



Q&A

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Follow-up

Google Photos

What is Google Photos?

What are the current rules?

What will change June 2021?

What is Google Photos currently?

Storage

- Unlimited free cloud storage of “high quality” images up to 16 MP and videos up to 1080p.
- Pics bigger than 16MP are automatically reduced unless you change the upload settings to “original quality” <https://photos.google.com/settings?pli=1>
- Photos of “original quality” that exceed 16 MP count against the free 15GB.

What is Google Photos currently?

Other features

- Organize by when, where, who is in photo.
- Search capabilities based on descriptor (dog) or identified dogs (Fido, Fifi). Can identify landmarks and location if pic taken with phone or camera with GPS.
- Some editing capabilities – crop, straighten, lighting.
- Can create and share on-line albums
- Can create and print a book.

Storage

- “High quality” images uploaded prior to June 2021 will **not** be reduced in resolution or count against your 15GB quota.
- All new images **will** count against your 15GB quota regardless of image quality (“high” or “original”).
- Pics taken and uploaded from a Google Pixel phone in “high quality” (up to 16MP) will **not** count towards 15GB.
- 15GB limit is shared across Google Drive, Gmail, (calendar, contacts, etc.), and Google Photos.

Other features

- Search functions
- Heat map of the world showing where you have taken photos
- More editing options (e.g. dynamic contrast, color pop, blur, portrait lighting).
- Google will create a cinematic photo or a collage based on your stills.
- Can create on-line albums with more sharing options.
- As before, can create a printed album.

Follow-up

Bottom line for Google Photos

- 15 GB free
 - 100 GB for \$2.79/month or \$27.99/year
 - 200 GB for \$3.99/month or \$39.99/year
 - 2 TB for \$13.99/month or \$139.99/year
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- If using free 15 GB, use for backup storage only.
 - Before June, load as many photos/videos as you want (max16MP/1080p) and they will never count against your 15 GB quota.

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World Password Day

2021-05-06

- *Passphrases*, not *passwords*
 - 3 or more words
- *At least* 12 characters
- *Not* common phrases/keyboard patterns
- *Unique* passphrases for each service/site
- *Length* wins over *complexity*
- Use a password manager
- Think about digital inheritance



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An old laptop's tale of woe





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
Portable USB (SSD) Drive



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But, it gets worse...

Seagate Backup Plus Drive (E:) > Seagate_Drive_Contents_27Apr2021

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Avoiding Disaster in

We are both strong advocates of backing up our computers. And, just like us, everyone has lots of important data on their computers – photos, videos, music, financial records, personal letters and emails, business correspondence, and much more, that all should be carefully backed up. The good news is that there are many ways you can make copies of

were backed up correctly and – more importantly – that you can recover them in the event of a disaster?

All imaging software includes the ability to create bootable recovery

The first part of testing is to ensure you can boot your computer from the recovery media. How you do this depends on your specific computer and will vary from one brand to another. In some instances, it

Restore and verify a single folder
Restore and verify a data partition
Blow-away the entire disk!

Avoiding Disaster in Disaster Recovery – Part 1
<https://opcug.ca/Articles/1709.pdf>

Avoiding Disaster in Disaster Recovery – Part 2
<https://opcug.ca/Articles/1710.pdf>

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More of Tom's Favourite Apps



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P Est-ce c'est necessaire d'imprimer ce courriel ?

Do you really need to print this email?

PUBLIC NOTICE: Any use of this message, in any manner whatsoever, will increase the amount of disorder in the universe. Although no liability is implied herein, the consumer is warned that this process will ultimately lead to the heat death of the universe.

Absum! -- Quidquid latine dictum sit altum viditur.

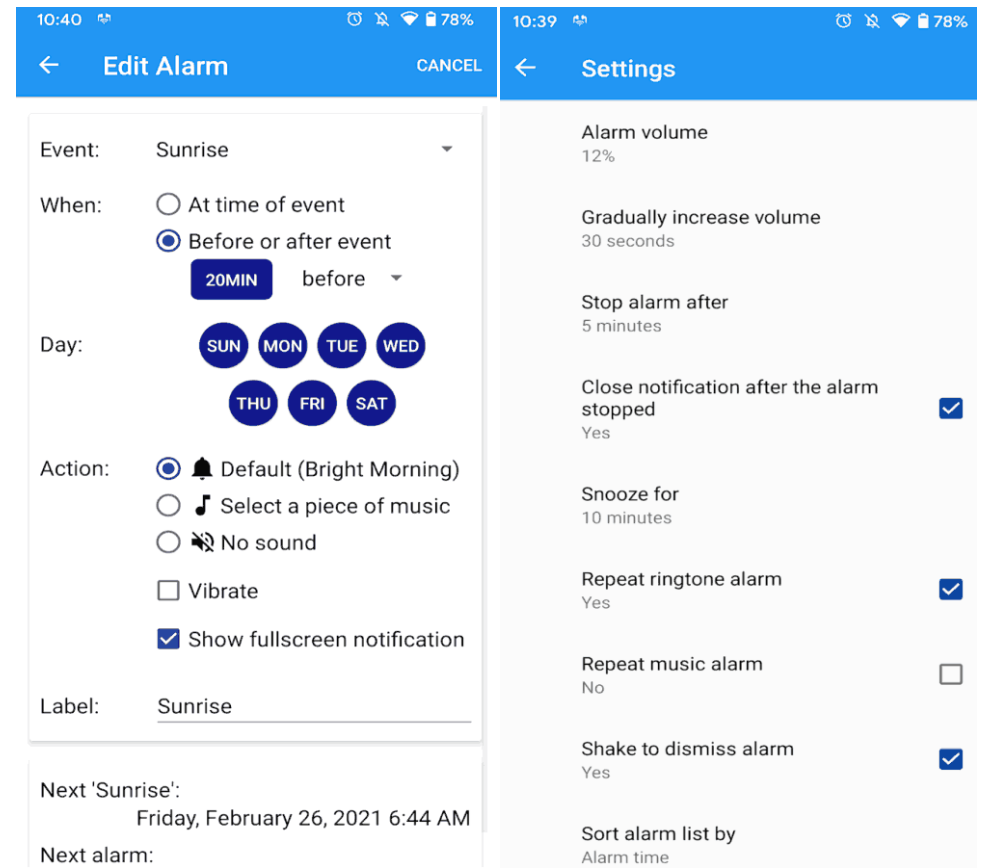




Sunrise, sunset...

