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The Middle Mouse Button

Bring Your Middle Mouse Button to Life

Rick Broida, PC World

That middle button is often ignored, but you can tap its potential for browsing more efficiently, scrolling quickly, and more.

Take a close look at your mouse. Chances are good it has at least three buttons: left, right, and middle. (Note: Your middle button might be your scroll wheel, which on most mice is clickable.) I've already talked about getting the most from your mouse, but this week I thought I'd home in on the middle button. Why would I want to do that? Well, I just took an informal poll of about ten people, and guess how many of them actually use

that middle button? A grand total of one. One! People, people, people...

Close Browser Tabs Quickly

First up: browser tabs. I routinely have 10-15 tabs open in my browser at any given time. If I want to close a tab, I have to click it, then click the little X that appears on the tab.

That's one more click than I prefer, and it brings into focus a tab I'm planning to close. Crazy, right? If you middle-click any tab in Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Internet Explorer, boom, it's gone. No need to make it visible first; no need to reach for the X. Just middle-click, boom.

Open Links in New Tabs

When you middle-click a link in Google Chrome, Firefox, or Internet Explorer (not

sure about Opera, but I'm guessing so), that link opens immediately in a new tab. Incidentally, you can accomplish the same thing by holding down the Ctrl key and left-clicking a link. But why bother with that when you can just as easily click the middle mouse button?

Open All Your Off-Used Sites

Let's say that you use Firefox or Internet Explorer and you've organized a handful of favorite sites--you know, the ones you visit daily--into a folder. Smart move.

Here's an even smarter one: You can instantly open every link in a folder, each in its own tab, by middle-clicking that folder.

This works regardless of where the folder is located: your



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bookmarks toolbar, your navigation toolbar, even a pull-down menu. One middle-click of a folder and presto: every link therein opens in a new tab.

Scroll In Your Docs

Have you ever wondered what happens when you click and hold the middle mouse button? Glad you asked. This action activates a handy page-scrolling option in applications like Microsoft Word and Excel, Adobe Reader, Firefox, and Internet Explorer.

In other words, when you click and hold the middle mouse button, you can then drag your mouse forward or back to scroll up or down the page, respectively. This feature is intended for folks who don't have a scroll wheel, but it works just as well with scroll wheels--and I know many people who prefer the speed of

middle-click scrolling to the slow, steady pace of wheel scrolling.

Customize Your Scroll Speed

After the mouse itself, the mouse wheel is the single greatest navigation tool ever invented.



Mine is spinning constantly, especially in Firefox, where I use it to zip up and down Web pages.

By default, however, one "turn" of the mouse wheel scrolls only a few lines at a time--and I want to move faster. Fortunately, there's a fairly easy way to adjust Firefox's scroll speed. Even better, there's a keyboard shortcut that can slow it down again for "precision" scrolling.

Here's how to change the default scroll speed:

1. Open Firefox, then type **about:config** in the address bar and hit Enter.
2. In the Filter box, type **mouse-wheel.withnokey**.
3. Right-click *mouse-wheel.withnokey.sysnumlines* and then click *Toggle*. This should set the value to False. Right-click *mouse-wheel.withnokey.numlines* and then click *Modify*. Bump the value to 6 or so, click OK, and then switch to another tab to see if you like the scroll speed. (Thankfully, you don't have to restart Firefox every time you make a change.) If not, experiment a bit until you find a number you like.

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Tips and Tricks

Export Your iGoogle Homepage to Another Account

If you're a fan of iGoogle, you probably have a perfect setup with RSS Feeds, Themes, and other gadgets just how you like it. Today we take a look at exporting those settings into another Google account so you don't have to rebuild your favorite homepage.

iGoogle

For those of you who don't know what iGoogle is, it's a customizable homepage that contains the Google Search box and then your personalized gadgets. There are tons of different things you can add like news, weather, Gmail, stock reports, RSS feeds from any site, games, movie times...etc. In fact you can even design your own iGoogle gadget if you want. It also lets you pick custom themes, move the gadgets around, and create new tabs for even more gadgets.

If you have been customizing your iGoogle homepage to perfection over several months, it would certainly be painful to have to start over if you needed to change accounts. To export and save the settings click on My Account located in the top right hand corner of the homepage.

2. Then under My Products click on the Settings link next to iGoogle.

3. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the iGoogle Settings page and click on Export iGoogle settings to your computer.

