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Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

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| 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 |
| Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software Tutor Tom Lehane | Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making, Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Pat Mitchell , 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 |

Do your own thing' means learn Word, Publisher and Excel or browse the Internet.



Most new computers don't come with a floppy drive anymore. Many options for data storage are on the market that have larger capacity than our familiar little disk: CD-

R/RW, DVD, Flash Memory, portable hard drives, and USB thumb drives. While a lot of us still have floppy drives in our computers, now might be a good time to transfer them onto CD or one of the aforementioned data solutions.

Copy your floppies to CD-R/RW:

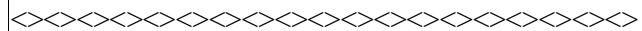
1. Create a folder on your desktop (right-click and select New>Folder). Click the folder and hit F2 to rename it like, ('Floppy Backup').
2. Open the floppy in your drive and hit Ctrl+A to select all. NOTE: Make sure that your folder option view is set to show hidden files, otherwise you might not copy all the files from the floppy. The **Coffee Break** explains how to switch on '**Show Hidden Files**'.
3. Copy (Ctrl+C) the files then Paste (Ctrl+V) into the folder you created on your desktop. This is also a great time to "Delete" any files you don't want to keep. Create several folders, within the '**Floppy Backup**' you created as some setup files use the same name.

4. Now you are ready to burn your files to CD. In most cases it is as simple as dragging the folders into a frame in your CD burning program.

The great thing is that the average floppy holds 1.44 MB of data, while a CD-R can hold 700 MB—that means you can fit about 486 floppies on one CD-R.

For XP users: after you select the files you want to transfer (or Ctrl+A), you can click "Copy the selected items" in the left hand column which opens a window where you can select where you want the files to go. From there you can send them to the new folder you created in step 1.

You can also substitute a USB thumb drive in place of a CD-R, thus bypassing the need for burning altogether. Just copy the files from your floppy and paste into a new folder on your USB thumb drive.



Digital Photograpy has changed the way we process our photos from enhancing, storing and printing our images. So what is the cost of printing your own photos?

Colour printers are reletive cheap to buy for printing documents or photos from your digital camera. The images printed on special photograph paper are very impressive. But the big shock comes when you go to buy new printer cartridges for your ink jet printer.

They can range from \$25 to \$40. It turns out that printer ink, especially for photos, is probably the most expensive substance per volume you'll ever buy—more expensive than gold, oil or perfume. If you're buying name-brand ink cartridges, which typically hold a few milliliters of ink, you're shelling out the equivalent of between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for four litres.

Just as an idea of how valuable this particular golden goose is, more than 40 percent of HP's \$2.63 billion operating profits from last quarter came from its imaging and printing group alone. In other words, ink keeps printer companies in the black.

So what is the cost to run a inkjet printer? This depending on how much of the page is covered by ink. Typically though, manufacturers quote the amount of pages based on 5% coverage and at this rate, costs vary from between **7 and 12 cents per page**.

We purchase inkjet printers because we want to print photos or lots of colour which cover a lot more than 5% of the page, so one would have to figure out these costs based on their actual coverage. I.e. if coverage is 20%, then costs would be 4 times that of 5%. This could work out to be **28 cents per page**.

Then add the cost of photo Paper, **75 cents per page** of Kodak Premium Photo Paper (A4 Gloss 250gsm). Canon Photo Paper is cheaper, **50 cents per page**.

So it could cost about **40 cents** per 6x4 inch or 15x10 cm image. You could cut the cost by using less expensive photo paper and low-cost generic refill cartridges.

New printers now have a micro chip on their cartridges to prevent the owner from using generic refill.

So it could be cheaper to have your images printed at your local camera shop, some advertise, photo printing at 15 cent each, but check before ordering as some stores require at least 30 or more photo prints before that advertised price becomes effective.

Defrag XP hard drive.

A few new members have ask 'How to defrag their Hard-Drive'?

There are a few ways to navigate to the Defrag file.

