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Follow-up

Computer Basics

- We are going to include a *Computer Basics* segment in each Q&A session
- Are there basic questions that you would like answered?
- Can you help to answer these questions and explain the necessary techniques and solutions?

Users Helping Users



Send your question and/or
your offer of assistance to:

SuggestionBox@opcug.ca

2021 OPCUG Member Survey on Meeting Setting

At some point, in-person meetings will be feasible and while the Board recognizes the need for continued video conferencing options, it wishes to know members' thoughts on returning to in-person meetings.

Please take 5 minutes to complete this anonymous survey. You can also contact a Board member directly if you wish to have a further discussion. Results will be shared in September.

- A summary of the survey results will be presented at our regular monthly meeting on September 8th
- The September meeting will be held over Zoom as usual (BUT no Q&A that night)
- The topic for September's meeting is...

Members' Favourites

September 8, 2021

- Best presentation
- 10-20 minutes
- Club member
- BOD excluded
- People's favourite!
(Real-time poll)



Reserve

Agenda is now full!



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USB On-The-Go (OTG)

- USB has both host and device modes (e.g. PC and USB drive or printer)
- OTG provides a communication link between devices (e.g. makes a smartphone a host)
- One acts as host and the other acts as a follower (device or peripheral)
- For an Android tablet or smartphone, the connection requires an OTG cable or adapter
- The version of Android being used must support OTG



Uses for OTG:



- Plug in a keyboard or a mouse to the mobile device
- Access USB flash drives/ external hard drives
- Connect smartphone or tablet directly to a printer
- Connect other devices (e.g. microphone)
- Transfer data between devices

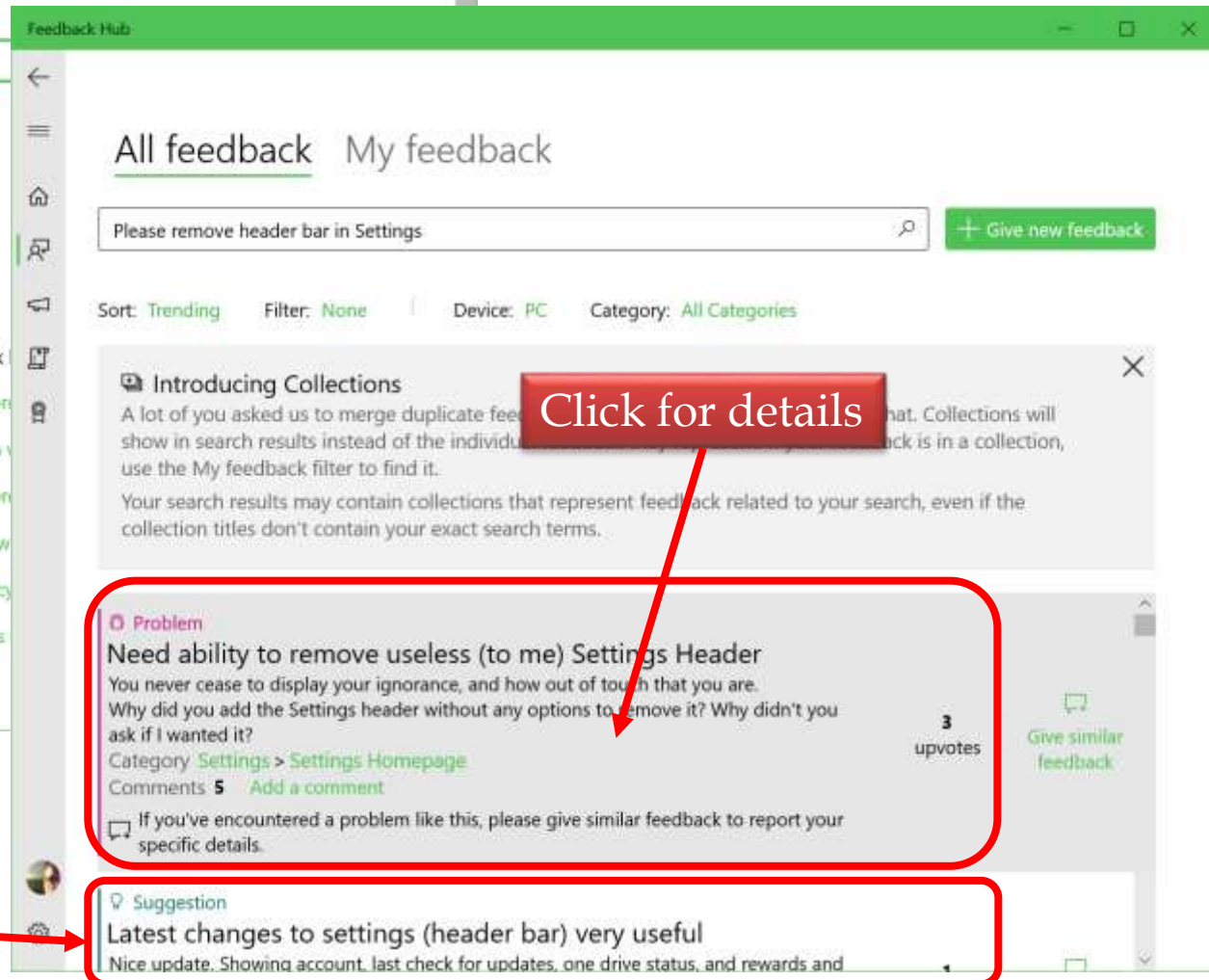
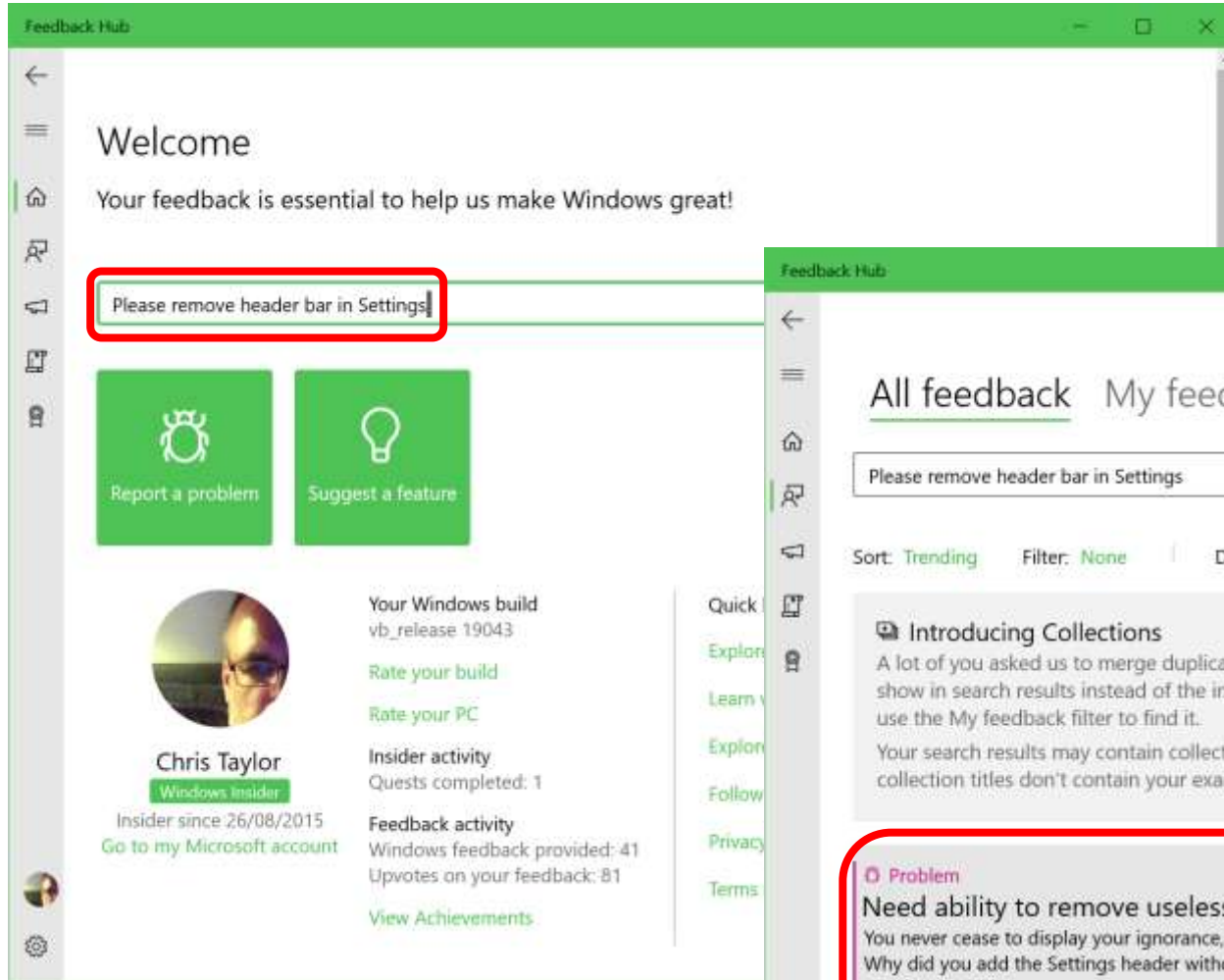


