

Lights, Camera. . .

Drag and Drop

MOAA Computer User Group

Due to a scheduling conflict the folks from the Hawai'i Library system were unable to do their presentation for us at the October meeting. However, they have rescheduled for the November 5th meeting. Don't miss it.

In their stead, Bear demonstrated just how easy it is to create your very own movie.



Bear

Using Microsoft Live Movie Maker, some still photos and video clips, he put together a short film in a few minutes.

It was determined that some versions of Windows 7 may not automatically install the Movie Maker application. If your version of Windows 7 doesn't, it is a free download from Microsoft.

Upon opening Movie Maker you see the option to browse for photos and videos. Click on that area and find the folder you want to work from. You can Drag and drop; double-click, or copy and paste, a single or several of your images which puts your selection in the working palette of Movie Maker.

Here's where the fun begins. You can arrange the photos or videos in the order you want to display them.

Text—You can add Captions, credits and even a Title to the entire project. Even animate the text presentation. Have it 'spin' into place, scroll in from either side or remain stationary.

Animation—you can have the im-

age dissolve in, fade in, pixilated, or flip and fade out. It gives the impression of movement with still photos.

Visual Effects—you can apply artistic, cinematic, mirror and multiple effects to add impact.

You can add voice tracks and music, as well.

The editing feature lets you add a background for contrast. Setting the speed and duration of play for your entire movie, or one image. Fade the audio in and out.

Trim a video so it starts or ends at a specific point. Great for setting up the video with a short story of what is about to be shown.

The various animation and visual effect options insure that your project will look professional.

Once you've test run your masterpiece and are ready to share it with the world, that part is easy also.

Click on the left-most icon in the menu bar and select Publish movie. The immediate choices are SkyDrive, Facebook, YouTube, Flickr and Windows Live Groups.

If you have a service that you prefer and it is not listed in the menu, click on *Manage your services* and upload to that one.

SkyDrive offers 25GB of free online storage. You can use SkyDrive storage to back up your files online for free, or to share large files with others. You can assign permissions and set folders to public or private,

to help you share individual files with only people that you select.

You must have a Windows Live ID. If you already have a Windows Live Hotmail or Live Messenger account your Live ID will let you access SkyDrive.

The other social network services listed also require a sign-in account and have their own policies as to upload requirements, content and size.

The version of Movie Maker Bear used is for Windows 7 users. There

is an older version for XP and Vista. These are also free downloads from Microsoft.



Get your Directors beret on and create your own award winning film to share with family and friends.

Aloha,

Jim



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The First Six Days of Christmas—

I know, it doesn't seem possible, but it is that time again so... back by popular demand...

"On the first day of Christmas my true geek gave to me" ...yup, you know the rest so read on as I begin with the first six days...to be continued on 1 December... don't worry that still gives you plenty of time to shop.

On the first day...I Luv IMM153BLK Dual Alarm Clock with Bed Shaker for your iPod



Alarm Clock w/Bed Shaker

Shaker alarm accessory vibrates your pillow or bed

- Built-in speakers allow you to hear your music with depth and

clarity

- Play and charge your iPod on the universal iPod dock
- Large, easy-to-read display. Programmable presets for 10 FM radio stations
- Compatible with iPod touch (1st/2nd/3rd/4th generation), iPod classic, iPod nano (1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th/6th generation) and iPod with video

On the second day...A Very Special Heart comes in a necklace or key chain option, and houses a hidden USB device for connection to any computer. It holds medical conditions, medications, and allergies information. Non-



This eye-catching filigree heart comes in rhodium silver or 18k yellow gold

On the third day...Wacom Bamboo Pen and Touch, (above) this sleek tablet has both pen and touch inputs, making it ideal for designers and artists.



It has a 4.9 x 3.4" touch area and a 5.8 x 3.6" pen area. Included are Adobe Photoshop Elements and Nik Color Efex Pro programs.

And as it's relatively inexpensive (\$99) it's a great low-cost investment for beginners and professionals alike.

On the fourth day...Crosley Radio Memory Master II, the CR2413A Memory Master II is a turntable device that allows you to record vinyl and cassettes to CD without the hassle of adapters or complicated computer savvy. Recording from older media is as simple as a push of a button. With a built-in radio, it's a great nostalgia device for listening to old music, too. It supports 3 different record speeds: 33 1/3, 45, and 78 rpm. It's also USB enabled for a computer connection.



On the fifth day...Amazon Kindle Fire...Movies, apps, games, music, reading and more, plus Amazon's revolutionary, cloud-accelerated

web browser, 18 million movies, TV shows, songs, magazines, and books



Amazon Kindle

Amazon Appstore - thousands of popular apps and games
Ultra-fast web browsing - Amazon Silk
Free cloud storage for all your Amazon content
Vibrant color touchscreen with extra-wide viewing angle
Fast, powerful dual-core processor
Amazon Prime members enjoy unlimited, instant streaming of over 10,000 popular movies and TV shows.

Finally, on the sixth day...Sensor-laden SensoGlove helps you make smarter decisions than Tiger Woods, you scoff, but it's true. Do you honestly think Tiger Woods has the luxury of looking down as his golf glove while on the Masters' greens and seeing if his grip is too tight? Indeed he doesn't, nor will he ever if we understand anything about PGA regulations. Germany's own Sensosolutions has just revealed what it's calling the planet's first "digital golf glove," with the \$89 SensoGlove boasting a handful of sensors that "continuously read the user's grip pressure." In real-time, users are shown that data on the sweat-proof 1.2-inch LED monitor, and it's even capable of outputting information via aural commands. Put simply, it can

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give you a warning if you're exceeding your target grip pressure level, and it can even show you



exactly which fingers are squeezing too tightly.