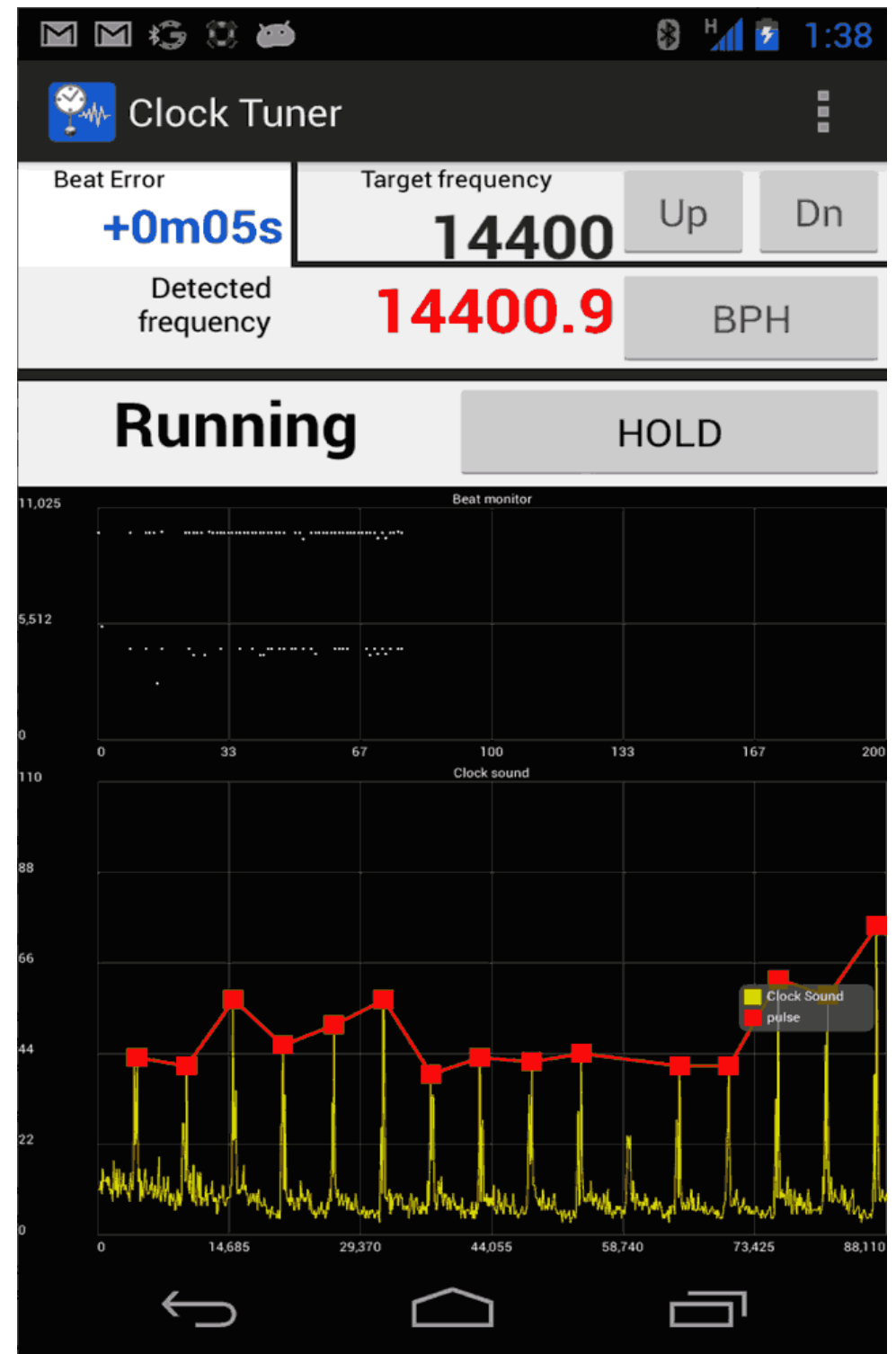


- Why sunrise/sunset alarm
 - To watch or set blinds or get up!
- Sunrise & Sunset times vary thru the year uniquely for each location
- Are in GPS apps
- **Sun Alarm**
 - Free
 - Very customizable



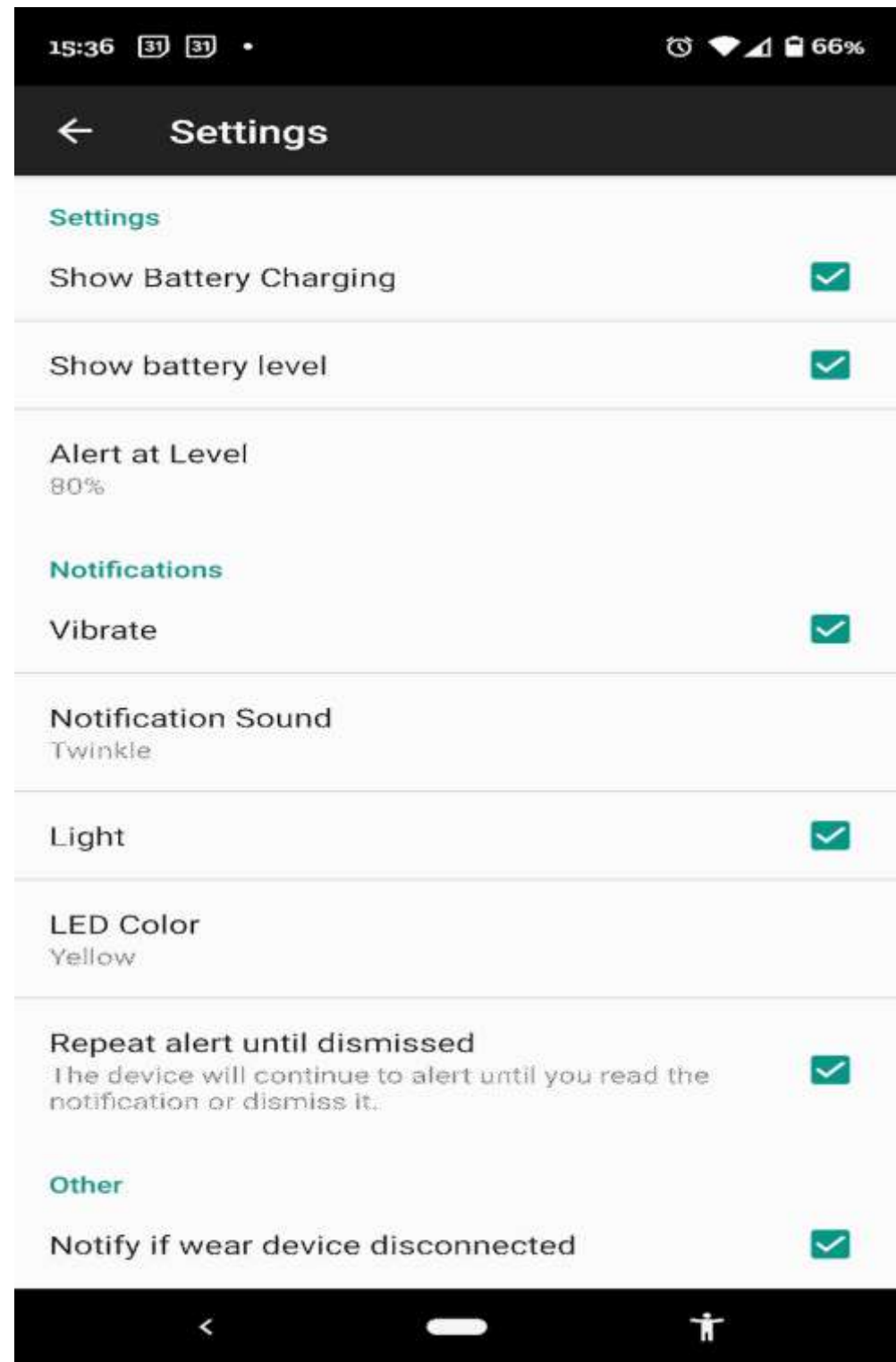
(Watch)Clock tuner

- Mechanical only!
- Measures
 - beats/hour
 - time error/day
- Uses microphone
 - Test in quiet space
 - Longer test better



