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The Prez Sez

by John Pearce, President, P*PCompAS

Our next meeting is May 1. Happy May Day! V.P. Cary Quinn is planning a video presentation by Dr. Ron Brown on Navigating the Post COVID Era. Cary has also extended an invitation to Ron to join us for the post video discussion in the hopes he can share some updates and insights in the time since he created the video. ☺



Meeting Minutes

by Greg Lenihan, P*PCompAS Secretary

President John Pearce opened the 3 April 2021 membership meeting at 9:00 am via Zoom. A motion was made to approve the minutes from March and they were unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Cary Quinn said Rob Truman would be giving the presentation today. Cary is working on a presentation on information overload.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor Greg Lenihan announced the next newsletter deadline as 17 April.

Treasurer Chuck Harris reported we have \$2230.75 in savings and \$871.29 in checking. We received 17 cents in interest from the credit union this month.

Next P*PCompAS meeting: Saturday, 1 May 2021

Ron Brown, who hosts "Tech For Seniors," will give a presentation on "Navigating the Post Covid Era."

Membership Chair Ann Titus had nothing to report.

BOD Chair/Librarian Paul Godfrey was calling in from near Galveston, Texas. There was nothing to report for the library. The Board met after our last meeting. It was acknowledged they needed to meet twice a year. The BOD would like for us to continue Zoom meetings, so as to have "hybrid" meetings if we meet physically. People can bring their tablets and laptops to the physical meeting. The BOD also would like to make sure everything on our website is correct.

APCUG Rep Joe Nuvolini said the website is running. Mike Smith from APCUG said he had a list of all APCUG speakers, but Cary and Nuvo said they had one. Nuvo is still trying to get our website spelling fixed on the APCUG website for outside APCUG folks attending our meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

A review of the treasury account has not been performed yet. Cary Quinn said maybe we can try to get it done after the meeting today if Chuck Harris and Toni Logan stay online.

NEW BUSINESS

John Pearce did not think the club would be able to meet at the church until at least June. Nuvo thinks we can go back any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next social breakfast Zoom meeting for the digerati will be Saturday, 17 April, at 9 am via Zoom.

Our next membership meeting is on 1 May.

AROUND THE ROOM

Toni Logan is getting a message that her Dropbox is getting full and she needs to upgrade. She has deleted files without luck. Jeff Towne said to try a program called TreeSize to see if there is anything large there. Comcast now has Disney+ and Toni is told she needs a new box and asked if it was necessary. She probably does need to swap it.

Joe Nuvolini has Xfinity with a lot of channels but no high-def and not everything he wants. Cary said Joe wants a "bulk" account. Joe hopes to get a decent deal.

Ann Titus wants to remind people to keep their record of Covid shots.

Jeff Towne recommends a show on Tubi called "Dogs with Jobs."

