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March Special Presentation (March 7th)

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Monthly Reminders:

- Run Disk Cleanup
- Run CC Cleaner
- Defrag your hard drive
- Manually Update Windows
- Update Super Anti-spyware
- Run your Anti-virus

Abby Stokes will be giving a reassuring, jargon-free, and totally straightforward nuts-and-bolts presentation that will introduce late bloomers, grandparents, technophobes, and the digitally challenged to all the wonders of using a computer, and have the audience using digital cameras and PDAs with ease.

This information is also available in her book, "Is This Thing On?"

This is a Computer Handbook for Late Bloomers, Technophobes, and the Kicking Screaming which will be available at the meeting.

The people who did not grow up with personal computers will learn everything they need to get wired: how to select, buy, and set up computer;

how to sign up for e-mail and internet access, and how to use the world wide web.

They will receive information on peripherals—printers, scanners, wireless modems—and basic software, such as word processing programs. They will delve further into the online world to discover search engines and web navigation, information on online banking and shopping. Security issues, "netiquette," blogs, and digital photos—transferring them from camera to computer and sending them as attachments will be discussed.

A companion website, www.abbyandme.com, offers a safe place to practice and keep learning including recommended websites, tutorials, a resource list, and more.

There is an excerpt from her book there too.

Abby who has a gift for taking the terrified by the hand and teaching old dogs new tricks has single-handedly demystified computers for over 135,000 people, mostly seniors, in the course of the past 17 years.

Abby has taught courses in basic computing at both Cooper Union and New York University's School of Life-long Learning, as well as computer skills to private and corporate clients.

She has lectured on the topic across the country.

Abby's book, "Is This Thing On?", will be available for purchase - \$15.



7 Tips to Reduce Spam

7 Tips to Help You Reduce or Stop Spam

1. Use a separate email address when you post messages to any public forum, such as newsgroups and mailing lists. Never use your personal email address for this purpose -- or you'll be flooded with spam. Then, you can quickly go through the email in this account to see what's spam and what isn't. And your main personal email address won't be as clogged with spam.

For example, AOL users can set up a special user name for free, and use that for their postings. Then, they can just discontinue that account if they start to get too much spam.

2. Consider acquiring multiple email addresses for different purposes. This helps you to identify different sources and senders, and lets you filter more effectively.

For instance, you may have one for personal use only by friends, family or colleagues

that is never used to request information or to subscribe to newsletters, discussion lists, etc.

Another might be used just for sales inquiries or orders, or for making online purchases. This can be arranged through your ISP, web host or through any number of online email



service providers.

Even free mail services like Yahoo! Mail and Gmail can be used for this purpose.

3. You can subscribe to services online that provide you with disposable addresses that can be deleted if they begin to attract spam messages.

You can create a unique address for each email newsletter or forum you subscribe to. Then, when an email address begins getting spam, you

'throw it away' and start using another email address.

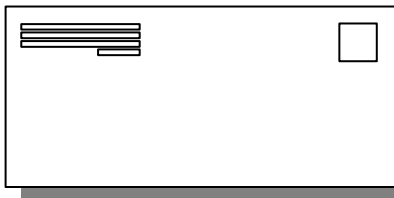
This works because the disposable email addresses actually forward to a real email address of yours. The software lets you track which addresses are getting spam, and you can just resubscribe using a new, spam-free address.

For information on what you need to know about disposable addresses, visit: <http://email.about.com/library/weekly/aa072002a.htm>

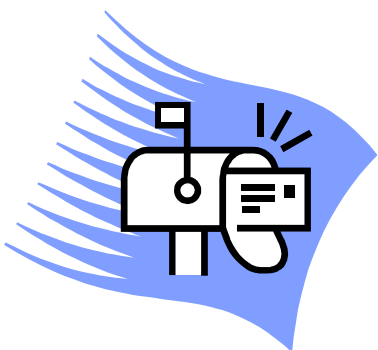
Our favorite company that offers disposable email accounts is Sneakemail. It even has a free version: <http://sneakemail.com>

4. Remove your email address from your website. If you list or link to your email address, you can expect to be spammed.

Address-harvesting robots will spider your site and extract them. So remove them whenever possible and use web-based forms instead. This will drastically cut down the



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7 Tips to Reduce Spam (continued)

amount of spam you receive if you have a website.

5. NEVER buy anything from a company that spams. Don't visit their sites or ask for more information. (If you respond to their spams, you're encouraging them to continue spamming -- they only need a tiny fraction of responses to be profitable.)

There's another reason not to buy anything from a company that spams: **over 95% of spam offers are scams!** In fact, not responding to spam is the single most effective way to not get scammed on the Internet.

6. Filter your email. Using filters is key to managing your email effectively. It may take a short time to figure out how to do this, but it's definitely worthwhile.

