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DAY OF THE PRECEDING  
MONTH**



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### MELB PC EDITOR'S NOTE



THE GROUP is upgrading the quality and value of our raffle prizes. The raffle is always held at the monthly meetings. This will mean that the winner of the main raffle gets to choose one out of three prizes offered for the month. Elsewhere in the magazine you will find pictures of some of the new prizes on offer. So come along and join in, purchase a single raffle ticket for \$2 or get three tickets for just \$5, there are great prizes to be won.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the start of an Apple SIG to be run by the members of AUSOM at our group headquarters. It will run on the second Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in the main room. Come along and see what Apple products have to offer you. We know that there are a significant number of MelbPC members that use both Apple and PC products. Come along to this new SIG and make them welcome to our meeting rooms. AUSOM = Apple Users Society Of Melbourne. You will find a full-page advertisement for the Apple SIG elsewhere in this magazine.

I would like to remind all SIG leaders who write reports and news items for our magazine that the closing date for publication is always the first day of the preceding month. Remember to include jpg photographs and screen grabs if possible to illustrate your reports and articles.

Finally this month I would like to suggest that all members keep up to date with group activities and developments, read the minutes of your management committee found on our website and if you wish to, get involved.

Remember our motto:

USERS HELPING USERS

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# Everything Apple

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A joint venture between MelbPC and AUSOM, Everything Apple is a new SIG starting in April.

The emphasis will be on Apple iDevices (iPod, iPhone, iPad, AppleTV, Time Capsule Airport Extreme and helping people understand the Mac environment.

## Next Meeting: April 10

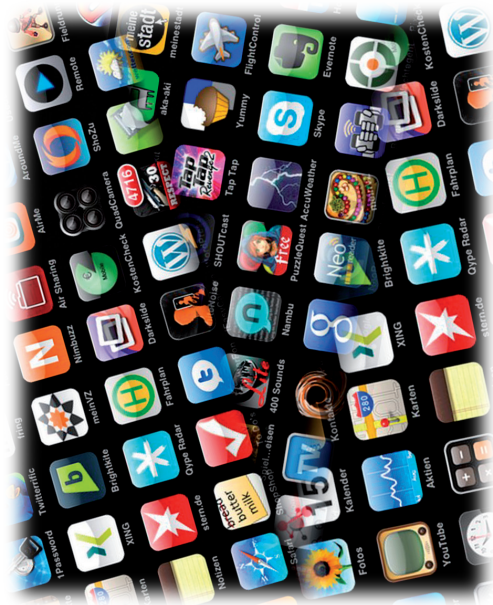
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2:00 pm

### Signs of App/Application Hoarding

*Presented by David Turk (self-confessed App/Application addict)*

What the signs are of app/application hoarding;  
how it starts;  
what causes it;  
what the implications are;  
and what to do about it.



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3:05 pm

### What is an iPad?

*Presented by Susan Jensen (Convener)*

What is an iPad? And what can it do?



**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 2.00 pm–4.00 pm  
(except January)**

**Moorabbin Interest Group Room**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### WE ARE LISTENING

The last three PCUpdate disks, I have had problems reading them with my DVD/CD drive on the laptop. The earlier disks were Ok. After a lot of trouble (\_\*over 1 hour with the reader head banging away\*\_ ) I managed to finally get the pdf file off the said disk onto my laptop. The attached shows the error menu that is occurring.

I have no problem reading the Melbpc Monthly disks, or for that matter any other disk I put into the drive - Only PCUpdate Disks.

I believe when the new printed version of the magazine comes along we will be able to download the digital version PCUpdate Magazine online - that will solve my problem when it happens. Unless of course the problem can be solved!

Its a good read Roger, I enjoy it, thanks

**Ross Evans MEMBER #7911**

I support Ken Briscoe's comment made in the March 2012 Melbourne PC UPDATE. It does not appear to me that you are in fact listening. Your comment regarding "just a newsletter" or a magazine seems an attempt to belittle the member's opinion as he refers to what you choose to call "just a newsletter".

Melbourne PC Update is quite clearly a newsletter in that it provides detailed accounts of various SIG activities thereby keeping members up-to-date with the latest news.

It is also equally quite clearly a magazine as it contains articles by respected authors. I would suggest that members would be quite happy seeing both of these characteristics continue.

Mr. Briscoe appeared to be referring to PC Update on CD. I for one fully support his comments regarding environmental waste, postage and production costs.

He also made a brief comment regarding the monthly CD which you seemed to have focused undue attention on. Surely you can sell these online thereby avoiding the same issues mentioned above.

In my opinion you have missed the point regarding postage of CDs.

**Robert Pridham MEMBER #32961**

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## B. Level of Subscription

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Windows (6.30pm - 9pm) Peninsula (Main Meeting 7pm) Introduction to MYOB (session 1 of 2)	<b>3</b> North East Genealogy (10am - 12.45pm)  Melb PC Committee	<b>4</b> Monthly Meeting Moorabbin 7pm Sharp and afterwards the WAFFLE SIG Video Production (Sony Vegas 10am) Windows Prog' Level 2 with C++ Builder 2010	<b>5</b> Adobe Video SIG 2pm to 4pm Ballarat (7.30pm - 9.45pm) Sunbury Daytime (New Users 9.30am) Linux for Beginners (session 1 of 2)	<b>6</b> Essendon (Main Meeting 9.30am) Multimedia (MHE) (Wadham House 10am)  Public Holiday Easter	<b>7</b>
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Full details of "Special Interest Group" activities, meeting times and training course information in the magazine.

### MELBOURNE PC USER GROUP MONTHLY

**MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2012 AT 7:00 PM**

MelbPC Headquarters, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin.  
(Corner Cochranes Rd)

Melbourne PC User Group  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday April 3, 2012  
at 7:00 pm

#### Random Access

Of course we always start with your chance to talk – and ask the questions about the problems your computers have been giving you all month! Write them down and bring them in so you can ask our experts **Barry Martin** and your fellow members, in the **Random Access** segment.

As always brilliant Prizes will be given away after the break, in our raffle.

#### WAFFLE SIG

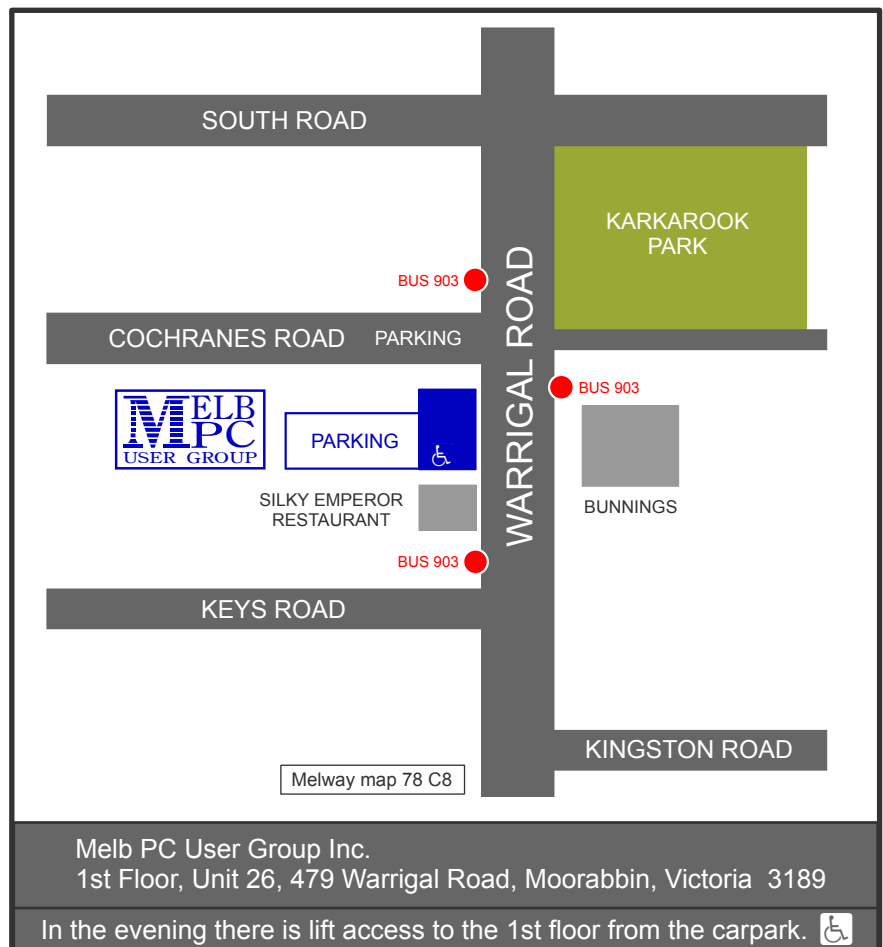
*Following the meeting, the "WAFFLE"*

**(Wine And Fine Food Event)**

- ie supper, at a budget cost, BYO (wine) or buy, will be at **La PORCHETTA**, 1017 Centre Rd, just west of Warrigal Rd, next to Red Rooster & the Car Wash. Melway map 78/D2. *(Note change of venue).* Patrons are welcome for coffee only. Plenty of car parking. How-to-get-there sketch maps will be available at the meeting.

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## THE CLOUD

Article by ADAM TURNER

MICROSOFT HAS EMBRACED "THE CLOUD", LETTING YOU EASILY STORE A COPY OF YOUR OFFICE DOCUMENTS ONLINE.

Once you strip away the hype, "the cloud" basically revolves around running applications and storing documents in a data centre rather than on your computer. The benefit is that you have an offsite backup of your files and can access them from any internet-enabled computer. The trade-off is that your precious documents no longer reside on your computer, leaving you at the mercy of the cloud service provider and your internet access.



New Microsoft services such as SkyDrive, Live Mesh and Office Web Apps attempt to strike a compromise between the desktop and the cloud, although they're not as tightly integrated as you might think.

All users of Microsoft's free Hotmail webmail service have access to 25 GB of online SkyDrive storage. You can manually upload files to SkyDrive by using the link at the top of the Hotmail interface. But if you're running Microsoft Office 2010 on your computer you can save documents directly to SkyDrive from Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote. Using the Save & Send tab in Backstage view, click Save to Web and then sign in to Windows Live.

It's also possible to "map" SkyDrive, so it appears as another drive on your computer. Open SkyDrive in your browser and in the web address you'll see id= or cid= followed by a 16 digit user ID. Make note of this user ID. Now click Computer on the Start Bar to open Windows Explorer, then choose Map Network Drive. Allocate a drive letter such as S:, and then for Folder type \\docs.live.net@SSL\USERID\ (replacing USERID with your SkyDrive user ID).

Making SkyDrive your S: drive makes it easy to access files from any application, which is handy if you're running an older version of Microsoft Office without built-in SkyDrive support.

What's really handy is that if you've saved files to SkyDrive you can edit them in your browser using Office Web Apps. Just log into Hotmail, open SkyDrive and click on a document. It will open in your browser using a simplified version of Office which retains the look and feel of its desktop equivalent.

The beauty of this is that you can edit your documents while you're away from your computer. When you get home you can open them in Office on your computer and pick up where you left off.

Storing files in SkyDrive is handy, but you're still at the mercy of the cloud. Another option is to use Windows Live Mesh to automatically upload files to SkyDrive and other computers across the internet.



### ARTICLE by ADAM TURNER

Windows Live Mesh is part of Windows Live Essentials, which is a free download from [explore.live.com](http://explore.live.com).

The beauty of using Windows Live Mesh is that when you edit a document on one computer, the changes are automatically reflected in the copies stored in SkyDrive and on your other computers. Unfortunately if you upload documents to SkyDrive using Windows Live Mesh, you can't edit them online. They're stored in a separate 5 GB partition of SkyDrive which Office Web Apps can't access.

This schism within SkyDrive is frustrating for users who want the best of both worlds. If you're looking for the security of storing your documents both on your desktop and in the cloud then Windows Live Mesh is worth investigating. But if you want the flexibility of editing your documents on the desktop or in a browser then it's easier to save your documents directly into SkyDrive and let them live in the cloud.

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Photo by GEORGE SKARBEK



The Vice President addresses the multimedia and home entertainment SIG at Wadham House to explain new and exciting developments in our group activities



## PC COMPUTER EVOLUTION

by WIL WAKELY, PRESIDENT, SENIORS COMPUTER GROUP, CALIFORNIA

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WITH THE SAD DEATH in October 2011 of Steve Jobs of Apple fame, it seems appropriate to review the history of the personal computer in which he was so instrumental in its evolution. In 1970 he was only 15 years old when the micro-computer, as it was then called, stirred to life. Prior to that time, mainframes and mini-computers dominated the scene, requiring large installations and huge capital expense. IBM 360's required a special air-conditioned room and cost up to \$5.5 million each. Our smart cell phones now have more computing power than they did.

The invention of the transistor at Bell Labs in 1947 and the Integrated Circuit invented in 1958, concurrently by Texas Instruments and Intel allowed miniaturization and cost savings that revolutionized future computer designs. One of the first affordable micro-computers was the Atari, essentially an arcade game machine that played PONG, a tennis simulation. It had no programming language and used a joy-stick for control and a TV for a display. The Commodore 64, VIC-20 and PET were the largest selling small computers in 1976. It did have a programming language and a multitude of applications. Other computer models appeared briefly on the scene: the Osborne, a "luggable" portable computer; RadioShack TRS-80, (Trash80); Heath H-89, a kit; Sinclair ZX80, a miniature inexpensive powerhouse from England; KayPro, by Andy Kay, owner of a local Solana Beach company; IMSAI, a computer that actually looked like one with 22 front panel switches and 40 blinking red lights.

Steve Jobs and his friend, Steve Wozniak, were computer club buddies and got together in 1976 to design the Apple I. During a visit to PARC ((Palo Alto Research Center, a Xerox company) Jobs saw their development of the GUI (Graphical User Interface that we now call Windows) and the mouse that controlled the cursor. He immediately realized that it was a great idea. No keyboard required! He borrowed (!) the idea and implemented it in the Apple II. Later, Microsoft borrowed (copied?) the Apple GUI for their Windows and, not surprisingly, legal actions became rampant among the three.

In 1979 a killer application called VisiCalc came on the scene. It was a rudimentary spreadsheet that was first incorporated in the Apple II. Now a personal computer could actually do some work as opposed to just playing games. VisiCalc went on to inspire Lotus 1-2-3 and Excel which are much more powerful spreadsheet programs. WordStar, a word processing (WP) program, also appeared in 1979.

Several WP programs already existed, but WordStar quickly dominated the field. Typewriters became instantly obsolete.



### ARTICLE PC COMPUTER EVOLUTION *by WIL WAKELY*

Also about that time, an IBM manager in the Boca Raton, FL, facility developed the prototype IBMPC. It was a tough sell to upper management because of the fear of it cannibalizing the mainframe business, but he persevered and the IBM-PC was born. However, it had no operating system (OS).

Rather than create a new one, they sought out Gary Kildall, the owner of Digital Research Inc. (DRI) in Pacific Grove, CA. He had developed CP/M which at that time was a widely used operating system for small computers. When IBM personnel flew to the West Coast for their appointment with Kildall, they were told he was off flying his airplane. He was obviously not impressed with IBM. Justifiably miffed, IBM approached Bill Gates at Microsoft for an OS.

Gates and his partner, Paul Allen, had been together since 1975 writing the BASIC programming language. Bill quickly agreed to provide an OS to IBM. He called a local friend, also a programmer, who had developed QDOS (Quick & Dirty Operating System) based upon DRI's CP/M OS. After they agreed to minimal financial terms, Gates modified it slightly for IBM and named it MS-DOS (Microsoft Disk Operating System). IBM further cleaned out 300 bugs and called it PC-DOS, with Gates retaining all the rights. Brilliant negotiation! At the time, computers were sold without the OS, which had to be purchased separately. So in 1981 IBM launched the IBM-PC followed by 11 upgrade models. The XT model had the first internal hard drive.