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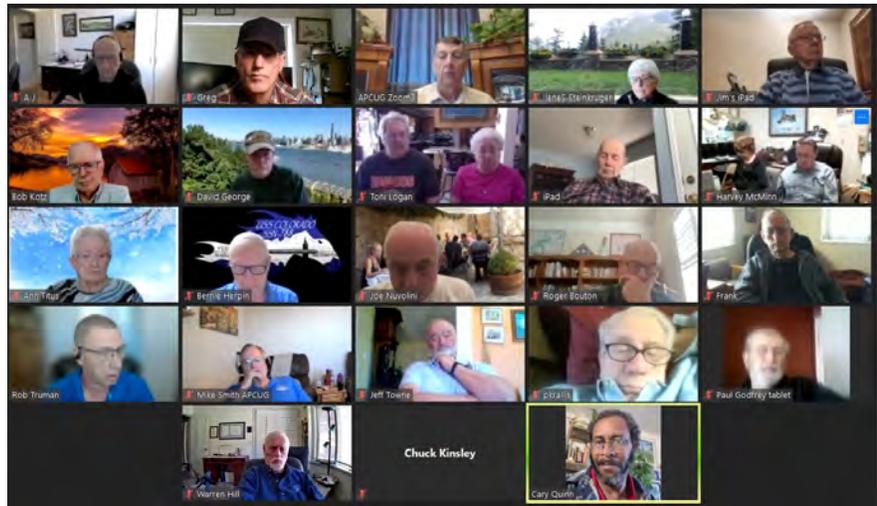
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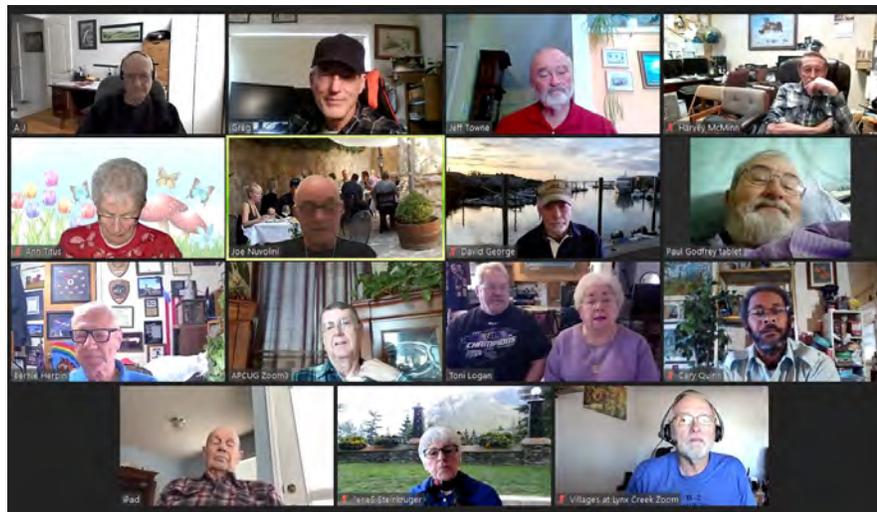
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Zoom screenshot of the 3 April 2021 membership meeting



Zoom screenshot of the digerati attending the 17 April 2021 breakfast meeting.



**Memorial Day
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10 Spring Cleaning Tips for Your Windows PC

by Chris Hoffman, reprinted with permission from HowToGeek.com

Original article at: <https://www.howtogeek.com/721589/10-spring-cleaning-tips-for-your-windows-pc/>

Don't forget your computer when you're [spring cleaning all your things](#). From the software to the hardware, there are some easy ways to get your Windows 10 laptop or desktop tidied up and running in tip-top shape.

Uninstall Applications That You Don't Use

This tip may seem obvious, but it's a good place to start. Many apps that you install add startup programs or background system services that make your PC take longer to boot and that use resources in the background. Some programs clutter File Explorer's context menus with options. Others—especially PC games—can just use a lot of disk space.

That's fine if you use these applications and find them beneficial, but it's easy to install a large number of applications and find yourself not using them at all. To clean things up, uninstall the applications that you don't use.

On Windows 10, you can head to Settings > Apps > Apps & Features to see a list of applications that you can uninstall. You can also [access the traditional "Uninstall or change a program" pane in the classic Control Panel](#).

As you're going through the list, remember that certain programs in it are "dependencies" that other programs need. For example, there's a good chance that you'll see a number of "[Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable](#)" items here. You'll want to leave those installed.

If you don't know what a program is or what it does, perform a web search for it. You might find that the program is a necessary and useful utility for your PC's hardware, for example.

RELATED: [How to Get to the Old Uninstall Programs Panel on Windows 10](#)

Remove Browser Extensions That You Don't Need

Browser extensions are similar to apps. It's easy to install a bunch and find yourself not using them. However, browser extensions can slow down your web browsing, and most of them have access to everything you do in your browser. This makes them [a security and privacy risk](#), especially if they're created by a company or individual you don't trust.

If you've installed the official browser extension made by the [password manager](#) company that you already trust, that's one thing. But if you've installed a small extension that provides an occasionally useful function, and it's been made by some unknown individual—well, maybe you're better off without it installed.

Go through your web browser's installed extensions and remove ones that you don't use—or trust. In Google Chrome, for example, click menu > More Tools > Extensions to find them. In Mozilla Firefox, click menu > Add-ons. In Microsoft Edge, click menu > Extensions.

RELATED: [Did You Know Browser Extensions Are Looking at Your Bank Account?](#)

Tweak Your Startup Programs

We recommend uninstalling programs that you don't need and aren't using. But you may sometimes want to leave a program installed while preventing it from launching at startup. Then you can launch the program only when you need it. This can [speed up your boot](#).

