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INFORMATION for Saturday December 7th start time in person at
Library Board Room is 9:30am or at home Zoom is 10:00am.
This will be a hybrid meeting.

There will be a meeting invitation e-mail Thursday evening
before the Saturday meeting.

Our November/December presentation various
APCUG videos

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2024

December 7

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Members Helpline

Any member can volunteer to be on the Members Helpline.

Hardware problems, Win 7, Win 10, Linux and Virus Removal

- John Spizzirri

About DVD of the Month

Unfortunately, the DVD of the Month is no longer creating an income center for the club. August 2022 will be the last issue of the DVD. Starting in September, I will feature a review of a freeware program in the ARI... Some of these programs may be elaborate and complicated others may be very simple. I may include screen shots if that can be accommodated.



Lamp Post 274 Nov / Dec 2024 by John Spizzirri

With longer night time hours, now is the time to keep the Aurora cam sites in your favorites. The Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) cam at Churchill, Manitoba, Canada (**1**) is in the Central Time zone as is the polar bear site (**2**). If you stay up really late or get up early, try the Alaska Borealis cams (**3**). Two places to try offer various cams from around the world (**4, 5**). To check on the space weather (for aurora forecasts) try here (**6**) and NASA (**7**).

- 1) <https://is.gd/3RjcRQ>
- 2) <https://is.gd/ezocHn>
- 3) <https://auroranotify.com/?p=63>
- 4) <https://seetheaurora.com/webcams>
- 5) <https://lightsoverlapland.com/?p=79>
- 6) <https://www.spaceweather.com/>
- 7) <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

Office of Foreign Assets Control (**1 OFAC**) kicked Russian Linux 'code maintainers' (**2**) off the Linux kernel maintainers list due to United States sanctions against Russia over the Ukraine War (**3, 4, 5**).

- 1) <https://ofac.treasury.gov/>
- 2) <https://is.gd/lCuHa8>
- 3) <https://is.gd/oN3WcX>
- 4) <https://lwn.net/Articles/995186/>
- 5) <https://is.gd/JrCfWt>

Landmark Admin (**1**) had a data breach (**2**) affecting about 800,000 people. The information that was released was; first name/initial and last name; address; Social Security number; tax identification number; driver's license number/state-issued identification card; passport number; financial account number; medical information; date of birth; health insurance policy number; and life and annuity policy information. Landmark acts on behalf of other insurance companies including; American Monumental Life Insurance Company (**3**), Pellerin Life Insurance Company (**4**), American Benefit Life Insurance Company (**5**), Liberty Bankers Life Insurance Company (**6**), and Capitol Life Insurance Company (**7**). This appears to affect mostly citizens of Texas however those companies do business in many states and customers move out of Texas.

- 1) <https://www.landmarkadmin.com/>
- 2) <https://bit.ly/3ZiW40R>
- 3) <https://www.americanmonumental.com/>
- 4) <https://is.gd/b4RwUZ>
- 5) <https://americanbenefitllc.com/>
- 6) <https://lbig.com/>
- 7) <https://www.planmedigap.com/?p=7012>

Internet service providers (ISPs) are getting a real bargain with the nomination of Brendan Carr (**1, 2**) for head of the Federal Communications Commission (**FCC 3**). He is already a commissioner of the FCC. He thinks the ISPs are telling the truth when they claim that they offer good customer service. They claim that and say that if they were charging too much or offering bad service customers would just go to another ISP. Brendan in a flash of brilliance never checked to see that a majority of the countries Internet users have only ONE ISP choice. Perhaps it is not a flash of brilliance but an underhanded method boosting the wealth of 'The Donald's' pals while defrauding the rest of us. He has said that if Internet users are unhappy they should complain to the Federal Trade Commission (**FTC 4**). Lina Khan (**5**), the current head of the FTC, is leaving as her term expired last September. Trump's picks for the new leadership of FTC are just as dismal as that of FCC. Its a toss up between Abigail Slater (**6**) and FTC commissioner Andrew Ferguson (**7**). Slater wants to break up big tech companies (not a bad thing IMO) while Ferguson wants to

enrich 'The Donald's' pals. I guess it all depends on what Elon Musk (**8**) has to say.