Apple and Microsoft continue to fight for market share with supporters who are strongly opinionated lined up on each side. Apple has kept both the hardware and software proprietary, whereas PC is "Open Source," so third party suppliers can participate, increasing competition which ultimately reduces cost and increases availability of components. Also, because of Open Source, many more software applications are available for the IBM-PC than the Apple.

A second battle over the CPU (Central Processing Unit), the brains of the computer, pits Intel against AMD and Motorola. Again, competition favors the customer with perhaps Intel having a slim lead in performance, but not price.

Video displays have evolved from TVs to CRTs (cathode ray tubes), offered in either white, green or orange characters, to high resolution LCDs (Liquid Crystal Displays aka Flat Screens). OLED displays (Organic Light Emitting Diodes) are on the horizon with the promise of lower cost and better features.

Internal memory in early computers cost \$125 for 8KB. Now, 4GB, which is 500,000 times larger, only costs a fraction of that. Storage memory has evolved from punched paper tape to magnetic tape to floppy disks in sizes of 8", 5" and 3.5". Now hard disk drives, flash drives, CD/DVD/BlueRay burners, and Internet Cloud sites offer huge storage capability at minimal cost.

So what is next? Probably a major breakthrough will occur that we can neither predict nor even envision. There will be many exciting PC developments ahead, so stay tuned.

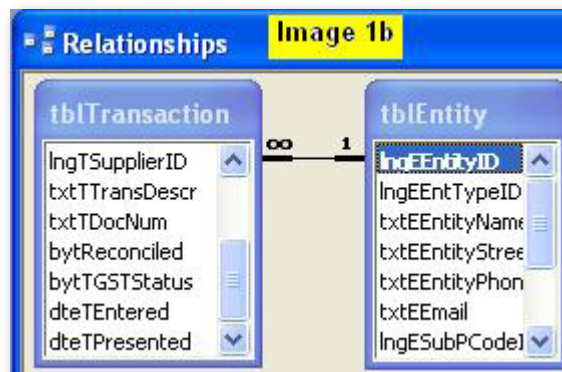
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Article by **CRAIG EVANS**

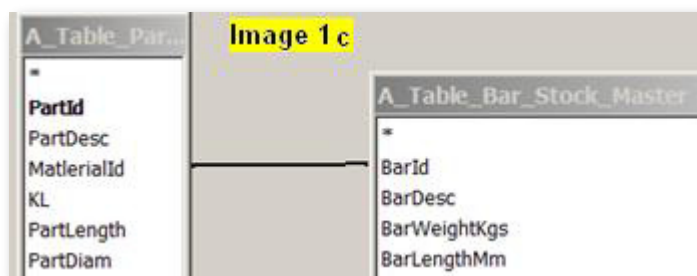
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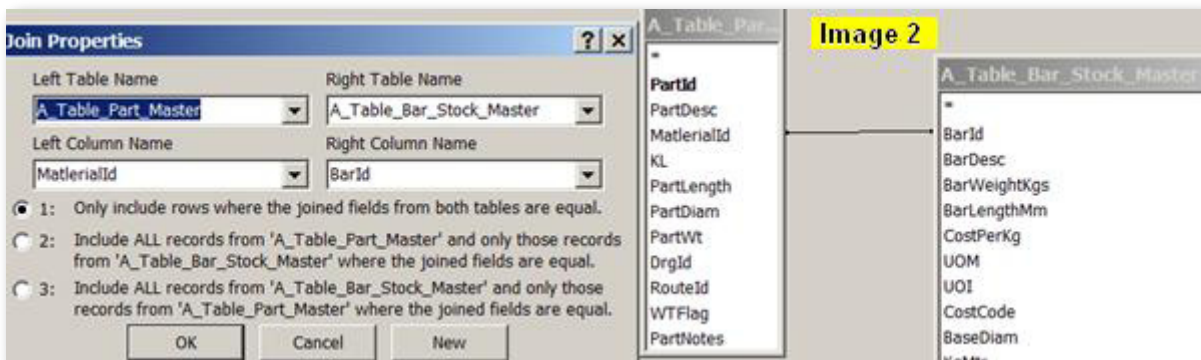
Insert the tables by right clicking in the grey section that appears then drag the fields together to create the connection (image 1b). Save and close.



Queries will now auto join the same tables in design view (image 1c).

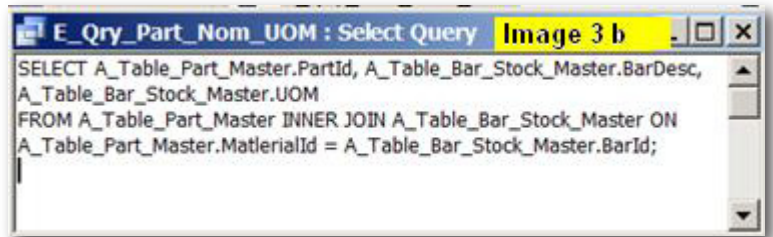
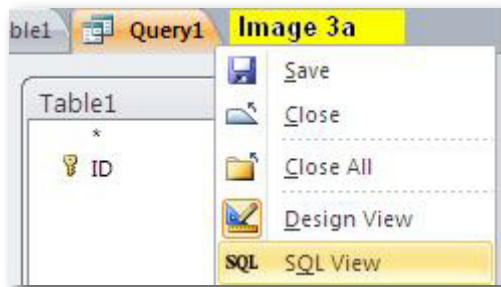


- 2/ The join can be modified by right clicking the join and choosing from the 3 options (image 2).

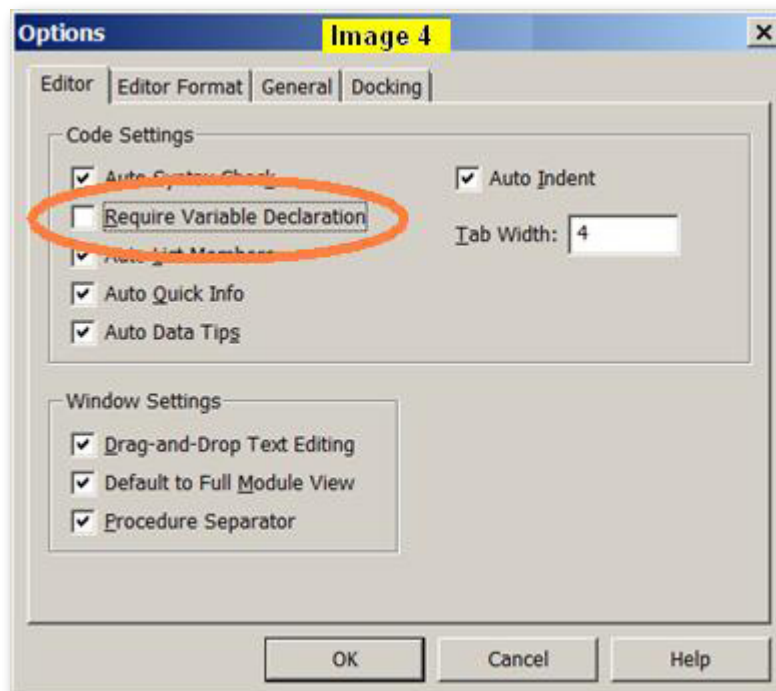


ARTICLE MICROSOFT ACCESS TIPS *by CRAIG EVANS*

- 3/ SQL for a query that will run in code, behind a form or report, can be automatically written by designing the desired query then right clicking the query tab and selecting 'SQL View' (image 3a) The completed code ( image 3b) can be copied to the form or report.



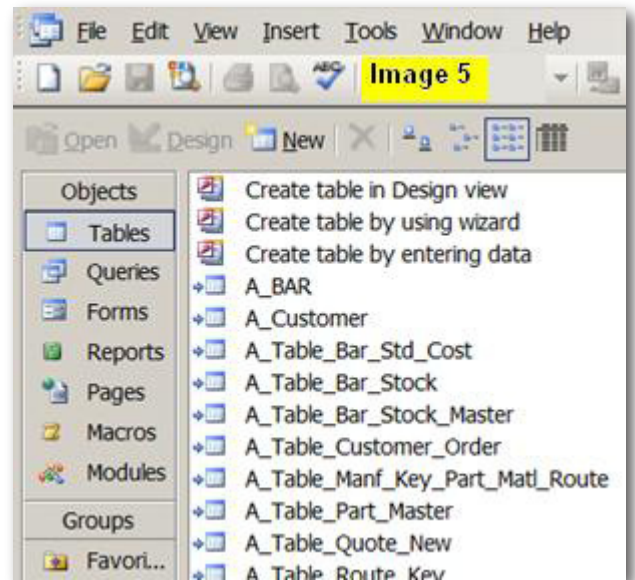
- 4/ Read only data can be at the levels of database, record or form properties. With multiple users forms are better as unbound. Use code to retrieve the data to avoid record locking. The unbound forms can retrieve the user id and the date/time last saved from the record to alert the new user if another user is editing the record.
- 5/ In the code window enforce Option Explicit (image 4) to prevent everything being a data type Variant. It also promotes efficiency and neater design.



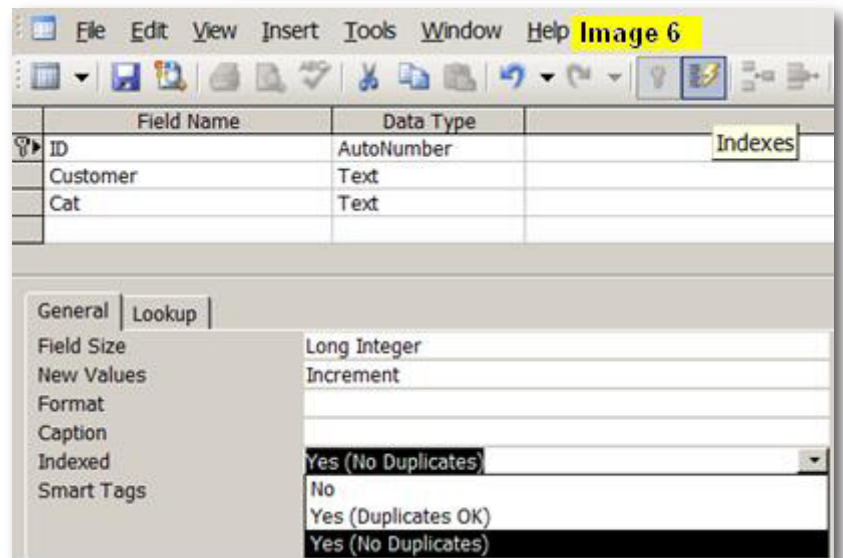


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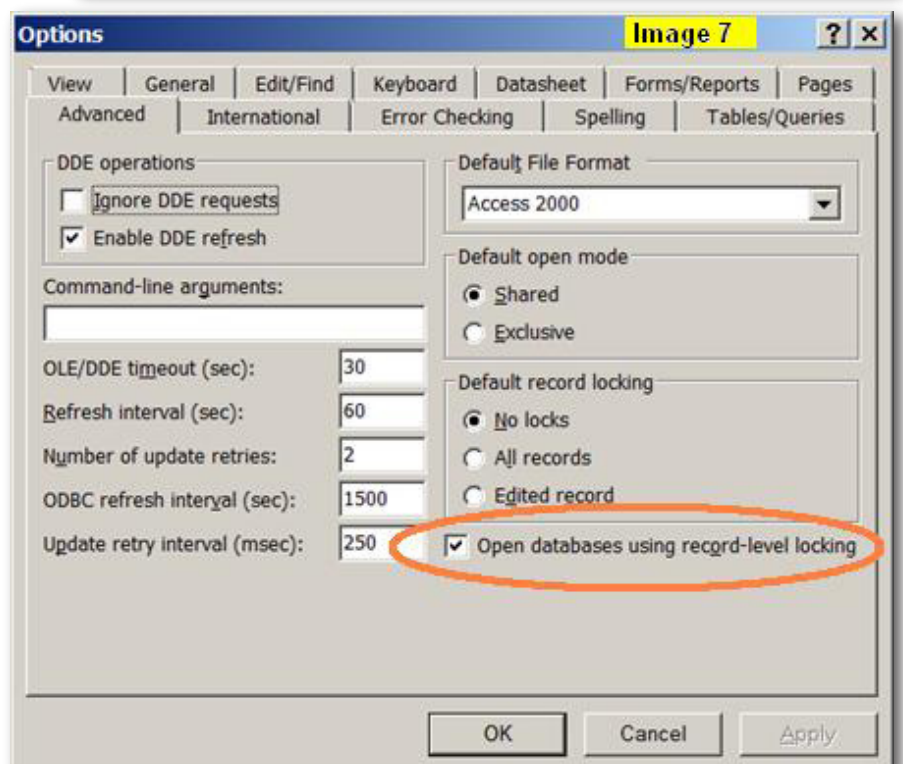
6/ Each table may be linked to a different database file or text file or spreadsheet etc. (image 5)



7/ To ensure table indexing simplicity set the indexed property as shown in image 6 .



8/ What happens when we turn off 'Open databases using record-level locking?'  
A page of data will be locked by default. From Access 2000 (Jet 4 engine) a page is 4kb of data. Record-level (image 7) only locks one record.



# THE TRUTHS & MYTHS ABOUT MOBILE BROADBAND

Article by **MICHAEL ANDRUS**

Business Unlimited - Mobile Broadband Support



IN THIS ARTICLE I HOPE to address the Truth and Myths about Mobile Broadband. What I will also say is that the Mobile Broadband Service (using Optus our carrier) is not for everyone. If you are on the road visiting a client, staying at a friend's place, or going around Australia, and you would like to check emails, browse the web, or look at YouTube video's then this product is for you.

## 3G AND 4G

Both Telstra and Optus now claim to have up to 97% coverage of Australia's population on the 3G network. Both are always expanding their networks and tower capacity. Whilst on the topic of expanding networks, both Telstra and Optus are investing in infrastructure to provide 4G speeds for their subscribers. 4G speeds are anywhere between 2Mbps – 40Mbps and are only available within 5km of the GPO of any capital city around Australia and selected country areas only. Telstra are now actively promoting their 4G network, but at what cost? The 4G modem with 1GB download at \$39.95/month for 24 months will cost you a grand total of \$958.80. Compare this to our 3G Mobile Broadband service through Optus you get 1.5GB of data at \$17.95/month and modem with a total of \$210 for 12 months, a one off payment.

## WHAT AFFECTS SIGNAL STRENGTH AND RELIABILITY

There are so many variables of what may cause signal disruption or even slow download speeds. The main causes of Mobile Broadband Dropouts or signal strength issues relate to the location your USB dongle, your computer, and the proximity of your local Optus tower. As far as the position of the USB Dongle try to keep it mounted above your computer and away from any other electrical power source like adapters and difficult to reach area and not near any metallic objects. The proximity of the tower brings in another issue and that's Geographical. If there are large trees between your place and the Optus tower the moisture off the trees can cause signal disruption. Other disruptions can be caused if in a gully or at the base of a hill. If there is heavy construction work in your immediate vicinity it can cause problems too.

## SECURITY

A large amount of inquiries I receive relate to Mobile Broadband security. A USB dongle does not operate the same way as a Wi-Fi (Wireless) router works. Signals from your USB dongle to the tower are encrypted so there is no way that someone can steal your 'service.'

Telecommunication providers use International Mobile Equipment Identity or IMEI. This is a unique number used to identify the device/USB Dongle and is often 25 characters long. There is also a service number attached to your account when your service is activated. This number is only known by the carrier.

## MELBOURNE PC GUARANTEE

If you do take up this service and find it is not for you and that you contact the iHelp Team, within 21 days of receipt and a reasonable solution cannot be provided will we refund you the entire amount you paid.

