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Wikipedia *by Jocelyn Doire*

Last January 15, 2011, Wikipedia celebrated their 10th anniversary. Over that period Wikipedia has grown to an amazing size of over 3.5 million pages, with over one billion edits (for more statistics check <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Statistics>), making it one of the top reference in the world. Granted not everything in it can be trusted, but I can't think of any other source of information that has a greater wealth of information and is more up-to-date than Wikipedia. People like you and me made this possible, and I don't know about you, but I think this is one of the finest examples of what humanity can do at its best!

Despite all that wealth of information, it's not that uncommon to come across areas that are not that great, are missing information or are even plainly wrong, and that's where we can help, we can all add our bit of knowledge to the work, after all we often know things that very few knows, and you might be surprised at how easy and quick it is to add your own expertise to the site.

Let's say you know quite well a particular weed that you've been fighting in your garden for many years, and you would like to improve its description on Wikipedia, simply click on the word "[change]" (or [modifier] in French), type in the new information into the text box that appears, click on the "Show preview" to check if everything is ok and when everything is as you wanted, click on the "Save Page", it's that simple.

Modification de Galinsoga (section)

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G I  es  > Avancé  > Caractères spéciaux  > Aide
== Description ==

Le [[Capitule (botanique)|capitule]] ({{unité|5|mm}} environ) est formé d'u
fleurs jaunes tubulées entourées de quelques fleurs [[ligule|ligulées]] bla

La floraison a lieu en été et en automne. Les capitules sont groupés en [[r
[[Pollinisation]] entomogame ou autogame. Les fruits sont des [[akène]]s.

Le Galinsoga cilié est difficile à éliminer car chaque plant peut produire
graines capables de survivre plusieurs années, il fleurit rapidement et les
capables de s'enraciner.

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Now it's quite possible that your change will be rejected, maybe because you did not follow the guidelines (for example words can be linked only once). Don't be offended by that, simply look at the history (see below) and check if there is an explanation and make the correction as needed, or go to the "Talk" section and see if you can find out what happened, most of the time all it takes is a bit of extra of work to make the change stick.

Wikipedia includes several code to improve the formatting of the text or add objects, for example if you want to add a link to another article, just add two sets of square brackets around a word in your text, for example [[Pollinisation]]. If the word in the text and the name of the article are different, add a vertical line character between them, for example [[ligule|ligulées]]. For a short list of those codes check the cheat sheet at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Cheatsheet>.

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Next Meeting: **WEDNESDAY, February 13th, 2013**

February Raffle

Courtesy of the McAfee Canada, we have a copy of **McAfee Total Protection 2013**.

Guard your PC, social network, identity, family, and home network with McAfee's ultimate protection against hackers, malware, thieves, phishing, and other online threats.

This prize is valued at \$70

Tickets are, as always, a good deal at \$1 for one, a great deal at \$2 for three or the unbelievable bargain of \$5 for ten!

January Prize Winners

Bob Gowan won our night's raffle of McAfee All Access 2012 software while **Stu Moxley** won our "Mystery DoorPrize" (rumoured to be a Jabra Phone but time will tell).

Congrats you two and a big thanks to McAfee and Microsoft for the prize donations.

Coming Up...

►Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Speaker: Barton McKinley, CISM, CISSP-ISSAP, CRISC, ITIL

Topic: "Bring Your Own Disaster. Issues and Options for Solving the BYOD Dilemma "

I will allow time for Q&A and may do a simple audience participation exercise. Given the audience, I want to clarify that I am dealing with mobile device security which includes pretty much any laptop, tablet, smart phone, etc. I will talk about things from a user and corporate perspective but will emphasize security issues. O/S coverage can include Win8, BB10, Android, Linux, Mac OS and IOS. So, there is a real connection for PC users.

