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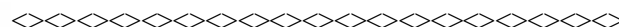
Visit the clubs' web page for training courses www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm
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<i>Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses</i>	
Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using Vista Tutor David Burns	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	'Do your own thing' means learn Word, Publisher and Excel or browse the Internet.
	 Using Microsoft Power Point Fridays

Seniors Centre will be closing from 12th December 2008 and will reopen 21st January 2009.
The last computer club class will be Friday 12th December 2008.
Computer club classes will restart Monday 2nd February 2009.

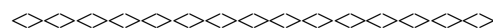


The clubs Christmas party will be held on Thursday 18th December in the Activities Room, 11 am to 1.30pm. You will need to place your name on the participant list at the class attendance table so organizers can cater for the numbers attending... **The Christmas Party is free.** Christmas hamper donation box is at the entrance to the computer room, please make a contribution. Raffle tickets will be sold and prizes drawn on the day to add to the fun. This year the menu is Barbeque and side salad.




Most new members have purchased laptop computers with Vista operating system installed.

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The club found there was a need for a Basic Course in Vista. David Burns will be running a Vista Basic Course at the Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club, starting at 9.30am on Wednesday, October 29. The course will continue on Wednesdays - 9.30am to 11.00am - for 6 weeks.



The Camera Club has run it's tutorial classes for 2008. Plans for a possible merge with the U3A in 2009 are been talk about. The problem arises that our constitution states that you need to be a financial member to participate in the computer club. The same would apply with U3A.

What's the difference between "run" and "save" when I download a program?



When you are downloading a file off the internet you may get the option to "Run" or "Save". Either of these options will lead you to the setup for the program and install it on your computer, but the difference lies in where the setup file opens from. If you click "Save" you can specify where the setup file goes (My Downloads or the desktop). From there you could put it on a disk just in case you need to reinstall it or want to put it on another computer.

By choosing "Run" the setup file will be downloaded to your temporary internet file folder. The computer then runs the "Setup" from this folder. When you empty your temp file folder the setup download is removed. You should be clearing out your temp files often or they can get clogged with downloads. (See *Coffee Break* on how to clean Temporary files)

You may want to keep the download for later use. Download the file to your Desktop (this makes it easy to find) then delete after install or save to a Downloads folder or to a disk, CD or USB drive. If you have Win XP and the file is zipped (.zip extension) you will get the option to "Save" or "Open". Open places the file in your Temporary folder and runs from there.



Thinking of buying a new flat panel monitor for your computer. Here are some specifications to look for.

Screen Size:

There are typically three screen sizes worth considering. 19 inch, 22 inch and 24 inch. 22 inch monitors are the most popular at the moment.

Our new club monitors are 22 inch.

Larger monitors give you more pixel Resolution 1680 x 1050 for a 22 inch.

This is very handy for editing digital photos.

Brightness:

LCD brightness is measured in "nits" and the industry standard for LCD monitors is about 250 nits. However the higher the nit rating the better the monitor will performance in bright light. Brightest LCD monitor you might encounter is 400 nits.

Contrast Ratio:

Contrast ratio is the difference between the darkest blacks and the brightest whites. The lowest you'll see on an LCD monitors spec list is 200:1 and the highest – 10,000:1.

Viewing Angle:

The viewing angle is the angle in which you can see the screen without distortion. The largest viewing angle you should see on LCD monitors is 170 degrees. The minimum is 120 degrees, but it's rare. Middle of the road is 150 degrees. When at the store stand in front of the monitor and take small steps to the side until the image distorts and you'll get a sense of how people who look at the monitor along side you will see the content on your screen.

Resolution:

All LCD monitors have a native resolution - that is to say that there is a fixed resolution that they look best at. The standard is 1024x768 for a 15 inch screen. You can set the monitor to a different resolution but it will appear fuzzy or soft. 17 inch monitors native resolution is 1280 x 1024. And on a 22 inch monitor expect 1680 x 1050. The bigger the monitor the more pixels you have to work with.