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Jim Miller said he has a 2 TB Seagate external backup drive called OneTouch with its own backup program. It is \$60 at Amazon. Cary said that Costco has them on sale occasionally.

Cary Quinn said LastPass changed their policy where you only get it free on one service. Some use

Keepass, which is free. Jeff keeps his password database on Dropbox.

John Pearce showed a short video called "Yes, Dear" with Judge Frank Caprio.

Ilene Steinkruger said dialing 988 would access the suicide hotline and later this month you will have to dial all 10 numerals in a phone number. It will be mandatory in October.

PRESENTATION

Rob Turman from the APCUG gave a presentation on Internet Security for Seniors. It discussed malware, antivirus, phishing, strong passwords, and passphrases. He retired from the Navy and worked for Microsoft tech support. To create strong passphrases he recommended a site <https://randompassphrasegenerator.com>. His website is <https://geezertek.us>.

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[process](#) and clean up your system tray or [notification area](#).

To find [the Startup Program controls on Windows 10](#), right-click your taskbar and select “Task Manager” (or press Ctrl+Shift+Esc). Click the “Startup” tab—and if you don’t see it, click “more Details” first. (You can also find a similar tool at [Settings > Apps > Startup](#).)

Disable any programs that you don’t want running at boot. Many of them will not be necessary. Bear in mind that this may impact functionality—for example, if you choose not to run Microsoft OneDrive or Dropbox at boot, then they won’t launch and synchronize your files automatically. You will have to open them after your computer’s startup process is complete for that to happen.

RELATED: [How to Manage Startup Applications in Windows 8 or 10](#)

Organize Your Desktop and Files

Spring cleaning isn’t just about making your PC run faster. It’s also about making you faster at using it. Having a properly organized file structure will make it easier for you to find the files that you need without the files you don’t need getting in the way.

[Cleaning up your messy desktop](#) is a big part of that. And if you don’t want to clean up your desktop, consider just hiding your desktop icons, which you can do easily by right-clicking your desktop and unchecking View > Show desktop icons.

Beyond that, consider opening File Explorer and organizing your personal files and folders. There’s a good chance that your Downloads folder, in particular, needs a cleanup—or just some quick deleting of old downloads that you no longer need. Whichever folders you use frequently, consider [pinning them to the Quick Access sidebar in File Explorer](#) for easier access to your stuff.

RELATED: [How To Organize Your Messy Windows Desktop \(And Keep It That Way\)](#)

Clean up Your Taskbar and Start Menu

While you’re at it, consider pruning or reorganizing your taskbar icons. If your [taskbar](#) is full of icons for applications that you don’t need, unpin them by right-clicking them and selecting “Unpin from Taskbar.” Rearrange them with drag-and-drop to reposition them wherever you like on the taskbar.

Take a look at [customizing your Start menu](#), too. Windows 10’s default Start menu is packed with shortcut tiles that you probably don’t use. If you’ve never customized it, now is a good time to ensure that only the programs you actually use are pinned to its tiles area.

And while you’re at it, you might have a variety of programs running in the background that have a system tray icon. You can [hide notification area icons with a quick drag-and-drop](#), leaving the program running while getting the icon off your taskbar.

RELATED: [10 Ways to Customize the Windows 10 Start Menu](#)

Tidy up Your Browser and Its Bookmarks

You probably spend a lot of time in your computer’s web browser. If you use its bookmarks feature, consider taking some time to reorganize your bookmarks in a way that makes sense.

It’s easiest to do this from your browser’s bookmarks manager rather than fiddling with the bookmarks toolbar. In Google Chrome, click menu > Bookmarks > Bookmark Manager to launch it. Consider backing up your bookmarks before continuing, in case you want them again in the future. We’ve got a lot of tips for [decluttering your bookmarks](#).

RELATED: [How to Declutter Your Web Browser Bookmarks](#)

Run Disk Cleanup to Free up Space

If you want to clean up some temporary files and free up some disk space, try using the Disk Cleanup tool built into Windows. On Windows 10, open the Start menu, search for “Disk Cleanup” using the search box, and click “Disk Cleanup” to launch it. Click the “Clean up system files” button to ensure that you’re cleaning up both your Windows user account’s files and system-wide files.