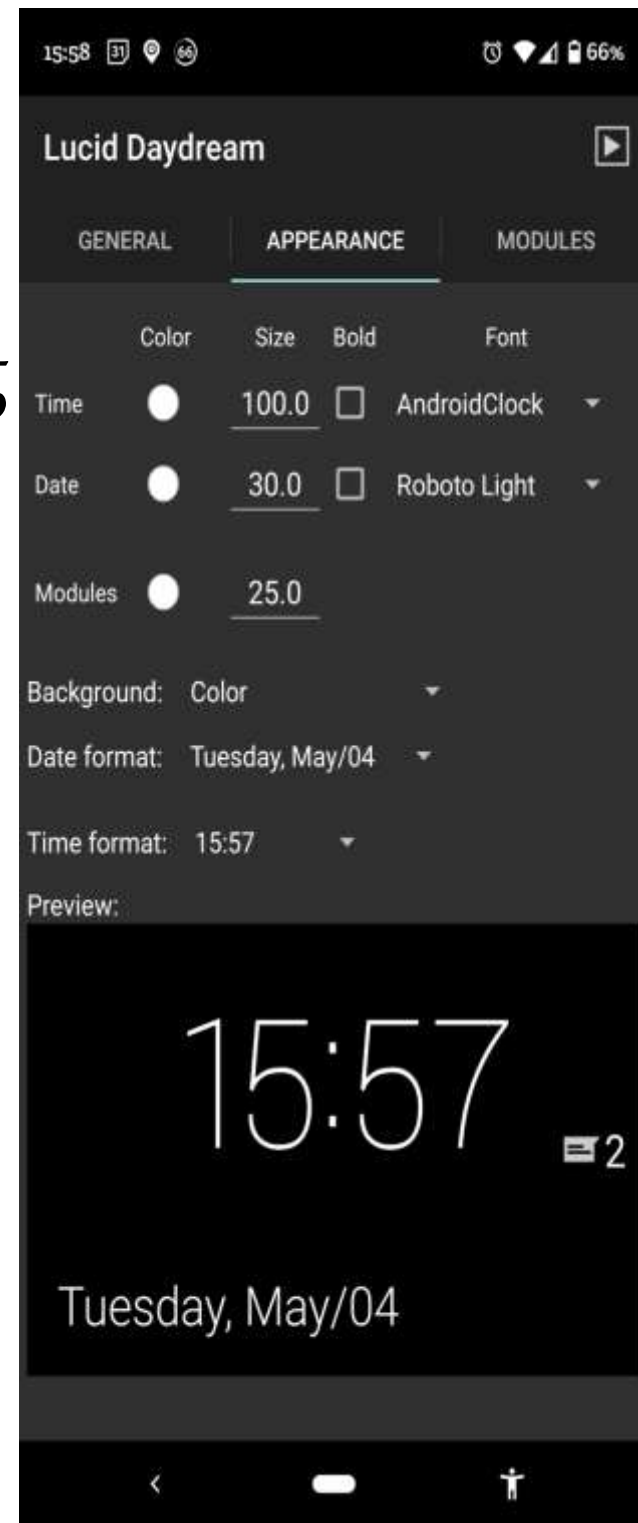
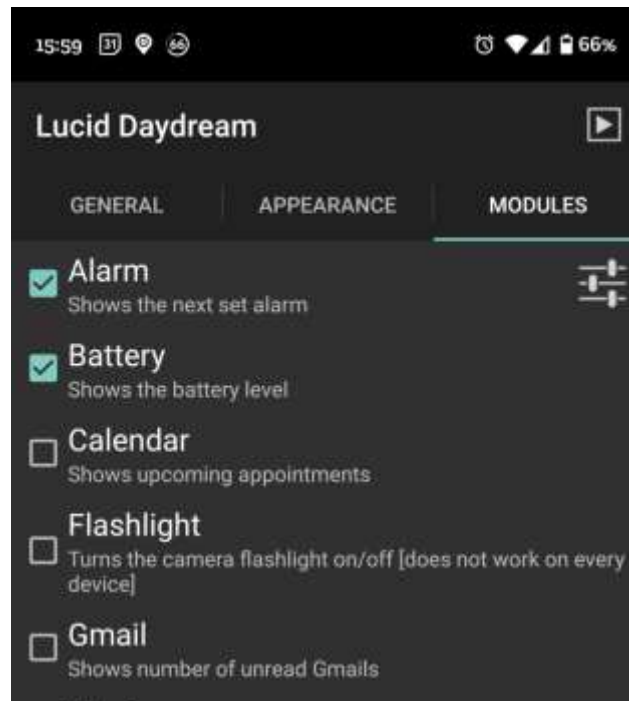
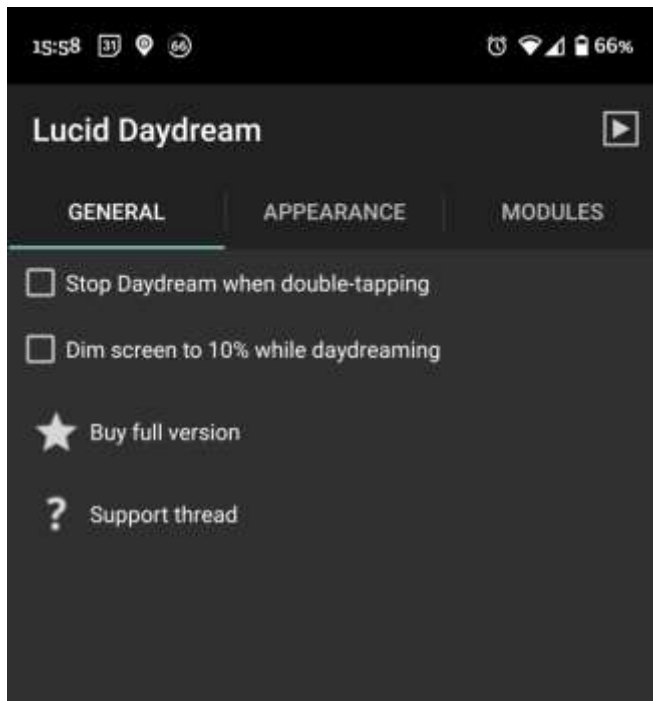
Wear Battery Full

- Shows watch battery level in notifications
- Can alarm at 60/80/90/95/100%
- Alarms when taken off charger
- Notifies when you leave watch/phone behind
- Using max 60/80% maximizes watch lifetime




Lucid Daydream Screensaver

- Shows time/date while charging
- Shows charge %
- AMOLED safe – moves around
- Slows charging a little

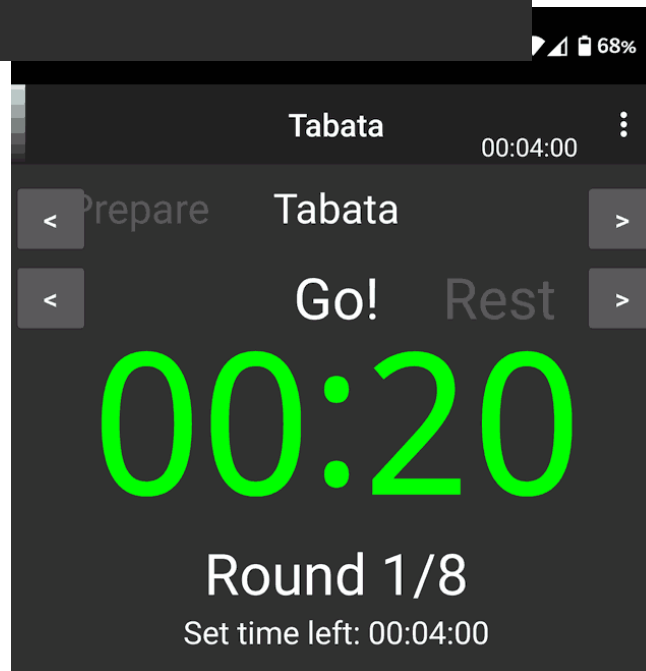
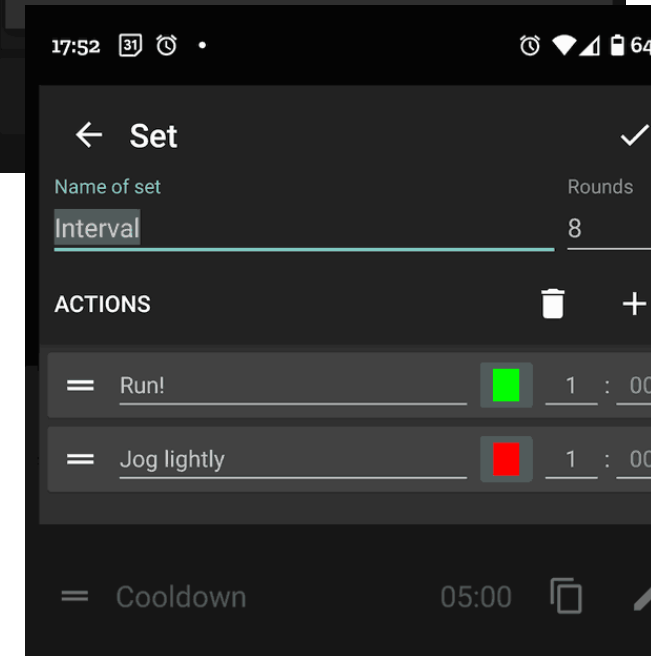
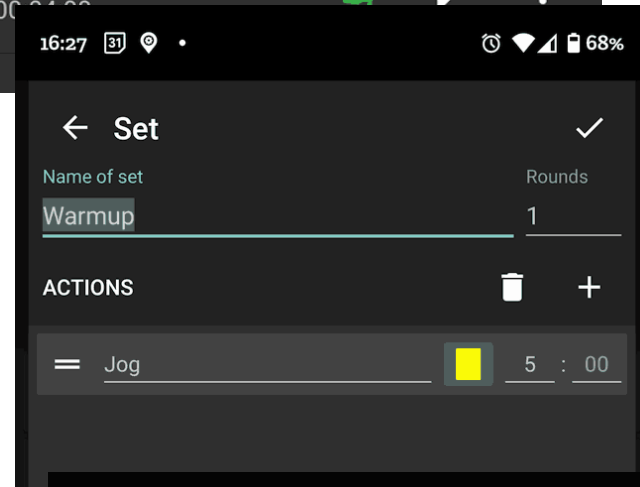
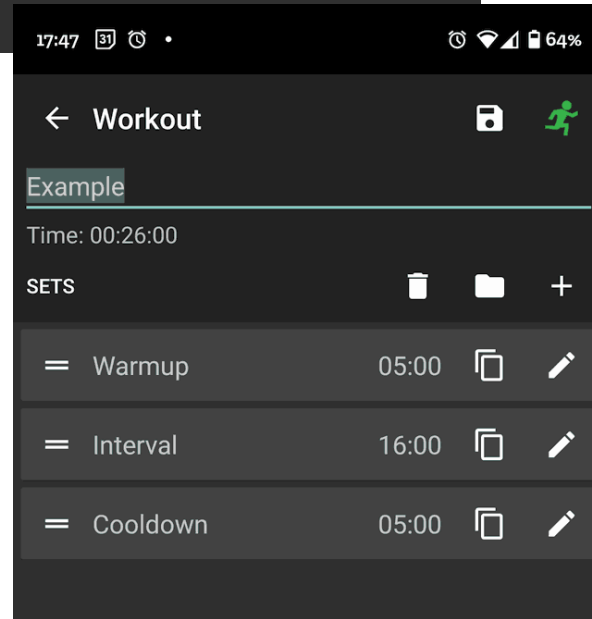
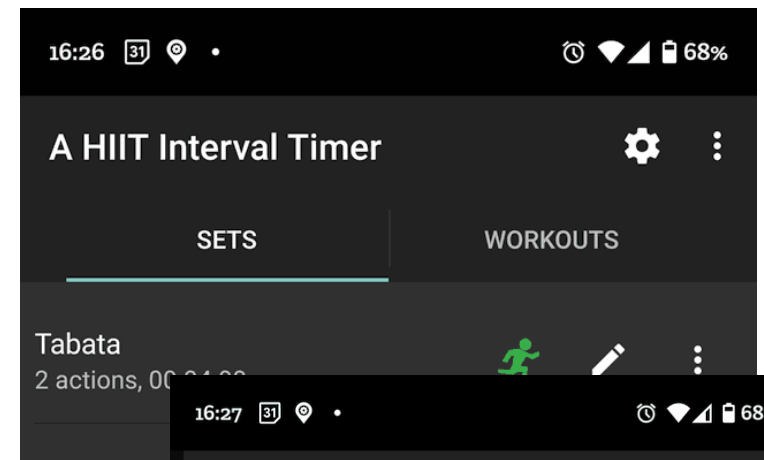
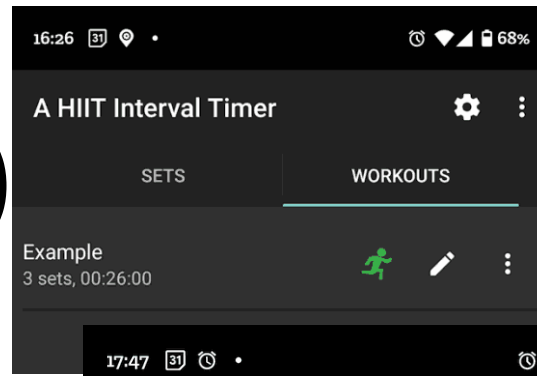