No other Mobile Service Provider offers you this kind of service, reliability and support.

That's how confident we are that the service will work for you!

Write in and tell us your experience with our Mobile Broadband Service.

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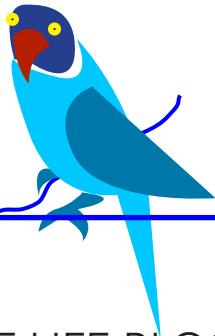
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## SIG DETAILS



## SIGs ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF MELBOURNE PC USER GROUP.

Groups of members with specific interests meet regularly to discuss and indulge their interests in a wide range of topics.

This is where Melb PC membership really pays off and you gain all the benefits. Enhance your computer knowledge, and widen your circle of friends to include others who have similar interests and very often, similar problems to solve.

Attending a SIG and meeting other members not only helps to enhance your knowledge and understanding of the specific topic, Often you will see presentations by visiting experts and the value of that is clear to all.

All members are most welcome. This is part of your Melb PC membership, so feel free to contact any of the conveners listed here. Ask them about future meetings; ask them about the format of their meetings and anything else you need to get started.

**ACCESS  
(Database)**

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2nd Monday (except January) 6.30pm-8.30pm  
Moorabbin Meeting Room Jock Blair, mobile:  
0418 161 892 ph: (03) 8307 9337.

The Access SIG provides an environment in which people can help each other to improve their skills with Microsoft Access. At each meeting there are presentations by members that are designed to cover the scope of Access during a year. Q&A segments are held at each meeting. Members may also address questions to the SIG mailing list and receive opinions for possible solutions.

**ADOBE VIDEO SIG**

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<http://member.melbpc.org.au/~adobevideo>

Convener, Kathy Rouse 03 9580 6386

Co-convenor, John Shirt

1st Thursday of each month (except January) 2:00pm-4:00pm Main Room, Melb PC Headquarters, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin (Corner Cochranes Rd)

The Adobe Video SIG is aimed at videographers, from beginners to the more experienced, wishing to edit and enhance their home videos using Adobe software. The group has lively interactive presentations from various members using the video editing programs, Premiere Pro and Premiere Elements. The workshop also includes tips and techniques, shared by the members, on the use of other Adobe Software, such as Photoshop, Illustrator and After effects.

**ANYWHERE ANYTIME (AA SIG)**

[anywhere@melbpc.org.au](mailto:anywhere@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~anywhere/>

Times 24/7; Location as you choose.

Kevin Martin (evening only) 9723 5997 or  
0407 343 162

The Anywhere, Anytime SIG provides a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week and always-easily-accessed place for all members of the MelbPC User Group to read and write comments, to ask questions on computing or non-computing topics, to receive replies from other Club members and to read their exchanges between each other.

The subjects covered are not restricted in any way, except that there are a few groups whose names indicate that they are meant to cover specific areas or types of posts. There are two main newsgroups: melbpc.general, which is for general discussion of any topic, social, humorous, lifestyle, provocative or not, as the spirit moves the poster.



**cont' ANYWHERE ANYTIME**

(We do, however, try to be nice!).

The other newsgroup is:- melbpc.computing.misc, where miscellaneous directly-related computer topics are discussed. This latter place is an obvious place to ask questions about computer problems. Postings may be at any level of technicality, the principle being that the only stupid question is the one you don't ask. No booking or finishing times are required and the more attenders the merrier.

There is also a test newsgroup, where trial postings can be made for any reason, and a marketplace one for members' items for sale or "ftag" (free to a good home).

For help on setting up your access to newsgroups with the several commonly-used programs, go to

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**BALLARAT**

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1st Thursday 7.30pm-9.45pm Midlands Golf Club, Heinz Lane, Ballarat. Alan Pittard 5339 4235 BH & AH

Ballarat is a general purpose SIG. Usually we have no specific topic; it suits everyone at present to let the meeting run in a direction that is topical on the night. From time to time we have a guest speaker/presenter on something of particular interest to us at the time but free form seems the norm at present.

**BEGINNERS EAST (BEAST)**

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3rd Sunday January - November, 2nd Sunday December 10.00am-12.30pm Vermont South Community Ctr. Karobran Drive, Vermont South. Melway 62 G7 Dave Botherway

The East Beginners Group demonstrates how to set up and maintain a computer, how to run software, scan documents, process images, sort out error messages, etc. All procedures are repeated (slowly), until members feel confident with the new knowledge.

**BAYSIDE**

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3rd Thursday 10.00am -12.00 noon St Stephens Church Hall cnr Cochrane St. & North Rd Brighton John Morris 9583 4095 Graham Ackland 9589 6229

Beginners subgroup meets after main meeting 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm

**CASEY PC INTEREST GROUP**

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<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~casey/>

2nd Friday Hampton Park Meeting 12.30pm-3.00pm Hampton Park Community House 16-20 Stuart Avenue Hampton Park Melway 96 E8 Jan Weiner 9560 6924 or Phillip Roche 9796 2384

Casey offers a friendly, social atmosphere where our members learn from, support, encourage and help each other on computer and communications topics. The Hampton Park meeting is based on presentations and Q&A.

Please note that meetings are not held in school holidays. Please check the website for details

## SIG DETAILS

## CASEY WORKSHOP

[casey@melbpc.org.au](mailto:casey@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~casey/>

4th Friday of the month, 10 am till 12.30pm,  
Hampton Park Community House, 16-20  
Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park, Melway 96 E8.  
Jan Weiner, 9560 6924

Please ring and book ASAP, and bring your complete PC or Laptop. The main aim of this Workshop is to be supportive of Melbpc members. No changes will be made to a PC or Laptop before an explanation is made, and only then with the owners' approval.

We offer a Hands On approach to Problem Solving, both Software and Hardware. PC clean up procedures, and recommended free programs for security. Email, Internet and WWW demonstration and support. Windows 7, Windows XP, Microsoft support. Downloading/Uploading. Updating, etc. Digital Cameras and Photography software for PC. Basic PC Know How, Advice and using free programs.

If we are unable to assist, then referral to the Melbpc Hardware SIG, First Aid and Internet Help Line will be recommended as appropriate.

## COMMUNICATIONS

[comms@melbpc.org.au](mailto:comms@melbpc.org.au)

2nd Wednesday (except January) 7.00pm-9.30pm Moorabbin Meeting Room Philip Lew 9822 2998 BH (brief calls)

The Communications SIG focuses on all aspects of computer connectivity. Topics include modem communications (BBS and Internet dialup); Client/Server software, HTML and other Internet related topics.

We also cover topics on Computer Networking (LANs and WANs) and other relevant general telecommunications issues of interest to the well connected PC user.

## DIGITAL IMAGING

[digimage@melbpc.org.au](mailto:digimage@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~digimage/>

The Digital Imaging Interest Group is no longer meeting, as a replacement convener for the retiring convener, Peter Carpenter, is not yet available. Any member who might have an interest in taking up this role, please send an email to the Groups Coordinator.

## EAST

[east@melbpc.org.au](mailto:east@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~east/>

2nd Wednesday, February - December,  
7.30pm-10.00pm Vermont South Community House Karobran Drive, Vermont South Paul Woolard 9877 1059 Ian Dewhurst 0438 480 500

At East we provide an entertaining and informative session covering a range of computer topics for all levels; some from invited speakers and some from our own members. George Skarbek hosts the popular Q&A segment.

## EAST WORKSHOP

[eastwsh@melbpc.org.au](mailto:eastwsh@melbpc.org.au)

2nd Sunday 10.00am-2.00pm Wadham House 52 Wadham Parade, Mt. Waverley Rear of Library. Melway 61 E12

Ken Gubbins 9842 8875 PH/FAX Jeff Webster 9897 1037 BH & AH

The East Workshop is hands-on, practical, interactive and runs on "Show me how, and I'll do it with your assistance". We handle "how to upgrade", "software doesn't run", "slow computer", "no sound", "no video" problems and more. Bring your computer. Be there by 1.30pm.

## SIG DETAILS

### E-BOOK SIG

[ebook@melbpc.org.au](mailto:ebook@melbpc.org.au)

2nd Thursday 7.00pm - 9.30pm,  
Moorabbin Meeting Rooms. Dennis  
Fieldhouse 9557 6847 The E-Book SIG is  
expected to be a forum for the sharing of  
information, experiences and ideas relating to  
the broad field of E-books and E-Readers.

### ESSENDON

[essendon@melbpc.org.au](mailto:essendon@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~essendon/>

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Fridays 9.30am-12.00  
noon Nancye Kirchner Neighborhood  
Centre, Doyle Street Avondale Heights.  
Melway 27-D6 John Guegan 9317 7114

Provides assistance with computer skills  
including, word processing, spreadsheets,  
digital photography, music applications,  
computer maintenance and product reviews.  
1st Friday-Main meeting. 2nd Friday-New  
Users. 3rd Friday-Advanced Users. 4th Friday-  
Check website for details.

### GENEALOGY

[geneast@melbpc.org.au](mailto:geneast@melbpc.org.au)

3rd Sunday January - November, 2nd Sunday  
December, 1.00pm-3.30pm Vermont South  
Community Cr. Karobran Drive, Vermont  
South. Melway 62 G7 Andrea Roberts,  
Robert Swindley.

The Genealogy SIG is for those beginning  
genealogy and for those who are advanced  
but need more computer knowledge to move  
ahead. Members' trials, tribulations and ex-  
pertise are openly discussed and freely shared  
in this self-help group.

### GRAPHICS/ANIMATION

[graphics@melbpc.org.au](mailto:graphics@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~graphics/>

3rd Monday 7.30pm-9.30pm Moorabbin  
Meeting Room Yahya Abdal-Aziz, Myles  
Strous.

The Graphics SIG explores everything to  
do with computer graphics, software and  
hardware. Topics discussed include paint  
programs, drawing, animation, graphic pro-  
gramming, fractals, printing, scanning, fonts,  
design, illustration and better photography.  
Bring along your questions and problems.  
Visitors are always welcome.

### LINUX & OPEN SOURCE

[linux@melbpc.org.au](mailto:linux@melbpc.org.au)

2nd Monday (except January) 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Moorabbin Meeting  
Room James Cox 9885 5503.

The SIG is a Linux based group exploring  
Linux at various levels from beginner to  
advanced including server based solutions.  
It also looks at open source applications for  
platforms that include Linux, BSD, Mac and  
Windows. We aim to have a mix of Q&A,  
demonstrations and workshops. Presentations  
will mostly be oriented towards demonstrat-  
ing an application from the open source world  
and will include topics of interest to both  
beginners and those with some experience.  
We intend to hold Workshops to help users at  
all levels.

Before main meeting 3.00pm-5.00pm there is  
a help workshop with one on one, hands on,  
informal training. Ringing to book is preferred  
but not essential.



## SIG DETAILS

**LINUX WORKSHOP**

2nd Tuesday 6.30pm - 9.00pm Training Room  
at Moorabbin Mohan Guptar 0421 214 081,  
Robert Brown 9889 7968.

If you have never stepped into the dark side,  
here's your chance. This hands-on SIG will  
explore the basics of Linux as well as topics of  
interest.

**MACE**  
**(Melbourne Atari**  
**Computer Enthusiasts)**

[mace@melbpc.org.au](mailto:mace@melbpc.org.au)

3rd Sunday 10.00am-2.00pm Moorabbin  
Meeting Room Graham Hurford 9416 1126AH  
Roger Davies 9879 1109 BH/AH Enquiries  
0500 818 448

The Atari SIG is dedicated to the joy of Atari.  
The SIG is fast, furious and action packed.  
We welcome all owners and former owners  
(we know you are out there) to visit us and  
join in the fun; it's a soul thing.

**MACEDON RANGES**

[mrgpc@melbpc.org.au](mailto:mrgpc@melbpc.org.au)

3rd Sunday 2.00pm-4.00pm Further Educa-  
tion Centre 18 Hamilton St Gisborne Barry  
Hufton 9740 0773 John Hunter 9740 8751

The Macedon Ranges members have a com-  
mon interest in computers and range from  
beginners to technicians with the sole aim of  
sharing knowledge, experiences and helping  
each other.

The SIG is a general purpose group that  
is free flowing and may or may not have a  
specific subject to discuss each meeting.  
There are times a special guest is invited to  
speak on a particular subject that has been  
requested by a group member.

At other times there may be special instruc-  
tion and demonstrations on particular soft-  
ware or hardware. Members can also bring  
along any hardware they are having problems  
with for the group to try and resolve.

**MAKING MONEY ON THE INTERNET**

[amsig@melbpc.org.au](mailto:amsig@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~amsig/>

2nd Saturday (except December & January)  
10.00am-12.00 noon Moorabbin  
Meeting Rooms George Skarbek 9561 6362  
Paul Hemsworth 9337 4947

Making Money on the Internet (was Affiliate  
Marketing (AM)) is a way to make money from  
one's Web sites by placing links to merchants  
and taking a commission when someone buys  
through such links. This SIG covers the ba-  
sics of building Web sites (but limited to AM  
purposes), time-saving tools, and available  
programs. Members are encouraged to share  
their experiences and the occasional hot tip at  
the SIG.

**MICROCONTROLLER  
PROGRAMMING**

[micro@melbpc.org.au](mailto:micro@melbpc.org.au)

Convener: Philip Lew 0418 567 019,  
John Hollow 0417 031 164

2nd Wednesday (except January),  
7.00pm-9.00pm, Moorabbin Meeting Rooms

Microcontrollers are small cheap computer-  
chips with measurement or sense inputs (e.g.  
temperature, door-open) and control outputs  
(e.g. displays, motor control), i.e. all combina-  
tions of analog & digital inputs & outputs.  
They need very few other components to  
function, and are in many products (e.g.  
cameras, cars, toys).

Our group is for people to develop microcon-  
troller projects (including the software-pro-  
gramming) - gadgets for fun and more serious  
purposes.

## SIG DETAILS

We make machines, using microcontrollers, and other electronics, to do things. We cater for all levels of knowledge, novice to experienced - users helping users.

The Wednesday meeting involves discussion and presentations. The associated Saturday Workshop (below) is informal and hands-on.

## MICROCONTROLLER WORKSHOP

[micro@melbpc.org.au](mailto:micro@melbpc.org.au)

Convener: Robert Brown 9889 7968,  
Geoff Lethbridge 0412 258 663

4th Saturday (except December),  
11.00am-4.00pm, Moorabbin Meeting Rooms

See also the above description of the associated Microcontroller group.

The Saturday Workshop is hands-on, where you have a go, meet like-minded people, to create or complete your project, and a place that facilitates sharing of ideas and support.

## MULTIMEDIA HOME ENTERTAINMENT (MHE)

[multimed@melbpc.org.au](mailto:multimed@melbpc.org.au)

<http://member.melbpc.org.au/~multimed>

1st Friday (except January) 10.00am -  
12.00pm Wadham House, 52 Wadham  
Parade, Mt Waveley. Melways 61 E12 Kelvin  
Cording 9438 1047 John Hall 9803 2731

The aim of this group is to assist members in the installation, operation and maintenance of PC based Multimedia Home Entertainment systems including personnel video recorders, media extenders, media servers, internet streaming of video and audio, home networking, and storage systems. Attendees from beginners to expert level are most welcome.

## MUSIC

[music@melbpc.org.au](mailto:music@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~music/>

3rd Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm Moorabbin Meeting Rooms Yahya Abdal-Aziz, Roger Wragg.

The Music SIG is for members who like to make or listen to music. Bring along your creations, questions and problems. Visitors are always welcome.

## NEW USERS EAST

[newuser@melbpc.org.au](mailto:newuser@melbpc.org.au)

2nd Tuesday (Except January) 7.30pm-10.00pm St Mark's Anglican Church Cnr Canterbury & Burke Rds, Camberwell Melway 45 J10 Peter Newby 0431 838 295 New Users, East caters for the needs of prospective and new computer users, new members having machine operating or system problems, and those new members wishing to increase their understanding of their equipment.