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Feedback Hub

Feedback Hub – on Start menu

Search first
- upvotes count more than new



Click for details

No accounting for some tastes

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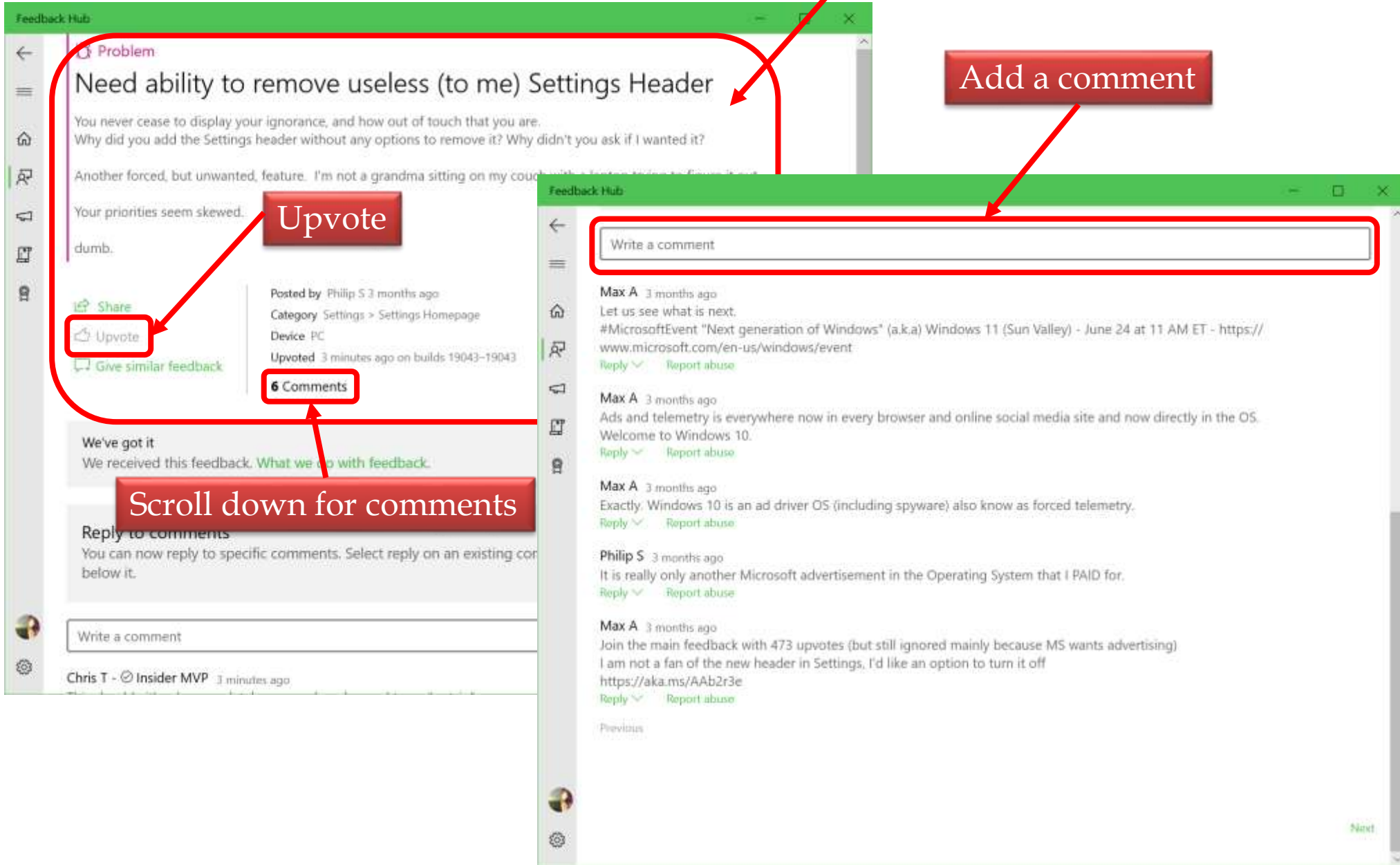
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Reply to comments
You can now reply to specific comments. Select reply on an existing comment and your reply will show up below it.