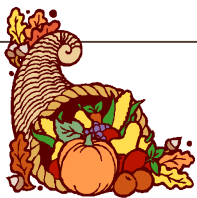
What it can't show you, however, is just how closely your wife is monitoring

your extracurricular phone activities -- but hey, there's always version 2.0.

OK, join the great throngs at the shopping malls...or save that \$4+ a gallon and shop the internet. Sites like Amazon give you free shipping for purchases over \$25, and more are catching on and including HI for the free shipping. I'll be back Dec 1 with the last six goodies my true geek gave to me, have fun, but be careful out there on the www.

Aloha,

Lou



Prez Lou

Read all of Lou's previous columns, @ Oceanic Around Town. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/363qew>

Tips & Tricks

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Every once in a while, it is good to review some basic principles and concepts of using a computer. One question my students often ask is, "How do we know whether to single click or double click." Well, there is not a hard and fast rule, because you can adjust computer settings as to how your computer responds to clicks. Out of the box, the computer is set up so that you usually double click on an icon to open a program. Once you are in a program and want to edit or save or perform any number of other tasks, you generally single click on those tasks.

Many times new users who are not really used to a mouse, will try to open a program by double clicking on the name of the program instead of the icon. Often they get the Rename option instead of opening the program. Point to the icon to double click and this will not happen. Not everyone develops a good user-mouse relationship. If you absolutely cannot get the double click to work for you, you can highlight the icon of the program you wish to open by clicking only one time. Then click the Enter key on your keyboard.

Sometimes you want to move an icon on your desktop from one place to another. One way to do that is to click and drag. How do you do that? Left click on your mouse and hold it down while moving the mouse to point to the new location where you wish to drop the icon. Once you are there, lift your finger off the mouse and the object will stay where you put it.

Many times we enjoy personalizing our computers by changing the desktop background. To do this, go to the Windows button that opens the Start menu on the newer computers. If you have an Older computer, click on Start. Click on Control panel. Click on Appearance and Personalization. A new window opens. Here you will need to click on Change Desktop Background. This link is found under the larger grouping titled Personalization. You will be able to select from several pictures included with your copy of Windows or browse to one of your own photos and set it as a background.

Sometimes, as the number of candles increase on our birthday cakes, we need to enlarge the text found on our desktops beside the icons that we use. While you are in the Control Panel and looking at Appearance and Personalization, you may want to click on Display and adjust the text size to a more readable size.

Have you ever tried to make a correction in a document you were writing only to have letters deleted every time you tried to insert new ones? Perhaps you misspell the name Kendra by omitting the letter "e" and you place the insertion point between the "K" and the "n" and type the letter "e." To your dismay, you now are missing the letter "n." So you type "n" only to lose the "d." What has happened? Your insertion key has gotten turned off. Click on the insertion key once to enable it. Now you will be able to insert the missing letters.



Ed. Note: The above courtesy of AP-CUG monthly articles. Some recent ones have been posted on the AP-CUG link at our website.

Each month I sit down to prepare the newsletter for issue and each month I have a problem coming up with a topic for this space. This month is no different. So, this month I'll print some Word and Excel Tips received straight from the experts. Maybe I'll come up with something for the next issue.

Printing Odd or Even Pages

There may be many 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.

The Print dialog box.

2. Adjust the printing settings as desired.

3. 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.)

4. Click on OK. Your document is printed.

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.

Thousands of free Microsoft Word tips can be found online at <http://word.tips.net>.

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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.

Displaying a Hidden First Column

Excel makes it easy to hide and unhide columns. What isn't so easy is displaying a hidden column if that column is the left-most column in the worksheet. For instance, if you hide column A, Excel will dutifully follow out your instructions. If you later want to unhide column A, the solution isn't so obvious.

To unhide the left-most columns of a worksheet when they are hidden, follow these steps:

1. Press F5. Excel displays the Go To dialog box.

The Go To dialog box.

2. In the Reference field at the bottom of the dialog box, enter A1.

3. Click on OK. Cell A1 is now selected, even though you cannot see it on the screen.

4. Unhide the column. (In Excel 2007 or Excel 2010, display the Home tab of the ribbon and click Format | Hide & Unhide | Unhide Columns. In older versions of Excel choose Format | Column | Unhide.)

Another way to display the first column is to click on the header for column B, and then drag the mouse to the left. If you release the mouse button when the pointer is over the gray block that marks the intersection of the row and column headers (the blank gray block just above the row headers), then col-

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umn B and everything to its left, including the hidden column A, are selected. You can then unhide the column.

A third method is even niftier, provided you have a good eye and a steady mouse pointer. If you move your mouse pointer into the column header area, and then slowly move it to the left, you notice that it turns into a double-headed arrow with a blank spot in the middle as you position the pointer over the small area immediately to the left of the column B header. This double-headed arrow is a bit difficult to describe; it looks most closely like the double-headed arrow that appears when you position the pointer over the dividing line between column headers. It is different, however, because instead of a black line dividing the double arrows, there are two black lines with a gap between them.

When your mouse pointer changes to this special double-headed arrow, all you have to do is right-click and choose Unhide. Your previously missing column A magically reappears.

Aloha,

Jim