- 1) <https://www.fcc.gov/node/22768>
- 2) <https://is.gd/vbCpMo>
- 3) <https://www.fcc.gov/>
- 4) <https://www.ftc.gov/>
- 5) <https://www.ftc.gov/node/73741>
- 6) <https://www.iicom.org/?p=8897>
- 7) <https://www.ftc.gov/node/84889>
- 8) <https://is.gd/aYFKoL>

Low and behold, Microsoft (**MS 1**) has finally figured out which end is up. MS will finally offer support to consumers of Windows 10 after October 14, 2025 for \$30 for the first year. No word on what the second year will cost. The Verge is where I snagged this report (**2**). It is available on the MS site (**3**). On that site you must scroll down to the questions. Find the question "What is the Windows 10 Extended Security Updates (ESU) program?" and click on it. The explanation will appear.

- 1) <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/>
- 2) <https://is.gd/CI9KMF>
- 3) <https://is.gd/7Ryv6Z>

ChatGPT (**1**) turned two years old on November 30. According to BGR (**2**) there will be no major announcements or updates. Everyone has been waiting for the GPT-5 but it will not be forthcoming.

- 1) <https://openai.com/index/chatgpt/>
- 2) <https://bgr.com/?p=6263737>

If you have had enough of Elon Musk and X (**1**), formerly Twitter, you may want to try Bluesky (**2**). It tends to be much more positive and less hateful. Also, if you are sick of Facebook (**3**) you may want to try Mastodon (**4**). Same format less advertising.

- 1) <https://x.com/?lang=en>
- 2) <https://bsky.app/>
- 3) <https://www.facebook.com/>
- 4) <https://mastodon.social/explore>

Between you, me and the LampPost. That's all for now.

"Save" or "Save As?"
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Suppose you are editing a document in Word, and now you need to save your changes – should you use the "File" menu choice of "Save" or "Save As"? And what's the difference anyway?

My strong suggestion is to ALWAYS use "Save As."

Microsoft Word, other Microsoft apps, and many other apps may give you two ways to save your work – a quick one-click "Save" option and another called "Save As."

If you have opened an existing file (I will use a "document" file as an example) and have made some changes and then choose the "Save" option to save your changes, the changes will be saved, but your old previous version of your document will be deleted. This is because you save the document as the same file with the same name. If you realize this is what you want to do, that's fine. But using "Save As" is always better.

Here's why --

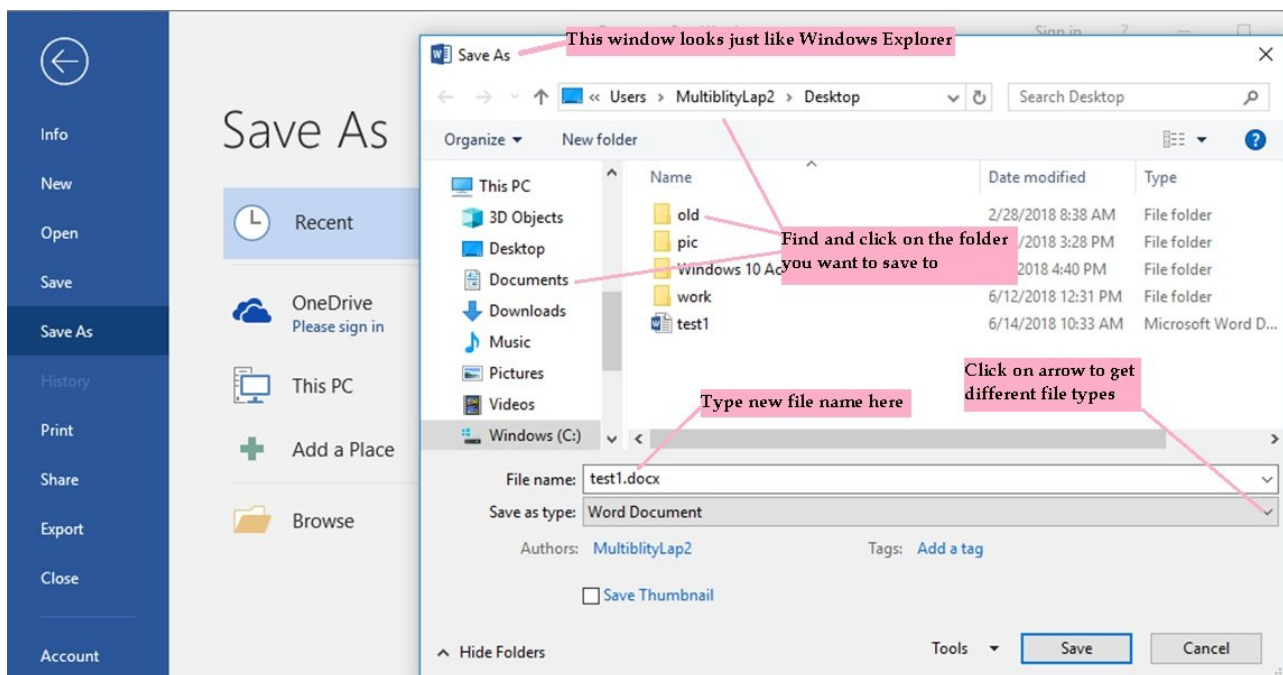
When you click "Save As" you will get many options for how you want to save your file. If you save your changed file to a different folder, you may click on that folder if you see it in that window or click on "Browse." Either way, you will open a window like Windows File Explorer. It will say "Save As" in the window's title bar at the top. The first advantage to using "Save As" is that you do not have to change anything if you don't want to – and if you choose not to change anything, "Save As" will save your changed file just like you clicked on "Save." But with "Save As," you can visually check and make sure all your save options are what you want – and if not, you can change them.

