



# Kokomo Computer Club



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## Presidents Message

by: Mark Pendergast - Da Prez



Happy New Year! I hope you got lots of computerized goodies from Santa and are looking forward to a new year filled with intense computing. (Just remember your old buddies at the PC Club and pop off an article for the newsletter or a nice presentation.)

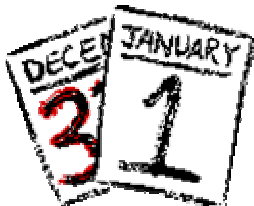
Also remember that we need more members to share our computing experiences with. I would like everyone to make a New Year's resolution to invite a friend to one of our meetings. We have so much fun, that it seems a shame not to share it with everyone in the Kokomo metropolitan area.

We continue to offer warm hospitality and engaging meetings. Please take a moment to invite a friend to one of our regular meetings. We offer first class presentations, good fellowship and an informative question and answer period. If they join our group they will also receive our wonderful newsletter. A good Users Group is the most important accessory you can have for your computer.

If you have any tips or tricks for improving our enjoyment of our PCs, please write them up in a short article for the newsletter. We would love to learn your secrets.

If you have a computer passion you would like to share with the Group, we would love to have you present it at one of our regular meetings. Some of our best presentations come from our own Group members talking about the programs and hardware they love.

If you feel that you would like to become involved in the leadership of the Group, please volunteer to be an officer. We are looking for people to participate in the leadership of the Group. Just contact one of the current officers.



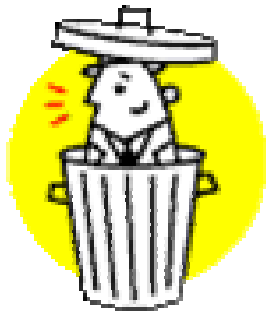


Well, I have had some more time to play with IE7. I have learned some new tricks and found some interesting issues.

The first issue that I found was that when you have multiple home pages - (Yes, you can do that) - they all fight for bandwidth at the same time when you start the browser. In other words, if you have three home pages they all come up three times more slowly. This is not what I had in mind.

Ideally the selected tab would load first and put all the others on hold, then the 'background' home pages would all load in the background. So, needless to say, I am back to one home page and I just have links to my other favorite sites on the links bar.

The next issue I found was with the file cleanup utility. I figured I would clean up my temporary Internet files, to increase performance and get rid of stale pages. I went into the Internet Options and used the new consolidated delete feature. (Tools > Internet Options > Delete > Delete Files.) I turned it on and waited, and waited, and waited ...



The progress bar was one of those that doesn't show how far along you are. It just keeps moving around and around. I finally gave up and hit cancel. That was a mistake - it started putting all the files back where they were. I gave up and went to bed. It was finished by morning.

Then I used the system cleanup utility. ( Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Disk Cleanup.) It was done in about a minute.

I am not sure what happened with the IE file cleanup. I have used it since then - just as a test - and had it work reasonably well. I may never know.



The last thing I found was pretty neat. In the bottom right hand corner of the browser window is a zoom control. I have run across a few pages over the years that were so crowded or had such little print that I could not make out what they were saying. Now there is a zoom command right in the frame that will allow me to zoom in and see what I want.

I will keep you posted as I continue to play with IE 7. I hope to have more good surprises than bad ones, but you never know.

## Windows Vista Express Upgrade

from: [microsoft.com](http://microsoft.com)



I saw this information on [microsoft.com](http://microsoft.com). If you are looking at getting a new PC, it might be worth looking into. (Just write an article about it when you are done!)

Receive an Express Upgrade to Windows Vista when you buy a qualifying PC running Windows XP Media Center Edition, Windows XP Tablet PC Edition, or Windows XP Professional

If you're in the market for a new computer this holiday season, be sure to ask your retailer about the Express Upgrade to Windows Vista, being offered by participating PC manufacturers. When you buy a qualifying Windows Vista Capable PC between October 26, 2006 and March 15, 2007, you may be eligible for an Express Upgrade to Windows Vista.



Don't wait to enjoy the benefits of owning a new PC. Buying a Premium Ready Windows Vista Capable PC means you can buy a great Windows XP computer today, with the confidence that it will easily upgrade to the Windows Vista edition of your choice. Express Upgrade to Windows Vista offers from participating PC manufacturers will ensure you can easily enjoy Windows XP today and Windows Vista when it's available.

Express Upgrade to Windows Vista offers are available from participating computer manufacturers, including those from the list below:

Acer, Alienware, ASUS, Dell, eMachines, Fujitsu Computer Systems, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, Lenovo, LG, Medion, NEC Computer, Sony, Toshiba

Express Upgrade to Windows Vista offers are also available from your local PC builders.



