



February topics -

Optimizer and Password Manager



Ccleaner & Dashlane

Last meeting we spent a good portion of the time talking about and demonstrating both applications.

Ccleaner, [www.piriform.com/ccleaner](http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner) is in the category of hard drive cleaner and optimizer. In that it cleans out trash files left over from an uninstall; dumps your history; and protects you from malware.

Ccleaner also finds, flags for removal all broken links and shortcuts. Whenever a program is uninstalled it usually leaves bits and pieces behind. Ccleaner finds and removes them with your confirmation.

It also has a built in Registry cleaner. It finds and removes, again with your OK, Registry entries that lead to nowhere, left over scraps, unused file extensions, ActiveX and Class issues, fonts, obsolete software, and much more.

This results in a much leaner Registry that loads faster at startup.

Some of the Tools included are an Uninstall utility - uninstall programs directly from Ccleaner.

Browser Plugins - you can delete, enable or disable those installed.

Disk analyzer - if you store a lot of pictures, movies or sound files on your hard drive this utility tells you how much disk space is being eaten up by these types of files. This will help you decide which type should be stored on DVD's and removed from the hard drive..

The Duplicate Finder does just that. Finds dupes of files and lets you remove the extra copy(ies).

System Restore lets you Restore your computer to an earlier date or remove excess files.

Drive wiper lets you completely wipe the hard drive clean or just wipe the free space.

Dashlane is a premier password generator, digital wallet and manager. There is a free version that is functional but doesn't have all the features of the premium version. \$39.95 annual.

Now, there are many password managers on the market. Some have been around for quite some time, (think RoboForm, \$19.95 annual), Dashlane is a relatively new comer to the genre.

With Dashlane, once it's installed and opened, all you have to do is visit a website that requires a sign-in. You fill in the required information and Dashlane offers to save it for you. Of course, this is what you want to do, so the next time you won't have to do anything but open Dashlane and click on the Impala.

If you're visiting a site for the first time and do not have a password, once you complete the User Name portions Dashlane will offer to generate a secure password for you, click OK and it will fill in both the password and



the confirmation of password boxes.

When making purchases on-line Dashlane will offer to save your receipts. It groups them by the calendar month so you can easily reconcile your c/c statement.

Personal info such as name, address, Social Security number, bank account numbers, phone numbers and credit card numbers can be safely stored within. When a site asks for this info, you merely click on the Dashlane icon in the box and everything is filled in for you.

It includes plugins for all the popular browsers for easy use.

In the digital wallet you can store any and all account numbers so you don't have to leave those on a web site you may not trust.

One click and payment is made from the account of your choosing.

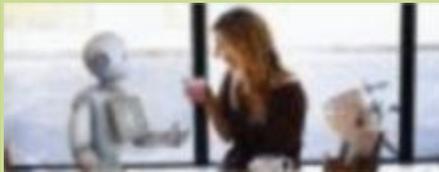
For more info and to download the free version visit

[www.dashlane.com](http://www.dashlane.com)

# As promised,



**Aloha, Pooky (on the right) and Lou**



*I randomly picked a number of comments by various “gurus” on the “Big Show” which I thought pretty much summed it all up. If you’d like more info, please email me ([af06hi@yahoo.com](mailto:af06hi@yahoo.com))*

CES 2016 was an incredible experience, as it exceeded all expectations. The new tech and gadgets shown are really going to change the world and our everyday lives. With the aim to make our lives easier, CES innovations have shown us that our dreams of smart cars, personal aircraft, and fabulous fitness wearables can really come true. The future is definitely nearer than we thought. As there were many innovations that are going to hit the market soon, we chose the most notable ones to mention under the following five categories.

**Stylish wearables** – Fashion has finally sided with technology. Virtual reality has blown gamers away, but augmented reality impressed CEOs and is making changes in industrial business.

We are definitely close to having personal aircraft that don’t require much skill to use. Home cutting-edge tech improvements are making our lives easier and better. Car manufactures are keeping up with new tech.

**Robots all Around**  
Humanoid social robots attract attention but there is also a large

array of specialized devices dedicated to a range of functions. A major challenge is identifying how these devices will relate to humans.

**A Futuristic Look at the Next Generation of Printing**

A chair that builds itself. A toy that reacts to temperature. A shoe that forms to the foot. Welcome to the new world of 4D printing. The newest technology offers many of the same constructs as 3D, but with a fresh combination of smart materials and conduits that will change how we think about additive manufacturing.

**How Virtual Reality will Change the World**

Sony says VR takes over the two senses that you use the most - vision and hearing - and it tricks the brain into thinking that you’re in another environment. Find out how VR is changing our lives.

**Fitness bands** still make up the majority of wearable tech on the market. And in this landscape of fitness trackers, Fitbit is king. But most of its products, to date, have looked pretty pedestrian. Both the Fitbit Charge HR and Surge that debuted last year have a utilitarian feel, held back by their rubberized straps.

