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At today's WINSIG I introduced the folks to Advanced System Care Free from IOBit

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ASC helps keep your system running in tip-top shape. It's a full suite of system diagnostic tools to let you get the most out of your investment.

ASC Free includes a Registry fixer; a system optimizer; it scans for spyware and, performs disk cleanups for you.

There is a Startup Manager that shows you all the programs that run at startup and lets you 'kill' any entries you deem unnecessary. There is a disk defrag module; privacy sweep (so others can't see where you were surfing on the 'net); cleans up junk files, and more.

Easy to install and use. The Care one-button feature performs numerous diagnostic chores so you don't have to and fixes any problems it finds.

While this version is free there is a for-pay version that includes a Turbo Boost feature that is hyped to speed up your system. However, there are enough utilities in the free version that you may never have to upgrade.

You can download your free copy here - <http://www.iobit.com/allproducts.html>

Taskbar Shuffle

Taskbar Shuffle is a small utility that lets you rearrange the icons in the SysTray on your display. At system startup a number of programs are launched and an icon is placed in the lower right hand of the display. Some of these you might use from time to time. With Taskbar Shuffle you can put the most often used icons in the order you prefer.

You can download Taskbar Shuffle at <http://nerdcave.webs.com/>

I briefly mentioned **Google Password Decryptor**. It's the FREE tool to instantly recover stored Google account passwords by various Google applications as well as popular web browsers.

Get it here - <http://securityexploded.com/googlepassworddecryptor.php>

WizMouse is a mouse enhancement utility that makes your mouse wheel work on the window currently under the mouse pointer, instead of the currently focused window. This means you no longer have to click on a window before being able to scroll it with the mouse wheel. This is a far more comfortable and practical way to make use of the mouse wheel.

WizMouse can also optionally enable the mouse wheel in applications that don't support it. It does this by translating mouse wheel commands into scroll bar commands that all applications can understand and process.

- * Scrolls windows under the mouse without having to click first
- * Enables the mouse wheel in applications that don't support mouse wheels

Once WizMouse has been installed and is active, configure it by double clicking on the WizMouse icon in the system tray.

<http://antibody-software.com/web/software/software/wizmouse-makes-your-mouse-wheel-work-on-the-window-under-the-mouse/>

Instant Photo Sketch Setup

This free photo sketching tool works in a very obvious way • all you need to do is open a photo and press one button. There is also one slider to adjust the level of detail • so you can decide if you want small details to be drawn or not.

The output of the photo is a pencil sketch • the picture that looks like it was drawn by pencil. Similar to the pencil sketches you see down, for a fee, at fairs and carnivals by street artists.

It does not change the original photo.

The program also has zoom and can save the result as .jpeg or .png. And that's about all it has. There is no way to reverse the result.

<http://clipping-path-studio.com/instant-photo-sketch/>

We also spent some time discussing the pros and cons of netbooks. Demonstrated how to export files and settings from one computer to another and how to export Outlook Contacts for use on a different computer. All in all, we got a lot done today. You should have been there.