A HIIT Interval timer (1)

- High Intensity Interval training gets you fitter faster (google it)
 - 10-30 seconds effort, 20-60 seconds rest
 - Stay fit in a 10-minute workout
- Check with doctor – esp if  problems
- You create programs for your exercises & rests
- Timer tells you start/end
with tics, tones, big timer display

HIIT (2)

- Workout
 - Set
 - Go
 - Rest
 - ...
 - Set
 - Go
 - Rest
 - ...



**At a
recent**



**Chris and Alan were
discussing wireless mice
and keyboards...**

**It was mentioned that
wireless keyboards and
mice, are not 100%
reliable...**



It was mentioned that wireless keyboards and mice, were not 100% reliable...



I certainly wasn't having any problems??

???

Then, the more I
thought about it....

Occasionally, a
letter key didn't
work 1st time etc.



**Sometimes, a Copy & Paste
didn't work the first time...**

Then it hit me...

I WAS having
issues with my
wireless keyboard
and mouse!





**Then I switched to a
Wired Keyboard &
Mouse!**

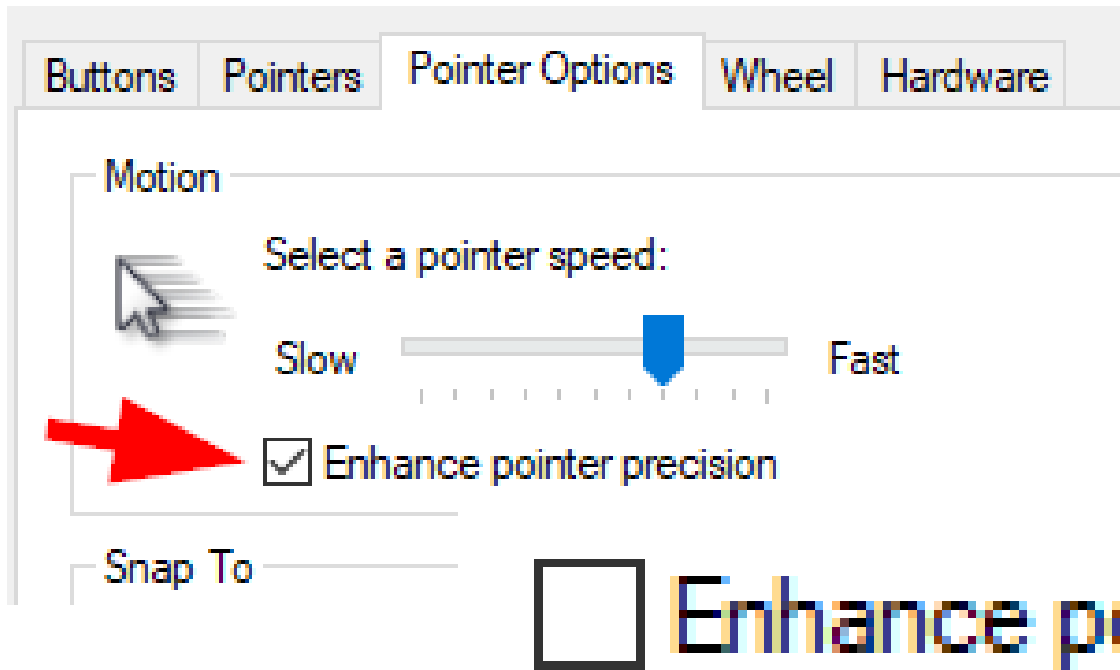


Now everything works
so much better!!



I made one minor change in Mouse settings...

Mouse Properties



I unchecked “Enhance
Pointer Position”

As an added bonus, the Wired Mouse is much better for my Golf Game!



Thanks to Chris & Alan

I'm now a much
better Golfer!



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Warpinator

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Looking for a fast way to fling files between your devices? Check it out

Linux Mint's File Transfer App is Now Available for Android

 By Joey Sneddon · Updated 2 hours ago

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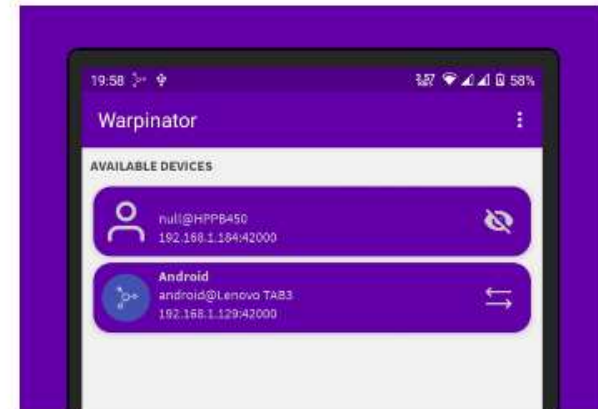


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Linux Mint's *Warpinator* file transfer tool is now available for Android devices, including Chromebooks.

The tool makes it super-easy to fling files from computer to computer over your local network, no third-party hosting required.