**Smartwatches**, on the other hand, look fancier: steel, leather, touches of gold.

Smartwatches are folding in fitness tracking, too, and getting better at it. Consider the Apple Watch, for instance.

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Wait, there’s more ...

**Finally, CNET’s recommended 2016 tech:**

- Find your perfect smartphone.
  - Smart home tech favorites.
  - Top TVs we highly recommend.
  - Headphones for every ear.
  - Best-in-class laptops.
  - Highest rated tablets to date.
  - Best cameras across the board.
- For the complete review of each category, go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/haeqnm5>

# Quick and Easy Macro Maker

## TypeItIn

### TypeItIn - a Review

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When, at the Daytime SIG, someone asked about software to create macros, I mentioned that I have been using TypeItIn from [wavget.com](http://wavget.com) for years. It lets you create buttons that will type any information you want in any application. It is a time-saver for typing in frequently used information like names, addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. It also prevents me from making typos!

Assign usernames, passwords, applications, websites, and other items to a single button. Groups that contain sensitive information may be password-protected. You can launch applications or websites with a click of a button.

You can define up to 50 single key buttons. The program can automatically type in the time, date, month, or day of the week as well.

When you download TypeItIn a box, Fig. 1, will appear on your desktop. By right clicking on the group name, you can rename the group anything you

want, and perform other functions as noted on the drop-down menu.

When you right click on a button you can edit the button, insert a new button or delete a button, and more.

When you click on "New Button" you can enter a name for the button and the text you want that button to type for you. In this example, the button is Name, and "Jane Doe" is the Text to be typed; then you click on Record Typing and on Save & Close. In a document or form, place your cursor where you want "Jane Doe" to be typed and click on the button. It will appear in that spot.

There are a lot of other functions in this program, as you can see from Fig. 2. Check out YouTube tutorials.

At <http://wavget.com> you can download a 30-day free trial. The Professional version is \$19.95 per user. More advanced versions cost more; I don't think those are needed by most users.

*Another review submitted by a member of an APCUG user group which offers tips on available software that you might find useful. ~ Jim*

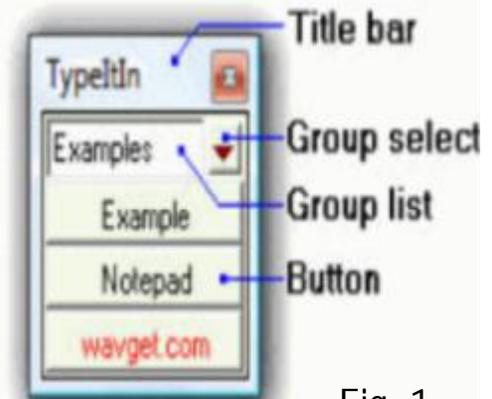


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

“Stop looking at the world through woes-colored glasses.”

## Computer Oddities and other stuff

### Gold-plated computers for royalty and the well-heeled

George Chirita, a Romanian electronics engineer turned computer designer makes luxury computers and accessories for the worlds' rich and famous.

His creations are inspired by royalty like French King Louis XVI and are decorated with expensive materials like gold, marble or lapis lazuli. Prices start at \$21,000.

### Excesses in technology

People with more money than they can spend in a lifetime like to flaunt their wealth in many ways. Some through gold plated computers.



Mr. Chirita makes computers in three styles, Louis XV, Louis XVI and Empire. Depending on the type of material the client specifies, the price can go much higher than the \$21,000.

Besides the gold-plated brass and bronze for the monitors his artisans use marble or lapis lazuli for the base of the machine

*Found these items at <http://www.odditycentral.com/> lots of other interesting stuff there also, just pick your category. Paraphrased for brevity.*

## Everyone likes ice cream, and cats, right?

Available in Chocolate, Strawberry and Vanilla is the Mint Hard external hard drive. The stick (handle) is a USB flash drive that can be used for storing and transferring data.



Puni Puni Nikukyu (below) is a hand cream created in Japan to make your hands smell like cats paws. Good idea, if you like cats and, if you know where the cat has been walking.



Indian company Ringing Bells is making waves in the tech industry with its latest product, the ridiculously cheap 'Freedom 251' smartphone priced at an unbelievable 251 rupees (\$3.67).

Despite the phone's low price, the company is promising a host of swanky features like 8GB storage, 8MP and 3.2MP primary and secondary cameras, pattern lock with face detection, 5-inch touch screen, 1080p video support, Bluetooth, and of course, 3G support. "We will be the first Indian company to offer an incredible smartphone at a highly affordable price," the Ringing Bells website states, adding that the phone will work on a "no-frills" platform that's a "minimalistic and lightweight take on the Android 5.1 Lollipop operating system."