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Will post publicly as Chris T. Don't add personal info.

Post comment

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Reply Report abuse

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Write a comment

Chris T - Insider MVP 3 minutes ago
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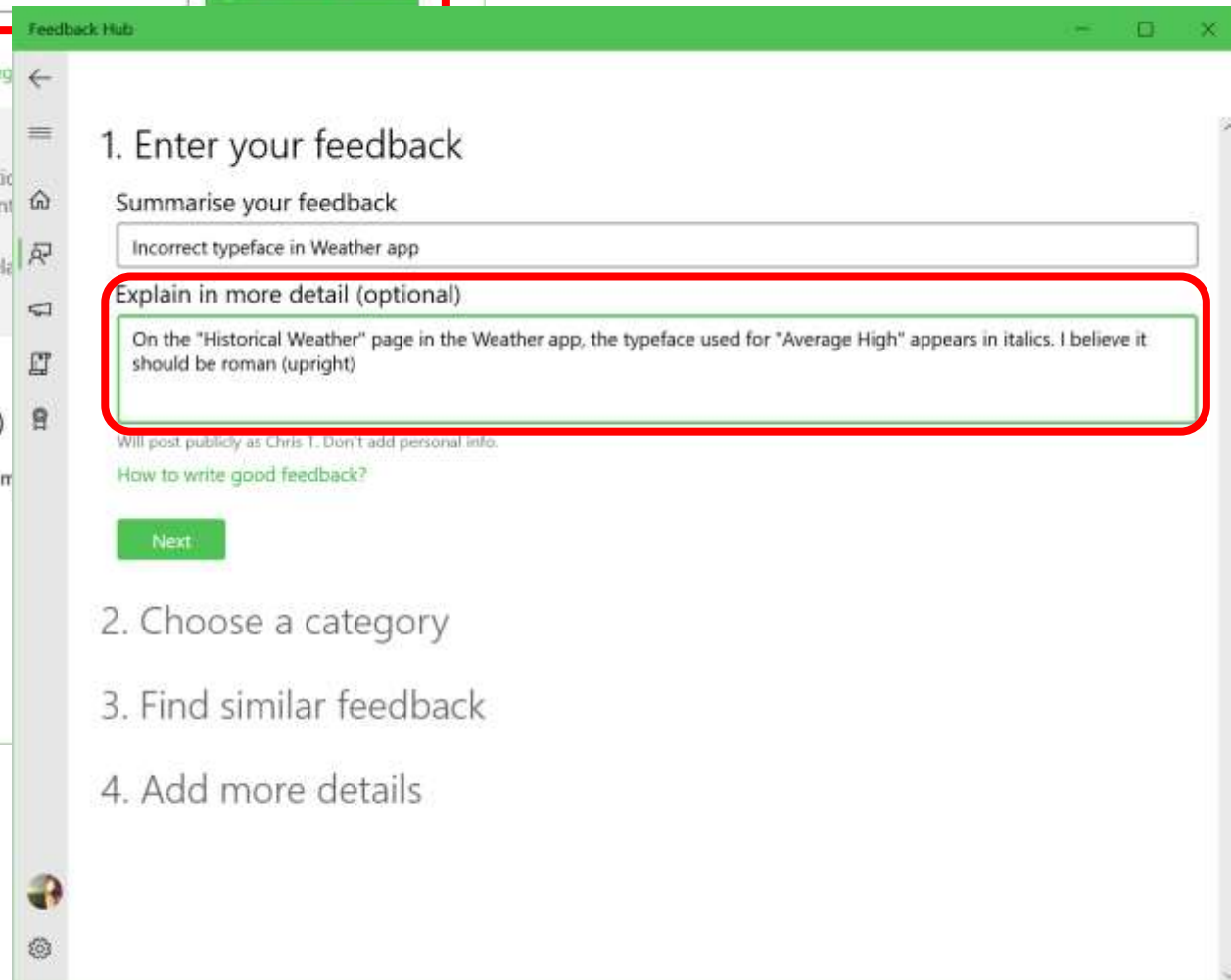
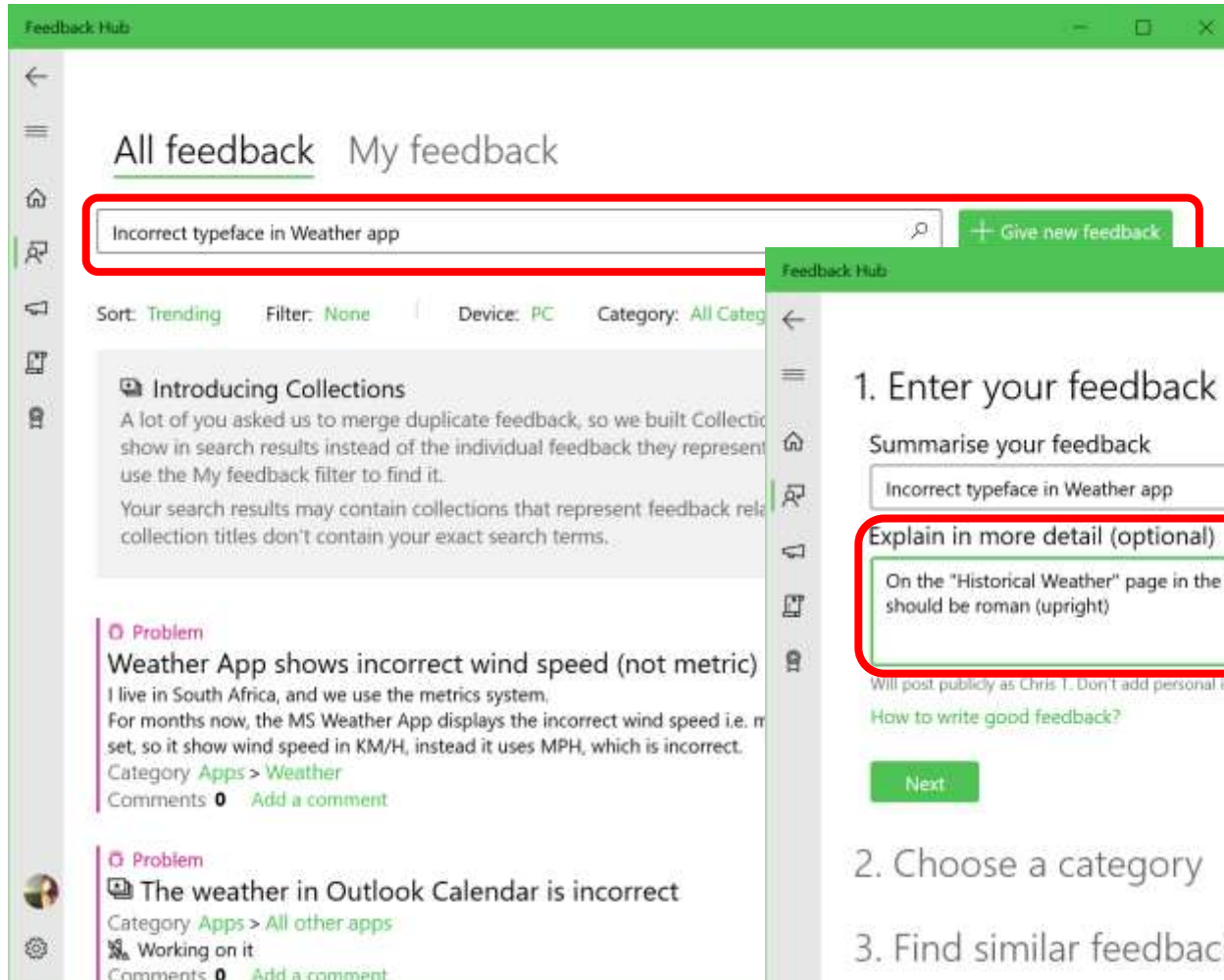
Philip S 3 months ago
It is really only another Microsoft advertisement in the Operating System that I PAID for.
Reply Report abuse

Max A 3 months ago
Join the main feedback with 473 upvotes (but still ignored mainly because MS wants advertising)
I am not a fan of the new header in Settings, I'd like an option to turn it off
<https://aka.ms/AAb2r3e>
Reply Report abuse