Depending on how long it’s been since you last ran this tool, you may be able to free up gigabytes of unnecessary files—for example, files related to old Windows Updates. [Look carefully through the list of things that Disk Cleanup plans to delete](#) to ensure that the tool doesn’t delete anything you want to keep.

RELATED: [Is It Safe to Delete Everything in Windows’ Disk Cleanup?](#)

Dust out Your PC

If you have a desktop PC, you should be opening it regularly and giving it a quick dust. (Be sure to turn the PC off first!) [Dusting your laptop](#) may also be necessary.

Dust often builds up in your PC’s fans and in other components, reducing their cooling effectiveness. As a result, your PC may run

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hotter, or at least, the fan will have to work harder to provide the same amount of cooling.

While you don't have to go crazy in [thoroughly cleaning every part of your PC](#), we do recommend powering off your PC and cleaning it with compressed air (like [Falcon Dust-Off](#) or a similar brand). Never use a vacuum for this!

RELATED: [How To Thoroughly Clean Your Dirty Desktop Computer](#)

Clean Your Dirty Keyboard, Monitor, and More

Dust on the inside of your PC can affect performance and cooling. But there's probably dust elsewhere, too: on the screen of your computer's monitor, in between the keys on your keyboard, and more.

Spring cleaning is a great time to do a nice, deep clean. To clean your monitor, all you really need is a standard microfiber cloth, the same kind you'd use to wipe a pair of eyeglasses.

To deep-clean your keyboard, you can generally remove the keys and use compressed air or a vacuum to clear out the accumulated debris.

We've got [tips for cleaning all your other PC peripherals](#), too. You can buy a wide variety of different [products that promise to help speed up the](#)

[cleaning process](#).

RELATED: [How to Clean and Disinfect All Your Gadgets](#)

Optional: Consider "Resetting" Windows 10

Let's end with a geeky tip: If you feel like you want to start off with a fresh, clean Windows installation, consider resetting Windows 10. Don't confuse this with [rebooting your PC](#)—it's more like a factory reset on other devices.

In Windows 10, "[resetting](#)" Windows is similar to reinstalling it. You'll get a factory-default environment, without the programs you've installed and the settings you've changed. You can then start fresh. (You can choose to keep your personal files while going through the reset process.)

While resetting Windows, you can choose to [perform a "Fresh Start,"](#) which will actually erase any [manufacturer-installed bloatware](#) and give you a fresh, straight-from-Microsoft Windows 10 system. If your PC came with a lot of manufacturer-installed junk, this is a great option to try.

Warning: If you try this, you should be aware that afterward, you'll have to spend time reinstalling your software and configuring Windows 10 the way you like it. Also, we recommend [backing up your files](#) before going through this process, just in case: The reset process can keep your files if you select the correct options, but it's better to be safe than sorry. It's always best to have an up-to-date backup at all times.

Don't want a fresh Windows installation? Skip this step! If you followed our other tips, your PC should be spruced up already.

RELATED: [How to Use Windows 10's "Fresh Start" on the May 2020 Update](#) ☺

Prepare for Mandatory 719 Area Code Dial This Fall

A Public Service Announcement brought to you by Ann Titus

Beginning Saturday, April 24, the state and various phone companies are asking people with area code "719" to start dialing that code, even when making local calls. If you forget and only dial the regular seven-digit phone number, the call will still go through.

However, on Oct. 24, people

with the 719 area code will be required to dial that code along with the phone number or their call might not be completed.

The reason for the change: Last July the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved "988" as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National

Suicide Prevention Lifeline. That number goes into effect July 16, 2022.

Advocates say this shorter number will help connect more people with resources.

Check any equipment with programmed dialing to make sure it is set for 10-digit dialing. ☺

How to Fix Someone's Computer (Or Get Yours Fixed) Remotely

by Albert Khoury at Komando.com (tip from 4/15/20)

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The pandemic has made us more dependent on remote work and education than ever before. While it hasn't been easy, we have made the necessary adjustments to maintain social distancing while the world deals with COVID-19.

There are many ways to keep occupied while maintaining safety standards and they don't all relate to work. [Tap or click here to find out how to host the perfect movie night.](#)

The tech-savvy among you have likely been asked for help from a loved one or friend. When texting or phone calls weren't enough to solve a problem, you could visit them and try to fix things firsthand. This is not much of an option nowadays, but that doesn't mean you have to ignore the tech support pleas. Read on to see how you can help those you care about without either of you having to leave home.