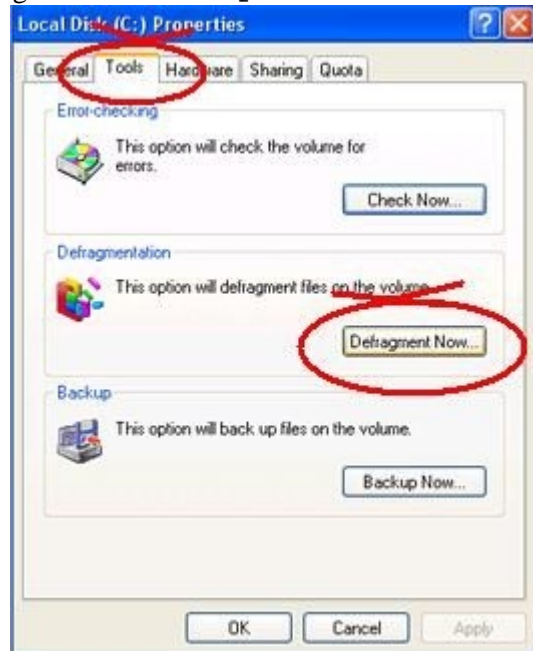
- (1) By clicking [Start] [Programs] [Accessories] [System Tools] [Disk Defragmenter].

- (2) The other way is by clicking 'My Computer'

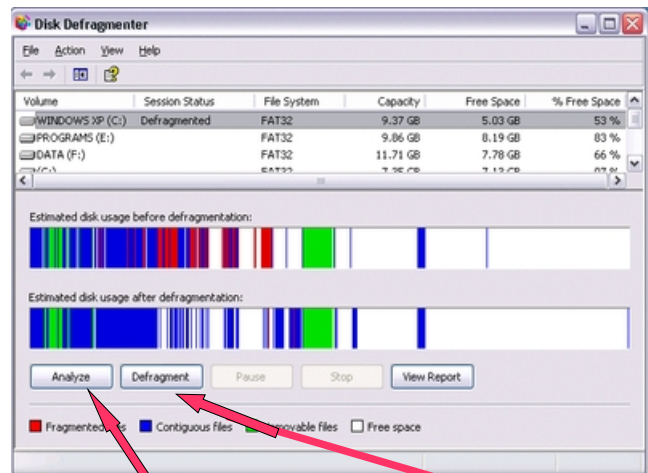


Right Click the mouse on Local Disk (C:) From the

dialog box choose Properties .



The above properties menu will appear. Click **Tools** Tab then **Defragment Now** button.



Left click the [Analyze] button to show the defragment files. Then left click [Defragment] button.

Sometimes it can take a while to defrag scattered files, (red bars).

Factors Affecting the Time Required to Defragment a Hard Drive

1. The size of the hard drive
2. The speed of the hard drive, seek time and data transfer rate
3. How badly fragmented the hard drive is.

You can safely stop defrag at anytime by clicking the stop button. **(Only use the programs STOP button).**

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Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system

Hidden Files and Folders.

Microsoft in their good wisdom chose not to display DLL files or special Folders from Windows Explorer.

A dynamic link library (DLL) is a collection of small programs, which can be called upon when needed by the executable program (exe) that is running. The DLL lets the executable communicate with a specific device such as a printer or may contain source code to do particular functions.

One tutorial session required the group to copy a DLL file to a Folder.

The tutor class was using Audacity, a sound capture program. The LAME.DLL file was required by Audacity to export sound files in MP3 format.

By default Windows Explorer does not show these files, so moving LAME.DLL to Audacity folder could not be made.

To Change Windows Explorer's Default.

From your desktop left click My Computer

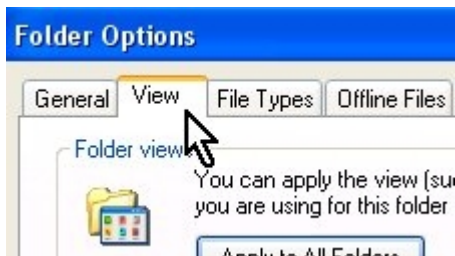


From My Computer's open window left click [Tools].

Then left click [Folder Options]

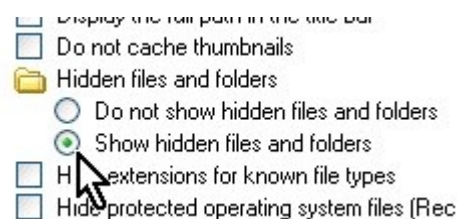


In the Folder Options box left Click the [View] Tab.



In the small window below left click on ... [Hidden files and folders] to open the other options.

Left click the radio button [on]
Hidden files and folders



Left click [Apply] and then [OK] and back out by clicking OK and closing options down.

Task Completed.