4. Save the XML file to a location on your hard drive.

5. Now when you sign into your different account go to the bottom of the Settings page. This time browse to the location of your saved iGoogle XML document and then click on Import.

6. It only takes a second for the import to complete and when it does, go to the homepage and you'll have everything there exactly how it was in your old account. This quick tip will save a lot of time and frustration when moving between Google accounts.

Google trick to track flight status

With airline "on time" percentages continuing to fall, few things are as irritating as going to the airport to pick up a friend or family member just to find out that flight has been delayed. Google makes it pretty easy to quickly get the status of any flight by simply putting in the name of the airline with the flight number into the Google search bar.

Images won't forward in Outlook Express

For those that use Outlook

Express, you may get replies to forwarded messages letting you know that the images that were supposed to be included in the message didn't make it through

Click on the Tools menu, then on Options, then on the Send tab. In the "Mail Sending Format" section, click on the HTML button and make sure there is a checkmark in front of the "Send pictures with messages" option.

Turn on File Extensions or change file associations:

The fix is actually rather easy. By default, Windows will hide the file extension of any known file types in an attempt to remove some of the confusion that may result.

This also allows malicious users to send file attachments that appear to be something that they are not, so we highly recommend turning off this default setting.

To do so, open 'My Computer', click on the Tools menu then on 'Folder Options'.

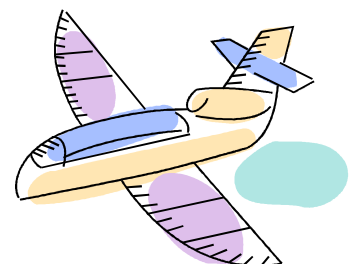
Next, click on the 'View' menu and look for the entry 'Hide extensions for known file types' and remove the checkmark from it and click 'OK'.

Now the next step is to go to the file attachment that you working with.

To change the file association, simply right-click on the file. And choose the 'Open with' option to reveal the program list.



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Accessing the AOL Mail System

Introduction

AOL utilizes a highly proprietary mail system. For years, this system was only accessible using the AOL client software or web site. Over time, a handful of other applications became able to access this system. Then, on April 5, 2004, things changed drastically as AOL announced Open Mail Access -- IMAP and authenticated Authenticated SMTP servers available to its membership. (These functions were introduced over time first to users of CompuServe 2000, then to foreign AOL markets.)

What is IMAP?

IMAP is an email protocol that stores email on the remote mail server. This is different from the popular POP3 protocol, which (normally) only holds onto your email until you download it for manipulation in your local email program. Despite this, you can still download IMAP mail to the local computer; the procedure is just a little different (and, in most respects, more flexible).

AOL's mail system, while not IMAP-based, used a very similar model. While you *could* download messages to the computer, most AOL members accessed it online -- regardless of whether they were accessing it from one location or several. This is also the model that popular webmail providers, such as Hotmail and Yahoo! use.

The main disadvantage to hosting your email on a server is storage space. AOL doesn't have a space limitation, but it does delete old messages after a certain period of time -- except for those saved in a special server-based folder (which *does* have a space limitation, see below).

How do you use AOL's IMAP/SMTP servers?

The AOL IMAP and SMTP server addresses are:

Imap.aol.com (port 143) smtp.aol.com (port 587)

Log in to the IMAP server using the appropriate AOL screen name (with any spaces removed -- "John Doe"

becomes "JohnDoe" or "johndoe" -- this is what we call "normalizing" a Screen Name) and that Screen Name's AOL (not AIM) Password.

The SMTP server requires authentication in order to send mail through it. Just as with the IMAP server, log in using the normalized AOL Screen Name and its AOL Password. You do not need to use the AOL SMTP server, but your message will not appear in your AOL Sent Mail and may be blocked by filters that do not believe AOL members should be sending email without using the AOL SMTP server.

Access to these servers is available whether you are dialed into AOL or another provider, regardless of whether the AOL software is signed on. AOL members using hourly rate plans will not be charged for accessing these servers -- provided they're not dialed into AOL while doing it. Access to the servers will be listed as "<NetMail>" in the Detailed Bill.

These servers will not work for a program that does not support IMAP

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and Authenticated SMTP. AOL does not have a POP3 server.

AOL provides detailed documentation and examples at

Keyword: Open Mail Access and in the AOL Help article "Can I read and send AOL e-mail using other e-mail applications?"