Remote access comes with huge risks

Whether you're the helper or the one in need, be sure you are practicing this power with someone you absolutely trust. Anyone with bad intentions can wreak havoc on your computer or any other device you give them access to. They can access your files and steal your information. They can implant viruses and malware.

With that said, most device manufacturers and software programmers offer tech support in the form of remote access. If you're having problems with hardware or an app, a technician can access it from their workspace and hopefully find and fix the problem.

Modern operating systems offer built-in options for everyday users to access this feature themselves. You can also download programs to do the same. The following are some options you can use to give or receive remote help.

Windows Quick Assist

If both computers are running Windows 10, you can use Quick Assist to receive or provide assistance over a remote connection.

To use this built-in feature, select **Start > Quick Assist** or type "quick assist" into your taskbar. To help someone out, select **Assist another person** and send the 6-digit code to them. Once they've entered the code, select **Take full control** or **View screen**, then select **Continue**.

To get assistance, open Quick Assist and enter the six-digit code you receive from your helper in the **Code from assistant** box. Select **Share screen**, then select **Allow** when your helper is ready. [Tap or click here for more Windows 10 tricks.](#)

Chrome Remote Viewer

Chrome comes with a free remote access tool. Open remotedesktop.google.com in your Chrome browser to access Chrome Remote Desktop.

From there, select **Share my screen** to connect to another computer to give or receive tech assistance.

The person who needs help needs to click the blue download button next to **Share this screen**, then **Accept and Install**. Then they must click **Generate Code** to get a 12-digit number and send it to the helper. The helper clicks **Share my screen** and types in the 12-digit code in the **Connect to another computer** field. Once the other side confirms, you're good to go.

While you're engaged in Chrome, [tap or click here to read about a bunch of new security features for the browser.](#)

TeamViewer

TeamViewer is a third-party app that allows for remote access and control. Both the helper and person who needs help need to download the software from www.teamviewer.com/en-us. The person in need will then launch the app to get an ID and password. This is then shared with the helper, who enters the information on their end and then clicks **Connect**.

Did you know you can also remotely access your phone from your computer screen? [Tap or click here to find out how.](#)

Or you can let the pros do it for you

If you're struggling with PC problems, you can go through the work of finding someone you trust to help you, setting up a time to talk and choosing a way to share your screen you're both comfortable with. Better yet, you can rely on the pros at [Solve iQ](#). ☺

A Look Inside Your Computer (No Tools Required)

By Bob Rankin, <http://askbobrankin.com>, published through the APCUG

Do you know every component inside your PC? Most people don't, and most of the time they don't need to know. But there are occasions when a detailed inventory of a PC's components comes in handy. Read on to learn some surprising reasons why you SHOULD know what's under the hood of your computer, even if you're not a techie. And also, some software tools that will let you "x-ray" your PC, so you can see what's inside without touching a screwdriver. Read on...

What's Going On Inside Your PC?

Why would you want to know what's inside that plastic and metal box you call a computer? I can think of several good reasons. Here are a few of them.

If you need to call tech support, you may be stuck when a rep asks for the make and model of your video card, or the type of RAM that's installed on your PC. If you want to buy a memory upgrade, you'll need to know what sort of RAM memory is already in your PC to get the compatible kind.

If you ask for help with an unknown problem in any online forum, the first responses you get will probably be along the lines of, "What's under your hood?" If you are selling or buying a used computer, it's important to have a list of what's inside of it.

Microsoft Windows includes a "System Information" utility that displays information about many devices and processes on a PC. But it's limited; often, it won't tell you what you need to know, and the report it generates is not very friendly. Fortunately, there are more helpful system information utilities out there. Here are some examples that are free and powerful, yet easy on novices. And if you read this article to the end, I'm pretty sure you'll want to download and try at least one of them.

[Speccy](#) from Pirisoft gives you detailed info on every piece of hardware in your PC, including but not limited to CPU, Motherboard, RAM, Graphics Cards, Hard Disks, Optical Drives, and Audio support. Speccy also reads temperature sensors built into motherboards and hard drives, giving you a means to check for overheating problems that may be damaging your components or limiting performance.