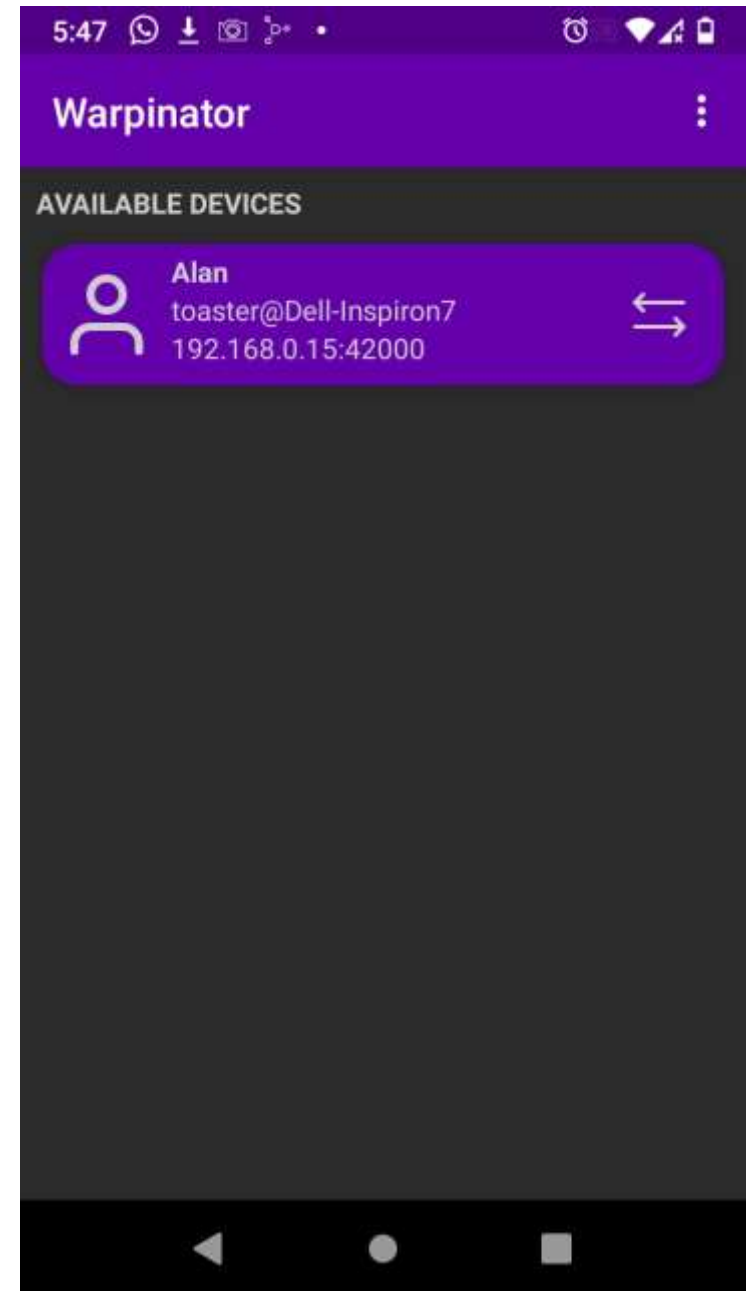
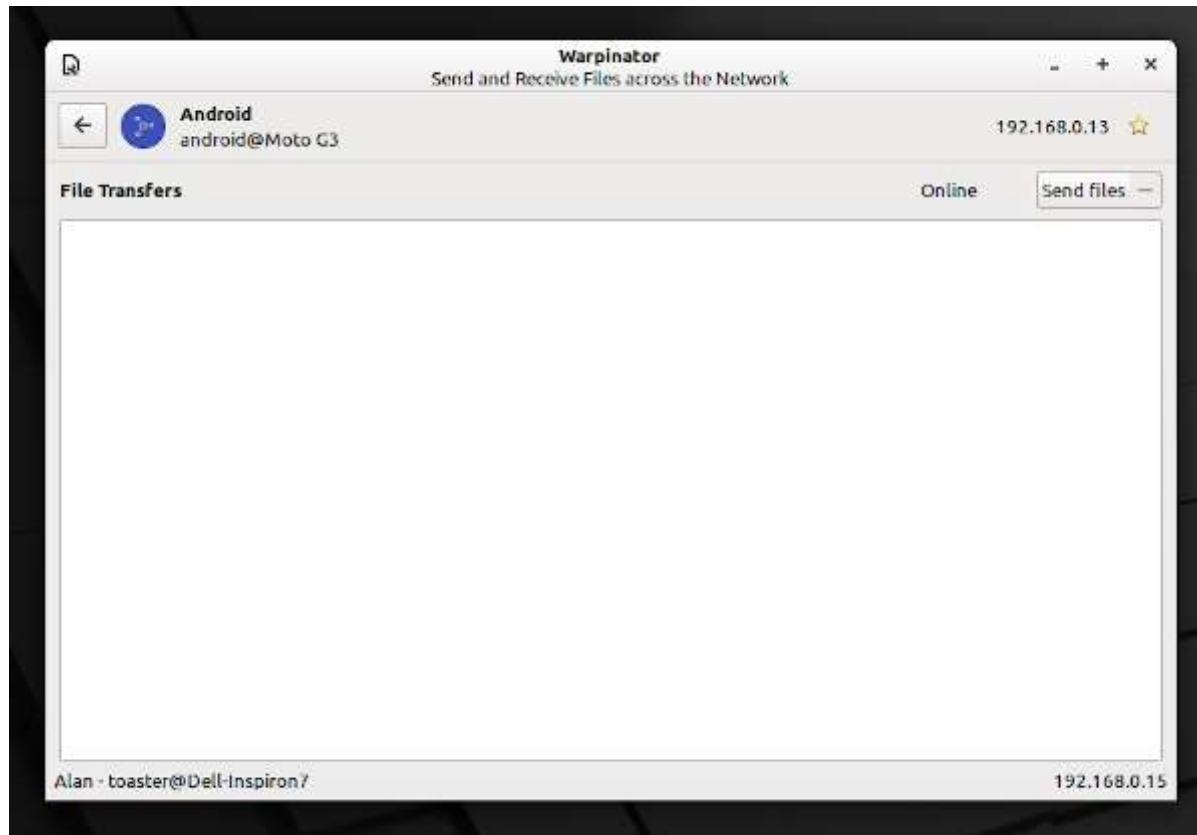
A desktop app is included in Linux Mint 20 and up, and is available for other Linux distros via Flathub.



Warpinator runs on Android 

Android Smartphone

Linux laptop



opcug_demo.txt (/media/DataDisk/alan/opcug/presentations) - Note...

