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# I knew that...



**Y**ou know, if we'd stop having so much fun at the monthly meetings, we could probably get down to business and learn something.

Lots of laughter and good natured ribbing at the February session, but some very good information was exchanged among the attendees.

We billed this meeting as a *Back to Basics* lesson to refresh our memories on how to perform particular functions, ones that we may not use everyday, and to learn new ways of doing things on our computers.

Without any firm agenda we held a lengthy Q & A session that saw every attendee get involved, either through asking a question, or providing answers.

It proved, yet again, how much you think you don't know about computing but yet, seem to be able to provide the answer at the meetings.

I think it's the "nail that sticks out" syndrome. Folks are afraid to speak up on their own because they're afraid of getting made fun of. (*Yes, that last part is directed at me.*) But, when put into a position of helping others, you speak up confidently and accurately.

At some point in the future, Lou, Bear, Herman and I will be able to say "Our job is done here." because all of you will have surpassed the knowledge(?) of the teachers.

But, and I say this with the utmost respect for all of you, that day has

yet to come.

We covered a lot of topics, problems and searched for answers to some questions that were unfamiliar.

We demonstrated how to drag and drop; how to "send" an icon to the Desktop and how to copy and paste.

We learned that you can export contact lists from Google Mail into a .CSV file for printing or importing into another email program.

We learned that the new HP ePrint ink-jet printer, model Officejet Pro 8500A A910a, doesn't have an On/Off switch and recalibrates itself each time the computer is turned on or comes out of the sleep mode. We also learned that when ejecting the printed copy, it flies out of the printer onto the floor.



We also learned that both of these features can be an irritant to ePrint printer owners, at least to the one who brought this to our attention.

We showed how to format a thumb drive, which is exactly the same way you would format a floppy disk or a hard drive.

**R**ose told us of a phishing email she received offering her a super-duper deal on a credit card. Fortunately, she was immediately suspicious because there was no company info at the end of the email. This is usually where they give you an opt-out or unsubscribe option and contact information. This space was blank. So, in the trash bin it went.

For the more curious of our members, if you receive any kind of UNSOLICITED offer via email, just

hover the cursor -DO NOT CLICK- just hover, over the link and you'll be able to see where it would have taken you.

If it is a contraction of the URL, those used by TinyURL for example, it won't be of much help.

If you click on the link be prepared to suffer the consequences. If it is a phishing attempt you could infect your machine with a virus that it will use to send the same offer to everyone in your address book. Not a good way to keep friends and relationships.

Worse case would be the installation of a Trojan that could use your computer in a NETBOT scheme, or could even destroy the contents of your hard drive.

The ONLY way to protect yourself, short of never turning the computer on, is to make sure your anti-virus and firewall software is enabled and up-to-date. Don't rely on a stand alone anti-virus program, invest in an internet security suite. There are many out there and all are reasonably priced.

**J**ack De asked about converting a .PDF file back to a Word .DOC. Seems the original document was saved as a pdf rather than as a doc.



As promised, the running of the nerds continues with a few more new things that caught my eye. As those of you who read my previous column will recall, there were a reported 140,000 attendees doing a lot of running to try and see as many of the 2700 displays available. One of these, I promise, will surprise you. Not only is it perhaps the least costly of any CES item, but it's useful for lots of things! You'll know it when you get to it, so see if you don't agree it's pretty surprising! Most of us who have done it before rely on the media events and press conferences to maximize the number of exhibits and exhibitors we get to see and talk to. So, here is part 2 of "the running" beginning with a couple items seen at Lunch at Piero's

Stay connected to what matters most with **mydlink enabled cameras**

Throughout your busy week, stay connected to everything that you love 24/7. View your home and keep an eye on your kids, your pets and your valued possessions from anywhere over the Internet and enjoy the peace of mind that



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comes from knowing everything is safe and secure. Whether you're out for an evening, at the office or away on vacation, mydlink-enabled cameras let you keep a close, constant eye on all that's important to you.

The mydlink-enabled Wireless N Network Camera (DCS-930L) comes with everything you need to quickly add a surveillance camera to your home or small office network. It works right out of the box.

Simply connect the cables, plug in the camera, run the short installation wizard and setup is complete. To view what the camera is seeing, simply log on to [mydlink.com](http://mydlink.com), choose your device, and start viewing - there is no need to configure your router to open up ports or remember hard-to-memorize Internet addresses.