For more anti-spam filtering information, visit:
<http://email.about.com/cs/spamfiltering/>

For more on negative spam filtering, visit:

<http://email.about.com/library/howto/htnegativespamfilter.htm>

7. Consider subscribing to a spam prevention service. We're not enthusiastic about these services, but many people find them invaluable. They range from the good to the bad to the downright ugly, and from free to fee-based.

Many of these services are "challenge response" services. This means they require that people who send you email to respond by clicking, visiting a website, and/or typing in a code that only a human (not a spam bot) could do correctly.

Unfortunately, many people -- and most newsletter publishers -- simply refuse to participate. That's because it requires people who are sending you legitimate email to take THEIR time to ensure YOU get email.

In fact, many of us consider it rude for you to even ask.

Imagine a newsletter publisher like Scam-Busters with 100,000+

subscribers. If even 20% installed this kind of system, that would mean the publisher would have 20,000 challenge/response requests. If each took only half a minute, that would be 167 hours -- or more than four weeks to reply!

Not very likely...

Tip: Make sure that any software or system you select gives YOU control of which email you get (and doesn't automatically erase messages).

On a related note, safeguard your newsletter and discussion list subscriptions. If you, your ISP or web host use spam filters or white lists, be sure to let them know that you want to receive messages from any newsletters or discussion lists that you subscribe to.

Do it as soon as you sign up... otherwise, it's very easy not to notice that you're not receiving them.

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Purge Print Jobs

Purge Stalled Print Jobs ... manually

First off: *Make sure all print jobs are complete and that no new print jobs are being submitted.*

1. Open Services.msc (Click the Start Button and type in: "Services" in the search box) Locate the Print Spooler Service, and stop it (Right Click, Choose STOP)
2. Open an explorer window, and navigate to the folder:

C:\Windows\System32\spool\PRINTERS
(Copy the above URL and paste it in the Explorer Address-

field)
3. Delete the SPL- and SHD- files with the lowest number (which should be the file

causing problems). Or to be safe, delete everything. (Files in the Printers are named xxxx.spl or xxxx.shd where xxxx is a hexadecimal number)

Now go back to the Services Window and Start the Print Spooler Service.

The DOS way...

Prefer using the Command Prompt ?

OKAY, here's how:

1. Open the Command Prompt as Administrator (Click the Start-button and type CMD, then Right Click CMD.EXE in the search results and choose "Run as Administrator")
2. Type Net Stop Spooler (This will stop the Print Spooler Service)
3. Type cd\Windows\System32\spool\PRINTERS
4. Type Del *.* (and Confirm to delete)
Type Net Start Spooler to Start the Print Spooler Service again



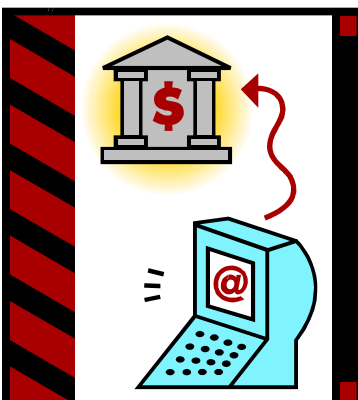
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How to Get Your Browser to Download Where You Want

Do you have a personal folder where you would like to put files that you download but your browser keeps putting them somewhere

else? All the common browsers have a default location that may not be what you had in mind. In this tip, I'll tell you how to send

downloads where you want in three of the most popular browsers. Except where noted, information applies to Windows XP, Vista, or



How to Get Your Browser to Download Where You Want

Windows 7. Select a download folder for Firefox 3.6+

Firefox uses a folder in *My Documents* in Windows XP or the %*USERPROFILE%*\Downloads folder in Windows Vista/7 as a default. Changing the download destination is easy:

1. Go to the "Tools" menu
2. Select "Options"
3. Click the "General" tab
4. In the section labeled "Downloads", choose your location from the "Browse" function (see the figure below)

Click "OK" and "OK" again

Select a download folder for Google Chrome 8

Chrome also has an easy way to configure the setting for the download location.

1. Click the "Tools" icon (the wrench)
2. Select "Options"
3. Click the tab "Under the Hood"
4. Scroll down to the "Downloads"



section (see the figure below)

5. Use the "Browse" function to select your folder

6. Click "OK"

Click "Close"

Internet Explorer 8

There is no direct setting in IE8 to

change the download folder. Advanced PC users can edit a value called "Download Directory" in the following Registry key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer

However, several Windows tweak-

ing programs provide for changing the download location. The [Ultimate Windows Tweaker](#)

<http://www.thewindowclub.com/ultimate-windows-tweaker-v2-a-tweak-ui-for-windows-7-vista> And there you have it. Now you can put downloads wherever you choose.

