



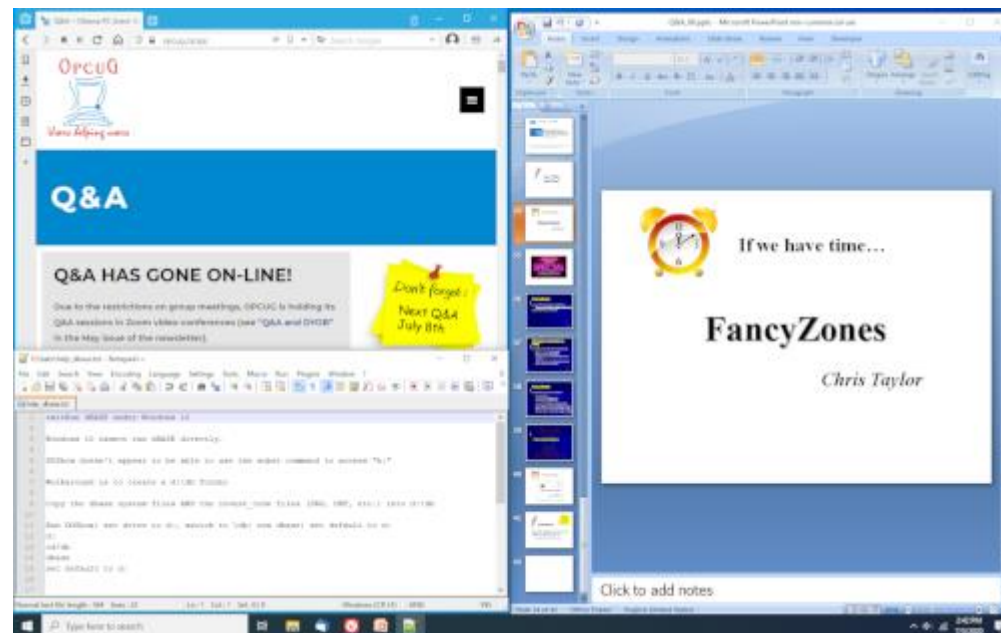
Q&A

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Follow-up

Fancy Zones

How do you have different zones defined for different monitors (in a multi-monitor setup) and for different desktops (using Windows Virtual Desktops)?



Fancy Zones

- The trick is to load the zone editor on the desktop for which you want to define the zones.
- In multi-monitor mode, you can just switch to the monitor you want (click the mouse somewhere on the screen) and press the hotkey for the zone editor (default is Win+`).
- Or, you can launch the PowerToys app from the system tray, drag it to the monitor you want, and then click the Edit Zones button. When you apply new zones, they will apply to that monitor.

Follow-up

Fancy Zones

- In Virtual Desktops, do the same (load Zone Editor on the virtual desktop you want). When you apply a zone, it will apply to that virtual desktop.
- **But**, the settings are not retained if the virtual desktop is deleted and then started again; it will pick up the same zones as your main desktop.
- **However**, if you don't delete the virtual desktop, when you reboot, the virtual desktop is recreated automatically AND the zones you defined for that desktop are re-established. Cool!

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Faxing with Windows 7

My General Practitioner will not accept email from me. She will accept faxes.

What is the easiest way, or best app, to fax info. to my GP from my old Win 7 desktop?



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www.faxzero.com

Free to US and Canada

Limited to 3 pages plus cover sheet

Paid version allows more pages but could
possibly send multiple 3-pagers

For frequent faxing, there are by-the-
month services

Or, use a cheap fax machine/multi-function printer
(assuming you have a phone).

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send a fax for free

Send faxes for free to anywhere in the U.S. and Canada

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Send an E-mail (no subject, no body text) to:

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GOOGLE GROUPS HOW-TO



I am receiving pop-up ads selling McAfee Total Protection. They look quite “fishy” as they say. My computer is running Microsoft Defender, plus I use Sophos as an on-demand scanner. The two ads seem to come up every hour or two. There is no obvious (to me) means of removing these ads. Shouldn’t Defender have prevented them from getting in? And, since Defender doesn’t object, is the pop-up trustworthy?