## NORTH EAST

[neast@melbpc.org.au](mailto:neast@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~neast/>

4th Tuesday (except December) 7.30pm-9.30pm Uniting Church Hall 19 Seddon Street, Ivanhoe. John Grant 9467 2709 AH; Choy Lai

## NORTH EAST DAYTIME INTEREST GROUP & PHOTOGRAPHY/DIGITAL IMAGING

[neday@melbpc.org.au](mailto:neday@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~neday>

2nd Thursday (Except January) 10.00am-12.15pm Uniting Church Hall 19 Seddon Street Ivanhoe, parking at the rear, Melway 31 F8 Colin Lampshire 9857 5372 B&AH.

## SIG DETAILS

**cont' NORTH EAST DAYTIME  
INTEREST GROUP & PHOTOGRAPHY/  
DIGITAL IMAGING**

We aim to interest and assist all levels of computer users, from beginners to the more experienced. Our Interest Group meetings feature reviews of useful software and computer add-ons, with plenty of time to assist with members' computer problems. Every alternate month we specialise in issues relating to Photography/Digital Imaging. Please check the Web

**NORTH EAST GENEALOGY**

[negen@melbpc.org.au](mailto:negen@melbpc.org.au)

1st Tuesday (except January) 10.00am-12.45pm Uniting Church Hall 19 Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Allan Medforth 9410 9034 BH&AH, Vilma Stargatt.

Now recognized as an important support for members helping members with genealogy and computer skills. A good social atmosphere supported by excellent facilities.

**NORTHERN SUBURBS LINUX**

[nslig@melbpc.org.au](mailto:nslig@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~nslig/>

3rd Monday (except December) 7.30pm-9.30pm Community Meeting Room, Watsonia Library Ibbottson St Watsonia David Hatton [davehatt@melbpc.org.au](mailto:davehatt@melbpc.org.au) Stephen Davidson  
The Northern Suburbs Linux SIG provides a focus for members living in the northern suburbs who are interested in learning more about using Linux in day-to-day computing tasks. Meeting topics are influenced by the regular attendees; beginners and visitors are most welcome. For SIG news and last minute updates please see our Web pages.

**PENINSULA**

[pennsula@melbpc.org.au](mailto:pennsula@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~pennsula/>

Two main meetings monthly 1st Monday evening 7.00pm (except January) 3rd Monday morning 9.30am (except December) plus Genealogy Subgroup 3rd Monday afternoon 2.30pm (except December) Mornington Information Centre 320 Main Street, Mornington Lindsay Wiles 9775 3069 Terry Said 5975 0327 plus...New Users Subgroup 2nd and 4th Mondays 4.00pm (except school holidays) Mornington Secondary College. Graphics Workshop Sub -Group 3rd Monday at 12.30PM

**PROGRAMMING**

[program@melbpc.org.au](mailto:program@melbpc.org.au)

4th Tuesday 6.30pm-9.00pm Moorabbin Meeting Room Mohan Gupta 0421 214 081 Roger Plant 0403 789 593

Tell us about programs you are writing, wrote in the past, or give ideas for interesting programs to write. We'll walkthrough the process of writing programs, from user interface design to code cutting and testing. Different programming languages, techniques and tools will be showcased as well as scripts, plugins, extensions, markups, compilers, databases, hopefully something for beginners and pros alike.

**RETIRED & INTERESTED PERSONS**

[ripper@melbpc.org.au](mailto:ripper@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~ripper/>

10.00am-12 noon 4th (not last) Friday (Except December) Moorabbin Meeting Room Ken Thomas 9884 5309

This general interest group has subgroups Graphics and Digital Imaging and New Users meeting at Moorabbin at 9.00 am before the main meeting. The Windows subgroup meets for a further hour, commencing 12.00 noon, after the main meeting. The Hardware subgroup meets at 10.00 am on the 2nd Friday of each month (except Jan) at Wadham House, 52 Wadham Pde Mount Waverley.



## SIG DETAILS

**SUNBURY DAYTIME**[sunbury@melbpc.org.au](mailto:sunbury@melbpc.org.au)<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~sunbury/>

Every Thursday 9.30am-12.00 noon Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre (back room) 8 O'Shannassy Street, Sunbury Melway 382 E4 Kevin Day 9744 2514, Kevin Hale 9740 5786

1st Thursday New users, but everyone welcome. 2nd Thursday New users hands on - bring laptop if you have one 3rd Thursday General meeting - demos, presentations etc. 4th Thursday (and 5th when there is one) - Maintenance, problems discussed, sometimes solved.

**WAFFLE  
(WINE & FINE FOOD EVENT)**

On the 1st Wednesday (except Jan) from 9.40 pm following the Monthly Meetings, at La PORCHETTA, 1017 Centre Rd, just west of Warrigal Rd, next to Red Rooster & the Car Wash. Melway map78/D2.

Patrons are welcome for coffee only.

How-to-get-there sketch maps are available at the meeting. Inquiries and alternative venue recommendations to Tom Rado, 9807 4072, [trado@melbpc.org.au](mailto:trado@melbpc.org.au)

**WASINT  
(WEB & SOFTWARE INVESTMENT TOOLS)**[wasint@melbpc.org.au](mailto:wasint@melbpc.org.au)<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~wasint/>

2nd Tuesday on morning 10.30am-12.30pm Moorabbin Meeting Room Richard Solly

Become more confident in the use of Web and software tools as part of your financial life. Join others, both at the monthly meeting and through the online Web board to share favourite sites and information sources in the exploding field of online financial information.

**WEBSITE DESIGN**[webdesign@melbpc.org.au](mailto:webdesign@melbpc.org.au)<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~webdesign/>**WEB SITE  
DESIGN SIG**

The Web Site Design SIG is in recess until a new convenor can be found. If anyone is interested please contact the SIG Coordinator:

Ian Rankin

[groups@melbpc.org.au](mailto:groups@melbpc.org.au)**WEST**[west@melbpc.org.au](mailto:west@melbpc.org.au)<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~west/>

4th Wednesday (except December) 7.00pm-9.30pm Footscray YMCA cnr Essex & Market Street West Footscray Tony Bajoras 9306 8595 AH Ernie McCarthy 9366 5159 AH & BH

**WINDOWS**[windows@melbpc.org.au](mailto:windows@melbpc.org.au)<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~windows/>

1st Monday (except January) 6.30pm-9.00pm Moorabbin Meeting Room Maurice Canterbury 0411 594568 Peter Horsley 9521 1012.

The SIG's focus is on all versions of the Microsoft Windows operating system. Members are invited to bring their questions to the meeting for discussion.

We cover a wide range of general topics including virus detection and removal, Internet problems, scanning and printing, simple networks and general upgrading and hardware problems that pertain to Microsoft Windows. Many gather at 6.30 pm for a pre-meeting chat.

## SIG DETAILS

**WINDOWS 7 WORKSHOP**

1st Thursday 6.30pm - 9.00pm Main Meeting Room, Moorabbin Meeting Rooms Mohan Guptar 0421 214 081.

You've heard the hype, read the reviews, now take the plunge! This hands-on SIG will let you get down and dirty with Windows 7. If you want to know if that Windows XP game or program works with W7, bring it along and see for yourself. If you want your printer to work with W7, bring that too. Learn the basics, experiment, gain insights, uncover tips and tricks and more.

**WINDOWS ADVANCED**

[winpro@melbpc.org.au](mailto:winpro@melbpc.org.au)

3rd Tuesday (except December) 7.00pm  
Moorabbin Meeting Room John Bade 9326  
8340 BH Bob Traynor 9502 7066

Our Group aims to provide a forum for system / network administrators and advanced users. The primary focus is Windows and related products. Typical topics include security, servers and networking.

**WYNDHAM**

[wynd@melbpc.org.au](mailto:wynd@melbpc.org.au)

<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/~wynd/>

General on 2nd Monday (except January)  
7.30pm-9.30pm

MultiMedia on 3rd Tuesday (except December & January) 7.30pm-9.30pm

Room 3, Central Park Community Centre.  
Lonsdale Circuit, off Franklin Blvd Hoppers  
Crossing Melway 206 J1 Chris Hughes  
9731 0891 John Healey

General: This General Interest Group exists to provide local information and support to the Southwest Region of outer Melbourne. There will be Q&A sessions and coverage of PC hardware and software issues. There will be a supper break with time for informal discussion. Visitors always welcome.

MultiMedia: With the convergence of video and still photography and the attendant add-ons, this group will cater for the media aspects of PC technology, including video & photo manipulation and production, animation, presentation, sound & music, illustration, 3D and various associated add-ons and plug-ins. We will also have visiting presenters to show us some of what can be achieved. Visitors always welcome.

**YARRA RANGES IG & WORKSHOP**

[yrig@melbpc.org.au](mailto:yrig@melbpc.org.au)

4th Tuesday (except December) 9.15am-3.00pm at Japara Neighbourhood House 13 Leith Rd Montrose Melway Ref: 52.D.7  
Bryan Paten 0429 430 640, Shane Mason 9733 5390.

The Interest Group meets to provide general information and support to members in the Outer East Region of Melbourne. There will be Q&A sessions and coverage of PC Hardware and Software issues, with time for informal discussion. Also, from time to time, we will have visiting presenters and demonstrations.

The workshop will cater for the members who experience problems with their computers or programs. Also, extended answers can be given to questions that need clarification. Alternatively, come along to help other members or just to enjoy the companionship.

Please send all changes, updates and corrections in writing to the office:

[office@melbpc.org.au](mailto:office@melbpc.org.au)

## **MELBPC BOOK EXCHANGE**

Do you enjoy reading novels, adventure, biography, romance, travel or non-fiction?  
We are launching a new free service for all members - the MelbPC Book Exchange.

**THE BOOK EXCHANGE** works like this:

1. Bring along any books you no longer need, to our Moorabbin club rooms.  
Only clean books, please!
2. The books will be kept on available shelving near the Library books.
3. Borrow one or two books at a time, for as long as it takes to read them.
4. Return borrowed books directly to the Book Exchange shelves when you've done.

There will be NO register kept of these books. You do not have to sign for them. The borrowing period is unlimited. The Book Exchange will operate purely on the honour system. We know we can trust MelbPC members to do the right thing!

The MelbPC Book Exchange is there for you to enjoy. So enjoy!

Yahya Abdal-Aziz  
*Librarian*

## **NEW ANDROID SIG**

**The North East Android Interest Group**  
*provides the opportunity for members to learn how the new rapidly emerging Android Operating System (OS) can be used to operate, control, and maintain applications (APPS), on compatible mobile devices such as computer tablets and smartphones.*

*All aspects of both hardware and software are considered with a learning experience based on friendly discussions, presentations, and demonstrations to suit both novice and experienced computer users. See*

*<http://groups.melbpc.org.au/#neandroid>  
for more information.*





**SIG REPORTS** *ADOBE VIDEO Report by Kathy Rouse*

REPORT FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

**Roger Wragg** addressed the group and informed us that the raffle, held each month at the monthly meetings, was now even more attractive with some greatly improved prizes. The new price for a raffle ticket is now \$2 which is well worth the investment.

Roger impressed on the group that if we are at all interested or concerned, regarding the future direction of the club, then we need to keep informed by coming along to monthly meetings and reading the PC update. If we have any views or suggestions then we should let the committee know our views. We can, of course, write to the committee or, better still, come along to some of the committee meetings where we are welcome to attend and may have an opportunity to address the committee with any questions or concerns.

AUDIO EFFECTS

**Barry** gave an extremely informative presentation on how to use some of the plethora of audio effects available to us to improve our videos. A tutorial on how to add audio effects in Premiere Pro can be found at Adobe TV by clicking on this link

<http://tv.adobe.com/watch/short-and-suite/using-audio-effects-in-premiere-pro/>

Barry demonstrated how you can make a sound seem to come from the right and move to the left as you would have with a passing car. He used the Channel Volume effect for this.

He then showed us how to reduce the wind noise in our videos by changing the volume of particular frequencies using the multi-band compressor effect and/or the equalizer effect.

Finally, Barry showed how you could extend the length of a background music track to match the length of a video segment by cutting the music clip in a suitable place and then blending the two cuts together using a Constant Power transition over the cut. He also suggested that you could match the end of the music clip to the end of the video first and then extend the clip backwards.

We watched a video made by **Philip Moore**, an Australian Filmmaker, which showed how audio effects are added to movies. It was amazing how many sound effects and tweaks and audio tracks are used in professional productions.

The video runs for about 13 minutes and Kathy has kept a copy of it on our computer. Anyone wanting a copy can download it from our computer at the next meeting - so bring along a USB drive or other suitable media.

MEMBERS' VIDEOS

**Ian Matthews** had a video with a very professional and modern introduction that he had created using box shaped graphics created in Adobe Illustrator, adding gradient effects and shadows and animating the shapes with overlaying titles. It looked terrific and I will be having a go at copying Ian's idea for my next video.

You could also do a lot worse than try to copy June Furness' photoslideshow, which took slide-shows to a whole new level. As is typical with June's efforts, it was beautifully choreographed with movement, creative angles, great music background and just a touch of whimsy.

To show just how creative our members can be, **Richard Balsillie** presented his latest video, which was a tour of part of his childhood neighbourhood. In a couple of places where original buildings had been replaced, he made up sketches of the old buildings and superimposed them in perspective over images of the current streetscape. It all worked beautifully and we were all spellbound by the video which in someone else's hands may have just been another dry historical account - not with Richard's Videos!

At our next meeting we will look at using Soundbooth/Audition for fixing sound and adding sound effects.

Kathy will give a brief overview of what to expect from the next version of Adobe Master Collection, CS6 that is due to be launched worldwide in April this year.

**John Shirt** has “volunteered” to show us how we can change the attributes of keyframes to provide a smoother and more professional look to our motion clips.

I look forward to catching up with everyone in April and if I don't see you beforehand, have a **HAPPY EASTER!!!**



Report by GORDON WOOLF

The **Anytime Anywhere SIG** (also known as the "newsgroups") are old technology -- a messaging system which sits on one of the MelbPC servers. Messages sent via a "newsreader" which can include many email programs are distributed to all members of the SIG as they automatically check the server and they can post comments or answer questions as they wish, or just see what others are doing.

Usage of the MelbPC newsgroups is increasing. In the month of February there were more than 1300 postings to the groups, from more than 60 members. Fastest response to a question which I noticed was less than 9 minutes.

Subjects can be much wider than in any other method of contact with the user group - from comments on government actions to posting a joke -- but as some of the members are online at almost any hour of the day or night they are a major method by which MelbPC members can get help.

Among other questions were whether pelmets benefit window openings, and a wide range of suggestions were made for garden problems such as crickets and wasps. Other discussions covered 3D printing, experiences with crime bosses, straightening bent hands on wall clocks, and a supplier was found for old-style T12 fluorescent tubes.



**SIG REPORTS** AA SIG Report by Gordon Woolf

A member who had trouble with the usual ways of expanding YouTube videos to full screen found that right-clicking and selecting "enable hardware acceleration" did the trick. Most commenters felt this indicated that it was a graphics card setting that needed changing and was changed by this selection rather than anything in the browser.

A long discussion on Myki cards with several members confirming that some payments needed reconfirming if the card was not used for around 90 days was eventually shown to apply only to online payments unused in that time in which case a payment other than online might be needed to reactivate them.

A question about the type of USB cable for an Olympus camera brought answers that it was a non-standard type with a 12-pin connection and not readily available, but which was available from a Hong Kong source. Another report said that the cable bought from a swapmeet proved to be a fake mock-up.

In one of several discussions about the club it was suggested that, like many service clubs, there should be a committee position of "immediate past president" to ensure that experience is not lost if there is a future election for that position.

