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Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster. Using Windows 7 start time 1.00pm.
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software (Gimp) Tutor Tom Lehane	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making , Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV . Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	Using Microsoft Office suite Fridays Tutor Jim Tiberi Class time 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

The earliest floppy disks, invented at IBM, were 8 inches in diameter. They became commercially available in 1971.

In 1976 Shugart Associates introduced the first 5¼-inch floppy disk. By 1978 there were more than 10 manufacturers producing 5¼-inch Floppy disks.

The first 5¼ inch floppies only held 360 KB of data. This was increased to 1.2 MB in 1982.

Comparing the size of the drives.

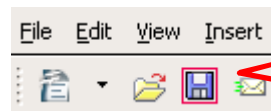


8 inch

5 ¼ inch

3 ½ inch

Surprisingly the floppy disk image is still used as the save icon in software. Even the latest Windows office suite 2010 uses the 3 inch disk image as it's save icon.



Save Icon.

What will the save icon be in the future now that Sony has decided to stop production, future generations won't know what a floppy disk is.

Sony is one of the last companies to stop production of the floppy, effectively killing off the format it helped pioneer.

Floppy disk history and groundwork obtained by internet research: Editor.



Sony to stop production of 3 ½ " floppy disks.

No new computers today come with a floppy disk installed. This includes Laptops, Notebooks and Desktop computers.

There is only 1.44MB you can store on a floppy disk. USB Flash drives can hold up to 256GB (at the time of writing) on one small device that you can put in your pocket. The USB flash drive most of us use at the club, 4GB holds the same amount as 4,096 1.44MB floppy disks. So it's no surprised to learn that Sony plans to stop making the floppies in Japan on March, 2011. Sony introduced the first 3.5 inch floppy disk in 1981, and until recently it was the largest supplier of the floppy disks around the world. But Sony pretty much stamped out worldwide distribution in May 2010.

Over the past 24 years the 3 ½ " floppy was the choice for portable storage.



8 inch floppy disk.



Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

ORGANIZE YOUR NOTIFICATION AREA,

The notification area is the collection of small icons near your system clock, in the bottom-right corner of your screen. After you've used your computer for a few months, the notification area can become cluttered with icons for different programs you may have installed. Each icon takes up space on your Microsoft Windows XP Taskbar, which leaves less room for your program buttons.

Fortunately, you can free up space in the notification area by hiding icons that you don't use very often. To organize your notification area follow the steps below.

The image shows two screenshots. The left screenshot shows a right-click context menu over the system clock. The 'Properties' option is highlighted. The right screenshot shows the 'Taskbar and Start Menu Properties' dialog box. The 'Notification area' section is visible, and the 'Customize...' button is circled in red.

1. Right-click the system clock, and then click Properties on the shortcut menu.

2. In the Taskbar and Start Menu Properties dialog box, click Customize.

The image shows the 'Customize Notifications' dialog box. It has a table with columns for 'Name' and 'Behavior'. Under 'Current Items', 'Updates are ready for your com...' has 'Hide when inactive' selected, and 'Windows Security Alerts' has 'Always hide' selected. A red arrow points to the 'Always hide' option in the dropdown menu.

Name	Behavior
Current Items	
Updates are ready for your com...	Hide when inactive
Windows Security Alerts	Always hide
Past Items	
Microsoft AntiSpyware - Active	Hide when inactive

3. The Customize Notifications dialog box appears. For each icon you want to hide, click the Behavior list, and then click Always hide. For each icon you want to always show, click the Behavior list, and then click Always show.

When you click on an Icon a [Behavior] list shows