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# The **COMPUTER** Guy Magazine



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## Inside This Issue

Purchasing a computer/ laptop can be a intimidating process for some people and we all rely on our family and friends to guide us. But who is to say that they are right or they even know more than us? I am going to tell you some of the ins and outs of purchasing as to attempt to educate before making your next purchase.

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- Disk Cleanup
- Registry Cleanup
- Temp File Removal

In this economy we need to watch where our money but at the same time, we cannot afford to be without our computers. Some of us use it for work, homework, and to store our memories in the form of pictures and DVD movies.

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# A Note from:



## TIS THE SEASON....

Well, I wanted to start this issue out and say **THANK YOU** to all whom are making The Computer Guy business a success.



It is always tough to start your own business, especially with a stay-at-home Mom raising two beautiful girls and being in tough economic times. But thanks to all of you, I am still in business and looking forward to the New Year!

So, if you need help, or know of someone who needs great service and a very inexpensive price, let them know who can help; The Computer Guy!

Once again a **BIG THANK YOU!**

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# Websites to Know



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For all your computer service needs



www.mcfls.org/franklin  
Franklin Public Library



www.booksforsoldiers.com  
Great website to help our Military

## Website of the Month



**Groupon** is a deal-of-the-day website that is localized to major geographic markets in the United States, Canada, Brazil, France and the United Kingdom. Launched in November 2008, the first market for Groupon was Chicago, followed soon thereafter by Boston, New York City, and Toronto. As of October 2010, Groupon serves more than 150 markets in North America and 100 markets in Europe, Asia and South America and has amassed 35 million registered users.

**For more information—please go to [www.groupon.com](http://www.groupon.com)**

## Self Help Series — All About Folders

Navigating your computer is very important even though you might not think so at this time. But, when it comes to opening & saving files, you need to know where to go and how to accomplish this feat.

All of your files that you will be adding and deleting should be located in one central area of the computer. With Windows 7, they are all in the user name account. This user name could be anything. For example, on my laptop it is called Joseph Schoen. For some it may be just the first name, last name, admin, user, nick name, etc.

Inside the user account folder, there are several folders. Here is the basic list which all Windows 7 computers will have: Contacts, desktop, downloads, favorites, links, my documents, my music, my pictures, my videos, saved games & searches.

To get to this folder, you will simply need to:

1. Left click once on the start button
2. Locate the folder you wish (which is in the second column) to open. If you click on the very top one (user name) you will see all the folders listed above. Or you can click directly on one of the other folders listed such as Documents, Pictures or Music.

You can also get to your "library" by left clicking once on the manila folder on the taskbar. This will also get you to Documents, Pictures, Videos & Music. When dealing with computers—just remember—there is always more than one way.

## All About Folders

As I have mentioned in the past (I believe I did anyway) your hard drive is very similar to a filing cabinet that you would use in your office or home. Inside this filing cabinet, you have hanging folders and manila folders that store all of your files. On the computer, we will do the same thing.

Let us first navigate to Documents. Remember to use your handouts for reference until you got the hand of it. Take your time and use lots of practice. Let us create a new folder within Documents called "Test".

## Creating A New Folder

For windows 7 users, this process has been simplified.

1. Once you have the folder open that you are looking to create a folder within move your mouse up to the menu bar and find the button marked "New Folder" and left click once.
2. A new folder will appear in the list and it will be highlighted. Visually find the folder (do not move your mouse or click anywhere) and type in the name of this new folder.
3. Hit "Enter" when complete.

## Rename A Folder/ File

To rename a folder, you will simply need to do the following:

1. Select the folder and left click once.
2. Without moving the mouse, right click (on the folder) and choose, rename.
3. Without moving the mouse, VISUALLY locate the new folder and simply type in the desired name.
4. Click Enter on the keyboard when complete.

## Moving Folder/ File Using Copy/ Cut & Paste

The beautiful part of computers is that everything we do on these machines is a building block to our next task. This process (and you will hear me say this a lot throughout the classes) is the same in many different programs and tasks through out the computer.

When moving a folder or file:

1. Left click once on the folder or file. This is called making a selection.
2. Right click on the folder or file and choose cut if you want to move; copy if you want a duplicate (left click).
3. Navigate to the folder you want to move this folder or file too.
4. Right click in the white area of the folder and choose paste (left click).