Visit my blog at <http://www.Security-Eh.com> for perspectives, interviews and resources on Information and IT Security from a Canadian perspective.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Speaker: Doug Drouillard of KRC (Knights Refurbishing Computers) INC (*to be confirmed*)

2013 CALENDAR

Meetings	Date	Time and Venue
OPCUG General Meeting	Wednesday, February 13 th	7:30 p.m. Auditorium of the Canada Science and Technology Museum , 1867 St. Laurent Blvd. http://www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca/english/index.cfm
Beginners' SIG	Wednesday, February 13 th	Immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting.
Linux / Open Source SIG	Wednesday, February 13 th	Immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting.
Beer BOF (Wing SIG East)	Wednesday, February 13 th	10:00 p.m. (after all other SIGs) at Liam Maguire's, St. Laurent Blvd. at Innes Rd.

Please note that unless otherwise noted, SIGs meet at 9:00 p.m. (immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting).

President's Report: 2012 in review

2012 was a pretty stable year for the Ottawa PC Users' Group.

We began the year with one change to the Board of Directors – Jocelyn Doire returned as a board member after having been out of town for a number of years, replacing Andrea Wells who stepped down to attend to her newborn baby boy.

As I personally thank all the board members for their dedication to the smooth running of the OPCUG, I would like to welcome new blood into the operations. If you just want to “get your feet wet”, talk to one of the board members about helping out. We currently have two non-board members who give generously on an on-going basis: Mark Cayer looks after membership; and Bert Schopf lets the board hold monthly meetings in his office.

We had a nice balance of presentations in 2012. There were four meetings with presentations given by members of the OPCUG: I showed how to protect your computer; Alan German showed us how

easy it is to use Linux; Bob Walker talked about accessible computing; and four members (myself, Alan German, Mark Cayer, and Jocelyn Doire) gave mini-presentations at a “members’ favourites” night.

We had six presentations from outside presenters: Dr. Michael Geist from the University of Ottawa gave us a fascinating look at how Internet users around the world rose up in response to restrictive copyright legislation; Pierre Roman from Microsoft Canada let us have a sneak peak at the Windows 8 Consumer Preview; Ross Kouhi from the National Capital Freenet told us how they were rising to the challenges of operating as an Internet Service Provider; Dr. John Nash showed us an open source project that allows for the creation of reports that contain ever-changing data; Chris Simons from the Ottawa Public Library showed us how the OPL is embracing digital media and talked about the challenges this brave new world presents to libraries; and Chris Ellis from McAfee Canada filled us in on the “12 Threats of Christmas” to round out the year.

Thanks to all who gave so generously of their time to share with us.

Financially, the OPCUG is in great shape. I am very pleased that we were able to give back to our community, not only in providing the normal services of the Group, but also in giving presentations at the Ottawa Public Library and our contribution to the Ottawa Food Bank.

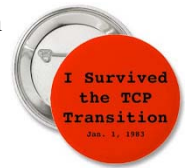
Membership levels are also in good shape. We are starting 2013 with 11 members more than we began 2012.

Jocelyn has been working hard to line up great speakers as we head into the new year. I encourage all members to help find great speakers. I also hope we will have lots of members come forward to give presentations when we have another Members' Favourites night.

Chris Taylor

January 1, 2013 marked the 30th anniversary of the "modern-day" Internet. On that day, all 400 hosts on ARPANET (which eventually became known as the "Internet") had to have switched over to use TCP/IP as the communications protocol or they would be cut off. Vint Cerf has a blog post on the official Google blog.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/b2zr9t3>



December's silent auction a success!

Last year Jeff Dubois sent a message saying "Wow, I've got a lot of gadgets, bits, bytes and bobs kicking about that I no longer use but they might be, for someone else, quite usable." and then suggested we have a "charity auction", from that idea Jocelyn Doire suggested holding a silent auction and a non perishable food collection for a local charity at the December meeting. The BOD further suggested including the proceeds from the raffle and giving the total to the Ottawa Food Bank

The event was a huge success, well beyond everyone's expectations, raising a total of \$664 comprised of \$372 in auction bids,

\$141 from the raffle (Windows 7 Ultimate), and \$151 in cash donations. The event was really a group effort including Chris Taylor getting 12 books from O'Reilly and announcing the event, Alan German doing the accounting and the slide show, Gail Eagen helping with the setup and the accounting, Bob Walker obtaining and setting the tables, Bob Gowan acting as the Master of Ceremonies, Brigitte Lord promoting the event in the newsletter and the OPCUG's web site, Jocelyn Doire creating the web page and organising the event, and last, but certainly not least, all the donors of the items for the silent auction, the food and the cash.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2012