Speccy can save and reload snapshots of your system info into XML, text, or INI files

for printing and other uses. I've always used the free version of Speccy, but there is a Professional version (\$20) that offers "Advanced PC insights." The website doesn't provide any details on those insights, though.

[Belarc Advisor](#) does a lot more than just inventory hardware, although it does a fine job of that. It also inventories all of the software on your PC, and can tell you if security patches are up to date. It even shows software license codes, which is handy if tech support asks for them. Here's another good reason to have those license codes handy... If you've bought a new computer (or you're recovering from a hard drive crash) you can easily re-install all the software you've purchased, without having to buy another copy, or beg the software vendor to send you the license info.

The Advisor displays the status of your network, including users and devices connected to it. If you've ever wondered if anyone is secretly tapping into your wifi, this will give you peace of mind (or cold chills). Belarc Advisor is very simple to use, and is privacy sensitive. It does not transmit any info about your system over the Internet; the report generated is a local HTML file displayed in your Web browser.

[HWINFO](#) is another freebie that offers comprehensive hardware analysis, monitoring, failure prediction and reporting for PCs running Windows 95 through Windows 10.

[HW Monitor](#) from CPUID focuses on voltages, temperatures and fan speed monitoring. There's a free CLASSIC version, and a PRO version (\$24) that provides monitoring of sensors for remote PCs or Android devices.

And finally, there's **[SIW \(System Information Monitor\)](#)** which promises to tell you "Everything you ever wanted to know about your computer but were afraid to ask." That includes details on your operating system, software licenses, installed programs, running processes and drivers, autoruns and scheduled tasks, passwords, databases, and security certificates. SIW costs \$20 but there is a **[free 14-day trial](#)**.

You may not need to know what's going on inside of your PC very often. But when you do, it's good to have one of these system information utilities handy. I advise that you run reports from both Speccy and Belarc Advisor and then save them on a backup drive or email them to yourself for future handy reference. A printed copy might be a good idea too. ☺

Stay at Home—Use the Time Productively

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Now that you have the time, it may be time to catch up on all those computer projects that you have been meaning to do. Some of those projects may be more like maintenance, such as backing up your data or system. And some may be more fun like organizing your picture, video, or music collections. Don't have those collections, well then now may be the time to start creating them. Anyone who has a smartphone, probably has a picture collection, though they may not be able to decide where all the pictures are located. Are the pictures on the device or in the cloud or both? Google Photos provides cloud storage for as many photos as you want to store in the cloud. (But Google Drive is limited to 15 GB.) One way to get your arms around the picture collection is to get them all on one device, your computer, and then organize and maintain them on that device. All you need to use to connect the smartphone to the computer is a USB cable that supports data. (Remember that some USB cables are only for charging a device and cannot transfer data.) File explorer is the tool to use on a PC and the Finder is the tool on the Mac. Oh, and make sure you change the name of any picture that is put into your collection from something like "IMG_20082100034" to something that makes some sense. If you have a collection of pictures that you want to show people on your phone, you can create a folder for them on the PC and then copy them to your phone. (Copy them to the DCIM or DCIM-camera folder on the phone.) Once they are on the phone you can use any picture viewer like "gallery" on an android device or "pictures" on an iOS device.



So what about music and videos? Well, Microsoft gives music and videos their own top-level folders (Under "This PC" in File Explorer) indicating they think many people will save and maybe even organize these two types of media files. Music is pretty easy to think about organizing because music distributors have been doing this for the past almost 100 years, probably since Edison began selling recordings. We can organize our music easily by artist and possibly

by Genre. Music organization by Genre has been around a very long time. In fact, as part of the meta-data that is part of every music file (.mp3 being the most popular file type), there is a parameter included for Genre in addition to those you might expect such as title, artist, album, composer, year, contributing artist, album, and track number. Music players like Windows Media Player and iTunes use this metadata to organize, present, and play your music collection. Our job is mostly to collect the music, which in most cases boils down to "ripping" our CD music collection. Ripping music from a CD is the process of moving (and possibly converting) the music file from a CD to a computer; a perfectly legal process, even if it sounds nefarious. Once this is done, the file can be played on any device with an appropriate music player. Once you have a collection of music files, the music player uses those files with the included metadata to organize the collection. And then you can create playlists within the music player to play the music selections in a sequence of your choice. So, maybe it's time to get on with ripping your CD collection, now that you have the time. Note that if you don't want to go the Rip-CDs route, you can always purchase music from one of the many online music stores such as iTunes or Amazon.