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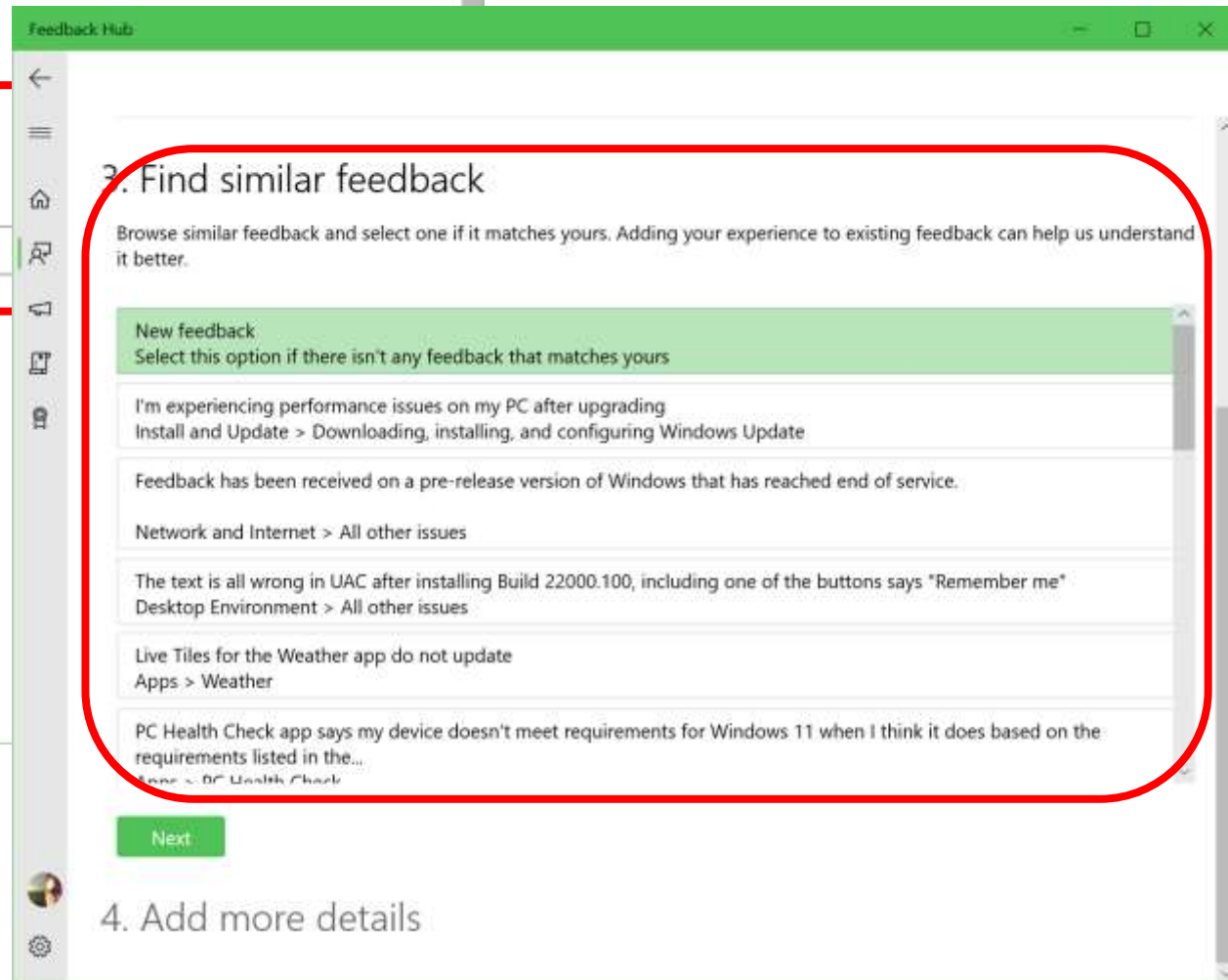
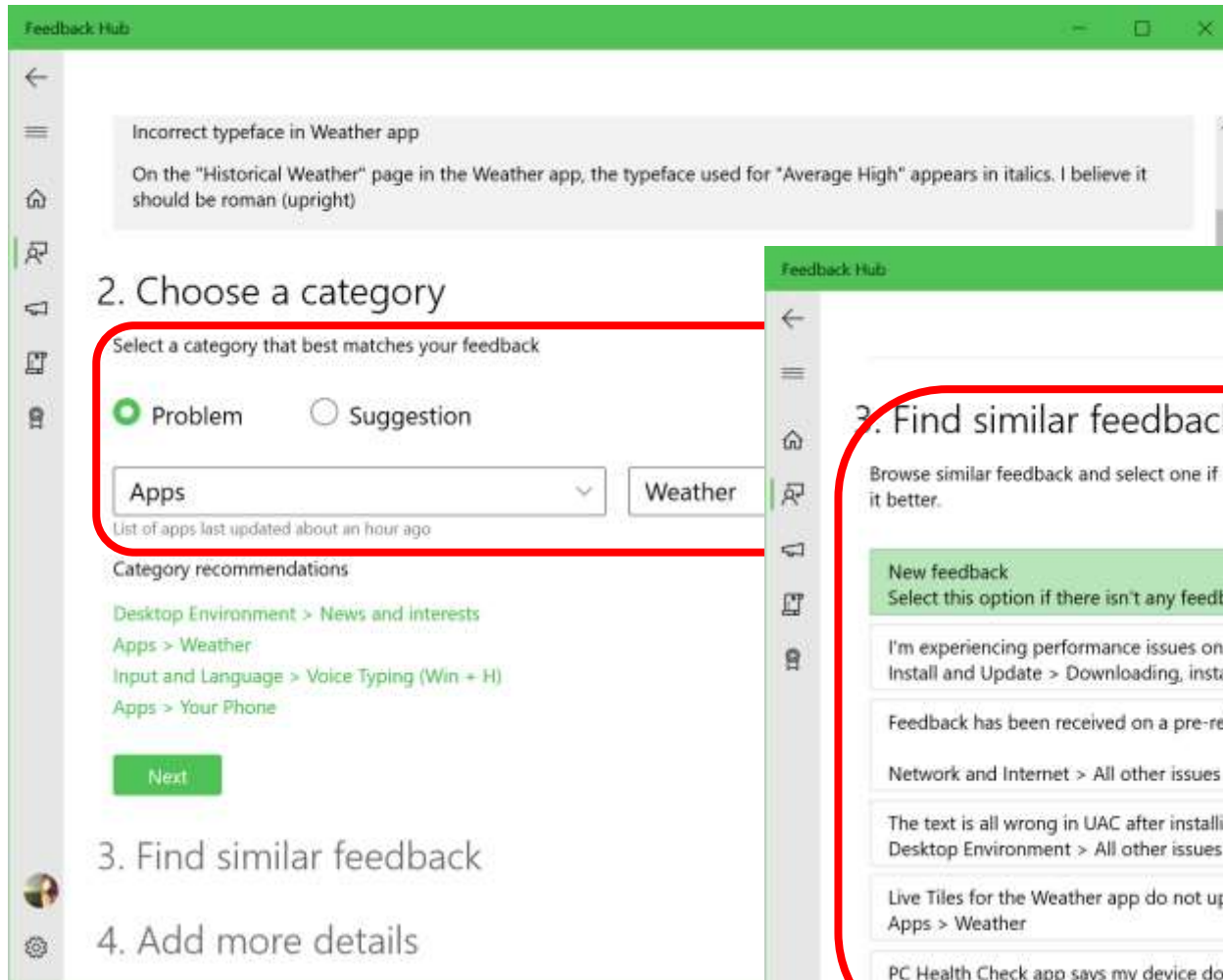
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Feedback Hub – new feedback



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4. Add more details

Prioritise this as high severity

Which of the following best describes your problem?