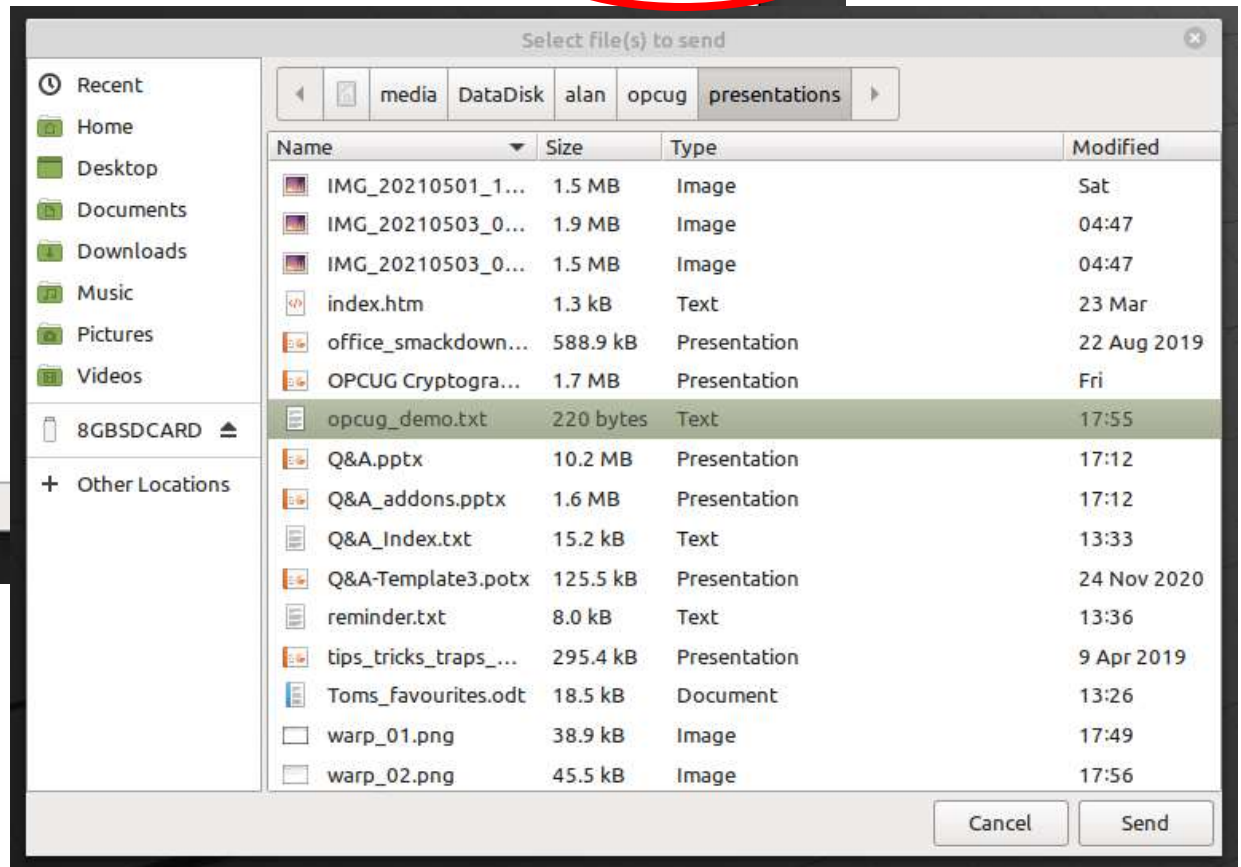
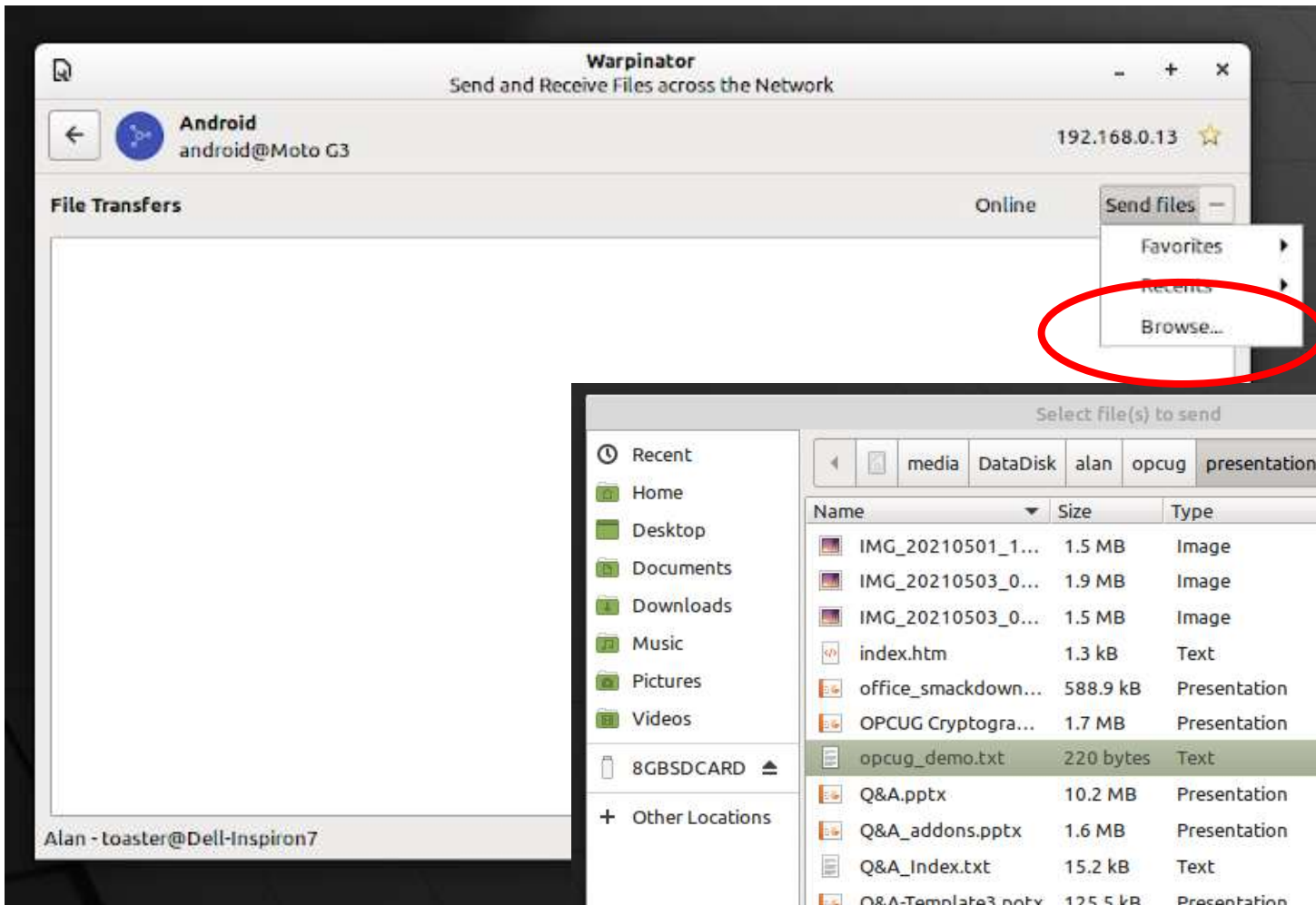
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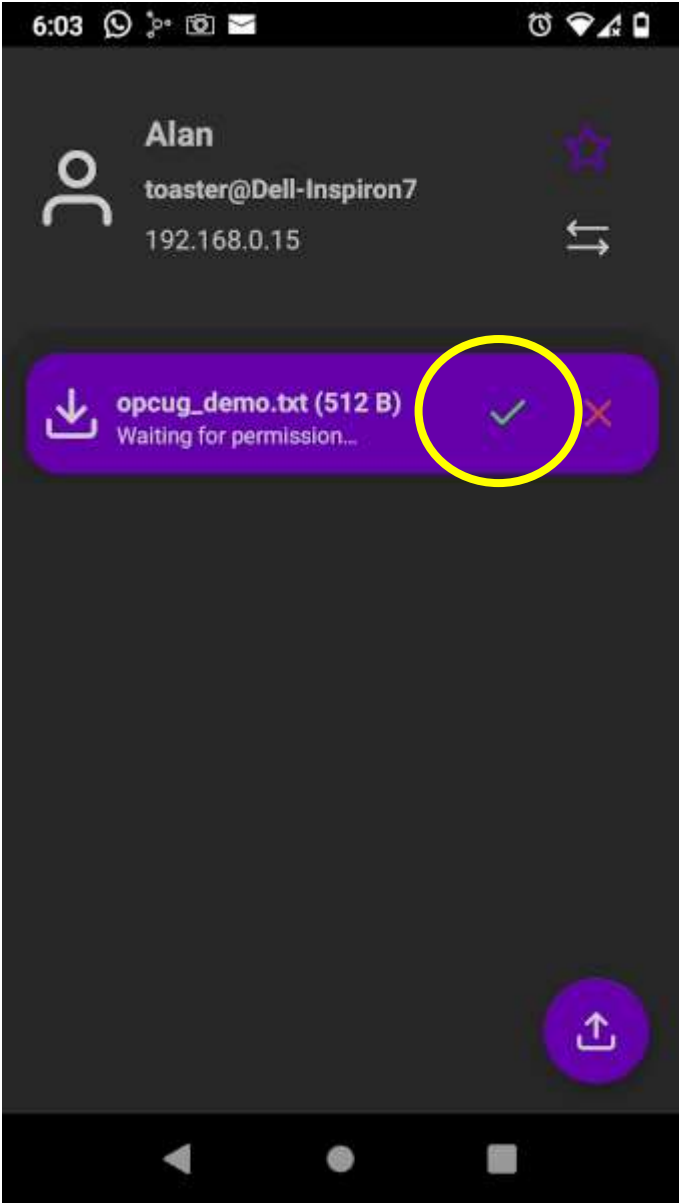
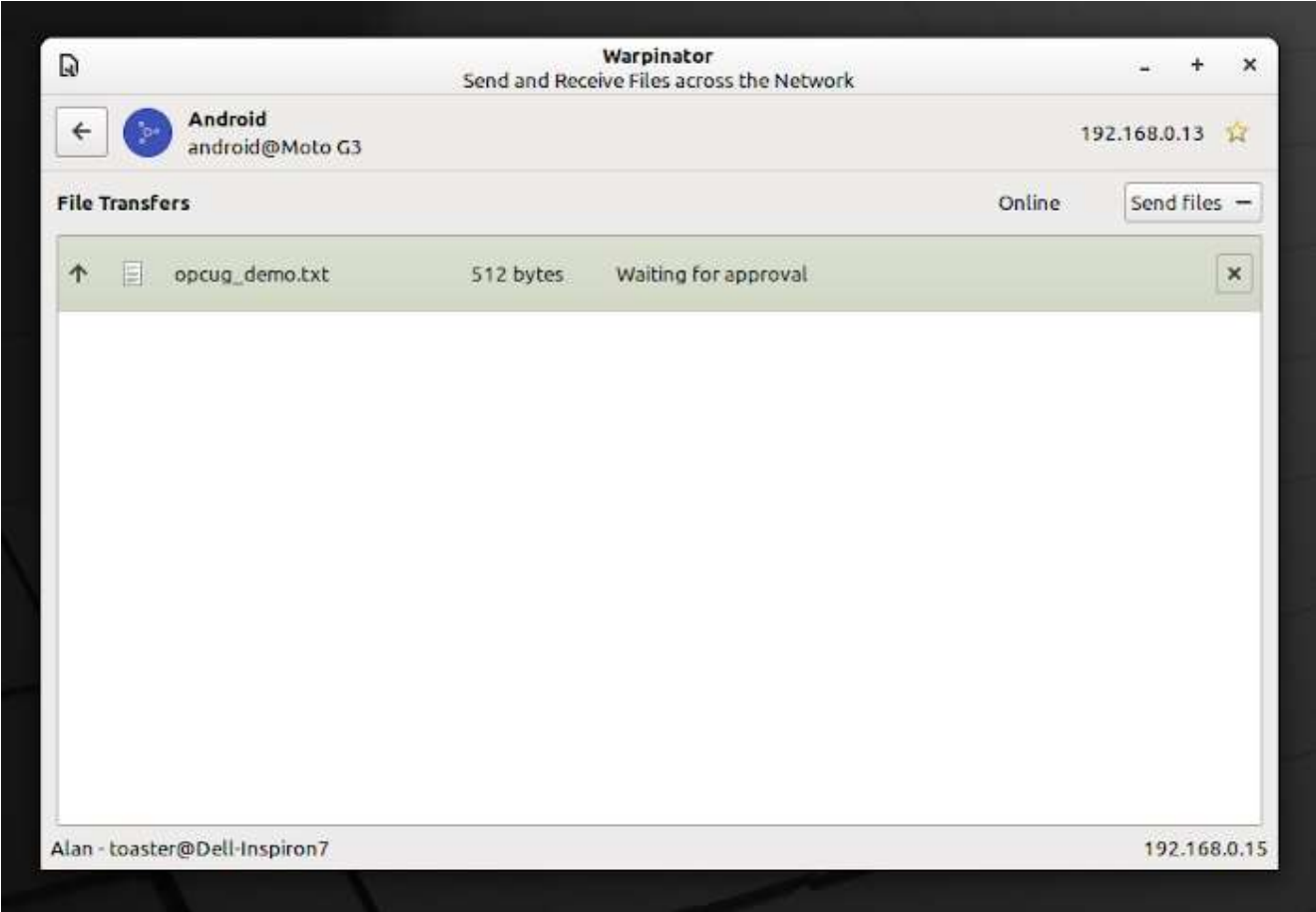
opcug_demo.txt

