SIGS (Special Interest Groups)

When you plan to attend a SIG meeting and have specific questions or problems you would like someone to work on or answer, please email us at info@lvpcug.org . This will help assure that we will try to have someone there with the expertise. The email Subject Line: SIG Help

The meeting formats for the Helping Hands & How-to SIGS are usually one-on-one help as compared to the Novice SIG which is group attendance with questions and answers from the audience during and after the presentations.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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(Special Interest Groups)

Saturday, March 5, 10am to 4pm

Helping Hands and How-to SIGs
Location: Las Vegas JC Park - Clubhouse,
5805 W. Harmon Ave, Las Vegas 89103.
Parking available on both sides of clubhouse.
Nearest major intersection: Flamingo/Jones
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Saturday, March 12, 1pm to 4pm

Novice SIG and
Software & Product Review SIG
Location: ITT Technical Institute, 3825 W.
Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas 89032
(between Decatur & Simmons)

Suggested topics:
Member questions, Windows computer basics,
Programs Belarc and Speccy

How-to workshop SIG Feb 6 2016
Topics discussed and or worked on
1. Driver updates, set programs not to start automaticaly, or remove programs not wanted.
2. Not all youtube videos play the audio.
3. Windows 10 problem with WiFi.
4. How to use text programs.
5. Power light blinks and computer will not boot, remove and replace power supply.
6. Windows 10 how to viev your Google cloud account.
7. Windows 10 how to set folders to view thumbnails.
8. How to use "pcdecrapifier".
9. Windows 10 how to sign in without a password.
10. No Internet Explorer.
11. What is the latest version of Windows 10?
12. Thunderbird not accessing all E-mail accounts.
13. Windows XP will not boot normally, will boot in safe mode.

Novice SIG Feb 13 2016
Topics discussed
1. Old CD's, is info on them of any value?
2. Set home page of your browser and you can have more than one tab open upon start.
3. How to build a folder and file system on an external drive.
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12 Things You Must Do When Running a Solid State Drive in Windows 7
SSD BIOS

SSD's should be installed first. Applies only for custom desktops with Asus Z87-Deluxe motherboard, UEFI GPU, Non-OEM Win8 and therefore MBR boot SSD as references. HDD's do not matter and should be used externally (eSATA, Thunderbolt), especially considering Solid State has been around for a long time. This tutorial specifies the settings for system to not freeze before and after computer boot. Non-boot disk drives

should always be GPT, since they are the standard nowadays.
Boot Menu:
Enable Fast Boot, SATA support, Hardware Fast Boot, Launch CSM.
Boot Device Control: UEFI and Legacy.
Boot from any devices: Legacy OPROM first.
SATA configuration: AHCI.
Disable Hot Plug on all ports except those set for eSATA.
CPU configuration:
Enable Hardware Prefetcher, adjacent cache line prefetch, Dynamic Storage Accelerator
Boot performance mode: Turbo
I also disabled Network Stack because the bios does not have any web interface nor update, which is really outdated.
Apart from the default bios settings which you should keep as they are, make sure you enable iGPU Multi-Monitor, all virtualization features and all bios password.
If still having troubles, reboot more than once into Safe Mode and uninstall any SSD utilities.

https://www.google.com/#q=what+to+set+in+bios+for+ssd

5 Music Streaming Services That Are Still Free

http://www.moneytalksnews.com/5-music-streaming-services-that-are-still-free/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=email-2016-02-02-pm&utm_medium=email

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How to take screenshots using the Snipping Tool in Windows

http://www.filecritic.com/how-to-take-screenshots-using-the-snipping-tool-in-windows/

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The Digital VIKING February 2016 List of Features Removed Or Deprecated In Windows 10 With every new release of the Windows operating system, Microsoft, based on user usage data, decides to enhance or deprecate a feature.

http://www.thewindowsclub.com/features-removed-in-windows-10

Memorize These

If you're running Windows 8.1 or Windows 10, you have a whole batch of new shortcuts, like these:
Windows key + L locks the PC immediately (think of it as the ultimate Boss key).d
Windows key + X opens the Quick Link menu more quickly than right-clicking on Start.
Windows key + I opens the Windows Settings app, where you can begin typing to search for any setting.
Windows key + PrtScrs takes a screenshot and saves it in a subfolder of Pictures

Security Software for your Android Device
by Ira Wilsker

WEBSITES:

http://drippler.com/drip/featured-top-10-antivirus-apps-android

http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-android-apps.htm?page=0%2C10

http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/best-free-antivirus-app-android.htm

http://www.androidheadlines.com/2016/01/featured-top-10-antivirus-apps-for-android.html

http://www.amazon.com/underground

With over a billion devices currently running the Android operating system, Android has been becoming more of a target for hackers and malware authors. There is a continuing heavy debate about the need for security software on Android powered devices with one school of thought being that security software is unnecessary on Android devices because of the way that Google created Android with it being (supposedly) impossible for malware infected apps to contaminate other parts of the device because apps run in their own "sandbox" or memory space; the processor time and memory overhead of security software only degrades Android performance without any corresponding benefit. Many other security experts vehemently disagree, stating that there has been an explosive increase in malware targeting the Android operating system. One of the primary reasons for this explosive in Android targeted malware is the vast number of Android devices running older versions of the Android operating system that have well known security vulnerabilities.