Laurie gave a comparison of alternatives to Adobe Reader such as Nitro PDF Reader and Foxit. They offer a range of abilities not found in the first named. (Might this be a good basis for a PC Update article?)

When a member was told that his printer was beyond repair he was pleased to find that the vendor of the printer cartridges he had in hand was prepared to swap them for the type required for the new printer. The lesson: it is always worth asking.

There was a recommendation of a free Fast Copy utility available in 32 and 64-bit versions from <http://ipmsg.org/tools/fastcopy.html.en> which works differently based on whether the destination is on the same or a different drive to the original. Another option is the built-in command-line Xcopy or Xcopy32 utility within Windows.

In answer to a long discussion on problems within a house which might reduce wireless transmission levels there was a pointer to a template for a home-made parabolic reflector at <http://www.freeantennas.com/projects/template2/>



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It is possible that the lead from the card reader is not correctly plugged into the motherboard. It is also possible that USB is disabled. Check the bios; failing those, check with the supplier, Aldi.

4. *Is there any difference in setting up email on an Android device compared with a computer?*

Android requires a mail reader that is compatible with the Android operating system. Gmail is compatible; Outlook/Outlook Express are not. As no others present have had difficulty setting up Gmail, it is suggested the member attends the Android Sig, which meets in Ivanhoe.

5. *Is there any technical difference between USB2 and USB3 docking stations?*

The maximum current available from USB2 is 500 milliamps; USB3 provides up to 1500 milliamps. Re speed, USB2 provides up to 480 Mb/sec; if what is plugged in cannot read or write data at more than 480 Mb/sec, there is no point in using the much higher rate available from a USB3 port.

6. Is there a free backup program that will back up the whole hard drive?

Yes. Type 'drive image' into Google and select Best Free Drive Imaging Program; however, Acronis True Image purchased through UGR.com for \$25US (about \$22AU) and used by many of the members, is recommended.

Paul announced a proposal to purchase a new widescreen projector and screen. MelbPC will provide 50%. To raise the other 50%, it is suggested the tea/coffee door sub be increased to \$2. Agreed.

Stewart followed with a presentation on password safety and storage using TruCrypt. TruCrypt creates a volume (file container), accessible only with a strong master password, in which any files which should be held confidential, including one containing all passwords, can be stored, and then mounts it as a separate drive. Details covered by Stewart in his presentation can be found at <http://www.truecrypt.org/docs/?s=tutorial>.

After the break, **George** demonstrated some aspects of Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 4 beta, available free from Adobe for trial until it expires on 31 March 2012. Using demonstration image files, he showed how a few simple but careful adjustments with items such as crop, colour balance, clarity, vibrance, contrast, saturation and graduated filter can make considerable improvements to otherwise poor photos. In most but not all cases, auto correct alone can make a significant improvement.

## LIBRARY MARCH 2012

Report by YAHYA ABDAL-AZIZ

**Barry Carle**, Assistant Librarian, has recovered from his Achilles tendon injury, and returned to duty maintaining the Library loans register and data-base, and shelving returned books. We have already streamlined book returns and database maintenance procedures. We will also soon review the relevance and usefulness of current Library stock, and seeking qualified recommendations from Conveners and other members for further acquisitions.



## SIG REPORTS

### MAKING MONEY ON THE INTERNET *FEBRUARY 2012*

Today's meeting started with a brief discussion of techniques for bidding in online auctions. It used to be that one waited until the very last second to place a bid. However, times have changed because technology has upped the ante, again. A member said that an algorithm can place a bid 1/100th of a second before close. We humans would have a hard time bettering that. The best advice was for the bidder to determine the value of the item to him/her and base bidding strategy around that.

From there we went straight into a recording of a webinar entitled  
**"Make Money Creating Books For Kindle (No You Don't Have To Be A Writer)"**

- 7.1 million Kindles were sold in 2010
- 12 million Kindles are expected to be sold in 2012
- For every 100 print books sold, Amazon sells 180 Kindle books
- Amazon sold 3x more Kindle books in 2011 than they had at the same time in 2010.

Some estimates project Kindle sales in 2012 as high as 15 million. Pre-Christmas 2011, they reached 1 million per week. However conservatively one looks at it Kindle books are a burgeoning market.

When people are searching on Google they are looking for information.

When people do the same search on their Kindle (and they do everyday!) they are looking to BUY SOMETHING.

A captive audience of millions is just wanting to buy.

Simplicity is a big attraction of this system. There is no need to find a domain name or build a website. Consequently there is no need to worry about trying to drive traffic with SEO etc. All of this is handled by Amazon. It is a simple matter of uploading your material to a section of Amazon's website. Amazon receives more traffic than most of us can dream of, and it is more focussed.

The webinar provided tips on how to choose a niche as this is a targeted approach. Once the niche is chosen the next step is to choose a topic and then a specific title. Tips on choosing a title were also offered. Google Adwords is an asset in this process. The presenter has researched price points as well.

Most of us gleaned enough useful information to feel that watching this webinar was a worthwhile exercise. Because this avenue simplifies the marketing so dramatically it certainly caused people to look at creating e-books in a totally new light.

## SIG REPORTS

### **LINUX & OPEN SOURCE FEBRUARY 2012**

*Report by STEPHEN TIDSWELL*

**James Cox** introduced the meeting's subject; a review of alternative desktops and window managers available in Linux, to be jointly presented by himself and **Terry Kemp**. The presentation is intended to explore alternatives to substantial and resource-intensive packages such as Unity and Gnome 3 that have received a mixed reception and are unsuitable for use on some hardware.

#### DESKTOP ALTERNATIVES

**Presentation by Terry Kemp**

Terry introduced **Cinnamon and Razor-qt**.

Cinnamon is a fork of Gnome shell, developed by Linux Mint to give users an alternative to Gnome 3. Cinnamon uses the Gnome 3 libraries but provides a user interface more like Gnome 2. It uses Nautilus as default file manager and is expected to be the default desktop for versions from Mint 12. Terry demonstrated Cinnamon and checked its memory usage (1,900MB).

Razor-qt is a desktop environment for the X window system.

Like KDE, Razor-qt uses the Qt libraries, but, unlike KDE, is aimed at providing reasonable performance on older hardware. The package is under active development. Terry demonstrated Razor-qt using Openbox, showing economical memory usage.

James continued the presentation, IceWM is a lightweight window manager with themes that imitate Windows 95, OS/2 and others. It has an orientation towards menus rather than icons.

TWM is the standard window manager for the XWindow system. It is simple, light weight and readily customizable. Other window managers have overtaken TWM but it remains popular with some users.

IceWM and TWM have economical memory usage similar to that of Razor-qt. Fluxbox was also discussed.

#### **Q&A**

Questions were addressed covering:

OwnCloud: a system designed to allow users to use cloud-type services on their own machines (recognising that we may be uneasy about control and security of web-based cloud service suppliers).

Possible misleading display of Windows partitions in GRUB2: this is due to recent Windows versions having two Windows partitions (one recovery) that may not be consistently named.

How to display time for multiple locations: use Time & Date settings in Control Centre.

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Email setup using multiple ISP's and ISP different from email service supplier.

Playing BluRay files on Linux: OK using Linux version of Nero.

Playing MP3 files using Banshee on Ubuntu: need extra codecs.

**David Hatton** updated the meeting on the MelbPC Linux repository; now including The Full Monty KDE desktop (providing multiple desktops with applications and drivers preinstalled to suit different types of activities).

**NORTHERN SUBURBS LINUX FEBRUARY 2012**

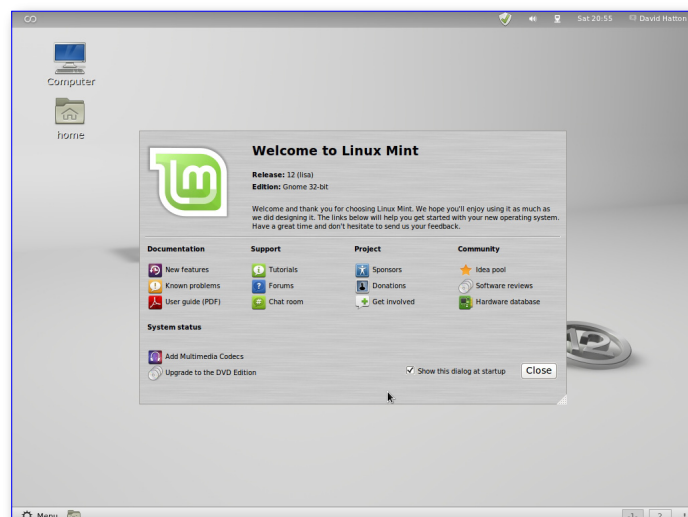
After the "Hands on Help" session, **Paul Addis** gave a presentation highlighting the latest version of Linux Mint (version 12) with particular attention to the alternative desktops - GNOME3, MSGE, and Cinnamon.

Overall, Linux Mint is similar to the Ubuntu distribution, and various editions are can be downloaded from the Linux Mint website or one of the MelbPC Linux repositories available at Linux SIG meetings and the internet lounge at Moorabbin. Paul was using the standard GNOME based edition for this presentation.

A standard DVD distribution of Linux Mint includes the Firefox web browser, the Thunderbird email program, and the GIMP image manipulation program, with the downloaded .iso file taking around 1GB of disk space. Note that the .iso in the MelbPC repositories is somewhat smaller and can fit on a CD - however you will need to download a few extra programs and codecs, available via a welcome screen option, to obtain all the features of the full DVD version.

Other features of the latest DVD version are a collection of media codecs, DVD playback support, java, LibreOffice, a web based installer interface and improved package management for adding and removing software. Linux Mint is generally compatible with Ubuntu.

The Mint developers have provided an alternative to the standard GNOME3 desktop using the Mint GNOME Shell Extensions (MGSE), providing extra configurability which they consider an improvement to the user experience.





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The default desktop uses GNOME3 with the MGSE, which gives a GNOME2-like appearance as can be seen in screenshot 1. MGSE adds a number of features to the standard GNOME3 desktop, including a bottom panel and visible system tray options.

Users can also download the somewhat experimental "MATE" desktop, which aims to re-create the GNOME2 desktop, or the Cinnamon desktop which aims to build a GNOME 2 style desktop environment on top of the GNOME 3 basics. Trying out the various desktop environments is a simple matter of selecting from a list of options obtained by clicking on the "gear wheel" icon near the password entry box on the login screen.

Cinnamon is nothing like Unity as can be seen in screenshot 2, which shows the Firefox web browser on top of the Cinnamon desktop sporting a scenic wallpaper selected from the desktop options.

Another point of difference is the main menu/launcher, with the GNOME3 menu shown in screenshot 3 and the standard Mint main menu shown in screenshot 4.

While MATE and Cinnamon are early releases, they are both stable enough for general use, give or take an occasional glitch, and can be expected to improve significantly for the next Linux Mint release.

In summary, Linux Mint gives a number of desktop options which will attract the "traditional" desktop user, particularly those who have found GNOME3 a problematic fit for large monitor screens.



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### **WEB & SOFTWARE INTERNET TOOLS (WASINT) FEBRUARY 2012**

*Report by RICHARD SOLLY*

The meeting opened with a round up of local meetings and Australian and international financial matters. Little has changed on international financial concerns, but January had been a positive month for international stock markets, including Australia. A number of analysts concluded that the probability of a positive year following a positive January was significantly greater than 50%.

The first topic for the meeting was an introduction to bonds. Bonds are the equivalent of a promissory note for a loan. In the most common form, the borrower promises to repay the lender the loan after a defined period of time and also to pay a periodic interest. The interest may be at a fixed interest rate or relative rate to a benchmark, such as interest rates set by the Australian Reserve Bank. The security of a bond (the probability of the interest and loan being paid) is dependent upon two factors. Firstly the credit rating of the Institution which issues the bond (generally rated from AAA to junk). Secondly the position of the bond debt in the debt structure of the Institution. For bonds this is senior secured debt, senior debt or subordinated debt, which determines the payment rank from any assets if a company is wound up. The prospectus for a bond sets out these terms and conditions for which there are many variations. A previous presentation to the ASX investor hour from FIIG Securities (a company dealing in bonds) provides a comprehensive overview of Bonds and similar fixed interest securities. This presentation may be downloaded from [http://www.asx.com.au/documents/slides/asx\\_investor\\_hour\\_20100505.pdf](http://www.asx.com.au/documents/slides/asx_investor_hour_20100505.pdf)

The discussion moved to the most secure bond. World wide, this is possibly a bond issued by the Australian Government. The Australian Government is AAA rated and the probability of a default in payment is very low. In principle, Australian Government bonds in general are safer than bank deposits in Australian banks. Currently the Australian Government guarantees bank deposits up to \$250,000 per account holder per bank, so they may be considered equivalent in safety up to this limit for bank deposits. More information on Australian Government Bonds may be found on the web site at <http://www.australiangovernmentbonds.com/blog/archive-201202/>. It should be noted that this is not a web site of the Australian Government.

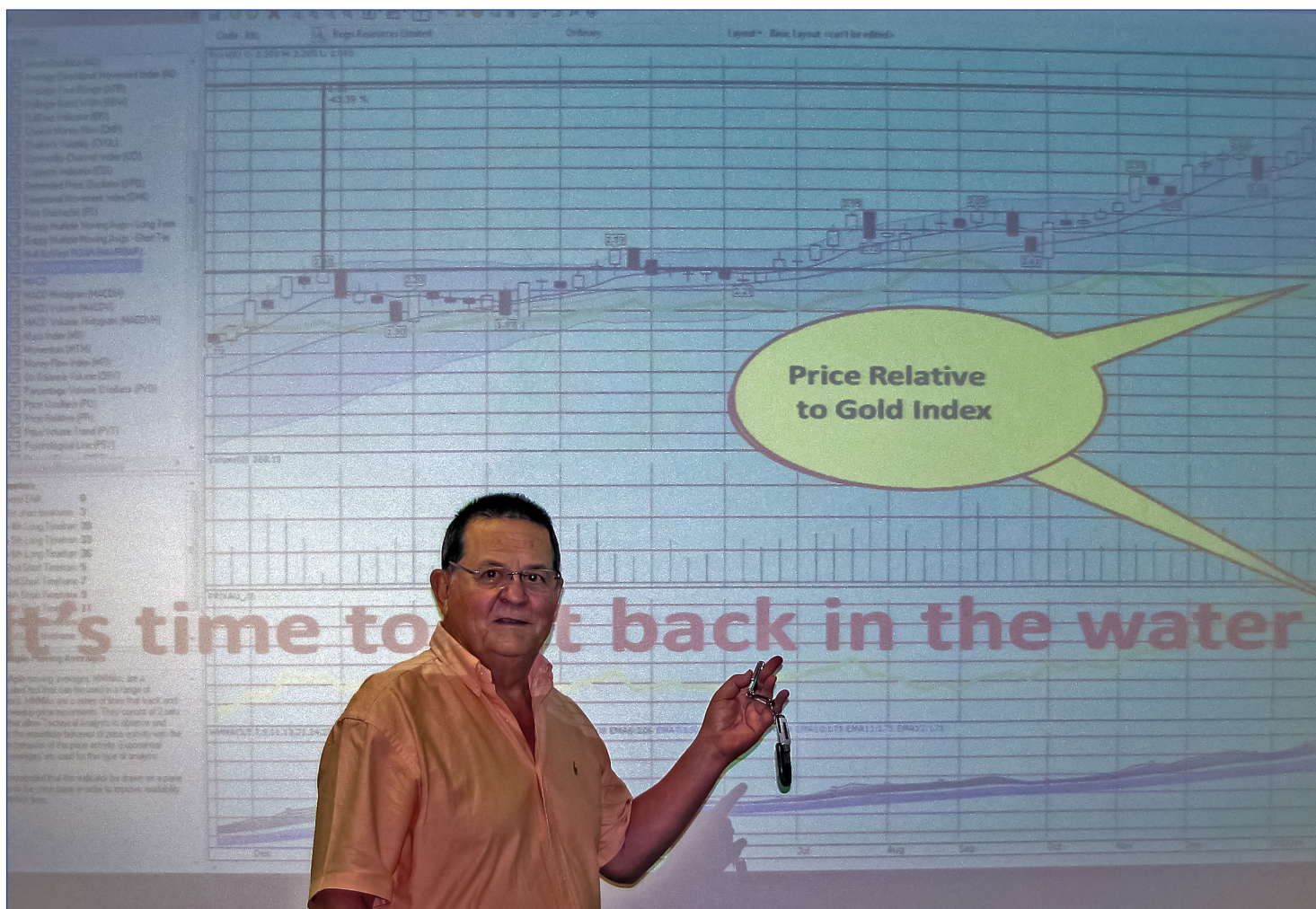
As part of WASINT book discussions, "The Secret of Candlestick Charting" by Louis Bedford was considered. Candlestick charts are a pictorial means of presenting periodic price movements for shares and other commodities. The book covers the standard candlestick patterns and definitions. Candlestick chart information is readily available on the internet at many sites such as [http://www.leavittbrothers.com/education/candlestick\\_patterns/](http://www.leavittbrothers.com/education/candlestick_patterns/). The value of the book lies in not only presenting candlestick definitions, charts and patterns, but also incorporating this information in the context of share market trading and philosophy. It also discusses other common charting techniques in a relatively inexpensive book.