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1 Warpinator
2 =====
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4 A demonstration text file to be transferred between
5 a Linux laptop computer and an Android smartphone
6 and presented at OPCUG's Q&A session on May 5, 2021
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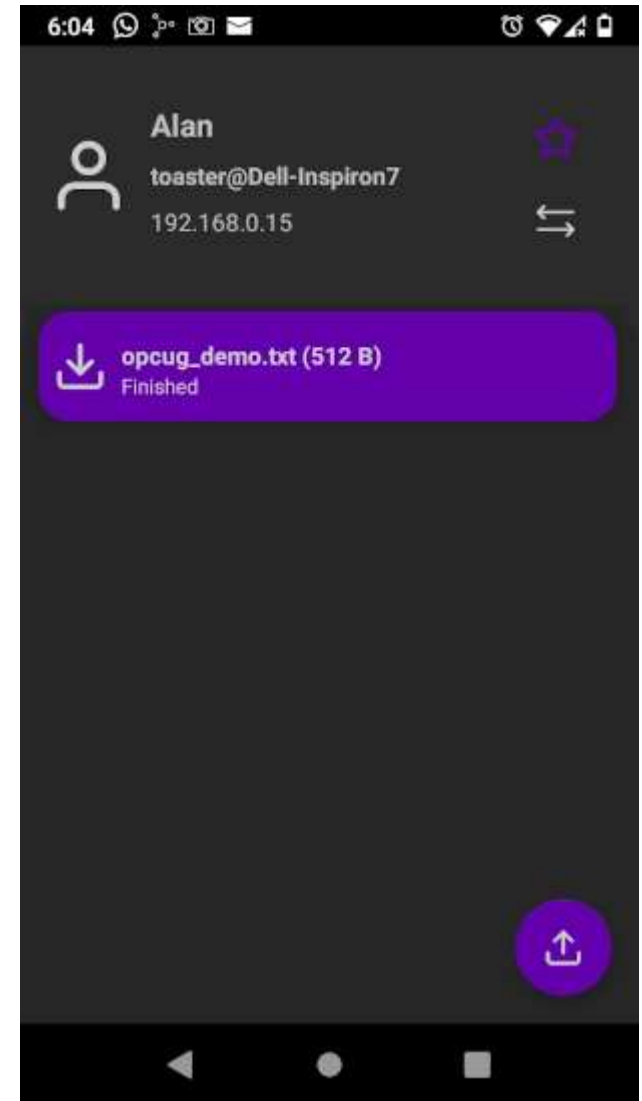
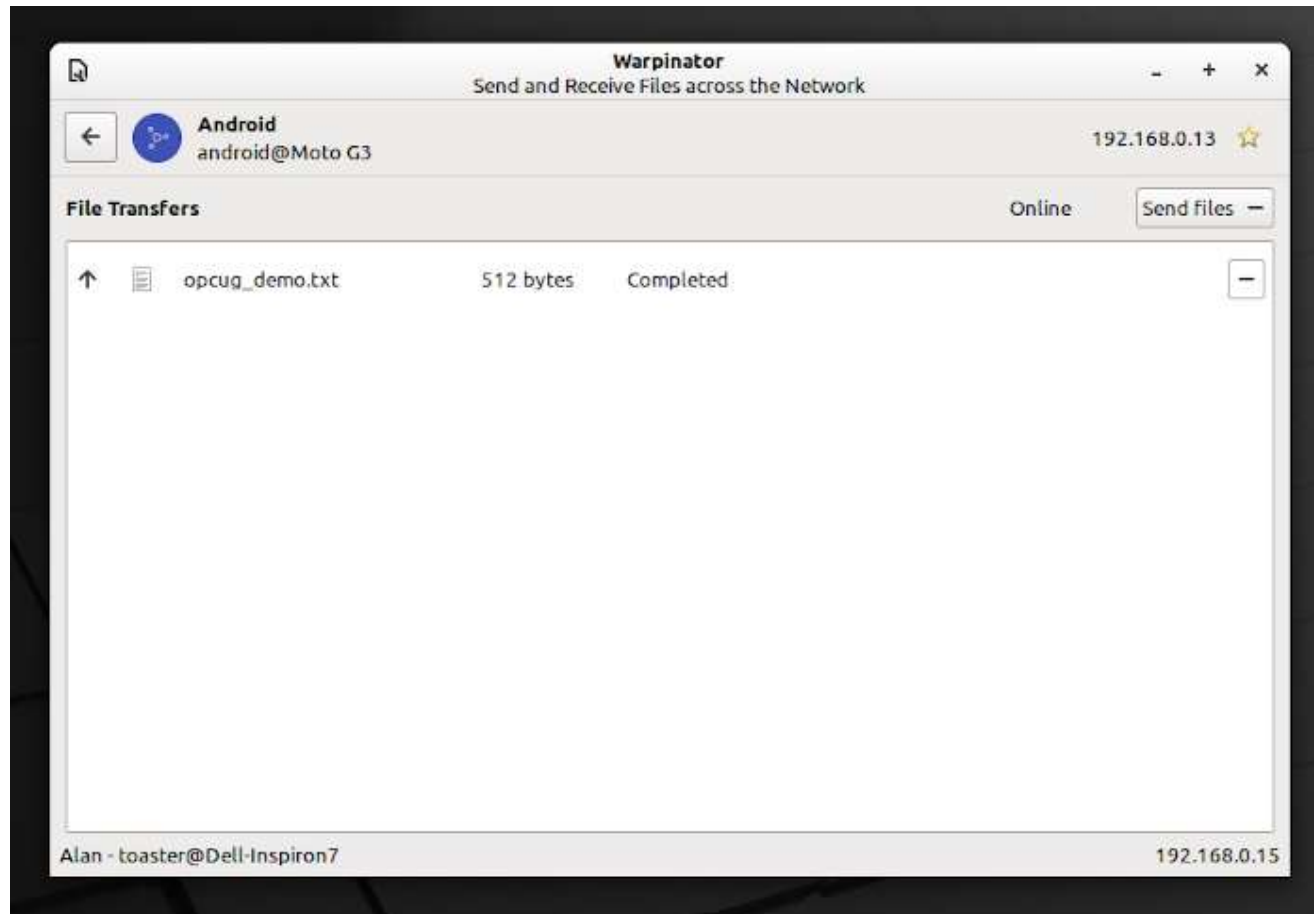
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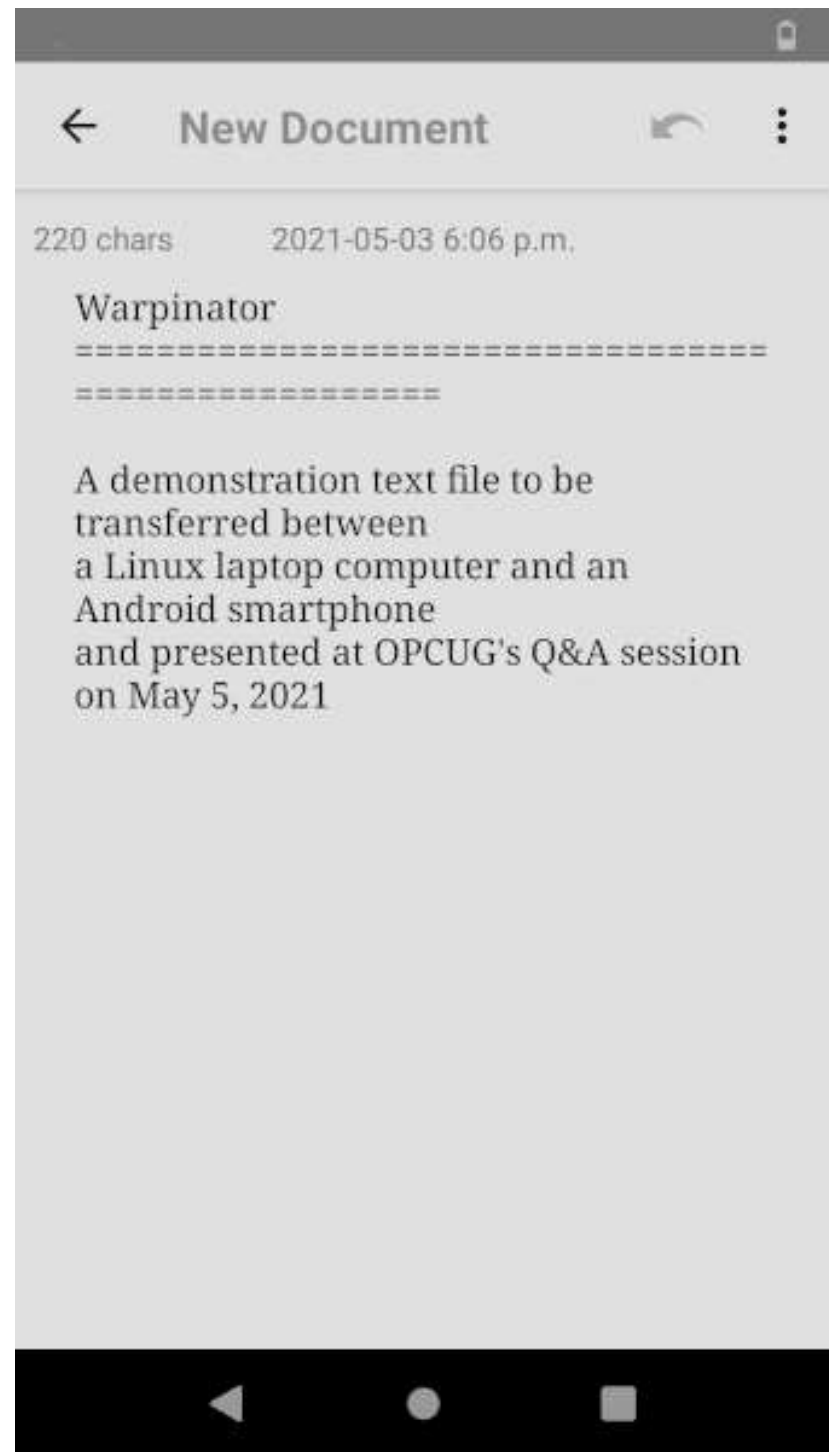
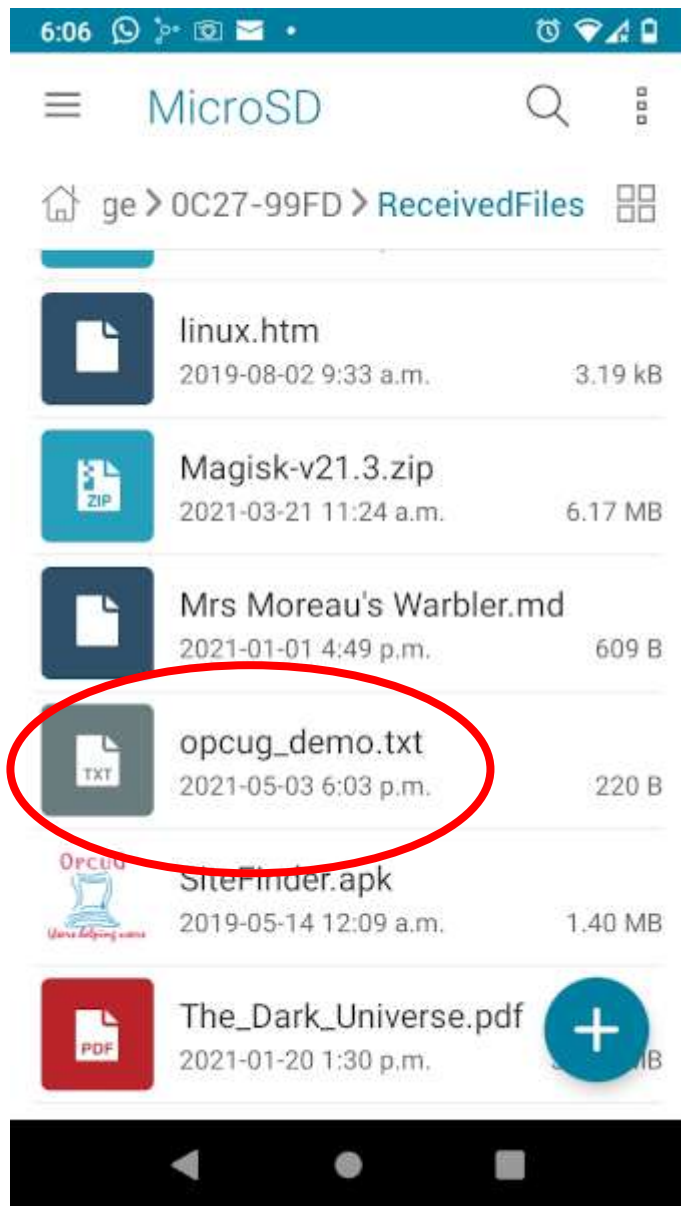