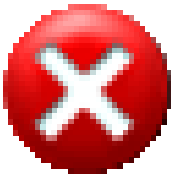
**Disclaimer:** Not all Windows Vista features will be available for use on all Windows Vista Capable PCs. All Windows Vista Capable PCs upgraded to Windows Vista will be able to run the core experiences of Windows Vista, such as innovations in organizing and finding information, security, and reliability. Some features available in premium editions of Windows Vista—like the new Windows® Aero™ user interface—require advanced or additional hardware.



Some of us are just paranoid that our computer will lose something important. Some of us have good reasons for not trusting our computers. I have seen that when a computer has a power failure or lockup during a save, the computer will corrupt the file it was working on and you will have no way to get it back - unless you have done a very recent backup.

Well, Microsoft has provided some measure of security in MS Word. There is a option in MS Word that will ensure that even if your computer locks up or power fails, you will be able to salvage some of your work.

The feature called automatic backups provides an online backup of your file. (Note: This does not protect against total hard drive failure - just against specific file corruption - either from an act of God, or an act of a user.) The second copy of your file gets updated automatically every time you open your file for editing.



To turn automatic backups on you go to the main menu - Tools > Options. On the Options dialog select the 'Save' tab. On the Save tab check the box for 'Always create backup copy'.

Now when you edit your file an automatic backup of your starting file will be saved. Each new backup replaces the old one so only one backup is maintained.

If your file get destroyed or corrupted by a power surge, or a brain fade, you can get back to the backup file and recover where you were from the last time you saved.



To recover the backup just go to the main menu and select File > Open. On the open dialog select the folder you were working in the previous time you were working on the document. Set the 'files of type' drop down to 'all files'. Then look for a file called 'Backup of filename' with type 'Microsoft Word Backup Document'. When the backup file opens use File > Save as to save it back into the file you want.

This seems like a pretty painless feature and most of our Word documents are small enough that disk space would not be an issue. If you are paranoid or prone to power surges or brain fades this may be a good option for you.



### **AVG Anti-Virus News**

If you're using an older version of the Free AVG Anti-Virus .. You need to upgrade to the new version 7.5 available here .. <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/avg-anti-virus-free/lng/us/tpl/v5>

Updates for the older AVG Free 7.1 version will be discontinued on 15th of Jan 2007.

### **Windows Vista Demonstration.**

Microsoft will be demonstrating its new Vista operating system, at the Indianapolis Computer society meeting, Tuesday Jan 9 7:00pm. Guests are welcome.

More information and directions here ... <http://www.icssite.org/>

## **For Sale**



(1) Lexmark "50" Black ink cartridge - new, box unopened (asking \$20.00).

(2) Two Lexmark "20" Color ink cartridges - new, box unopened (asking \$20.00 each).

If someone wants to buy all three cartridges for \$60.00, I will include a Lexmark Z-705 Inkjet Printer at no cost (the cartridges fit this printer). The printer's power cable and driver CD are included. The printer works just fine with standard weight paper, but displays a "Print Head Stall" error when printing on card stock, business cards, or heavier paper.

Or, I will sell the print cartridges individually for the price listed.

(3) Linksys EG-008W 8-port Gigabit Workgroup Switch (asking \$75.00 firm) - works perfectly, no problems.

Contact: Gregory M. Ogle at (765) 689-9269

**MEETINGS: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at IVY Tech**, 1815 East Morgan Street. Look for a notice of the room assignment as you come in the main East entrance. If the meeting location is changed, it will be announced on Page 1 of the newsletter. If a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather, radio stations WIOU and WWKI will be notified by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Annual membership fee is \$10. Checks should be made payable to the Kokomo -PC Users Group and mailed to: Rodney Malkoff, 3209 Janice Dr., Kokomo, IN 46902 (or pay at the meeting). Persons interested in joining the Group may receive two free issues of the newsletter. Contact the editor at [kpcc@insightbb.com](mailto:kpcc@insightbb.com).

**BENEFITS:**

1. A one year subscription to the Group e-Newsletter.
2. Great presentations on interesting topics at each meeting.
3. Question and Answer session at each meeting.
4. HELP from other Group members who have been down the road before, and with whom you can share your experiences.

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** Articles may be submitted to [kpcc@insightbb.com](mailto:kpcc@insightbb.com) two weeks before the meeting.

**January 11th**

## **Word Wander**

**Our own Mark Pendergast will take us on another wander through MS Word. We always find great new stuff.**

**Bring your questions!  
Hope to see you there!**

**Join us on the 2nd  
Thursday of each month  
at Ivy Tech at 7:00 pm**

**Computer News & Reviews  
Questions and Answers  
Great Presentations  
Fun and Fellowship  
Monthly Newsletter**

More details about the users group are published inside the back cover of this newsletter.

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