**SIG REPORTS** WASINT Report by RICHARD SOLLY

The final section of the meeting was consideration of a WASINT 'discussion share portfolio'. In discussing shares for possible inclusion in this portfolio, the concept of relative price performance was the key factor. The factors for relative price performance are the time frame for the comparison and the comparison reference. There may be one share compared with another or one share compared to indices. Graham McColough demonstrated a charting procedure for relative performance as shown in the image accompanying this article. It was noted that of the 300 shares in the Australian S&P300 index, two thirds had performed more poorly than the index, and one third better in the month of January 2012. (This ratio is possible as the index is weighted by market capitalisation). Thus to 'out perform' the index, a portfolio weighted towards the 'better performers' is necessary. While selecting these 'better performers' in retrospect is easy, skill based upon knowledge is required to improve overall performance into the future. Both fundamental company values and price momentum were considered in selecting shares for the WASINT discussion portfolio.

This article is for general information only and should not be considered as financial advice.



Graham McColough demonstrating a chart of the relative price performance of a gold share versus a gold index.

### TRAINING IN 2012 NEW COURSES & DETAILS COORDINATOR: PATRICK BRENNAN

#### NEW COURSES FOR 2012 – ACCOUNTING IS BACK!

- Trainer Cathy Fanning is back in town, so QuickBooks and M.Y.O.B. make a return.
- Mohan Gupta shares his Android expertise with: Introduction to Android and Writing Android Applications.
- Sick of updating static webpages, or wish you could run a database online? You can cut your teeth on Database driven websites with PHP and MySQL on 27-3-12.
- Kenn Tetley is now offering XARA Webdesigner PRO courses, as well as the old favourite: Dreamweaver.

#### PLEASE, DON'T CALL THE OFFICE

Please use the website as your first point of contact with training.

As of 2012, the MPCUG office staff are now no longer to help with training enquiries. That role has been handpassed to yours truly. My telephone number is published below. Emails can be sent to: [training@melbpc.org.au](mailto:training@melbpc.org.au).

#### COURSE BOOKINGS

There are 2 methods of booking training courses:

1. Via credit card or PayPal, using the form provided on each course page on the website. You do not need to open a PayPal account to pay. When you pay, you will notice that the trainer's business name or email address will appear on the PayPal checkout screen, and not MPCUG, Inc. Don't panic, Mr Mainwaring! This is how it is meant to be, as of 2012.
2. Call me on the training course bookings hotline on: 0432 032 388  
This service is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

#### UPDATED TRAINING WEB PAGES

Are located at: <http://www.melbpc.org.au/training/> Why not have a squiz?

#### PC UPDATE

Use training information published in PC Update as a guide only. The website always has the latest changes to prices and scheduling.

#### SPREAD THE WORD

Help MPCUG consolidated revenue by doing a course with a friend. Non-members are welcome to attend all courses.



#### Advanced Microsoft Access 2003 2007 2010

*Held over 2 session(s)*

*Wednesday June 13, 2012*

*Wednesday June 20, 2012*

*Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM*

*Price: \$340*

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**



By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Understand linked tables and create and manage a multi-user environment
- Create customised menus, tool bars and Form controls
- Share data with other applica-



tions such as Excel

- Build Advanced Queries
- Create complex Reports, using subreports and calculated controls
- Create Web enabled pages
- Create advanced macros





## TRAINING IN 2012

### Advanced Microsoft Excel 2003 2007 2010

Held over 2 session(s)

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Cost: \$340

Times: 09.30AM to 4.30PM

Trainer: Peter Harvest

#### Do you need to:

- Summarise large amounts of data in tables or lists.
- Use more complex functions
- Link information with other applications

#### Prerequisites:

A sound knowledge of topics covered in Introduction to Excel or similar experience

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Use Excel as a database to sort and filter lists of information
- Build and consolidate linking formulas to make spreadsheets and spreadsheet calculations more manageable
- Use advanced Excel functions such as IF and VLOOKUP to reduce the risk of data error
- Use PivotTables to summarise large amounts of data in lists or tables
- Record and edit macros to automate repetitive tasks

### Advanced Microsoft Excel 2003 2007 2010 – Night

Held over 3 session(s)

Monday, May 28, 2012

Monday, June 04, 2012

Monday, June 18, 2012

Times: 06:30 AM to 09:30 PM

Cost: \$275

Trainer: Peter Harvest

#### Do you need to:

- Summarise large amounts of data in tables or lists.
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- Link information with other applications

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A sound knowledge of topics covered in Introduction to Excel or similar experience

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- Record and edit macros to automate repetitive tasks

### Advanced Microsoft Word 2003 2007 2010

Held over 2 session(s)

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Tuesday, June 05, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$340

Trainer: Peter Harvest

#### Do you need to:

- Automate frequently used text and tasks.
- Link data from other applications into Word documents.
- Create Tables of Contents.
- Work with long documents

#### Prerequisites:

A sound knowledge of topics covered in Intermediate Word or similar experience.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Use AutoCorrect and AutoText to add commonly used phrases to documents
- Use OLE to paste and link Excel data into Word documents.
- Use Styles to create Tables of Contents
- Add columns

- Work with long documents
- Merge documents using more advanced merge techniques
- Record and run macros to automate tasks

### Beginning HTML and XHTML

Held over 1 session(s)

Saturday, May 05, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Price: \$110

Trainer: Patrick Brennan

#### Description:

This course takes you through HTML web page creation using a simple text editor so that you're always working in bare-bones HTML.

It also covers Document Type Definitions, HTML page structure, forms, tables and many of the basic HTML tags.

The XHTML portion of the course explains the differences between HTML and XHTML, and how to convert pages written in HTML to XHTML.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Write web pages in HTML/XHTML
- Understand the code behind the web pages you or others create
- be ready to learn CSS (see our CSS course)



## Beginning JavaScript

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, May 12, 2012*

*Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM*

*Price: \$179*

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

**Prerequisites:**

A Basic knowledge of HTML (see our HTML/XHTML course).

### Description

JavaScript is a scripting language for webpages that makes boring, static webpages come alive.

This is due to JavaScript's ability to respond to user input and to write dynamic text into HTML pages.

Create simple games, validate form data before submission, display popup windows and alerts, link to other pages via fancy menus and list boxes, create and read cookies and perform calculations. JavaScript permits all this and more.

Function categories include: date, time, document, page, window, HTML element, CSS rules as well as mathematics and text.

Unleash the power of JavaScript in your webpages by attending this course and discovering the possibilities.

## Build a PayPal Shopping Website

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, April 21, 2012*

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, June 23, 2012*

*Times: 09:30 AM to 12:45 PM*

*Price: \$110*

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

### Do you need to:

- Sell goods and services from your personal website or home server
- Accept credit card payments via PayPal on your website

**Prerequisites:**

You need to be able to edit files using a text editor

A personal website or web space.

A basic understanding of how websites work

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Students will build a basic e-commerce website with:
- friendly sub-domain name redirection
- shopping cart
- hit counters
- search engine prominence

## Build a Website with XARA Webdesigner Pro

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Friday, April 20, 2012*

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

*Times: 09.30 AM to 04:00 PM*

*Price: \$240*

**Trainer: Kenn Tetley**

This course requires little knowledge of HTML/CSS.

User needs to be able to create a display page in MS Word or MS Publisher. (Requires such skills as graphics insertion into a page). To ensure participants can best make use of this course; it is recommended they download/install:

- Xara Webdesigner Pro at home for US\$99.99 (templates are included) from:  
<http://stats.xaraonline.com/ID.540590/product.MX9368/reirectid.WebDesignerHome/affiliate.html>
- Participant needs to be familiar with the internet.

Course is most suitable for those who want to create a website for their business or social group.

## Build a Website with Dreamweaver

*Held over 2 session(s)*

*Friday, May 25, 2012*

*Friday, June 01, 2012*

*Times: 09.30 AM to 04:30 PM*

*Price: \$340*

**Trainer: Kenn Tetley**

**Prerequisites:**

A general understanding of personal computers and the windows environment is necessary as you will be required to start applications, work with and copy files and locate file folders.

This course is designed for participants with little or no knowledge of Dreamweaver.

It is for people who need to know how to use Dreamweaver to develop and build a web site.

It is ideal for people who work in business or for clubs or charities where there is a requirement to publish a web site to the World Wide Web or local intranet in order to disseminate information or to advertise products and services.

At the completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Understand how the Web works
- Start Dreamweaver and create, open and edit a simple website
- Create text for use in a web site
- Insert & position pictures and images
- Create and work with tables on a web page
- Create and work with hyperlinks on a web page
- Create a layout table and use it to lay out a web page
- Incorporate special features on your web site



## Cascading Style Sheets

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, May 05, 2012*

*Times: 01:15 PM to 05:00 PM*

*Price: \$115*

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

### Description:

CSS is a simple style sheet language that effectively separates web page styling (layout, fonts, colours etc) from web page content. This allows web page designers to concentrate on styling and content separately, thus simplifying the tasks of authoring and maintaining web pages.

If your web pages are difficult to maintain and style, and/or look and act like they could use a professional makeover, then this course is for you.

**Prerequisites:**

a basic knowledge of HTML (see our HTML/XHTML course)

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Style web pages using CSS

## Computing for Beginners with Windows XP

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, May 26, 2012*

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, May 26, 2012*

*Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM*

*Price: \$156*

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

### Do you need to:

- use a keyboard, mouse, and basic Windows XP features
- gain an understanding of non-technical terminology and computer operation

**Prerequisites:**

Students require access to a Windows based computer outside the class.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Turn on a computer
- Identify elements of the Windows screen
- Use Windows Explorer
- Open and close programs using the Task Bar
- Maximize, minimize and restore a Window
- Identify the active Window, split the screen, move and resize a Window.
- Use of scroll bars, menus and shortcut menus
- Shutting down a computer

## Exploring Windows 7 - NIGHT

*Held over 2 session(s)*

*Wednesday, May 23, 2012*

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

*Times: 06:30 PM to 09:30 PM*

*Price: \$150*

**Trainer: Mohan Gupta**

**Description:**

For users of Windows XP and Windows Vista who wish to make the switch to Windows 7.

**Prerequisites:**

Basic computer skills. You should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

**Contents:**

- Preparatory steps before making the plunge
- Upgrading from XP or Vista to Windows 7
- Get comfortable with the new features of Windows 7
- How to run programs meant for earlier versions of Windows
- Connecting to the internet and setting up an email client
- Each attendee will receive a comprehensive training manual as well as links to the best books and resources you need to get the most out of Windows 7.

## Home Networking with Windows XP & Windows 7

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012*

*Held over 1 session(s)*

*Saturday, June 30, 2012*

*Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM*

*Price: \$170*

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

### Do you need to:

- Connect all PC's in the house to share files, printers and even the same internet connection through a wired/wireless network

**Prerequisites:**

A basic understanding of computing

**WIRELESS:**

Identify required interfaces and hardware.

Understand Industry Standards: IEEE-802.11 b and g and n

Configure Wireless Networking under Windows XP

Use Performance measuring Tools  
Perform Wireless Network troubleshooting

**WIRED:**

Configure wireless networking and cabling

Identify Network Interfaces and Hardware: interfaces, cards, connectors, cables, switches, routers

Install Network Cabling

Perform a Network Test and use troubleshooting Tools

Use Windows Networking to configure and share files, printers, scanners, internet connections

Establish Peer to Peer networking (for 2 PC's)

Establish Host/Client Networking (for 3 of more PC's)

Understand Network Security

## Introduction to Android – Night

Held over 2 session(s)

Thursday, May 03, 2012

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Times: 06:30 PM to 09:30 PM

Price: \$150

**Trainer: Mohan Gupta**

You've got your hands on an Android smartphone and tablet, now where's that instruction manual that tells you what YOU want your device to do? This is the hands-on course you've been waiting for. We cover customisations, syncing apps, disaster recovery, upgrades and more.

## Introduction to Microsoft Access 2003, 2007, 2010

Held over 2 session(s)

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Times: 09:30 PM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$340

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**

### Do you need to:

- Create forms that display information from more than one table or query at a time
- Add drop down lists of options on forms
- Generate charts

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Rename, copy and delete objects from the database window
- Create and modify tables using formatting and data types
- Create relationships to link multiple tables
- Use queries to display specific information
- Create and modify user input forms
- Generate reports using wizards and autoreport feature

## Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2003 2007 2010

Held over 2 session(s)

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Held over 2 session(s)

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Held over 2 session(s)

Monday, July 02, 2012

Monday, July 09, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$340

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**

### Do you need to:

- Create spreadsheets to keep track of your household spending
- Keep accounts for clubs or interest groups
- Generate charts

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Create a spreadsheet by entering text and values
- Move data around within a spreadsheet
- Perform calculations using formulas and functions
- Change the appearance of a spreadsheet by applying formatting
- Work with multiple worksheets within a workbook
- Create and modify a chart
- Print a spreadsheet using different page and print settings

## Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2003 2007 2010 – Night

Held over 3 session(s)

Monday, April 16, 2012

Monday, April 23, 2012

Monday, April 30, 2012

Held over 3 session(s)

Monday, June 25, 2012

Monday, July 02, 2012

Monday, July 09, 2012

Times: 06:30 AM to 09:30 PM

Price: \$275

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**

### Do you need to:

- Create spreadsheets to keep track of your household spending
- Keep accounts for clubs or interest groups
- Generate charts

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Create a spreadsheet by entering text and values
- Move data around within a spreadsheet
- Perform calculations using formulas and functions
- Change the appearance of a spreadsheet by applying formatting
- Work with multiple worksheets within a workbook
- Create and modify a chart
- Print a spreadsheet using different page and print settings



## Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2003 2007 2010

Held over 1 session(s)

Tuesday, July 03, 2012

Times: 9.30AM to 4.30PM

Price: \$240

Trainer: Peter Harvest

### Do you need to:

- Create new presentations
- Add slides to existing presentations
- Use templates to create presentations

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Create a new presentation using Wizards
- Create, add and edit slides within Slide view
- Enhance a presentation using WordArt and Clipart
- Change the look of a presentation using slide colour schemes
- Run a presentation

## Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003 2007 2010

Held over 1 session(s)

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$240

Trainer: Peter Harvest

Prerequisites:

Familiarity with the PC's, Windows environment including mouse, keyboard and file management skills. This course is designed for current and new users of Word Processing software and the objective is to provide a thorough understanding of the basic functions and facilities of Word for Windows.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Format a standard letter or document using Character, Paragraph formats.
- Move and Copy text within a document and between documents.
- Working knowledge of the Auto Paragraph numbering and Bullet pointed paragraphs
- Run a spell check, and create and manipulate Columns using Tables.
- Setting page breaks, changing Margins and inserting Headers and Footers.