Many of those citing the imperative need for security software on Android devices put some of the blame on the cell phone companies and device manufacturers that do not promptly pass on to their users the latest updates and patches for their Android devices, despite the fact that Google does provide the carriers and makers with these necessary patches promptly and in a timely fashion. Anecdotally, my wife's late model, name brand cell phone connected to a major cellular provider has still not received the upgrade to Android "Marshmallow" 6.0; neither has one of my cell phones (I have two) yet received the upgrade to Android 6. In contrast, my other phone, a Google Nexus 6, connected to Google's Project Fi cell phone service, received the upgrade to Android 6, when it first became available, as well as another upgrade to Android 6.01 a short time later. Now it receives the monthly patches and upgrades directly from Google within days of their release. To be fair, there are a few other brands and models of cell phones that receive prompt Android updates and upgrades shortly after their release, but these are the exception, as most other phones and android devices receive updates and upgrades months after release, if they ever receive them at all.

For those who may feel more comfortable with the greater perceived security having

antimalware (antivirus) software on their Android devices, there are a wealth of products available, both free and paid. Almost all of the better known publishers of PC security software also publish Android security apps, and dozens of other app publishers have released Android security software.

While many have their own personal favorite security apps, sometimes based on their experiences with similarly named PC software, there are also several online resources that have tested, evaluated, and rated many of the available security offerings. My personal favorite resource, often mentioned here in earlier columns, is Gizmo's TechSupportAlert.com, a non-commercial,

ads from the product.

Other "AH" recommend Android security apps which offer paid or optional "premium" features include Norton Security and Antivirus, which is free to download, but has a $29.95 charge in order to use the premium features which include enhanced anti-malware protection, privacy protection, and intrusive behavior, as well as the ability to run this Norton product on multiple portable devices.

Another free to download security app that has in-app purchases is Kaspersky Internet Security, a Russian product, which can perform basic security scans and other basic security functions on the Android device. In app purchases ranging from $9.99 to $14.95 per item include real-time protection, cloud based protection to protect against the newest threats, web protection, Phishing

(identity theft) protection on incoming SMS text messages, and enhanced privacy protection.

Android Headlines (AH) also recommended several of the same free security apps rated and recommended by Gizmo including Lookout Security & Antivirus, Anti-Virus Dr. Web Light, Malwarebytes Anti-Malware, AVG Antivirus Free, avast! Mobile Security & Antivirus, CM Security, and 360 Security Antivirus Boost.

It should be noted that several of the commercial (paid) multi-license PC and MAC security suites also include a license for the paid version of their Android security apps as one of the available licenses. For those who have an Amazon Prime account, the "Amazon Underground" (amazon.com/ underground) app store offers totally free downloads of otherwise paid commercial apps, including all in-app purchases become free, if the app is downloaded from Amazon Underground. Two of my family Android devices have the complete, otherwise paid versions of a major security publisher's security app (regularly $14.95 to $29.95), including all of the otherwise paid premium features, running on our devices, which were downloaded for free when the app was listed on Amazon Underground. While this particular security app is not presently listed on Amazon Underground, it has been listed for a limited time several times since we downloaded it; it may be worthwhile to periodically check Amazon Underground listing of newly listed "totally free" apps to see if any more of the otherwise paid commercial apps are available for free.

It is up to you to decide if your Android device needs a security app. While many believe that
they are an unnecessary burden, I am of the school that believes in being safe rather than sorry.
The choice is yours. ?

Customize File Explorer Search in Windows 10

To do a search in Windows 10 File Explorer simply begin typing when the File Explorer screen
opens. There are two options for how File Explorer responds (see below).
To change your preferences you will have to open the Control Panel, then File Explorer Options,
then click on the View tab. Under Advanced settings > When typing into list view, you will see the
following options: Automatically type into the Search Box
Select the typed item in the view.
I set mine to 'Automatically type into the Search box'

Jan Marie Staples was in an accident and is in the hospital.

If you want to send a card.

Jan Marie Staples
SNF room 201
10401 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas NV 89135
Las Ventanasat Summerlin

What to do when your computer freezes

http://www.komando.com/tips/346765/what-to-do-when-your-computer-freezes/al
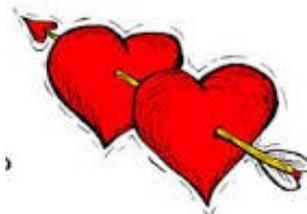
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