listed there.   I downloaded and installed them and the problem has disappeared. They were: (Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1); (Framework 2.0) & Framework 3.5 sp1 &3.5 family update (KB951847)x86**

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