Ottawa PC Users' Group, Inc.
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 Ottawa, ON K2G 1S6
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Balance Sheet, 2012

Assets

Current Assets

1000	Cash Account (TDCT)	1,306.41
1100	Investment Account (ING)	21,046.25
1200	Membership float	40.00

Total Assets **22,392.66**

Equity

Owner Equity

OPCUG, Capital
 December 31, 2011 22,687.24

Total revenue 4,785.96

Total expenses 5,080.54

Net income **-294.58**

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 December 31, 2012 22,392.66

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Income Statement, 2012



Revenue	2012 (\$)	2011 (\$)
2100 Bank Interest (ING)	213.96	258.65
2200 Membership Income	2,700.00	2,900.00
2300 Raffle Income	1,128.00	1,301.00
2400 Merchandise Income	75.00	1,675.00
2500 Workshop Income	0.00	0.00
2900 Miscellaneous Income	5.00	0.00
2910 Donation Income	664.00	
Total revenue	4,785.96	6,134.65
Expenses		
3100 PUB II Expense	936.12	950.36
3200 Newsletter Expense	2,284.57	2,208.17
3300 Office Supplies Expense	149.38	7.83
3400 Bank Charges	59.40	59.40
3500 Barbecue Expense	711.13	632.60
3600 Facility Rental	180.00	180.00
3700 Workshop Expense	0.00	0.00
3800 Merchandise Expense	95.94	1,952.61
3900 Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	50.00
3910 Donation Expense	664.00	
Total operating expenses	5,080.54	6,040.97
Net income	-294.58	93.68

Wikipedia *(Continued from page 1)*

Before doing any changes it's probably better to take the time to register yourself and then login into Wikipedia, it's easy and free, that way you can follow all the changes you did by going to your user page, for example <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Joc>. If you make edits in various languages, you should register under all those languages (Wikipedia can link those accounts).

Unfortunately, Wikipedia is sometime subject to vandalism, some are simple and easy to spot but some others are much more elaborated and done by highly organised groups, that's why several tools had been developed to undo the damage. One example is someone who simply inserts his or her name; to undo it, click on "View History" at the top, select period of interest (from July 24 to July 27 for example), click on "Compare selected revisions" and then to proceed with the change click on "Save page" at the bottom. For more info on how to stop vandals you can check <http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Vandalism>.

Compare selected revisions

- [\(cur | last\)](#)  19:21, 27 July 2011 [Cathat93](#) [\(talk | changes\)](#) (4,137 bytes) [\(undo\)](#)
- [\(cur | last\)](#)  00:10, 24 July 2011 [Joc](#) [\(talk | changes\)](#) **m** (4,089 bytes) *(Add links to DC and AC)* [\(undo\)](#)

This change can be undone. Please check below to see that this is what you want to do, and then save the changes below to finish undoing. *If you are undoing a change that is not [vandalism](#), please give the reason in the change summary instead of using the default message.*

Newest version	Your text
Line 1:	Line 1:
<p>'''Voltage''' is the change in [[electric potential]] (meaning [[potential energy]] per unit [[charge]]) between two positions.</p>	<p>'''Voltage''' is the change in [[electric potential]] (meaning [[potential energy]] per unit [[charge]]) between two positions.</p>
<p>- Saeed Hiran is the.....</p>	<p>+ </p>
<p>It is measured in [[volt]]s. It was named after an Italian [[physicist]] [[Alessandro Volta]] who made the first chemical [[battery]]. Many other languages uses a word that means electric tension for voltage.</p>	<p>It is measured in [[volt]]s. It was named after an Italian [[physicist]] [[Alessandro Volta]] who made the first chemical [[battery]]. Many other languages uses a word that means electric tension for voltage.</p>

Over the time many of the pages on Wikipedia got quite technical and hard to read and so some people decided to create a simpler English version that can be found at <http://simple.wikipedia.org>, that alternative is newer and has many more pages that need expansion.