Features

- Easily View and Manage Your Camera from [mydlink.com](http://mydlink.com)
- Sleek and compact design that fits in the smallest corners of your home
- Wireless Connectivity
- Ready to Use in 3 Simple Steps
- Works with the mydlink iPhone app for on-the go viewing

Benefits of mydlink mydlink products are created for people who long to embrace a world connected through the Internet, but are afraid they lack the technical expertise to do so. mydlink products remove the learning curve that is typically associated with today's high-tech devices because they are truly Plug-and-Play compatible with zero or extremely easy configuration. mydlink provides you easy and straightforward access to your digital life all from our intuitive, convenient website makes it easy to get the most from your digital lifestyle without the learning curve.



Convenient Access, Anywhere, Anytime

As a mydlink-enabled device, you can access the DCS-930L anytime, anywhere you have Internet access. Get peace of mind by keeping an eye on your kids, pets, home or office from almost anywhere by simply logging on to the mydlink website and selecting your camera. Since the DCS-930L comes with a built-in microphone, you can see and hear for yourself that everything is well at home.

Camera Management

For advanced users that want more out of their camera, the DCS-930L also comes with D-Link D-ViewCam™ management software. D-ViewCam comes with a host of features including the ability to record directly from the camera to a local hard drive, trigger motion detection, set recording schedules, set e-mail alert notifications, and even support for up to 32 cameras. D-ViewCam also allows you to upload a floor plan of your home or small business and create a realistic layout of where your cameras are located, providing you with better access to your camera. For even greater recording flexibility, you can record video directly to a Network Attached Storage (NAS) device, eliminating the need for a dedicated computer to store video.

**Nike and TomTom** announced a sports watch with a touchscreen display and integrated GPS, available from April 2011 onwards. The touchscreen display is intended to make it easy for runners to check their progress en-route, while TomTom's GPS system can track and map each run.



The watch combines traditional timer features with personal bests and a nag feature to get runners pounding the ground, as well as a handy USB port that lets users upload run data to the Nike+ network for sharing and comparison.

It can also link up with a Nike+ Sensor attached to a running shoe, or a compatible heart-rate monitor for more detailed readouts.

Rival fitness brand Adidas has been involved in something of a turf war with Nike over fitness gadgets, countering early Nike+ success with the miCoach suite of devices, which were more expensive but included a heart-rate monitor from the get-go.

Adidas also matched Nike's paid iPhone app, which had GPS functionality, with a free miCoach equivalent designed to attract athletes to the miCoach scheme.

### Speak To Me



Always ready, always fast, just say the word. No Internet connection is required for the Speak With Me platform or apps to function,

so you can control devices with your voice while on the go. Our platform also responds 50 times faster to your queries than server side solutions.

It's like talking to a human. Speak With Me features voice-activated technology that truly understands and provides what you want, when you want it, without having to follow a pre-set script. Larger vocabularies, more accurate. Speak With Me delivers an industry-leading 99% accuracy rating - 400 times more accurate than competitors - and recognizes nearly 1 million words in a person's vocabulary.

### Independa

As a recent caregiver, I was very impressed with Independa's products. This San Diego start-up

launched its Web-based software products for family caregivers that help seniors live independently.

Products include a Smart Reminders service, which has a medications reminder, a calendar for important appointments and a life stories feature that helps caregivers record memories of their seniors. It also showed off a prototype of a tablet that could serve as the centerpiece to Independa's platform for helping seniors live longer at home. The tablet isn't on the market yet, but it will come into beta-testing phase this year, said Kian Saneii, chief executive of the company. It aims to engage seniors with technology that is simple to use yet provides them with a host of services that will keep them independent longer. "It's an overlooked demographic," said Saneii, "It doesn't matter how old you get. You want to use fun things and engage with them."

### The Boogie Board LCD Writing Tablet

This product is the first paperless writing tablet to utilize a pressure-sensitive Reflex LCD for the writing surface. While most other LCDs are made on glass, the Reflex LCDs used in Boogie Board tablets are made of impact-resistant, flexible plastic. They are mass produced exclusively in the U.S. on the world's first roll-to-roll line for fabrication of flexible LCDs.