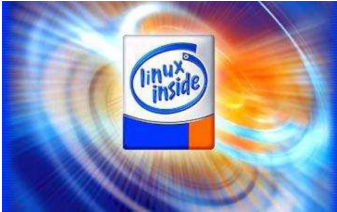


"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

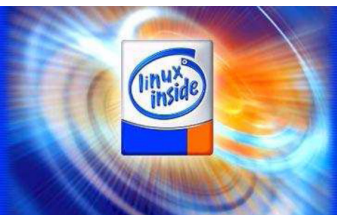


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#1.

Linux is a FREE, powerful, versatile, very secure, open-source computer operating system that can be easily added to almost any computer. Linux has been developed through the cooperative efforts of thousands of brilliant minds from all over the world whose primary motivation was to create a computer operating system that would be superior in every possible way to all the expensive commercial operating systems on the market .. and make it freely available to everyone.

#2.

Linux is protected by a unique legal provision called the "GPL" (General Public License) which is administered by the Free Software Foundation. This license ensures that Linux will remain free and able to be freely copied and distributed by everyone.

Linux is often packaged with a very extensive collection of utilities, tools, and application programs and sold or freely distributed under many different names such as Kubuntu, Ubuntu, SuSE, Xandros, Linspire , Freespire and many more.

#3.

Linux is Remarkably flexible. It can easily be customized for use in a great variety of special applications. Because of its open source license and flexible design, it has been developed for use in desktop computers, web servers, firewalls, routers, graphics development, clustered computing, embedded systems, search engines, databases, and much more. Linux is capable of performing almost any task with exceptional effectiveness and efficiency.

#4.

Linux is free and both upgrades and an ever expanding ar-

ray of Linux Applications are also free !!!

#5.

Linux is well supported by a vast network of Linux users, vendors, and programmers. Because it is open source, updates and fixes are quickly developed and implemented. Unlike the high-priced proprietary alternatives, all Linux code is open for examination so nothing is hidden or kept secret.

#6.

Linux distributions typically include a wealth of free software, end-user programs, servers, games, programming tools, and much, much more.

#7.

Linux underlying design and structure makes it inherently more secure than the most popular commercial operating system .. which is well known to be notorious for vulnerability to viruses, trojans,

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worms, and security breaches.

#8.

Linux freedom allows users to not only freely use its operating system and application programs, but anyone can also freely modify, customize, and freely redistribute both the basic operating system and its application programs. Linux can be easily adapted to each user's own needs by modifying the source and making improvements that can be shared with everyone.

#9

Linux and the GPL allows anyone to sell and Linux package as long as the source code is also made available and no restriction is imposed to limit the free redistribution of a Linux package

#10.

Open Source Software, such as Linux and Linux application programs, includes any and all

software with source code that may be viewed, modified, and redistributed by anyone. This includes a wide range of open source licenses. The Open Source Foundation promotes the use of open source licensed software to the community and business world.

#11.

Linux live cds are available free from Linux User Groups in most major cities. Live CDs allow computer users to try out Linux on almost any computer without affecting an installed operating system in any way. Live CDs are valuable not only for trying out Linux to see its many advantages, but also as a rescue tool for providing maintenance on a damaged computer.

#12.

Linux "dual-boot" installations allow Linux to be installed on a separate partition on most computers so a user can

continue to use their installed system while simultaneously being able to use and get acquainted with an installed Linux system.

#13.

Linux multiple desktop and multiple terminal capabilities allow Linux users to effectively run multiple virtual computers simultaneously on a single computer.

#14.

Linux superior performance !!! Linux systems typically run faster, more efficiently, and more securely than other popular desktop PC computer operating systems.

#15.

Linux User Group members in most major cities are always available and eager to help by providing excellent free tech support and assistance answering both technical and non-technical questions regarding Linux. Many Linux User Groups even provide free Linux system installation



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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

Joe Zagar	480-373-9373	all systems and programs
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Depending on the season we have a number of helpers to assist with problems or installations. Contact Joe Zagar for assistance, referral, or recommendation of local service provider.

In addition on most Tuesdays from October to March we offer a fix-it session from 1pm to 3pm at the Training Center. Sessions are open to all residents of SVE and are first come first serve. Charge is \$15.00.

Call ahead to see if your problem can be solved at a Tuesday session.

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 SLUG Meeting 6 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 Special Presentation	8 Patch Tuesday	9	10	11	12
13	14 Computer Club	15 SLUG Meeting 6 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Computer Club	22	23	24	25	26 Linux Installfest
27	28 Computer Club	29	30	31		

Tip of the Month: Enable the Secret features in Firefox 3.6

The latest version of Firefox (3.6) has lots of enhancements, security updates and some secret features that used to require the knowledge of using the about:config commands in order to activate.

Now there is a simple add-in that gives anyone access to the following features:

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/98438/>

- Taskbar previews [Windows 7]
- Tabs previews (Ctrl + Tab)
- Tabs previews menu button (far right in the tab bar)
- Open links to the right of the current tab



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And That's When the Fight Started

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you

last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?'

'No,' she an-

swered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..'

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started...

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