## Introduction to MYOB

Held over 2 session(s)

Monday, April 02, 2012

Monday, April 16, 2012

Held over 2 session(s)

Monday, June 04, 2012

Monday, June 18, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$350

Trainer: Cathy Fanning

### Course description:

Course Outline for Introduction to MYOB:

The skills and knowledge acquired in this course will allow the use to create a company data file complete with historical and opening balances, produce and manage purchase orders and invoices, manage accounts payable and accounts receivable, and produce BAS documentation.

At the completion of this course you should be able to:

- find your way around an MYOB AccountRight data file and extract some useful company information
- create a new company file for use in AccountRight

- modify an existing chart of accounts to suit your business needs
- make changes to customer & supplier details in the card file
- create an inventory in AccountRight of items for sale
- purchase items for a business in AccountRight
- enter payments for purchases that have been made
- produce more complex invoices
- apply customer payments to open invoices
- work with the inventory that has been set up in AccountRight
- use AccountRight's cheque facility for making purchases
- reconcile AccountRight data against company bank statements
- work with the reporting system in AccountRight
- understand how AccountRight is set up and works with the GST
- set up and complete a Business Activity Statement
- Target Audience

This course is designed for users who wish to learn how to use MYOB AccountRight 19 software to create and manage accounting records for a small to medium business.

Prerequisites

This course assumes little or no knowledge of MYOB AccountRight 19. However, it would be beneficial to have a general understanding of bookkeeping and/or accounting, personal computers and the Windows operating system environment.



## TRAINING IN 2012

### Introduction to Quickbooks

Held over 2 session(s)  
Monday, May 07, 2012  
Monday, May 14, 2012  
Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM  
Price: \$350

**Trainer:** Cathy Fanning

#### Course description:

Course Outline for Introduction to Quickbooks:

The skills and knowledge acquired in the course are sufficient to be able to use and operate QuickBooks to set up the chart of accounts for a small business, produce and process

- invoices, purchase orders, reconcile bank accounts & produce a range of reports.

#### Learning Outcomes

At the completion of QuickBooks Plus 2010-11 Module 1 you should be able to:

- use basic QuickBooks navigation techniques
- complete the first stage of the QuickBooks setup process
- create income and expense accounts
- create inventory and service items
- create and edit customer & supplier details
- enter opening balances
- enter cash sales
- create invoices
- receive and apply customer payments
- pay suppliers accounts
- record the purchase of goods & services
- pay bills
- reconcile QuickBooks with various bank statements
- create and modify reports
- understand how QuickBooks tracks GST
- setup and complete a Business Activity Statement
- Target Audience

This course is designed for users who wish to learn how to use Quickbooks software to create and manage accounting records for a small to medium business.

#### Prerequisites

This course assumes little or no knowledge of Quickbooks. However, it would be beneficial to have a general understanding of bookkeeping and/or accounting, personal computers and the Windows operating system environment

### Linux for Beginners - NIGHT

Held over 2 session(s)  
Thursday, April 05, 2012  
Thursday, April 12, 2012  
Times: 06:30 PM to 09:30 PM  
Price: \$150

**Trainer:** Mohan Gupta

#### Description:

This hands-on course is designed for you to get up and running with Linux. Each attendee will receive a training manual and a CD which will contain:

- the latest Ubuntu release
- how-to guides
- FAQs
- lab exercises
- links to helpful resources on the web

#### Prerequisites:

Basic computer skills

#### Course Content:

- Why Linux?
- Installing Ubuntu
- Configuring Desktop and setting up user accounts
- Installing software
- Connecting to the internet & sending/receiving email
- Introduction to the command line
- Basic troubleshooting skills

### MIDI and Music - Afternoon

Held over 1 session(s)  
Saturday, May 12, 2012  
Times: 01:30 AM to 04:45 PM  
Price: \$110

**Trainer:** Patrick Brennan

#### Do you need to:

- Understand MIDI and how to use it
- Compose music using MIDI sequencing software
- Mix MIDI compositions with wave files

#### Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Understand the MIDI standard: Commands, Channels, Interfaces, Patches, Controllers
- Use the MIDI hardware: keyboards/controllers, cables
- Use MIDI software: Setup MIDI Sequencing software, Noteworthy composer and Virtual MIDI Keyboards
- Mix MIDI with wave files: use multi-track recording software



### Programming Microsoft Excel with VBA 2003 2007 2010

Held over 2 session(s)

Tuesday, May 01, 2012

Tuesday, May 08, 2012

Held over 2 session(s)

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$340

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**

#### Do you need to:

- Build and edit macros using VBA
- Create customized menus and dialog boxes

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Use the macro recorder to record Excel operations and create working applications
- Create user defined functions
- Work with the Visual basic Editor
- Work with Excel Objects
- Create custom forms
- Use conventional programming
- Customise the menu systems to run VBA procedures
- Work with automatic start-up and shutdown procedures

### Programming Microsoft Excel with VBA 2003 2007/2010 - Night

Held over 3 session(s)

Monday, May 07, 2012

Monday, May 14, 2012

Monday, May 21, 2012

Times: 06:30 PM to 09:30 PM

Price: \$275

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**

#### Do you need to:

- Build and edit macros using VBA
- Create customized menus and dialog boxes

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Use the macro recorder to record Excel operations and create working applications
- Create user defined functions
- Work with the Visual basic Editor
- Work with Excel Objects

- Create custom forms
- Use conventional programming
- Customise the menu systems to run VBA procedures
- Work with automatic start-up and shutdown procedures

### Upgrading to Microsoft Office 2007/2010

Held over 1 session(s)

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Times: 09:30 PM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$240

**Trainer: Peter Harvest**

#### Do you need to:

Upgrade to Office 2007 & learn about...

- Changes in MS Office 2007
- MS Word 2007
- MS Excel 2007
- MS PowerPoint 2007
- MS Outlook 2007

NOTE: excludes Access 2007

Prerequisites:

Regular use of a version of Office prior to 2007

Emphasis is on :

- 1) demystifying the new Office 2007 interface and ribbon
- 2) demonstrating just how smooth the transition to the new application can be

### Video Editing with Corel VideoStudio

Held over 1 session(s)

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Price: \$183

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

#### Do you need to:

- Trim some home videos and burn them onto disc
- Make a short movie or documentary

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Extract desired scenes from a captured video and recombine them in the proper order to make a video presentation
- Edit video using storyboard and timeline methods
- Add titles, text and end-credit sequences
- Add transition effects between scenes
- Add background music and voiceovers
- Animate Titles
- Incorporate video stills into a video.
- Apply video filters (special effects).
- Use video overlays (picture in picture)
- Add sound effects
- Burn the final video presentation onto a disc that can be played on a home DVD player

### Video to DVD and DivX

Held over 1 session(s)

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Times: 09:30 AM to 12:45 PM

Price: \$110

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

#### Do you need to:

- Convert video tapes or other video material to DVD or the DivX data compressed video format.

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Capture video from a camera or VCR using a video capture device and make a DVD from the captured material
- Create a DVD complete with title and chapter menus
- Create a DivX DVD with space savings typically of 10:1

## TRAINING IN 2012

### Vinyl and Cassette to CD and MP3

Held over 1 session(s)  
 Saturday, June 09, 2012  
 Times: 09:00 AM to 01:30 PM  
 Price: \$135

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

#### Do you need to:

- Convert your vinyl and cassettes to CD and MP3 formats

#### Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites but you should be familiar with the Microsoft Windows environment and able to use a keyboard and mouse.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Set up hardware requirements
- Set up software requirements
- Record
- Use Noise reduction
- Apply pop and click removal
- Use Normalisation
- Split Tracks
- Burn audio CDs using Track-at-once and disc-at-once modes
- Convert to MP3

### Websites Made Easy With Joomla - Night

Held over 2 session(s)  
 Wednesday, June 20, 2012  
 Wednesday June 27, 2012  
 Times: 06:30 PM to 09:30 PM  
 Price: \$150

**Trainer: Mohan Gupta**

The world's top websites use it, learn how to create an interactive website from scratch with Joomla. The best part is that no knowledge of HTML, CSS or Javascript is required to create professional-looking websites.

Students will be given access to a site of their own which they can customise, style and publish content.

We will cover the process with step-by-step instructions, including how to setup Joomla locally on your own computer, as well as cover core Joomla concepts like modules and themes.

### Windows Programming Level 2 with C++ Builder 2010

Held over 1 session(s)  
 Wednesday, April 04, 2012  
 Saturday, April 28, 2012  
 Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM  
 Price: \$185

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

#### Prerequisites:

Level 1 of this course

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Program Message Boxes and input Boxes
- Program Save and Open File Dialog Boxes
- Set options and filtering for file dialog boxes
- Build a system tray application
- Use and program timers
- Use and program progress bars

### Windows Programming Level 3 with C++ Builder 2010

Held over 1 session(s)  
 Wednesday, May 09, 2012  
 Held over 1 session(s)  
 Saturday, June 02, 2012  
 Times: 09:30 AM to 04:30 PM  
 Price: \$185

**Trainer: Patrick Brennan**

#### Prerequisites:

- Levels 1 and 2 of this course
- By the end of the course you will be able to:
- Understand functions and function syntax
- Understand and use header files

- Understand and use correct data types
- perform standard output using printf()
- create console applications
- Use looping constructs (while, do/while, for)
- Build an installer to distribute a program
- Programatically perform file operations (create, delete, rename, copy etc)
- Understand and use standard C strings and AnsiStrings
- Build a working appointment reminder application

### Writing Android Applications – Night

Held over 2 session(s)  
 Wednesday, May 24, 2012  
 Wednesday, May 31, 2012  
 Times: 06:30 AM to 09:30 PM  
 Price: \$150

**Trainer: Mohan Gupta**

Write your first app for your Android mobile device. You will learn the basics of how write code for the Android platform.

The latest development tools are used. You'll learn the finer points such as application lifecycle, creating UI components, interacting with the file system, and much more



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All programs on the Monthly Disc are free except where shown otherwise.  
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### ANTI VIRUS

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#### **Anvi Smart Defender - Ver: 1.0RC2**

Anvi Smart Defender delivers smart and powerful protection against malicious software, such as virus, Trojans, adware, spyware, bots and other threats. With the Smart-Engine, it scans and detects these threats fast and lightly. It adds system optimisation function to speed up your PC and provides cloud scan feature to protect your PC more effectively.

#### **Brigade Antivirus 2012 - Ver: 7.5.12**

Protect your computer from viruses, malware, spyware and other threats. Brigade Antivirus is a small and easy to use antivirus that will protect your PC and flash disk from virus infections.

#### **Emco Malware Destroyer - Ver: 6.1.10.125**

A free personal antivirus with an ultra-speed scan engine. It helps you to organise personal malware protection and effectively find and destroy various threats.

#### **RemoveIT Pro 4 SE - Ver: 2.10.2012**

One of the simplest antivirus tools that you'll find on the current market is RemoveIT Pro. RemoveIT Pro doesn't have any special features, and its interface is extremely easy to follow and use, in comparison with other tools in its area. The interface has a standard window, and a few options on the right side.

### AUDIO

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#### **MediaMonkey - Ver: 4.0.0.1459**

MediaMonkey is a music manager and jukebox for serious music collectors and iPod users. It catalogues your CDs, OGG, WMA, MPC, FLAC, APE, WAV and MP3 audio files. It offers an intelligent tag editor which looks up missing Album Art and track information via FreeDB and the web.

#### **MusicBee - Ver: 1.4.4418**

If you are looking for an application geared toward managing extensive music collections, easy to use and with a comprehensive feature set - MusicBee is that application.

#### **Winyl - Ver: 2.8.6 Build 30.01.2012**

Winyl is designed like a brand new audio player with media library support. This software is very fast, very simple, full skinnable.

### BACKUP

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#### **AceBackup - Ver: 3.0.2.0**

The AceBackup archiving and backup tool helps you to store your confidential data in a safe way. One of the most significant features of AceBackup is the ability to store files on FTP servers, as well as on local storage devices (hard drives, floppies, ZIP, JAZZ or MO disks, LAN folders, or any other writable devices). The user interface is easy to use, and you can store and restore files as in the Windows Explorer.



**BACKUP** *cont'***Create Synchronicity SVN****- Ver: 5.2.1.0 r1594**

Create Synchronicity is a lightweight and fully portable opensource application developed in VB.NET to synchronise and backup files and folders. It is aimed at making the synchronisation process as easy as possible, and yet remains fully customisable.

**FreeFileSync - Ver: 5.0**

FreeFileSync is an Open-Source folder comparison and synchronisation tool. It is optimised for highest performance and usability without restricted or overloaded UI interfaces.

**DESKTOP****Desktop Clock-7 - Ver: 3.1**

Desktop Clock-7 is a simple and lightweight application that displays an analog clock, the date and weekday on your desktop.

**GooReader - Ver: 4.0**

GooReader is a desktop application that allows you to read Google Books online and offline, add Bookmarks, create personal Library and save books to PDF.

**Snappy - Ver: 1.5.0**

Snappy is a desktop-capture software for Microsoft Windows that allows you to capture the screen of your monitor. Easily capture the entire desktop, the active window or a selected portion of the screen.

**WalCal - Ver: 1.07.0001**

The WalCal application was designed to create a static calendar on your current wallpaper. Once it has created the calendar it is not needed to keep it running.

**DIGITAL IMAGING****Face Off Max - Ver: 3.4.0.8**

Transplant your face to any body you want and let your friends share your fun! Comes packed with large and larger numbers of templates, Face Off Max aims at helping you to create funny photos by transplanting any face to any body and share the fun with your friends.

**MakeUp Guide Lite - Ver: 1.2.1**

Allows you to apply makeup directly on your photos. Did you forget to tint the lips or eyelids? You're not pleased with the eye colour? Don't worry. Now you can correct it directly on your photos!

**DISK TOOLS****MeinPlatz - Ver: 4.04**

MeinPlatz is a useful application that is designed to help you scan your hard disk and view the files in order to locate lost disk space.

**GAMES****GroMobile - Ver: 1.3.0**

GroMobile is a pack of beautiful and engaging kinetic 3D Gizmos created with the unique GroBoto technologies. Delightful miniature 3D devices come to life with realistic physics and our Prime-Definition rendering.

**Xfire - Ver: 1.146**

Xfire is a free utility that automatically keeps track of when and where gamers are playing PC games online and lets their friends join them easily.

**HOME/OFFICE****AccountServer - Ver: 3.2.0**

AccountServer has been designed for small and medium-size businesses as well as for all kinds of not-for-profit organisations. This software is well-suited for all kind of small and medium-sized businesses. AccountServer makes double-entry bookkeeping and financial reporting as easy as possible.



## HOME/OFFICE *cont'*

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### **FCharts SE - Ver: 1.5.971**

FCharts SE is a free stock charting program which will import price data from a wide range of sources, displaying it as OHLC, Candlestick and Line charts.

### **rattleCAD - Ver: 3.2.78.04**

Create your bicycle's geometry with this tool. rattleCAD is an easy-to-use and very handy graphical application that is supposed to help you design a bicycles geometry and derive drawings from configuration.

## INTERNET

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### **NetworkTrafficView - Ver: 1.25**

NetworkTrafficView was built to be a small and easy-to-use network monitoring tool that captures the packets that pass through your network adapter. The program also displays general statistics about your network traffic.