Transfer from laptop to smartphone needs permission from Android app



Transfer complete







Installing apps with NPM?

- I have installed NPM (Node Package Manager) on Windows 10
- I tried to install SunEditor using the command: **npm install suneditor --save**

```
C:\Users\User>npm install suneditor --save
npm WARN saveError ENOENT: no such file or directory, open 'C:\Users\User\package.json'
npm notice created a lockfile as package-lock.json. You should commit this file.
npm WARN enoent ENOENT: no such file or directory, open 'C:\Users\User\package.json'
npm WARN User No description
npm WARN User No repository field.
npm WARN User No README data
npm WARN User No license field.

+ suneditor@2.38.6
added 1 package from 1 contributor and audited 1 package in 3.059s
found 0 vulnerabilities
```

- How do I run SunEditor?



Hyperlinks not working

- When I try to open hyperlinks in Microsoft Outlook 2013, Windows 10, I get:
“Your organization policies are preventing us from completing this action for you. For more info. Contact your Help Desk.”
- I cannot contact a Help Desk.
This my own computer,
in my own home!



A It depends...

- It seems like this can happen from multiple causes and the fixes are not necessarily straight-forward

A For example...

- If Internet Explorer is the default browser, this might help:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/outlook/troubleshoot/message-body/hyperlinks-not-working-in-outlook>

- Some discussion at:

https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/msoffice/forum/msoffice_outlook-mso_win10-mso_2013_release/your-organizations-policies-are-preventing-us-from/ea921b89-3e34-4a17-9cbf-43d96b5e7f44



A ...or

- It can happen when you uninstall Chrome or Firefox while that browser is the default
- There are some instruction on how to fix this:

<http://www.slipstick.com/problems/this-operation-has-been-cancelled-due-to-restrictions/>



A And more...

- This web page has possible fixes :

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/27793391/your-organizations-policies-are-preventing-us-from-completing-this-action-mic/43509045#43509045>

- Anyone have other thoughts/solutions?





**Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?**

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Typography

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type can be

elegant

easy to read

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...and beautiful



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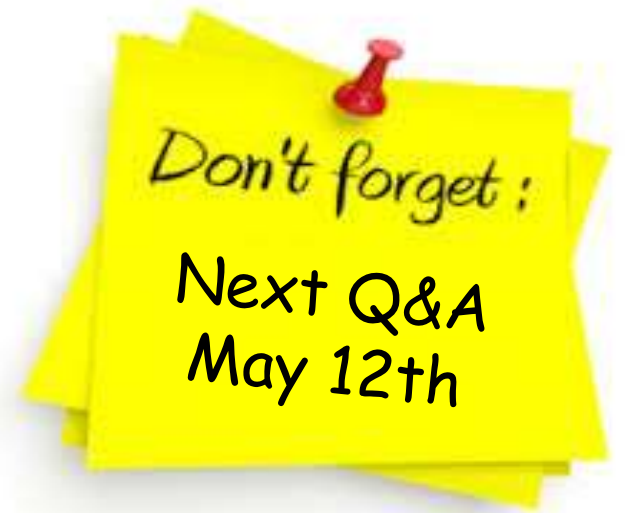
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