When it comes to organizing music, the task is pretty clear, but what about videos? Video file organization can be a big project. Videos can range from those short (10 to 15 second) videos that you've taken with your smartphone, to professional feature-length movies. For the feature-length movies it might be best to just let Amazon, Netflix, or YouTube keep track of them, and then you can use (and pay for) the service whenever you want to see the movie. If you have a DVD movie collection, you might try to treat them like CDs and convert the DVD files to computer files and store them in a movie database, but it may be easier to just find some shelf space and organize them alphabetically. The smartphone videos, and that could include all of those cute animal videos that get sent

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Dan's Desk—Windows Blue Screen of Death

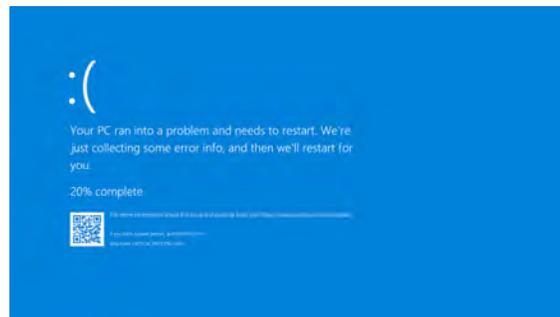
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At a recent learning center meeting, we reviewed what that dreaded Windows blue screen of death (BSOD) meant when it stated it was performing a system dump. Let me explain that in detail here:

When the operating system, which is Windows for most of us, encounters an abnormal or crash situation where it doesn't have a pre-determined way to recover, the BSOD will usually occur. In order to provide details about what programs were loaded at the time of the crash and what actions or clicks may have been processing, a system dump file is created. A system dump file is used by Microsoft to fix potential situations that caused the BSOD, from happening in future releases of Windows.

This is why Windows gets regular updates automatically from Microsoft. Each of those updates is designed to improve or correct the operation of different components of Windows or its applications. In those cases, where the situation is so bad Windows can't even present the BSOD, the whole PC will just restart.

By default, Windows is set to create a dump file when a crash situation is encountered. If you do not want to create a dump file you can adjust that setting. Depending upon the version of Windows 10 that you're on, the manner to get to the advanced system settings tab can differ. This set of instructions will work on any:



- 1) Click on the Control Panel - if you can't find the icon, use the Windows 10 search bar at the lower left of your screen to locate it
- 2) Click on the System app
- 3) Click on Advanced System Settings or Advanced item
- 4) Click on Startup and Recovery - Settings
- 5) Under System Failure – check Write an event to the system log and Check Automatically restart
- 6) Where the Write debugging information is, click on the drop-down arrow and choose (none)

With these settings, your computer will not create a system dump file but will record an error in your system log file which is much quicker. I'm sure Microsoft will get lots of system dumps with similar situations as yours, without you having to clog up your hard drive with dump files to be uploaded to Microsoft. ☺

Stay at Home (Cont. from pg 8)

around attached to emails, could be collected and organized into a video database. I will not even attempt to describe a database for these because it is probably very different for each of us, due to our own special interests. The only thing to do is to start with a basic hierarchical organization and modify it as needed. Start with a folder for Videos and then create subfolders for any area of interest. I have created folders for "humor," "vacations," "friends," "family," "politics," "magic tricks," "technology"... you get the idea.

Create a new sub-folder whenever a folder gets too full for convenient searching. Make sure you give the videos a representative file name before you put the video into the database or you may never be able to find it again.



And there is one last task for those of us who have thought about taking advantage of the electronic books at the library, but never have gotten around to it. The county library system has electronic books (eBooks) and magazines you can read on your electronic device. With

a library card and the right Apps on your device, you can borrow the books, read them and return them to the library without ever leaving the comfort, and more importantly in these times, the safety of your home. (Overdrive and Libby are apps that help you borrow eBooks from the library, and Kindle and Libby are eBook readers.) I'm sure you can find a few other tasks that you've been thinking of doing, but right now it might be more fun to just find some entertaining videos on YouTube and leave those projects for another time. ☺

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