### Keyboard Shortcuts

Copy	Ctrl+c
Cut	Ctrl+x
Paste	Ctrl+v

You have now moved your folder or file by using the Cut/ Copy & Paste method. Just remember; Cut means to remove; Copy means to make a duplicate.

## Deleting a Folder

To delete a folder is just as easy, if not easier, than creating a folder. To do this simple process:

1. Left click once on the folder you wish to remove.
2. Find the delete key on the keyboard and push it once.
3. A new window will appear asking if you are sure. Please left click once on "Yes".



IS THE FOLDER GONE? NO!

Once you have deleted the folder, it is not entirely gone yet. The analogy to this would be; you have just cleaned off the kitchen table and put all the trash into the garbage bag which is under the sink. Is the trash gone or can you still fish something out if needed?

## Deleting the Trash

Every once in a while, just like with the trash under the sink, it needs to be emptied out and taken to the dump. Thankfully, we don't have to leave our computer or wait for someone else to come pick it up. We can do it very quickly and easily ourselves.

1. Locate the recycling bin which is on our desktop
2. Right click on the recycling bin
3. Choose "Empty Recycling Bin" and left click once.
4. It will now ask if you are sure. Please select "Yes" if you are sure and you do want the file(s) removed from your computer PERMANENTLY.

ARE THE FILES/ FOLDERS REALLY GONE? Yes and no.

For all practical circumstances, yes, those files/ folders are really gone. Is there a chance of recovery? With the right software, even when you permanently delete something, there is still a chance of recovery. But this takes time and a skilled technician to do so.

## For More Information

For more information about this topic, please take the Computer's For Beginners class at the Franklin Public Library. In that class the basics will be covered at a pace anyone can learn from. Some of the basics include: Basic Computer Usage, Terms, Email, Internet, and more. For more information, please contact—The Computer Guy or visit the website at [www.thecomputerguy-joe.com](http://www.thecomputerguy-joe.com).

# Passwords



Every website, at least it seems, requires you to use a username and password in order to access their website and information. Some are safeguarding your extremely personal information such as bank account records, social security numbers and more. Other sites are saving credit card numbers for quick and easy shopping, along with your address and phone number. Some saving nothing vital other than how a web page looks and is displayed.

## Creating A Strong Password and Why

The stronger your password, the safer you will become online. Here are some general tips/ guidelines to follow for any password:

1. Think of a sentence that you can remember. This will be the basis of your strong password or pass phrase. Use a memorable sentence, such as "My son Aiden is three years old."
2. Check if the computer or online system supports the pass phrase directly. If you can use a pass phrase (with spaces between characters) on your computer or online system, do so.
3. If the computer or online system does not support pass phrases, convert it to a password. Take the first letter of each word of the sentence that you've created to create a new, non-sensical word. Using the example above, you'd get: "msaityo".
4. Add complexity by mixing uppercase and lowercase letters and numbers. It is valuable to use some letter swapping or misspellings as well. For instance, in the pass phrase above, consider misspelling Aiden's name, or substituting the word "three" for the number 3. There are many possible substitutions, and the longer the sentence, the more complex your password can be. Your pass phrase might become "My SoN Ayd3N is 3 yeeRs old." If the computer or online system will not support a pass phrase, use the same technique on the shorter password. This might yield a password like "MsAi3yo".
5. Finally, substitute some special characters. You can use symbols that look like letters, combine words (remove spaces) and other ways to make the password more complex. Using these tricks, we create a pass phrase of "MySoN 8N i\$ 3 yeeR\$ old" or a password (using the first letter of each word) "M\$8ni3y0".

## Password Tips To Avoid

Some common methods used to create passwords are easy to guess by criminals. To avoid weak, easy-to-guess passwords:

- Avoid sequences or repeated characters. "12345678," "222222," "abcdefg," or adjacent letters on your keyboard do not help make secure passwords.
- Avoid using only look-alike substitutions of numbers or symbols. Criminals and other mali-

icious users who know enough to try and crack your password will not be fooled by common look-alike replacements, such as to replace an 'i' with a '1' or an 'a' with '@' as in "M1cr0\$0ft" or "P@ssw0rd". But these substitutions can be effective when combined with other measures, such as length, misspellings, or variations in case, to improve the strength of your password.