The "INBOX" folder contains all of your "incoming" mail, including mail AOL classifies as "New Mail" and "Old Mail." Although messages typically remain in an IMAP inbox indefinitely, **these** messages are still bound by AOL's standard policy of deleting unread mail older than approximately 27 days

(see "How long does mail stay available in my mailbox?") --

so move them to the Saved folder (see below) or a local folder in your email client if you want to keep them for longer. If your IMAP email client is configured to display deleted messages, it will also show messages that AOL classifies as "Recently Deleted."

These linger for roughly 24 hours before being permanently deleted. You may also be able to configure your email client to purge deleted items sooner (such as when quitting or when leaving a folder).

The "Saved" folder corresponds to AOL's "Saved on AOL" folder, and is a place to save messages on the AOL email server so that they are accessible from any location (including AOL Mail). This does not correspond with the AOL Personal Filing Cabinet. You are free to move messages in and out of this directory using your IMAP email client, and to create subfolders. Messages in this folder are saved indefinitely, subject to a 20 MB space limitation.

(See "How do I save e-mail permanently?" for more information about the Saved on AOL folder.)

The "Sent Items" folder contains all of the mail you've sent through AOL. Some IMAP email clients ask you whether to store sent mail locally (on your

computer) or on the IMAP server, but AOL doesn't give you that choice (or need it). AOL will automatically place a sent message in the Sent Items directory, and you will get an error of your IMAP email client tries to do it -- so it's best to configure your IMAP email client to store sent messages in the local Sent folder (if at all).

The "Spam" folder corresponds with AOL's "Spam Folder," which is where you'll find messages AOL has diverted due to its junk email filtering

(see Mail Controls) for more information),

and messages that you have reported as being Spam. They are automatically deleted after approximately 48 hours unless purged.

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911 Call to help group

What it costs elsewhere

Geek Squad in home call \$149.00 per hour

Serving Online Seniors in home call \$85.00 per hour

On line help \$79.95 subscription + \$24.95 per month

a gratuity to your SVECC helper is recommended

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Brief problem description

Computer Help Group

Group Leader Joe Zagar

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Pop Ups

Let's face it; no one likes pop-up advertisements. Thankfully, Microsoft saw it in their heart to add a very effective pop-up blocker to the Service Pack 2 update. Unfortunately, there is the occasional website that requires pop-ups to be viewed properly. In such a case it is necessary to "train" the pop-up blocker to allow certain websites.

To add a website to the "Allowed" list:

1. From Internet Explorer, click **Tools**.
2. Select **Pop-Up Blocker**.
3. Select **Pop-up Blocker Settings**.
4. When the **Pop-up Blocker Settings** dialog box appears, type in a website address underneath **Address of Web site to allow**. Only enter the host name, not the full path, i.e. **www.datadoctors.com**
5. Click the **Add** button.
6. Press **Close** to close the dialog box.

To remove a website from the "Allowed" list:

1. From Internet Explorer, click **Tools**.
2. Select **Pop-Up Blocker**.
3. Select **Pop-up Blocker Settings**.
4. When the **Pop-up Blocker Settings** dialog box appears, select a site name from **Allowed sites**.
5. Press the **Remove** button.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 as desired.
7. Press **Close** to close the dialog box.

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One Day (a story of a wood cutter)

One day, while a woodcutter was cutting a branch of a tree above a river, his axe fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?" The woodcutter replied that his axe has fallen into water, and he needed the axe to make his living. The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "No." The Lord again went down and came up with a silver axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. Again, the woodcutter replied, "No." The Lord went down again

and came up with an iron axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "Yes." The Lord was pleased with the man's honesty and gave him all three axes to keep, and the woodcutter went home happy. Some time later the woodcutter was walking along the riverbank, and his wife fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you

crying?" "Oh Lord, my wife has fallen into the water!" The Lord went down into the water and came up with Jennifer Lopez. "Is this your wife?" the Lord asked. "Yes," cried the woodcutter. The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!" The woodcutter replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Jennifer Lopez, You would

have come up with Catherine Zeta-Jones. Then if I also said 'no' to her, You would have come up with my wife. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given all three to me. Lord, I am but a poor man, and I am not able to take care of all three wives, so THAT'S why I said 'yes' to Jennifer Lopez." The moral then of this story is: Whenever a man lies, it is for a good and honorable reason, and for the benefit of others