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There is actually no reason for Defender to do anything about an ad popping up since Defender is not designed to remove ads.

Don't click on the ad as this would violate Krebs's Rule #1 for staying safe online *“If you didn't go looking for it, don't install it”*

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/05/krebss-3-basic-rules-for-online-safety/>

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The "*Powered by Fast! app store*" at the bottom means you are not going to be buying it from McAfee (of course the really bad guys wouldn't tell you that you are going to be buying from a non-McAfee source)



And, I bet hovering the mouse over the "*Click for details*" would show it wouldn't take you to a McAfee site.





Internet Explorer was just replaced by Microsoft Edge. Is Edge better than Internet Explorer? What did I lose by no longer having Internet Explorer? What are the benefits of Edge? Is it worthwhile to change back to Internet Explorer?



vs.



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In general:

- Does your current browser (with add-ins) do everything that you want?
 - cross-platform (Linux and Windows)
 - display a specific (menu) page in a new tab
 - toggle JavaScript on/off
 - custom print a web page
- Yes – Why change?
- No – Try another browser (they are all free!)



Get Vivaldi Browser

Free Download


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Search on:

features unique to <insert browser name>

Check to see if the information is current.

A comparison of browser features from 2011 (and many such pages showed up in the top twenty hits in my Google searches) is unlikely to be of any use.

The Google logo is displayed in its standard multi-colored font.A search bar with a magnifying glass icon on the left, a close button (X) on the right, and a microphone icon on the far right. The text "features unique to Vivaldi" is entered into the search bar.

features unique to Vivaldi

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

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Basic Internet browser features (undated)

<https://www.smooth-step.com/web-browsers/features>

Comparison of web browsers
(should always be up-to-date)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_web_browsers

Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Opera, or Safari: Which
Browser Is Best? (Feb 2020)

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/chrome-edge-firefox-opera-or-safari-which-browser-is-best>

Website Woes: Different Web Browsers Create
Different Experiences (Sept 2019)

<https://marketmentors.com/web-design/different-web-browsers/>

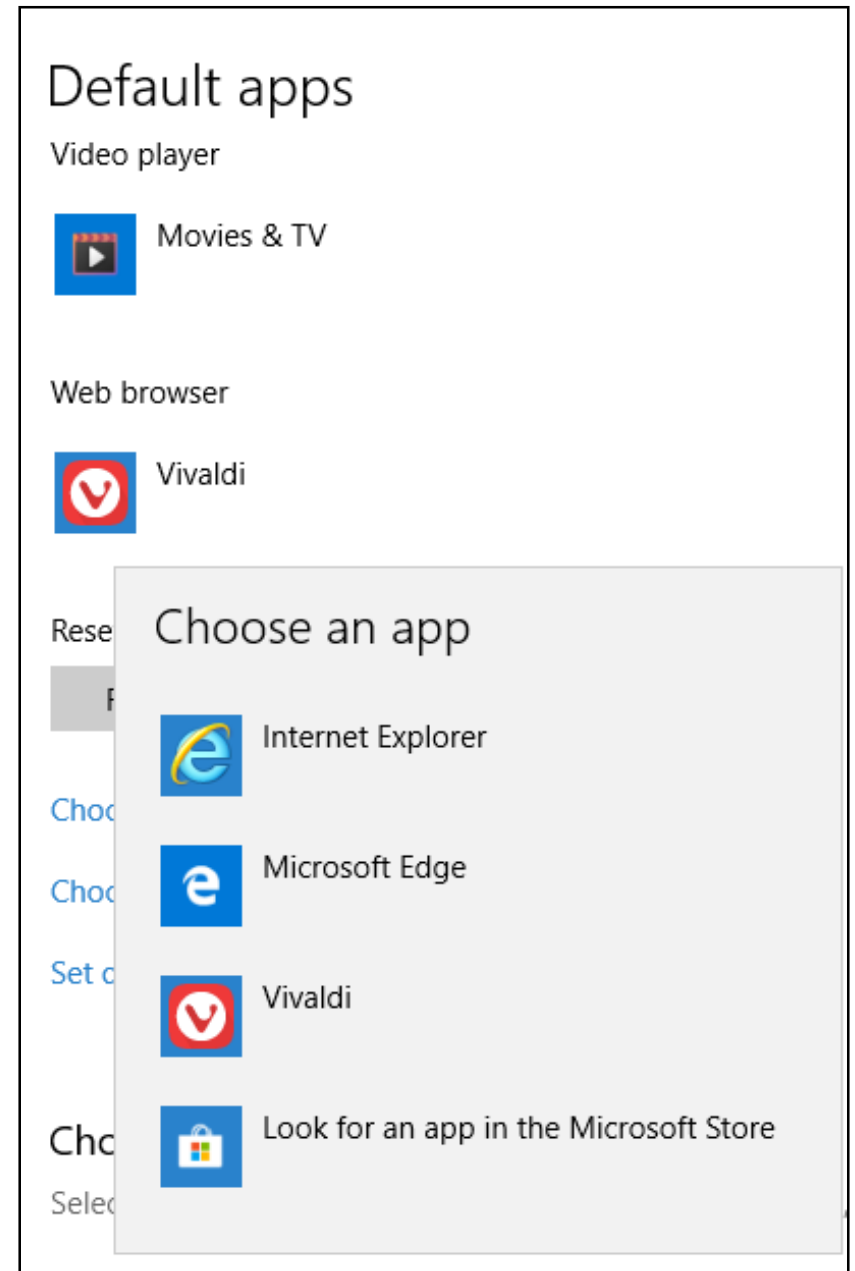
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To change your default browser:

Press Win-i (to run Settings), and choose Apps | Default Apps

Scroll down on the right to "Web browser" and click on the current option to get a list of installed browsers.

Choose any one to make it the default.





The new Microsoft Edge has a setting "Continue running background apps when Microsoft Edge is closed." What does this mean and should I care?



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This is not really a Microsoft issue. Rather it is built into the Chromium engine. The same setting “*Continue running background apps when Google Chrome is closed*” exists in Google's Chrome

So, what does this really mean?

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A search turned up the statement “*With the new Microsoft Edge, extensions, apps, and other services can continue to run in the background even after you close the browser. This means that Edge will continue to use your computer’s resources.*”
(from How-To Geek)

Why I would want an extension to run once Edge closes? Sounds pretty bizarre!

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An example given was Google Hangouts.

Now, this sort of makes sense...

Presumably Google Hangouts is being run by the browser. You might want that to continue running when the browser is closed so if someone invites you to a hangout, you will get notified, even if the browser proper is closed.

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On the other hand, if you understand that things like Google Hangouts really requires the browser to operate, and you keep the browser open so that such functionality is running when you want it, why not turn the feature off, and know that you have truly closed down some functionality when you close the browser? It could save memory, CPU, and battery life, if you turn this "feature" off.



To clear black-screen incidents requires holding down the power button to shut down the computer. In Windows 7 this resulted in lots of warning messages on reboot. With Windows 10, the forced shut down seems a little softer with a message for a couple of seconds to effect that things are shutting down. Is this a false impression? Is there still potential for damage to critical files?

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I think this is most often caused by a driver that fails to shut down properly.

Possibly one of your regular programs is not shutting down. Try closing all visible, open windows before trying to shut down.

In case it is some program set to autostart that isn't shutting down properly, run Task Manager and on the Startup tab, set that you don't need to "disabled"

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A Google search suggests "Fast startup" might cause this. You can bypass fast startup by holding down the shift key as you click on *Start / Power / Shutdown*. I would try that a few times to see if your computer is incompatible with fast startup.

You could try the Windows "Power" trouble-shooter. *Settings / Update & Security / Troubleshoot / Power*

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If a forced shutdown is your only means of exiting a black screen, make sure the computer sits for a while so that there is no disk activity when holding down the power button. This might reduce the likelihood of problems with the file system.