I remember explaining to a friend what was Wikipedia and that he told me that it could never work, too many would pollute it, and I also remember reading several time that nobody should use Wikipedia in academic works, it can not be trusted, but despite all those dire predictions, it has not stopped legion of good people to make their own contributions to what is probably the largest encyclopaedia of all time. I hope you will be one of them.

<http://watchingthewatchers.org/indepth/1388831/tenure-awarded-based-part-wikipedia>

Tenure Awarded Based in Part on Wikipedia Contributions



OPCUG Free Software Guide – Part 37

Compiled by Alan German,
H.C. (Mike) McClemens,
and Micheline Johnson

This guide features an annotated list of free computer programs. The software mentioned has not been reviewed (except where noted) nor have any tests necessarily been conducted. Consequently, no guarantees are provided that the individual programs will perform as described. Rather the list of available software is provided for the information of our members who may find one or more of the programs useful.

doubleTwist

Manage and sync your iTunes music, photos and videos to a variety of non-iPod players. Connect your Android phone or tablet - or virtually any other portable media player.

Current Release: Version 3.2.1.14961

Web Site: <http://www.doubletwist.com/>



GRAMPS

The Genealogical Research and Analysis Management Programming System (GRAMPS) is a free genealogy program that is both intuitive for hobbyists and feature-complete for professional genealogists. Gramps runs on Windows, Linux and MAC OS X.

Current Release: Version 3.4.1

Web Site: <http://gramps-project.org/>

WizTree

WizTree is a disk space analyzer. It scans your entire hard drive – fast! – and shows you which files and folders are using the most disk space. Use the information to quickly locate and remove "space hogs" from your disk.

Current Release: Version 1.04

Web Site: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/cktq7r4>



Slim PDF Reader

The only available bloatware-free, PDF reader that is completely secure. At only 1.5 MB Slim PDF Reader is touted as the smallest desktop PDF reader in the world.

Web Site: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/2a3przl>

Photoshop Express Editor

From party pictures to vacation shots to family portraits, you have lots of good digital photos. Why not use the on-line Pho-

shop Express Editor to quickly crop, straighten, adjust the colour, and fix other small flaws?

Web Site: <http://www.photoshop.com/tools/expresseditor>



Racer

This free car-simulator project uses high-end physics to achieve a realistic feeling and an excellent rendering engine for graphical realism. Cars and tracks can be created, providing a very customizable and expandable simulator.

Current Release: Version 0.8.44.7z

Web Site: <http://www.racer.nl/>

Ava Find

Do you have music and video files in different folders all over your computer? With Ava Find you can browse them effortlessly with the single click of a button. And, Scout Bot finds newly downloaded files automatically – you don't even have to enter a search!

Web Site: <http://www2.think-less-do-more.com/avafind/>



CubicExplorer

This Windows-based file manager is aimed for both basic and advanced users. Its key features are tabs and book-marks. It uses sessions, and has filtering, file previews, search and many more features.

Current Release: Version 0.95.1

Web Site: <http://www.cubicreality.com/ce/>

Holdkey

This handy little utility will mean no more hassle with Alt-codes or other time consuming methods to create characters like é and à. Just type normally until you need a character with an accent. Then, hold the character for half a second. A small window with several character variations will appear. Simply choose the one you want!

Current Release: Version 2.0

Web Site: <http://www.holdkey.eu/>

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Member participation is encouraged. If you would like to contribute an article to Ottawa PC News, please submit it to the newsletter editor (contact info below). Deadline for submissions is three Sundays before the next General Meeting.

Group Meetings

OPCUG meets on the second Wednesday in the month, except July and August, at the Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa. Meetings are 7:30–9:00 p.m. and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) go until 10 p.m.

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Users helping users

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Bring your old computer books, software, hardware, and paraphernalia you want to GIVE AWAY to the General Meetings, and leave them at the table near the auditorium's entrance. Please limit magazines to publication dates of less than two years old.

You may TAKE AWAY any items of use to you.

Any items left over at the end of the meeting have to be taken back home by those who brought them in.