Missing personal data

Security or privacy concern

Inability to use my PC

Important functionality not working

Loss of productivity

Other

If none of the above describe your issue, give full details about what you were doing on your PC before the issue.

Attachments (optional)

Attach a screenshot

Attach a file

Try to recreate the problem while we record data. You can review and edit submitting it.

Feedback Hub

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Recreate my problem

Try to recreate the problem while we record data. You can review and edit the data before submitting it.

Include data about **General**

Include screenshots of each step

This is a problem with how text is translated or displayed.
Please attach a screenshot to show us the problem.

Save a local copy of diagnostics and attachments created when giving feedback

I agree to send attached files and diagnostics to Microsoft along with my feedback. [Learn more](#)

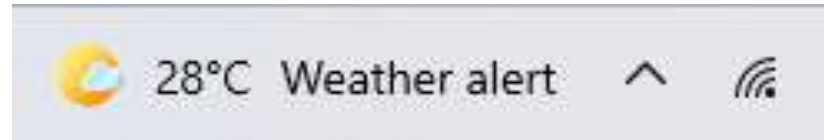
Start recording

Cancel

Submit

News and Interests Widget

- I have a new icon in the bottom right corner of my desktop which displays the current weather
- This is useful and if I click on the icon I get current news headlines
- This is somewhat useful but I find it annoying when it displays the news when I am working in another application
- Can one turn off this feature in Settings somewhere?



A Previously...Disable the widget

- Q&A, June 16, 2021
- Share – Disable the News and interests widget
 1. Right-click on the widget
 2. Select News and interests
 3. Select Turn off

But, there is perhaps a better way...

- ✓ Show icon and text
- Show icon only
- Turn off

- Reduce taskbar updates
- ✓ Open on hover

- Toolbars >

- Search >
- News and interests >

- ✓ Show Cortana button
- ✓ Show Task View button
- Show People on the taskbar
- Show Windows Ink Workspace button
- Show touch keyboard button

- Cascade windows
- Show windows stacked
- Show windows side by side
- Show the desktop

- Task Manager

- ✓ Lock the taskbar
- ⚙️ Taskbar settings



GPS Navigation

- I am thinking of buying a Garmin GPS for my car
- Do you have any tips on what I should buy?
- Are they are powered by plugging into the cigarette lighter?
- Is theft a problem - should they be taken indoors when not in use?
- Do you need any special hardware (audio/Bluetooth)?
- Do they come with maps and can you update the maps by downloading newer versions from the Internet?
- Can you recommend a specific vendor, with knowledgeable staff who could give me a lesson on how to use it?