The first time I got things back up and running, "sfc /scannow" said that damaged files had been found and fixed. This was the first time ever that "sfc /scannow" has found anything on any of my computers. Subsequent black screens and subsequent "sfc /scannow" checks have found no integrity violations. Does this mean that "sfc /scannow" comes in as a close second to a "restore point" as not being particularly useful?

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sfc is definitely not as useless as system restore through restore points!

Windows can often automatically restore pristine copies of damaged files.



To enter safe mode, even as an administrator. I had to enter a 48-digit BitLocker recovery. This seems a bit over the top. Google searches suggest ways of temporarily disabling BitLocker, or even permanently disabling it. I can see the value when logged on as a standard user but it would be nice to get it right out of the way when logged in as administrator. In Windows 7 it was relatively simple to get into safe mode. How do I do this in Windows 10?

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I tracked this down on a Windows 8 machine to starting to follow Microsoft's instructions to set up Windows with a Windows account to login. This implements disk encryption with BitLocker. I bailed out on this and set up a regular account with my usual userid and password but still had to remove BitLocker!

(Note the following fix may be slightly different for Windows 10 but I can't check as BitLocker isn't available on Windows 10 Home)

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The trick was to set up an Administrator's account using the logon credentials for a Microsoft account. I logged on to Windows using this account, and brought up the Search box. Typing *BitLocker* produced an option to “*Change device encryption settings*”. Scrolling down to “*Device encryption*” indicated that “*Device encryption is on*”. Pressing the button marked “*Turn off*” let me sit back while the operating system decrypted the hard drive.



“Automatically download every photo and video in your computer to this amazing stick!” At about \$40 a pop for the smallest ones these could be an expensive purchase. Could this be done through the command line or using a batch file? Is there any existing software that will do the job?



ThePhotoStick 128 -- Easy, One Click Photo and Video Backup, 128GB

by PrairieIT



972 ratings | 3 answered questions

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Google search:

how to copy all jpg files on computer

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for /R "C:\" %%G in (*.png *.jpg *.jpeg  
*.gif) do copy "%%G" "E:\allPictures\"
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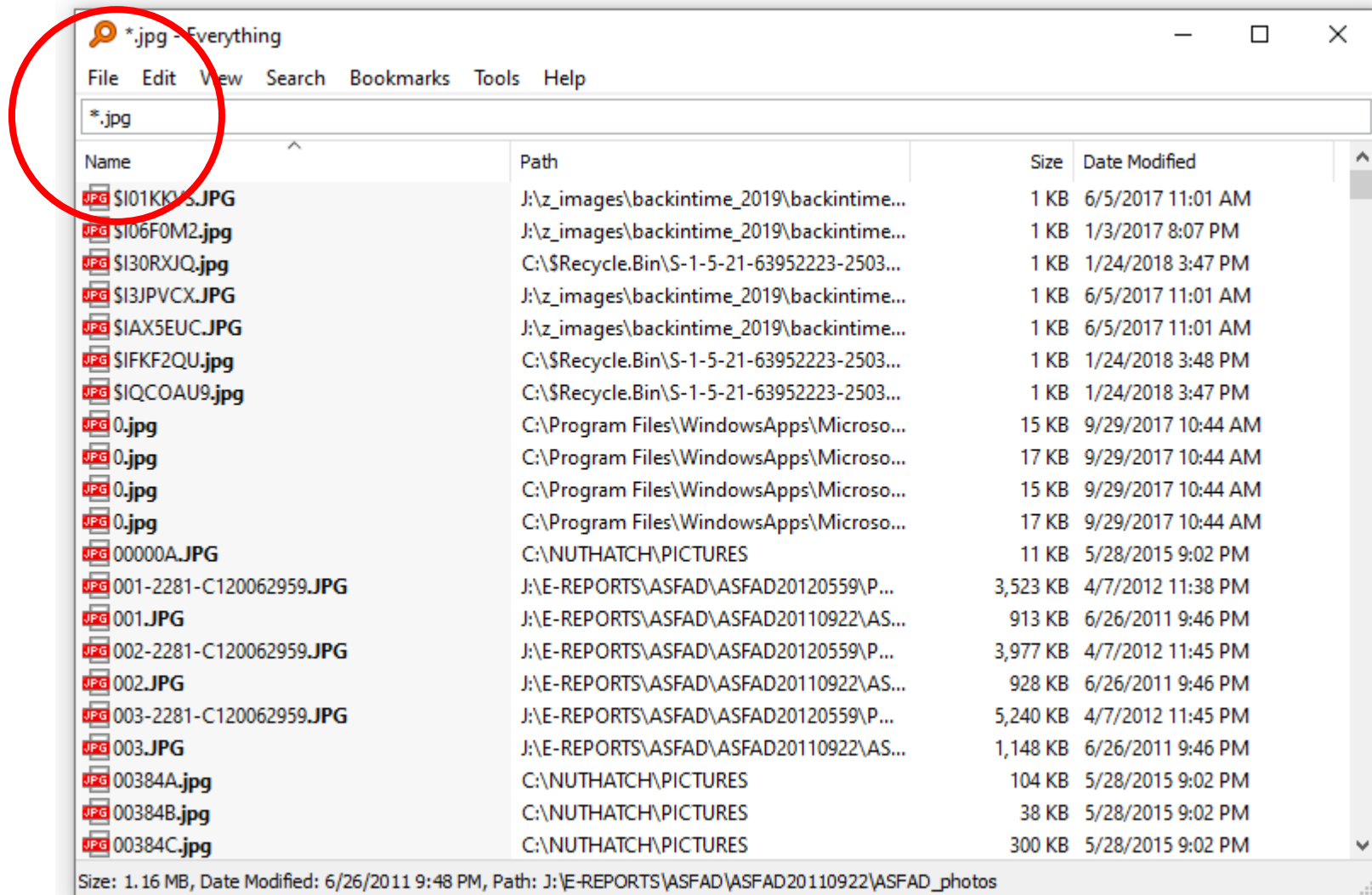
In Windows Explorer, search for:

*.png OR *.gif OR *.jpg OR *.jpeg*

Select all files, and copy them to wherever
you want

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Everything - Locate files and folders by name instantly.



*.jpg - Everything

File Edit View Search Bookmarks Tools Help

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Close Ctrl+W
Export... Ctrl+S
Exit Ctrl+Q

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Export the current result list to a file.

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Select All Unselect All My data has headers

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Avast Anti-Virus Software



Avast Software is a cybersecurity software company. They have more than 435 million monthly active users and the second largest market share among anti-malware application vendors worldwide as of April 2020.

In July 2016, Avast acquired competitor AVG Technologies, but markets AVG products separately.

The company's main product is the Avast Antivirus along with tools such as the Avast Secure Browser and the Avast SecureLine VPN.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avast>



**Any Other
Questions?**



If we have time...

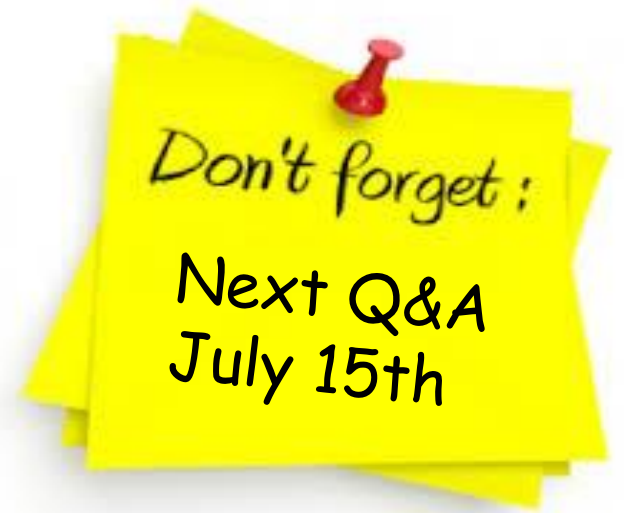


GIMP – Simple & Complex

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