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Visit the clubs web page for training courses www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm

<i>Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses</i>	
Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics (Digital Editing). Tutor Bert Foster
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software. Tutor: Tom Lehane 1pm to 2.30pm Beginners, Internet/Email, and Genealogy Tutor: George Bell and John Windle	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners, Card Making and Do your own thing. Tutors Pat Mitchell & Zillah Warner
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees and John Windle	'Do your own thing' means learn Word, Publisher, Excel or play on the Internet.

Please note: Wednesday afternoon classes on the 2nd Wednesday of each month are closed.

The club's annual general meeting was held on 9th of August 2006. The President George Bell welcomed members and official guests, Mayor John Thain and Lynda Sack. After the annual report all committee positions were declared vacant. Lynda Sack returning officer read the nominees for 2006/2007, those nominated were elected unopposed. The committee members for 2006/2007 are listed above. Congratulations to Bob Ryan on becoming the club first life member. Bob is a foundation member who devoted many hours and days of personal time building the club into an enjoyable venue for members. Bob accepted his certificate of life membership from the Mayor, John Thain. At the conclusion of the meeting members and guests enjoyed morning tea and coffee, organized by our Social Committee: Pat Mitchell and Zillah Warner. The Mayor, John Thain and Lynda Sack returning officer were invited to the computer club room to inspection our club web site.

Local News.

The club has purchased a new flatbed scanner for use by members. The new scanner will scan 35mm colour slides. This is a big bonus for members that took many photos using the 35mm slide format that was very popular only a few years ago.

Scan images of old slides and negatives that have lost colour through age into the computer and restore that lost colour using the clubs software. PaintShop Pro can restore your old slides and remove dust. Print or burn a CD of your images. All computers have a CD burner and are linked to OKI C5200 Colour Printer for your printouts.

With the introduction of digital cameras and the ability to send images over the internet to relatives and friends, many find that their digital image is too large. I have been asked many times are there an easy way to do this?

If you are using Windows 98, then the task requires software to reduce the size of the digital image. Windows Plus 98 has a viewer that will resize images.

For Windows 98 users, free software is available on the internet. Googles Picasa Photo Organizer can be downloaded from this address.

<http://www.google.com.au/downloads/>

Another is XnView, available from

<http://perso.orange.fr/pierre.g/xnview/endownload.html>

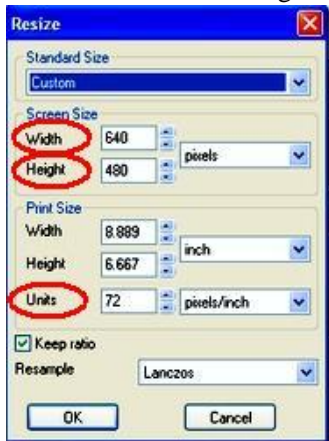
For a Windows 98, user the first problem to over come is the size of a digital image. Most photos taken with digital cameras average 1 Meg, plus in size. This is far too large for email or internet use. A manageable (fast download) size is close to 70 kb. When viewed on your computers monitor the image will appear as an 8"x 6" photo. This and the 6" x 4" was the available print size from your film camera.

In your resize software, set the values to the example shown.

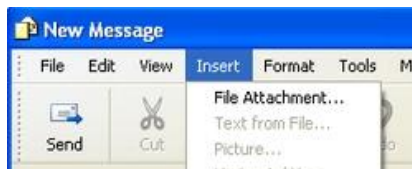
Pixels 640 x 480 with units of 72 pixels to the inch.

Most monitors display at 72 dpi (dots per inch) or pixels.

This will reduce a 1 Meg image down to 69 kb.



Now open Outlook Express, click **[Create new message]** then left click **[Insert]**, **[file attachment]** open the folder with the resized image and click, to attach the image to the new message.



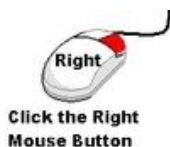
click **[Show more options]**, this displays other sizes to choose for sending over the internet.

Click OK and Windows has done all the hard work, Image resized to 640 x 480 and even opened Outlook Express with your image attached waiting for recipient's address.



Windows XP users have a very easy and simple method to send manageable size images over the internet.

Open your image viewer, either Microsoft viewer or the software provided with your digital camera.



Right Click on the image to send by the internet.

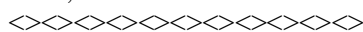


An option menu appears. Left click **[Send To]**. With the second option window, Left click **[Mail Recipient]**.



Windows XP gives you the option to **[Make all my pictures smaller]** that's if you have chosen more than one. If you

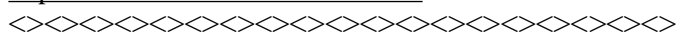
Just delete the information in the lower window, type your letter, and enter email address and **[Send]**.



Free Software find of the month. (For XP)

The software is called CCleaner and is a system-optimization tool. It removes unused and temporary files from your system, allowing it to run faster and more efficiently, and giving you more hard-disk space. The application cleans traces left by Windows, Internet Explorer and third-party applications. Many third-party software when installing unpack their files in a temporary folder. This was easy to find in Windows 95 and 98. In the Windows folder there was a Temp folder where third-party software unpacked and then installed the program. Some installers left files behind in the temp folder. Windows XP uses other areas in Documents and Settings to store temp files. One program that stores many of its install files is Adobe Reader. If you go to uninstall Adobe Reader, it gives you the option to repair or uninstall. Choosing, repair, Adobe Reader goes to its temp folder and installs the files required for the repair. It is far better to install a new version of Adobe Reader than to repair.

CCleaner finds and removes these files. Some are quite large and use up hard-disk space. The Software is found at, <http://www.ccleaner.com/download/>



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Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

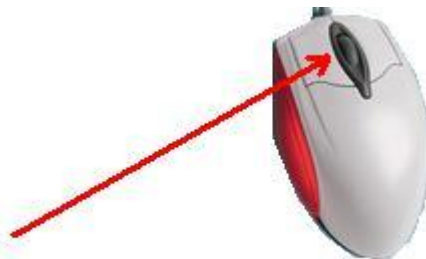
Mouse Wheel



Using the Mouse Wheel and the [Ctrl] key on the keyboard you can magnify the page in Internet Explorer, all of Microsoft's office suite and the freeware office suite of Open Office. This is useful when viewing a web page with small text.



Hold down the control key.



Roll the mouse wheel with your index finger

While holding down the [Ctrl] key and rolling the mouse wheel you can zoom in or out while using Internet Explorer.

You roll your mouse wheel up (for larger) or down (for smaller). These tricks don't change the font-size setting.

Can be used in Microsoft Word to view larger text while typing or zoom back to view how the page will appear before printing.

Some Software where this feature can be used.

- Windows Office suite the mouse wheel + [Ctrl] will zoom text and images.
- Open Office suite (freeware), mouse + [Ctrl] will zoom text and images.
- Windows Write word processor will zooms text with the mouse wheel + [Ctrl].
- Internet Explorer only text is enlarged and to a preset size. (Works best on standard HTML pages)
- **Mozilla web browser, no zoom function using mouse wheel + [Ctrl] key.**
- **Mozilla FireFox, only text is enlarged. No preset size like Internet Explorer.**
- **Opera 7.11 web browser and later versions will zoom text and images.**
- **Xnview image viewer will zoom the image in the edit window.**

This mouse wheel + [Ctrl] key may work in other programs on your computer.

Most Microsoft basic programs, Paint and NotePad the mouse wheel + [Ctrl] won't work.