- Avoid any part of your name, birthday, car number plate, or similar information. This is one of the first things criminals will try.
- Avoid dictionary words in any language. Criminals use sophisticated tools that can rapidly guess passwords that are based on words in multiple dictionaries, including words spelled backwards, common misspellings, and substitutions. This includes all sorts of profanity and any word you would not say in front of your children.
- Use more than one password everywhere. If any one of the computers or online systems using this password is compromised, all of your other information protected by that password should be considered compromised as well. It is critical to use different passwords for different systems.
- Avoid using online storage. If malicious users find these passwords stored online or on a networked computer, they have access to all your information.

## What Makes A Strong Password?

To an attacker, a strong password should appear to be a random string of characters. The following criteria can help your passwords do so:

- Make it lengthy. Each character that you add to your password increases the protection that it provides many times over. Your passwords should be 8 or more characters in length; 14 characters or longer is ideal.
- Many systems also support use of the space bar in passwords, so you can create a phrase made of many words (a "pass phrase"). A pass phrase is often easier to remember than a simple password, as well as longer and harder to guess.
- Combine letters, numbers, and symbols. The greater variety of characters that you have in your password, the harder it is to guess. Other important specifics include:
  - The fewer types of characters in your password, the longer it must be. A 15-character password composed only of random letters and numbers is about 33,000 times stronger than an 8-character password composed of characters from the entire keyboard. If you cannot create a password that contains symbols, you need to make it considerably longer to get the same degree of protection. An ideal password combines both length and different types of symbols.
  - Use the entire keyboard, not just the most common characters. Symbols typed by holding down the "Shift" key and typing a number are very common in passwords. Your password will be much stronger if you choose from all the symbols on the keyboard, including punctuation marks not on the upper row of the keyboard, and any symbols unique to your language.

- Use words and phrases that are easy for you to remember, but difficult for others to guess. The easiest way to remember your passwords and pass phrases is to write them down. Contrary to popular belief, there is nothing wrong with writing passwords down, but they need to be adequately protected in order to remain secure and effective.
- In general, passwords written on a piece of paper are more difficult to compromise across the Internet than a password manager, Web site, or other software-based storage tool, such as password managers.

## **The Blank Password Option—NOT FOR ONLINE USE**

A blank password (i.e. no password at all) on your account can actually be more secure than a weak password such as "1234". Criminals can easily guess a simplistic password, but on computers using Windows XP, Windows Vista or Windows 7, a Windows account without a password will have the "Remote Desktop Connection" software disabled by default. (This option is not available for Microsoft Windows 2000, Windows Me, or earlier versions).

You can choose to use a blank password on your computer account if these criteria are met:

- You only have one computer or you have several computers but you do not need to access information on one computer from another one
- The computer is physically secure (you trust everyone who has physical access to the computer)

The use of a blank password is not always a good idea. For example, a laptop computer that you take with you is probably not physically secure, so on those you should have a strong password.

The above information can be found on the Microsoft Website at:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/nz/digitallife/security/create-strong-passwords.msp>

## **Internet Café Security**

Internet cafe's can be really handy to check email, transfer money, and update your facebook page when you're out and about traveling, especially when you're overseas. But for me there's always that niggling fear in the back of my mind, as I submit my login details, "just how secure is this shared public computer?"

If that thought's never crossed your mind, consider this;

With some basic know-how, 'spyware' can be installed onto a compromised computer to monitor your activity, passwords, logins, & screenshots storing them somewhere in cyberspace for the hacker to pick up at their convenience and depending on the expertise of the IT staff running the internet cafe, that spyware could sit on that pc for months before its detected.

**Consider these tips when traveling**, to keep your login details safe while still taking advantage of the internet cafe's convenience:

1. Choose an internet cafe that looks professional. It can be hard to tell sometimes, but the more secure cafes won't let you access the control panel settings, or install programs, and the computer will require you to log in before you can start your session.
2. Check there aren't lots of strange applications running in the taskbar, or odd toolbars within Internet Explorer – that's usually a sign of a compromised/spyware riddled pc.
3. Use these alternative ways of entering usernames and passwords. A combination of these will confuse most key logging software:
  - Use the On Screen Keyboard that's built into Windows to type passwords instead of the keyboard. (The On-Screen Keyboard is located in Start > Accessories > Accessibility > On-Screen Keyboard; or Start > Run > osk.exe)
  - -Or- Open notepad and then type the alphabet out, then copy and paste the letters over to the password box individually
4. Make sure you don't tick the 'save password' or 'remember me' functions.
5. Make sure critical banking transactions go via a secure https connection (most banks force this anyway but double check that you haven't been redirected)
6. Consider using your mobile phone for those important financial transactions. Most New Zealand banks have a multiple solutions to view balances, pay credit cards, and transfer money between accounts that can be locked down to a specific mobile phone making it extremely difficult for a hacker to gain your login. Options range from:
  - simple text message banking
  - a specific application that you can install onto your phone
  - or if your mobile is web capable, you can access your normal internet banking website, using your phone, to complete transactions
  - Some NZ banks also have mobile specific internet banking websites designed to minimize your data costs
  - Talk to your bank to find out which option is best for you.
  - Before you finish your session, clear your browsing history. In Internet Explorer 8 press Alt+T, then select 'Delete Browsing History' and delete all.
  - Change your passwords soon as you get home.

