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Congratulations to Bonnie Garret for buting the winning ticket for our laptop raffle.



President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you had as good a time as I did at the summer picnic. Don Miller came through once again, leading the way and sweating over the hot grill. Rae Williams, George and Nancy Donnegan and Sally Miller pitched in as well. Thanks to them and to all of you who helped us make this such a great success.

Looking forward to next month I think the program for August looks particularly interesting. We are going to showcase Skype the free video telephone program that we used at the June meeting. We will guide you through the process of setting up the software and making your first call. This should make it easier for all of us to start using this service.

As always we will field your questions and share our experiences during the 6 o'clock session.

Hope to see you there.

Jim Bell
President

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MCUG Monthly Meeting Schedule

The regular monthly meeting of the Mountain Computer User Group (MCUG) is held on the second Monday of every month, at 7 p.m., in the Wilson Lecture Hall (Room 201) of the Goolsby Building on the campus of Young Harris College in Young Harris, GA. All regular monthly meetings and SIGs are open to everyone regardless of membership status.

MCUG Membership

Annual dues are \$20 and extend membership privileges to two (2) members of a household. Membership privileges include: special discounts on vendor products, access to products for evaluation and review, and association with a great bunch of people.

Affiliation

The Mountain Computer User Group is a member of APCUG, a nonprofit international organization dedicated to promoting communications between PC user groups and the computer industry.

Group Purpose

The Mountain Computer User Group is a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational organization without corporate or vendor affiliation. Its purpose is the encouragement and advancement of computer information and knowledge through "users helping users".

Tom's Tip of the Month

#1 There are many ways to prints a document, but you can print a document quickly if you put a shortcut to the printer on your desktop and drag a document icon to it, no need to open file for printing just drag a file to printer icon and get your print.

To do this, first click Start button, Settings, then Printers (first make sure you installed your printer driver). When the Printers window opens, hold down Ctrl and drag the printer icon to your system desktop.

Now you can drag a document icon and drop it in printer icon on your desktop. Here you will get a print quickly and with out open a file.

#2 Word provides a suitable way to print envelopes and labels. You can print mailing and return addresses on an envelope, or addresses on a mailing label.

To create and print an envelope, follow these steps.

- Choose Envelopes and Labels from the Tools menu. The Envelopes and Labels dialog box will appear as shown below.
- Click the Envelopes tab to display options of Envelopes.
- Enter (or Edit) the mailing address in the *Delivery address* box.
- Enter (or Edit) the return address in the *Return address* box Or select the Omit check box to omit a return address.
- Click Options button to specify the envelope size, the type of paper and other options. Click "Add to Document" button to add or attach the envelope to the current document for later printing or editing.
- Click Print button to print the envelope.

You can also add graphics to the return address of your envelope. To add graphic, follow these steps.

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How to clear all windows history files with a single click?

Today tip will help you to manage the all types of user history in windows operating system. This is a built-in feature of all windows keeps track the user's history, for example the websites you have visited, the documents you have opened and the keywords or files for which you've searched. However this tip is very useful for you, if you are sharing your computer with others or you do not want that the other persons know about your last visited documents history. You can clear these kinds of user's history with a single click on desktop icon named **Cleanmru.reg**. There is no need to clear each history file one by one. This trick will work in nearly all of the windows versions like windows 2000, XP and 2003.

Follow the given steps for configuration to clear recently opened documents automatically:

To edit the computer registry, first you should log onto your computer with administrative rights.

Here copy the following 6 lines and paste in notepad then save with the name **Cleanmru.reg** on your desktop.

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REGEDIT4
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[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\TypedURLs]
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[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RunMRU]
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[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RecentDocs]
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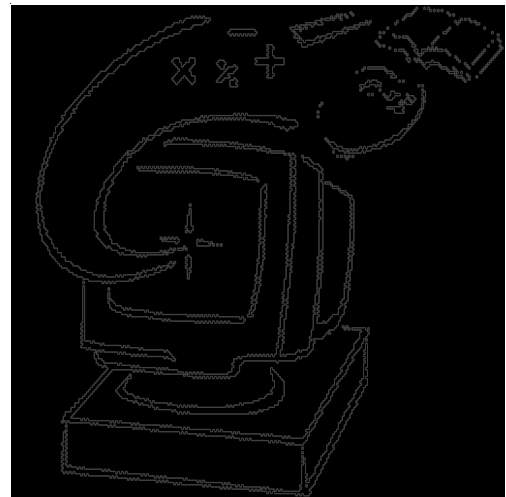
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[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32\LastVisitedMRU]
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[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Search Assistant\ACMru]
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When you double-click Cleanmru.reg icon to remove the windows history, a small dialog box will appear with the information "Are you sure you want to add the information in

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\desktop\Cleanmru.reg to the registry?"