Because all Reflex LCDs are reflective and bi-stable, the Boogie Board tablet requires no power to generate or retain an image, and only a small amount to erase (supplied by a small watch battery, which will execute over 50,000 erase cycles). At a retail



price of \$29.97 USD, the Boogie Board tablet's cost per erase is 15 times less than the per sheet cost of paper in a comparable steno pad. Written and graphic images are created with an included stylus or any other instrument that will apply the desired pressure (even a finger nail). Unlike traditional LCDs that have a poor response to pressure, the Boogie Board's Reflex LCD is highly responsive to variable amounts of pressure. This allows different line thicknesses to be easily created (great for sketching) and provides a writing experience very similar to paper and pencil. Part of Kent Displays' Push Green™ initiative, the Boogie Board tablet provides a highly-effective vehicle to reduce everyday paper consumption. While most reduction strategies have focused on computer-related activities, an equally significant amount of paper is used for everyday writing tasks such as writing memos, jotting down ideas, making reminders/lists, practicing handwriting/ arithmetic (young children), playing games, drawing pictures, and diagramming plays (coaches). The paperless Boogie Board tablet can be used for all these activities, replacing memo/note pads and sticky notes in the home, office, school, car and field. It also replaces chalk, magnetic and dry erase boards. Like all the above writing and drawing mediums, the Boogie Board tablet consumes no electrical energy to produce an image.

That's it for this version. I'll be back, next time with a final list of pretty exciting and useful things, electronic. Enjoy all the new things that are available, but be careful on the www as you will remember, one of the Ws is for "wild"

Aloha,

*Lou*

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It's doable with a PDF convertor program. There are many commercial and free software applications for this. Do a search for PDF convertor, or Doc to PDF.

*Or*, if you don't want to go through the hassle of downloading, installing and using a program one time, then you can do it this way:

Open the pdf file, click on File and Save as txt. Save this file where you can find it.

Then, open the saved text file, copy and paste into Word and then save that one in the proper format. Convoluted, I know, but it works.

It was asked if the Google Calendar could be made the homepage. Someone suggested you could if you put a check mark in the "Leave me logged in" box.

**W**e went on-line to look at keyboard shortcuts that apply to Windows XP, Vista and Win7.

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/KNQV9Y](http://TINYURL.COM/KNQV9Y)

Word 2002, 2003 and 2007 keyboard shortcuts

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/UB2Q3](http://TINYURL.COM/UB2Q3)

There are other links to XP Tips and Tricks and Videos covering the same.

Tips-

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SXM5W](http://TINYURL.COM/SXM5W)

Videos-

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/4BTJUDU](http://TINYURL.COM/4BTJUDU)

**M**ore links at our website WINSIG 2011 page. Look for the file named

*TUG meeting 2\_5\_11.pdf*.

We showed how to use the Shift +

Arrow keys to select a character, a line, a paragraph or entire page.

We learned that of all the people in attendance only one knew what the initials CES actually meant. Hint: Consumer Electronics Show.

Lou showed us a product from the CES that lets you purchase a kit and "make" your very own form fitting ear buds.

Ear buds are those small ear phones that come with iPods and other portable listening devices.



You put the kit on your head as you would a set of head speakers, insert the tip into the ear canal and it injects a malleable semi-liquid that ends up "hardening" to create a mold of the inside of your ear. The end result is a more comfortable listening pleasure for you.

WWW.SONOMAX.COM if you want more information.

Lou brought back some items from the CES and gave them away as door prizes. Lots of pens, too.

Aloha,



*Jim*

E komo mai

Wel come new members

Hul i Hansen

Mark Watson

Bruce Al tenhof

These good folks paid their dues for 2011. Have you?

Daylight Savings Time  
begins on the mainland

March 13th.



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### Printing Odd or Even Pages

There may be times that you need to print either odd or even pages in a print job. For instance, you may want to put your pages through the printer twice so you can print on both sides. This is easy to do in Word by following these steps:

1. Press CTRL+P. Word displays the Print dialog box. Adjust the printing settings as desired.
2. Using the Print drop-down list at the bottom of the dialog box, choose either Odd Pages or Even Pages, as desired. (Make sure you use the Print drop-down list, not the Print What drop-down list.)
3. Click on OK.

The above steps work great in any version of Word up through Word 2007. If you are using Word 2010, then the Print dialog box was done away with. You should follow these steps, instead:

1. Press CTRL+P. Word displays the File tab of the ribbon, with printing options visible in the tab.
2. Adjust the printing settings as desired.
3. Using the first drop-down list under the Settings heading, choose Only Print Odd Pages or Only Print Even Pages, as desired.
4. Click on Print. Your document is printed.

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