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### Microsoft Word 2007

Using Windows 7

Learn how to make letters, cut, copy & paste commands and much, much more in this 2 day, hands on class. Detailed handouts are provided.

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**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Jan. 17 & 19th @ 6pm—8pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Jan. 18 & 20th @ 1pm—3pm

### Microsoft Publisher 2007

Using Windows 7

Time to learn how to make newsletters, advertisements, brochures and more in this two day hands on class. Detailed Handouts will be provided.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Jan. 24 & 26th @ 6pm—8pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Jan. 25 & 27th @ 1pm—3pm

### Online Investing

Is Do-It-Yourself Investing Right For You?

Are you ready to take control of your own personal finances and investments? The predominant sentiment of the average investor is fear, cynicism, disillusionment with old theories, tired advisors, and myopic money managers. The options available to many are lackluster due to the professional seeming less skilled at building solutions and more likely to sell products or recommend complex instruments. This class will discuss the pros and cons of doing your own investing. Handouts will be provided.

**NEW**

**Level—** Any (Lecture Class)  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues.  
**Dates—** Jan. 11th @ 10:15—12:15pm  
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**Days—** Wed.  
**Dates—** Jan. 19th @ 1pm—3pm

### Which Level Is Right For Me?

#### Level am I?:

Any	No skills required
Absolute Beginner	No skills required
Beginner	Must know how to operate a mouse/ keyboard basics
Advanced	Must have basic knowledge of a computer especially with navigation

**Maximum Per Class is only 12. Please sign up early to ensure enrollment.**

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### Open Computer Lab

If you have taken a class from The Computer Guy in the past, feel free to come in (spots are first come first serve) and start working on your own project. The advantage is The Computer Guy will be in the lab with you in case you have any questions. Need to work on something from class? Come on in and sit down and start working. Common Application ONLY (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Gmail).

**Level—** Any—FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.  
**Cost—** FREE—Sponsored by The Computer Guy  
**Days—** Thursdays  
**Dates—** Jan. 6,13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24th @10:15am—12:15pm



### Microsoft Excel 2007

Using Windows 7

Time to learn how to make spreadsheets for your roster, address book, balance your check book and more. This is a four day hands-on class with detailed handouts to help you through the learning process.

**Level—** Advanced  
**Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Jan. 3, 5, 10 & 12th @ 6pm—8pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Jan. 4, 6, 11 & 13th @ 1pm—3pm

### Computers for Beginners

Using Windows 7 with referrals back to Windows XP

In this class we will start at the beginning with basic computer operations such as turning on/ off the computer, navigating through the computer, opening & closing programs, basics of the internet and more. This is a 4 day hands on class. Handouts will be provided so you spend more time practicing and less time writing.

**Level—** Absolute Beginner/ Beginner  
**Class Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16th @ 1pm-3pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Feb. 8, 10, 15, 17th @ 6pm-8pm

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### The Class of FREE

Lecture Class

In this class, I will show you and give you a DVD that contains all worth while programs that are FREE.

**Level—** All Levels (Lecture)  
**Cost—** \$5  
**Days—** Tuesday  
**Dates—** Feb. 1st @ 1pm—3pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Feb. 2nd @ 6pm—8pm

### Windows 7 Basics

This is a 2 day beginner computer class for adults to learn how to navigate, open programs, close programs, create folders, move folders and other basic computer tips for Windows 7, the latest operating system. Handouts will be provided so you spend less time writing and more time practicing.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Feb. 21 & 23rd @ 6pm—8pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Feb. 22 & 24th @ 1pm—3pm

### Digital Camera 1

Learn how to use your camera

In this hands-on class we will explore the features on our camera and how to use them in everyday life.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Feb. 8 & 10th @ 1pm—3pm

### Digital Camera 2

How to Get the Images Off your camera and more.