### **Pymaxe - Ver: 0.51**

Pymaxe is an application that you can use to download music and videos from various media-sharing websites, including YouTube. The user interface of the program is easy to navigate through. You can get started by inputting the URL and by pressing the "Enter" key.

### **qBittorrent - Ver: 2.9.2**

A Bittorrent client using C++ / libtorrent and a Qt4 Graphical User Interface. The qBittorrent project aims to provide a file sharing application alternative to uTorrent. qBittorrent has more and more features such as an integrated search engine, UPnP, encryption, PeX, a torrent creation tool.

### **QtWeb - Ver: 3.7.5**

QtWeb Internet Browser - lightweight, secure and portable browser having unique user interface and privacy features. QtWeb is an open source project based on Nokia's Qt framework and Apple's WebKit rendering engine (the same as being used in Apple Safari and Google Chrome).

### **RetroShare - Ver: 0.5.3b\_4972**

Private peer to peer communication and file sharing platform. RetroShare is an Open Source secure, decentralised and private communication cross-platform.

### **SRWare Iron - Ver: 17.0.1000.0**

SRWare Iron is an easy-to-use web browser designed to offer an improved alternative to the well-known Google Chrome. It provides its users with the same features as Chrome, but it eliminates some privacy and security problems.

### **SuperEdi - Ver: 4.3.3**

SuperEdi is a useful and reliable text editor utility for both web site developers and programmers. With SuperEdi Text files can be edited locally or directly on a remote server using the build-in FTP client.

### **Supremo Remote Desktop - Ver: 1.5.2**

Supremo is freeware software to control remote computers over the Internet. Supremo remote desktop software for Windows, for remote support and presentations. Supremo doesn't need any router or firewall configuration.

## MULTI MEDIA

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### **AIMP - Ver: 3.00 Build 981 Final**

An advanced multimedia player that includes an audio converter, recorder, and tag editor. Includes an easy to use interface, small size and minimal use of system resources.

### **DVD slideshow GUI - Ver: 0.9.4.9**

DVD slideshow GUI is a tool that lets you create slideshows in a few easy steps. The user interface of the program is plain and simple. You can add audio, video and image files to the list by using the file browser (the "drag and drop" method is not supported).

**MULTI MEDIA cont'****VSO Media Player - Ver: 0.99.1.417**

VSO Media Player free is a video player which can play video and audio files, is extra light and easy to use.

**Win7codecs - Ver: 3.4.6**

Win7codecs is an audio and video codec package for Windows 7. The installer will automatically remove most other popular codec releases from your computer before installing this concise yet comprehensive package.

**PDF****JSigndPdf - Ver: 1.2.6**

You can use this application when you want to restrict access to certain PDF files. JSigndPdf is a Java-based application which adds digital signatures to PDF documents. It can be used as a standalone application or as an Add-On in OpenOffice.org.

**PDF24 Creator - Ver: 4.3**

PDF24 creator let you create PDF files out of almost any application which provides a print option. The PDF24 Creator installer installs you a PDF printer named pdf24. You can use this printer in windows like any other printer.

**PDF995 - Ver: 11.11**

PDF995 is a printer driver that works with any Postscript to PDF converter. PDF995 makes it easy and affordable to create professional-quality documents in the popular PDF file format.

**REGISTRY****Eusing Free Registry Defrag - Ver: 2.0**

Eusing Free Registry Defrag is a registry defragmentation software that optimises registry by removing gaps, fragments and wasted space in Windows registry files.

**SECURITY****HashMyFiles - Ver: 1.87**

HashMyFiles is small application that will allow the use to easily calculate the MD5 and SHA1 hashes of one or more files in his computer . You can easily copy the MD5/SHA1 hashes list into the clipboard, or save them into text/html/xml file.

**Portable Simple Text Encryptor - Ver: 0.13.1**

Encrypt and decrypt plain text. Simple Text Encryptor is, as the name implies, a simple program that can encrypt and decrypt plain text. The text is encrypted using 128-bit AES encryption.

**Stop P-O-R-N - Ver: 6.9**

Ban pornography and other content from being displayed on your Internet browser. You may use Stop P-O-R-N internal database for stopping the display of pornography, or you may use your own, or even use yours and Stop P-O-R-N together.

**UTILITIES****3DP Chip - Ver: 12.01**

Ever had painful headaches searching through the web trying to find the correct drivers for your newly formatted PC? 3DP Chip and 3DP Net are extremely useful freeware that will minimize your effort and time spent in finding the drivers for your PC components.

**3DP Net - Ver: 12.02**

3DP Net has the ability to automatically install the right network driver for your PC even if you reinstalled Windows and cannot connect to the Internet due to the absence of appropriate driver. 3DP Net will detect which network adapter is installed on your PC and automatically choose the right driver from its integrated Ethernet card driver pool that enables to use the Internet with breeze.

**UTILITIES cont'****AppCleaner Ver: 1.8**

AppCleaner is UpdateStar's lean and powerful freeware to find and delete obsolete data and files on your computer. It protects your privacy and optimises computer performance and security. It is small and easy to download, plus it is free of adware. And it's freeware!

**ArsClip - Ver: 3.2.0 Build 4047**

ArsClip is a utility for the Windows clipboard. Press a configurable hotkey and select an item (or items) to quickly paste into a program. ArsClip is a software that monitors the clipboard and keep tracks of the entries.

**Comodo Cleaning Essentials****- Ver: 2.4.225190.192**

Comodo Cleaning Essentials (CCE) is a set of powerful security tools designed to help users identify and remove malware and unsafe processes from Windows computers. Designed as a portable application, the software requires no installation and can be run directly from removable media such as a USB key.

**Free Clipboard Manager - Ver: 2.30**

Free Clipboard Manager is a simple and easy-to-use application that saves every text and image copied in the clipboard. This is useful if you have to take a lot of screenshots or if you need to access to multiple notes of part of code without the need to paste them in a text editor.

**JetClean - Ver: 1.1.0 Final**

With a single click, JetClean gives you that fresh, new PC feeling again! Light-weight and easy to use, JetClean removes system junk files and it protects your privacy.

**LookDisk - Ver: 5.2**

A freeware utility capable of finding text in files, duplicate files and many more. LookDisk can handle large amount of files without using lots of system resources. LookDisk is a search tool that is capable to find text in files even if they are inside an archive.

**OCCT - Ver: 4.1.0**

The name OCCT comes from OverClock Checking Tool. This application will let you benchmark and overclock your system components.

**PC Wizard 2012.- Ver: 2.0**

PC Wizard 2012 is a powerful utility designed especially for detection of hardware, but also some more analysis. It's able to identify a large scale of system components and supports the latest technologies and standards. This tool is periodically updated (usually once per month) in order to provide most accurate results.

**Pretty Run - Ver: 6.7.0.117**

Will help you easily locate files as it will search start menu for the shortcuts or files that meet your query.

**SmartPower - Ver: 1.3.0**

SmartPower is a Windows service that saves energy (and money) by hibernating and resuming your Windows PC according to configurable rules. SmartPower is particularly suited to Windows Home Servers, torrent/download boxes and HTPCs.

**Stress My PC - Ver: 1.06**

"Stress My PC" is stress testing software, to do a PC testing e.g. computer stress test. Let's see! How long can your laptop battery hold a charge? Or let your PC sweat like a .Warning! - Unstable and overclocked systems can be crashed.

**SZ Port Scan - Ver: 1.30**

Find all active devices on your network. Discover the ip address and available services for each network device. Run a speed test to check your Internet connection speed.

**UTILITIES cont'****WinContig - Ver: 1.05**

WinContig is an easy-to-use stand-alone defragmentation tool that doesn't create any installation directories or Registry entries on your computer. Its purpose is to quickly defrag files without the need to defrag the whole disk.

**WinMend Auto Shutdown - Ver: 1.3.0.3**

WinMend Auto Shutdown is a utility that can turn off your computer automatically. With simple settings, it can shut down, hibernate, stand by or log off the computer unattended at a scheduled time.

**VIDEO****Nvidia Forceware for Windows XP**

- Ver: 295.73

New NVIDIA WHQL-Certified Drivers Released; Recommended For All GeForce Users. A major update for anyone using NVIDIA GeForce video cards and that covers a lot of us. There are huge performance boosts for everyone, especially gamers who are always looking for an edge.

**Nvidia Forceware for Windows Vista/Win 7**

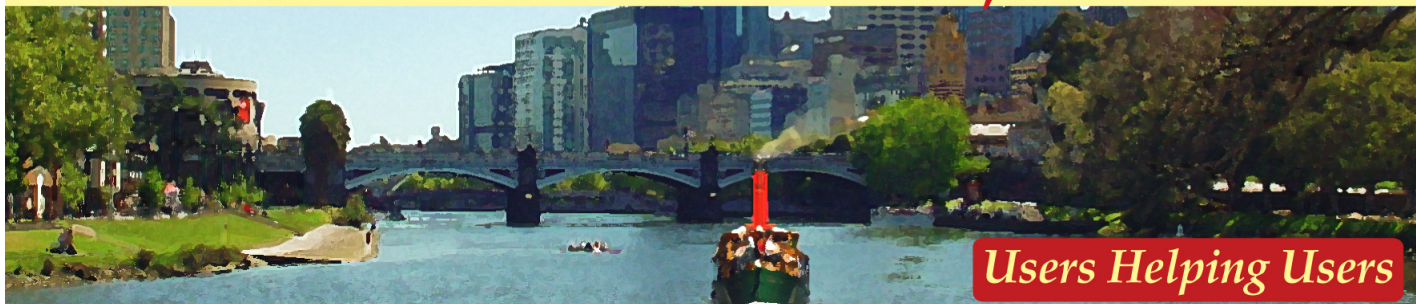
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**MELBOURNE PC USER GROUP, AUSTRALIA**



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**For only \$10 a week you can hire a Sony DVDirect Multi-Function DVD recorder** and transfer all your old videos to DVD without ever going near your computer. Melbourne PC User Group has purchased this handy piece of equipment as a service for members only.

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**Contact the office on 9276 4000 to make a booking.**

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Phone (03) 9276 4000

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# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS BY TELEPHONE

## USING DIAL HELP

The volunteer members in this list (who are not necessarily experts) provide phone assistance to other members FREE of charge. Dial Help is not free advertising for individuals who charge for their services; please advise the President directly of any such abuse.

Please, before ringing a Dial Help volunteer:

- Ring the vendor's support line and/or your corporate help desk.
- Read the manuals and have them handy.
- Turn on your computer and have your software running if possible.
- Be able to reproduce the problem.
- Have your phone beside the computer.

Keep all calls short, particularly business hours calls. If the volunteer is not available do not expect someone else to solve your problem, ring again later.

For topics not covered here or if you are unsure whom to call, ring the Dial help First Aid Line: 9276 4000 (10.00am-3.00pm). A volunteer will assist you and suggest further contacts.

If you wish to help, advise the Melb PC Office by phone, fax or e-mail - details on page 1 of PC Update.

If you know of errors in the list, please notify the office, [office@melbpc.org.au](mailto:office@melbpc.org.au), or by phone on 9276 4000.

Please keep calls within the hours indicated, and avoid ringing Dial Help volunteers on weekends. Above all, courtesy counts.

For instance, please don't expect a volunteer to call you back on a mobile phone.

Day means	9.00am - 5.00pm
Evening means	6.30pm - 9.00pm

## DIAL UP HELP LIST

SUBJECT/NAME	DAYTIME 9.00am-5.00pm	EVENING 6.30pm-9.00pm
Adobe Acrobat		
Merv Leeding	9878 6359	9878 6359
Basic (Including Quick Basic)		
Noel Webb	9808 2363	9808 2363
Batch File Programming		
Peter Selig	5983 0483	5983 0483
Beginners		
Ried Parnaby	9786 2086	
Business Objects XI		
Michael Holzinger	0417 562 937	9354 6742
C		
Richard Phillips		9530 6565
Clipper		
Lindsay Alford	5250 1499	5250 2312
Data Recovery		
Melvyn Bowler	melvyn@melbpc.org.au	melvyn@melbpc.org.au
dBase		
Maurice Canterbury	0411 594 568	9706 2285
Digital Imaging		
Ian Bock	9807 3701	9807 3701
Family Tree Maker 2006		
Merv Leeding	9878 6359	
Forth		
Lance Collins	9645 0280	9645 0280
Freeware Installation Problems		
Paul Berger	9553 1072	9553 1072
GNU Cashbook		
Graham Comitti	0409 007 205	0409 007 205
Hard Disk Recovery		
Bill Jansen	9562 0033	9769 7770
Melvyn Bowler	melvyn@melbpc.org.au	melvyn@melbpc.org.au
Help Authoring Systems		
Maurice Canterbury	0411 594 568	9706 2285
HTML, Ajax, Javascript		
Andrew Oliver	andrew@melbpc.org.au	andrew@melbpc.org.au
In Design (Basic)		
Merv Leeding	9878 6359	
Microsoft Access		
Maurice Canterbury	0411 594 568	9706 2285
Michael Holzinger	0417 562 937	9354 6742
Microsoft DOS & DOS 6		
Peter Selig	5983 0483	5983 0483



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Microsoft Excel		
James Fricker Peter Harvest	9879 5744 0412 107 666	9879 5744 0412 107 666
Microsoft Networks		
Maurice Canterbury Peter Selig George Skarbek	0411 594 568 5983 0483 9561 9932	9706 2285 5983 0483 9561 9932
Microsoft Office 2010		
Charles Adams	9803 6353	9803 6353
Microsoft Power Point		
Robert Cook	9894 2082	9894 2082
Microsoft Windows 2003/Vista/2008/ 7		
Peter Selig	5983 0483	5983 0483
Microsoft Windows 95/ 98/ XP		
Maurice Canterbury Peter Selig	0411 594 568 5983 0483	9706 2285 5983 0483
Microsoft Windows Me		
Peter Selig	5983 0483	5983 0483
Microsoft Windows Networks		
Bill Jansen Peter Selig	9562 0033 5983 0483	9769 7770 5983 0483
Microsoft Windows NT/ 2000 Server		
Bill Jansen	9562 0033	9769 7770
Microsoft Windows NT/ XP/ 2000		
Peter Selig	5983 0483	5983 0483
Microsoft Windows NT/XP/2000/2003/ Vista/2008/7		
Ian Clark	0414 585 428	9459 5428
Microsoft Word for Windows		
Maurice Canterbury	0411 594 568	9706 2285
Monthly Disc		
Ian Rankin	9587 0485	9587 0485
Music		
Peter Schnall	0403 800 734	9563 9385
News Groups AA Sig		
Kevin Martin	0407 343 162	9723 5997
New Users (Not Internet)		
Ried Parnaby	9786 2085	
Note TabPro		
James Fricker	9879 5744	9879 5744
Outlook/Outlook Express Programming		
Maurice Canterbury	0411 594 568	9706 2285

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Pagemaker		
Gordon Woolf	5979 1112	5979 1112
PDF Files		
Merv Leeding	9878 6359	
Photoshop		
Ian Bock	9807 3701	9807 3701
Quicken Personal Plus		
Graham Comitti	0409 007 205	0409 007 205
SolarisX86/ SuSE Linux/ General Linux		
Don Gingrich	gingrich@melbpc.org.au	gingrich@melbpc.org.au
Viruses		
Peter Selig	5983 0483	5983 0483
Visual Objects		
Lindsay Alford	5250 1499	5250 2312
Ztree		
James Fricker	9879 5744	9879 5744

### INTERNET HELP

Click on Melb PC Internet Service Page,  
then Select Internet Help Box.

**Phone** 9276 4000

**e-mail** [help@melbpc.org.au](mailto:help@melbpc.org.au)

(e-mail only if your browser is down)

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This assistance is for those who may be restricted in their activities or mobility. The contact for Home Visit Assist is the office, phone (03) 9276 4000, or e-mail [office@melbpc.org.au](mailto:office@melbpc.org.au)