You can save your changed file to a different folder. After clicking "Save As," you are given a window with some folders (you can click on "Browse" to find any folder). The next window you see will look just like Windows File Explorer. In this window, you can find the folder where you want to save the changed file; click on it, click "Save," – and it will save it there with the same file name. The original file, without your changes, will still be in the original folder.

You can change the NAME of your file just by typing the new name in the File Name box toward the bottom of the window -- check to see that the FOLDER is where you want the file to be saved -- you can change it if you wish or keep the same folder. Your old unchanged file is still there, but your new changed file (document) is also there with the new name.

You can change the FILE TYPE of your file. At the bottom of the window, you will see the "Save as file type:" box. Hit the little arrowhead at the far right of that box to see a list of the different file types. Click on the one you want, then click "Save." You have now saved your file as that file type. Note that you do NOT have to change the text name of the file. You will have created a new file with a different name because the file type is an extension and part of the actual file name. For example, if I have a Word document file named "Letter to Sam," the file extension is ".docx." So if I open that document, make changes to it (or change nothing), and click on "Save As" at the bottom of the window, I can click on the arrowhead in the "Save as file type:" box at the right and select another file type, such as ".pdf." It will save that file in the same folder with the same file name EXCEPT it will be a ".pdf" file, not a ".docx" file type. So it will be "Letter to Sam.pdf" instead of "Letter to Sam.docx." Of course, my original file (document) is still there and unchanged.

There are more "Save As" options, and they can be different with different apps. But my advice is always to use "Save As," which allows you to check and see that everything is what you want. After all, you want to "save your as"!



Can Two Files Have the Same Name?

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It was the usual family gathering. And, as usual, Uncle Backup and Aunt Fowlder were arguing. They both use Windows computers, and both save files into folders. Uncle Backup said, "NO, of course not; you cannot have two files with the same name; Windows won't allow it!"

"Oh, don't be silly," said Aunt Fowlder. Of course, you can. I do it myself whenever I copy a file—it copies it with the same name!"

Well, dear reader, who's right? This is a great trick question to bring up over beverages whenever you are in a tech discussion with friends.

The answer? Well, the answer is they are both right! Well, sort of. Fortunately, their argument was overheard by the good doctor, Doc Ewewmint.

"May I help you?" interrupted the good doctor, "Yes, you CAN have two files with the same name if they are in different folders! Let me explain. If you copy a file to a different folder, it can have the same name. But now you must remember carefully which folder you put it in. If you change one of the files but not the other, even if they have the same name, they will now be different."

"Oh, that could cause trouble," said Aunt Fowlder, "so when I copy my files to back them up on a different device, I name the folder "Backup" and the date or something. That way, I know they are not the ones I actively use and change daily. I am thankful that Windows keeps track of the date of each file."

It happens that Aunt Fowlder's husband also overheard the discussion. "Well," he said, "that's all true, of course, but you can have two files that appear to have the same name in the same folder – but they would be of different file types! You could have a word processing document file created in Word, for example, and another with the same name created by Word Pad. They would have different file types -- ".docx" (or ".doc" for Word) or ".rtf" (for WordPad) -- but other than that, they could have the same name."

"That's because the file type is part of the name!" said Aunt Fowlder. "My husband is so right about that."

"Yes," said the good doctor, "and the computer keeps all this straight. The computer recognizes the folder path to get to the file you want because you can have the same file name (even with the same file type or extension) in different folders. You could say that the "path" of the folders to get to the file is

also part of the file name. Thus, you can never have two files with the same name!”

Well, I’m glad we all settled that and agreed! Now, should I use “Save” or “Save as”?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025!!!