At the end, you will get the message "Information in C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\desktop\Cleanmru.reg has been successfully entered into the registry." Click on Ok button and verify that your all history will have been clear.



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- Select mailing address in the document.
- Open the Envelopes and Labels dialog box.
- Click Add to Document (or Change Document) button.
- Click the Page Layout view icon in the Status bar.
- Insert or create the graphic in the document.
- Position the item on the envelope.

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

Every time you forward an e-mail, there is information left over from the people who got the message before you — namely their e-mail addresses & names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every email address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel!

How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps:

(1) When you forward an email. **DELETE** all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, **DELETE** them. Highlight then and delete them backspace the, cut them, whatever you know how to. It takes only a second.

You **MUST** click the "Forward" button first and then you will full editing capabilities of the

body and headers of the e-mail. If you don't hit the forward button first you won't have full editing functions.

I particularly dislike having to scroll through multiple addresses before I get to the e-mail.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, **DO NOT** use the "To: or Cc" fields for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the "Bcc: (Blind Carbon Copy) for adding e-mail address. If you don't see the "Bcc" option, click on where it says "To" and your address will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "To:" field of the people who receive it.

That way you aren't sharing all those addresses with every Tom, Dick or Harry.

(3) Remove any 'FW:' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

This one is very important - please read and heed

(4) **ALWAYS** hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading.

Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view; you stop them from having to open many e-mails just

to see what you sent. These are the ones that often end up having picked up a virus from somebody. This is really important!

(5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition?

It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses.

A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names, addresses, e-mail addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition. (Actually, if you think about it, who's supposed to send the petition into whatever cause it supports? And don't believe the ones that say the e-mail is being traced, it just isn't so)

(6) One of the main ones I hate is the one that say that something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen.

IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!!!!

Trust me!
I'm still seeing some of the same ones that I waited on 10 years ago! I don't let the bad luck ones scare me either, they get trashed. (Could this be why I haven't won the lottery?)



(7) Before you forward an Amber Alert, or a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around, check them out before you forward them. Most of these are junk mail that's been circling the net for years!

Why was the computer so tired when it got home?



Because it had a hard drive.

How to Speed Up Internet Explorer

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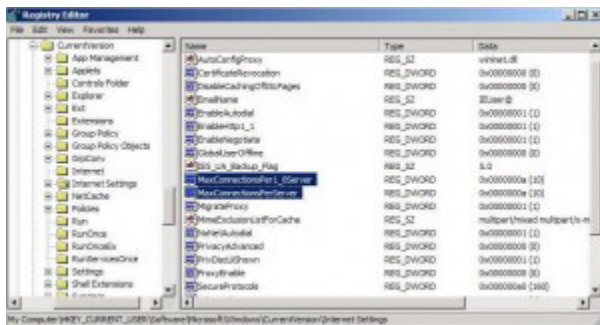
by [David Hakala](#)

Internet Explorer is full of features, but those features can slow down your Web surfing. If speed is more important to you than amenities, here are five IE tweaks that will make you happy.

1. Increase the number of simultaneous connections. If you have a multi-megabit/second broadband connection, a lot of its bandwidth is wasted by downloading a maximum of two Web page components simultaneously; that is IE 7's default value for "maximum number of connections." Most Web sites don't serve files faster than 50 to 100 Kbps per connection. You can get faster page loading by increasing the maximum number of connections to 10 or more; that's 500 to 1,000 Kbps total throughput. To increase the maximum number of simultaneous connections,

Click Start, then Run, and enter regedit. Navigate to the following registry entry:

HKEY_CURRENT_USERSoftware\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings



Internet Explorer Maximum Connections

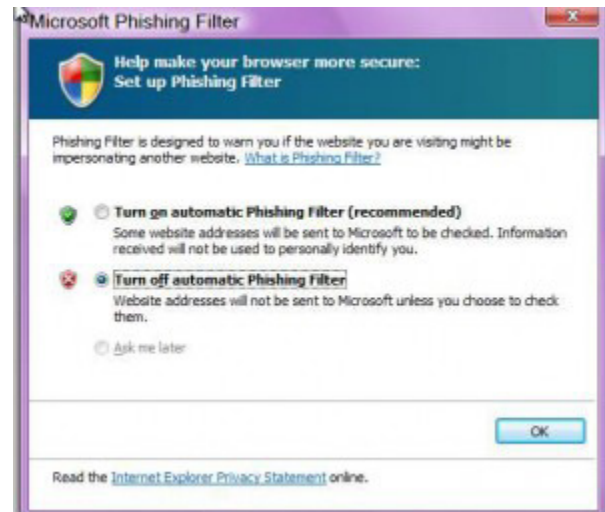
Click on both of these settings and change their values to 10:

MaxConnectionsPer1_0Server
MaxConnectionsPerServer

2. Turn off the phishing filter. This feature sends URLs embedded in pages you are viewing to Microsoft for inspection. If Microsoft determines there is a risk of a phishing exploit behind a URL (never mind how), it sends you a warning pop-up. You have to wait while that round-trip is made, slowing down your browsing. It is faster to rely on a desktop anti-malware app such as Avast! Antivirus. To disable IE 7's phishing filter,

In IE, click Tools, then Phishing Filter, then "Turn On Automatic Website Checking."

Click the "turn off" radio button on the pop-up window.



Internet Explorer phishing off

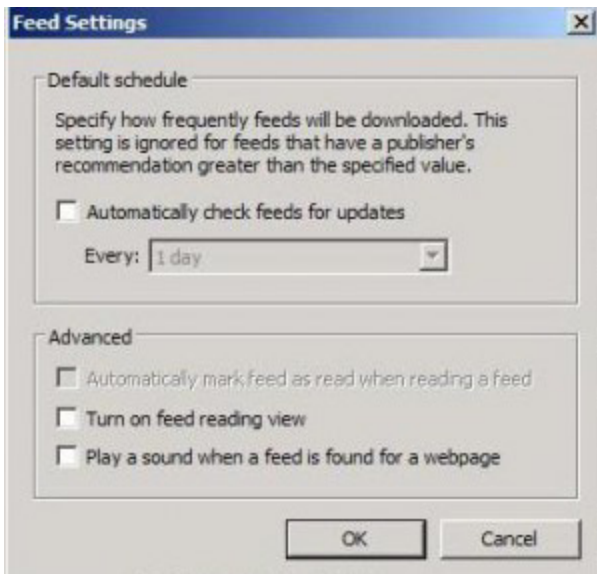
3. Turn off scheduled RSS feed checking. You don't use IE for RSS feeds, do you? Why waste the time it takes to check for new feeds every so often? If you use IE for RSS feeds, you don't need to take a browsing performance hit while a scheduled download goes on. Do it manually on your own schedule. To turn off scheduled RSS feeds,

Click Tools, then Internet Options, then Content, then Feeds, then Settings.

Uncheck everything on the Settings screen.

Murphy's Laws of Computing

1. When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
2. When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
3. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
4. When the going gets tough, upgrade.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
6. To err is human . . . to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
7. He who laughs last probably made a back-up.
8. If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
9. A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
10. The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
11. A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want to do.



Turn off scheduled RSS feeds

4. ClearType makes text a little more readable. It is enabled by default in Internet Explorer even if it is turned off elsewhere in Windows. You can try disabling this resource-eater to see if normal type is good enough for you. To disable ClearType,

Click Tools, then Advanced.

Scroll down and uncheck the box labeled, "Always use ClearType for HTML."

5. Disable the SSVHelper Class plugin. This mysterious thing seems to be a non-essential part of the Java Plugin. Its absence has not been reported to make any difference in the running of Java applets. To disable the SSVHelper Class plugin,

Click Tools, Manage Add-ons, Enable or Disable Add-ons. Select the SSVHelper Class line, click Disable, and then OK.

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Read more: <http://tiplet.com/tip/how-to-speed-up-internet-explorer/#ixzz0LZfIpiH9>



Mountain Computer User Group July 2009 Calendar

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16	17	18 Susan Scott	19	20	21	22 Anne Brown
23/30	24/31 Mikele Carter	25	26	27	28	29



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



J. Tal & Nina Webb	08/07	46 yrs
Marjorie & Jim Tucker	08/18	10 yrs
Tom & Betty Shope	08/27	1 yr
Paul & Carolyn Filer	08/30	? yrs