See [20210825_GPS.pdf](#)
for the answer

File associations reset

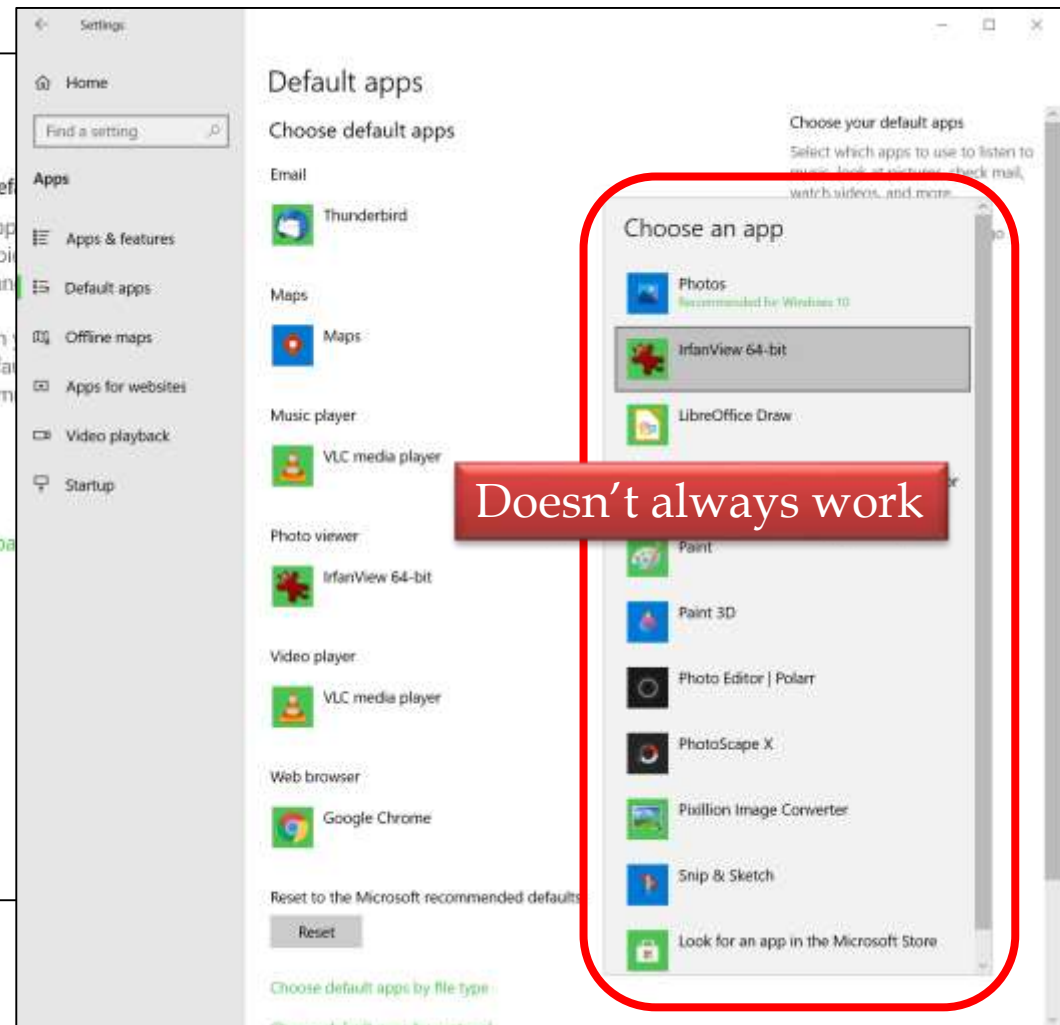
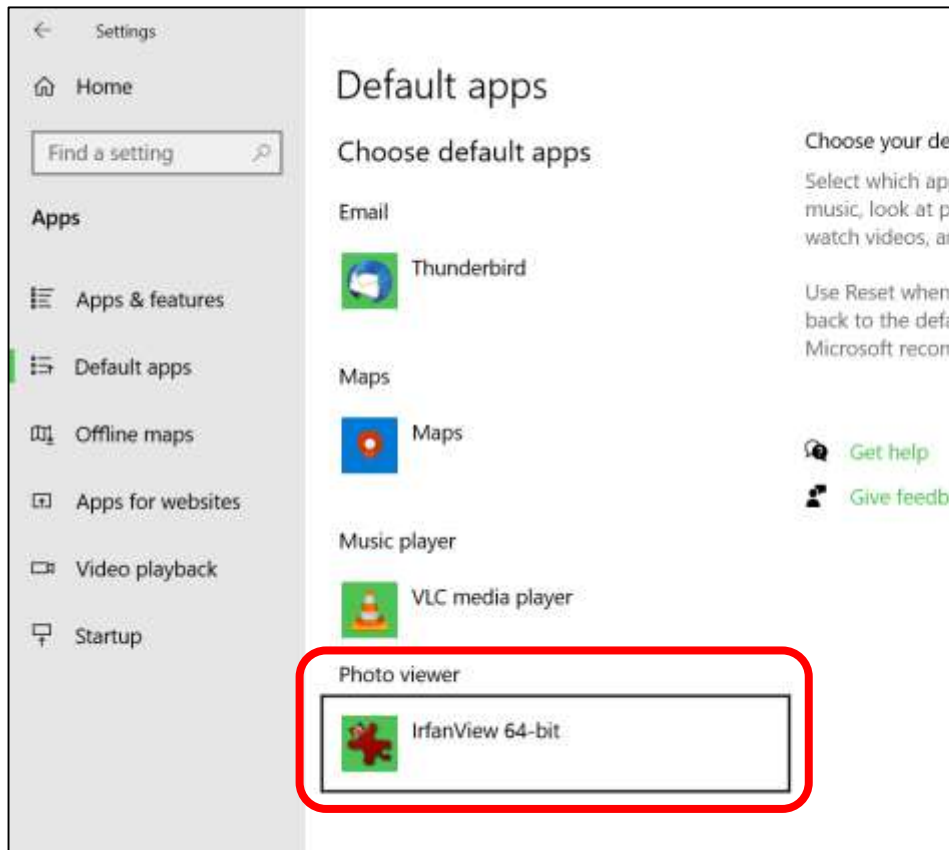
- Problem
 - some Windows updates
 - default apps reset to *Microsoft Recommendations*
 - pain to reset all to *your choices*
 - some apps (e.g. IrfanView image viewer)
 - involve many files types