Once you take all those wonderful pictures, what do you or can you do with them. Explore the possibilities as we show you what you can do.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
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### Open Office Text Document

Now is your opportunity to learn the counter part to Microsoft Office. This program is absolutely FREE and does all the basics that Microsoft Word can do. In this two day hands on class, we will cover all of the basics this program can do.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Mar. 1st & 3rd @ 1pm—3pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Mar. 7 & 9th @ 6pm—8pm



### Open Office Spread Sheets

Now is your opportunity to learn the counter part to Microsoft Office. This program is absolutely FREE and does all the basics that Microsoft Excel can do. In this four day hands on class, we will cover all of the basics this program can do.



**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Mar. 22, 24, 29 & 31st @ 6pm—8pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Mar. 21, 23, 28 & 30th @ 1pm—3pm

### Photoscape

You have heard of Google's Picasa, but have you ever heard of Photoscape? It is yet another FREE powerful photo manipulation program similar to Picasa with more tools so you can really play with your images. In this hands on class you will learn some of the basic tools and how to use them to make your pictures look the best they can.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Mar. 8 & 10th @ 6pm—8pm

### Facebook Signup

If you do not have an account and would like to take the Facebook—How to Use class, PLEASE take this one first or create an account on your own. This class may not take the full two hours.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$5  
**Days—** Tuesday  
**Dates—** Mar. 8th @ 1pm—3pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Mon.  
**Dates—** Mar. 14th @ 6pm—8pm

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### Facebook How to Use

**MUST HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO TAKE THIS CLASS.** In this class we will cover the ins and outs of using the social networking site called Facebook. Learn more about protecting yourself and being able to actually using facebook safely.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$5  
**Days—** Thursday  
**Dates—** Mar. 10th @ 1pm—3pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Wednesday  
**Dates—** Mar. 16th @ 6pm—8pm

### Picasa

In this class we are going to cover the FREE program called Picasa which is a photo manipulation program designed by none other than Google. This is a great way to organize, manipulate, print and share your photos.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** Mar. 15 & 17th @ 6pm—8pm  
**OR**  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** Mar. 14 & 16th @ 1pm—3pm

### Genealogy

You have requested the class and here it is for the first time ever! In this two hour class we will show you show you the sites, give you the tools, warn you of potential pitfalls and answer any of your genealogy questions.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Wed.  
**Dates—** Mar. 23rd @ 6pm—8pm



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## Did You Know?



**Did you know that the song Elvira was originally recorded by Larry Lynne (The Skunks) back in 1965?**

This show is a unique Variety Act that consists of rock, country-rock, blues, and classic favorites from the **50's, 60's, & 70's**, and present day, along with some novelty music blended with comedy that will surely include audience interaction. The show will take you back to a time where life was simple and a

lot less hectic, and produced with two goals in mind: to be Fun and Entertaining for our fans. We designed the show to also tell the story of it's featured artist, Milwaukee's very own Larry Lynne. Through his music, you will enjoy Larry's original material written over his 50 years in show business.

For more information please visit:  
[www.larrylynneband.com](http://www.larrylynneband.com)

## FREE Software Spotlight

In this month's FREE software spotlight I am actually going to refer you to TWO FREE programs that can replace the expensive program called Microsoft Outlook. Mozilla Thunderbird 3.0 is a serious reaction to the prevalence of Web mail, so whether you're looking for a strong desktop client, an Outlook replacement, or a powerful tool for managing archives and Web mail offline, Thunderbird can scale to your needs.

Outlook users will notice the speed and responsiveness of the program, which loads quickly, even when weighed down by multiple folders and RSS feeds, and the basic feature set remains intact: good junk mail filters, HTML support, multiple identities, and robust Web mail, POP, IMAP, and Microsoft Exchange server support. Security features include S/MIME, digital signing, message encryption, and a built-in phishing detector. Add-ons, based on the same code as Firefox's add-on network, can enhance your security even further.



Thunderbird



Lightning

Lightning makes Thunderbird soar above Outlook for home use, and places it on nearly equal ground in the office. It includes an overhauled interface with easy-to-use buttons for jumping between email and your calendar, LDAP directory support for event invites, and Sun Java Calendar

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