Video Response:

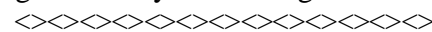
This is the time it takes for a pixel to change from black to white or from one grey state to another. Video Response rates are measured 2ms thru 25 ms, yet monitors with larger viewing angles can have slower refresh rates. If the refresh rate is slow (25ms) you will get ghosting as the display up-dates. Most monitors on the Market to-day have refresh rates of 2ms to 5ms. Make sure to get a demo before buying.

DVI vs. analog:

Monitors come with either a VGA connector (same as your old CRT screen) or a VGA and DVI connector. The DVI connector allows for direct digital input.

Warranty:

Check your manufacturer's warranty. Three year is good. One year not so good.



The articles and comments on buying a monitor are not associated with The Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc or the Camera Club. Articles are intended as opinions and items of debate only.

Run With Vista

Are you new to the Windows Vista operating system? If so, are you getting a little frustrated with being away from everything you knew in XP? I mean, going from XP to Vista is an extreme change and it can be very difficult getting used to all the new features. I know I felt that way when I first started working with Vista. I was so used to XP and I just felt like the two operating systems were like day and night!

But, if you look past all the confusion, you'll find that there are a few things you can do with Vista to bring back the comfort of XP. (I'm not even kidding!) And as a matter of fact, I'm going to tell you how to do one of those right now. In Windows XP, a function I always use a lot is the Run command. It's just an easy feature to work with and it gets me where I need to go. Now, as I'm sure

you've noticed, Vista doesn't offer the Run command. Or, does it?!

To get the Run option back for yourself, right click on the Start button in Vista and choose Properties. Make sure you're under the Start Menu tab and then click on the Customize button. Scroll down near the bottom of the list and checkmark the box that says "Run command." Once you've done that, click OK. In the next window, click Apply, then OK again. Now, go and click your Start button. What do you see? Yep, the Run command is back and ready for some action. Yes!

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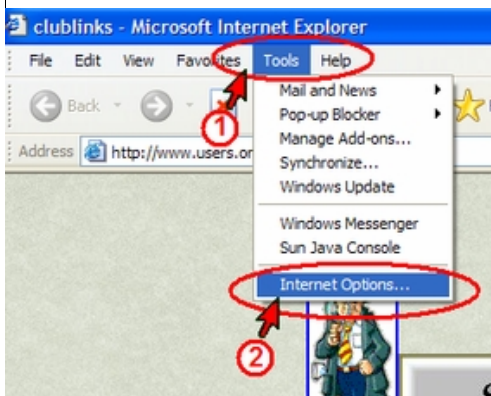
Temporary Internet Files.

Temporary Internet files, pages that you view are stored in a special folder for quick viewing when you visit that site next time. The Temporary Internet files folder is where your download and install program goes when you chose "Run" as the setup. Internet Explorer will clean these files when they get to a specified folder size.

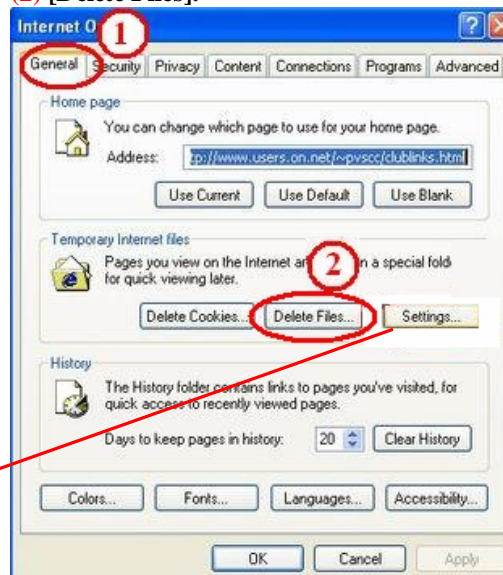
How to clear them manually?

To empty the temporary folder in Internet Explorer,
1. Click Tools.

2. Click...
[Internet Options]



(1) Have the
[General] tab selected. Then click....
(2) [Delete Files].



In the Settings box, under Amount of disk space to use, you can slide the bar to the left to decrease the amount of disk space used by your Temporary Internet Files folder.