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Easiest to try

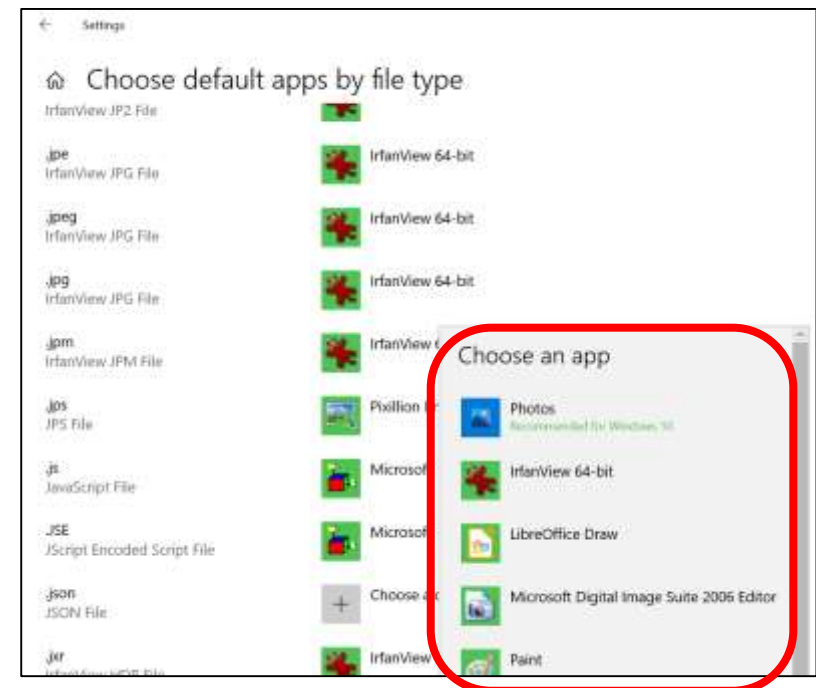
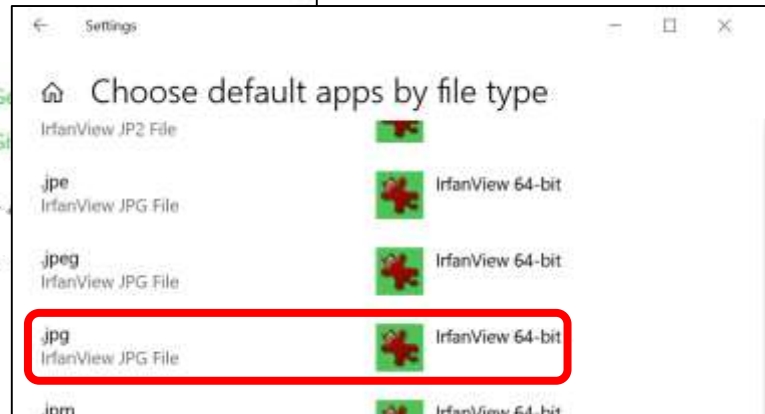
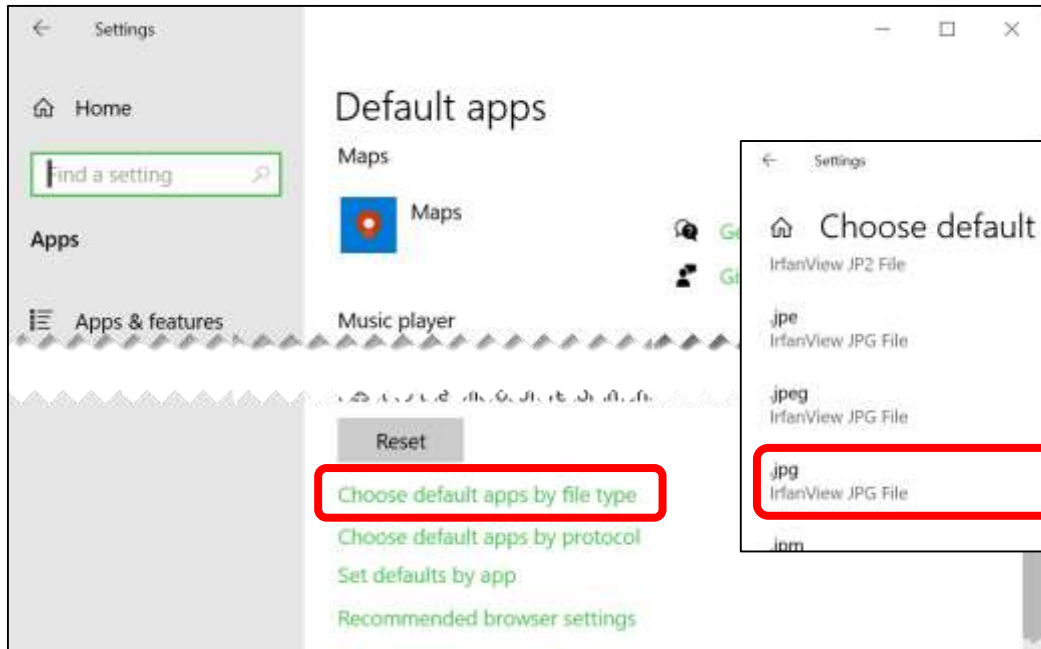
Win + I opens Settings

- *Settings | Apps | Default apps*



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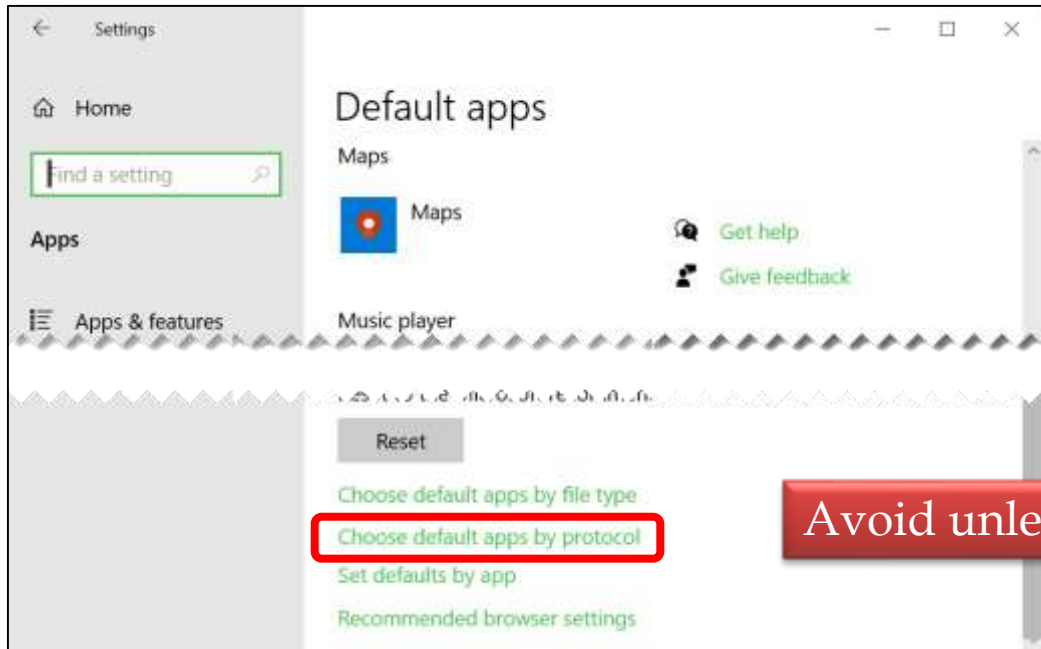
Default apps by file type



May have *many* file types to reset depending on program

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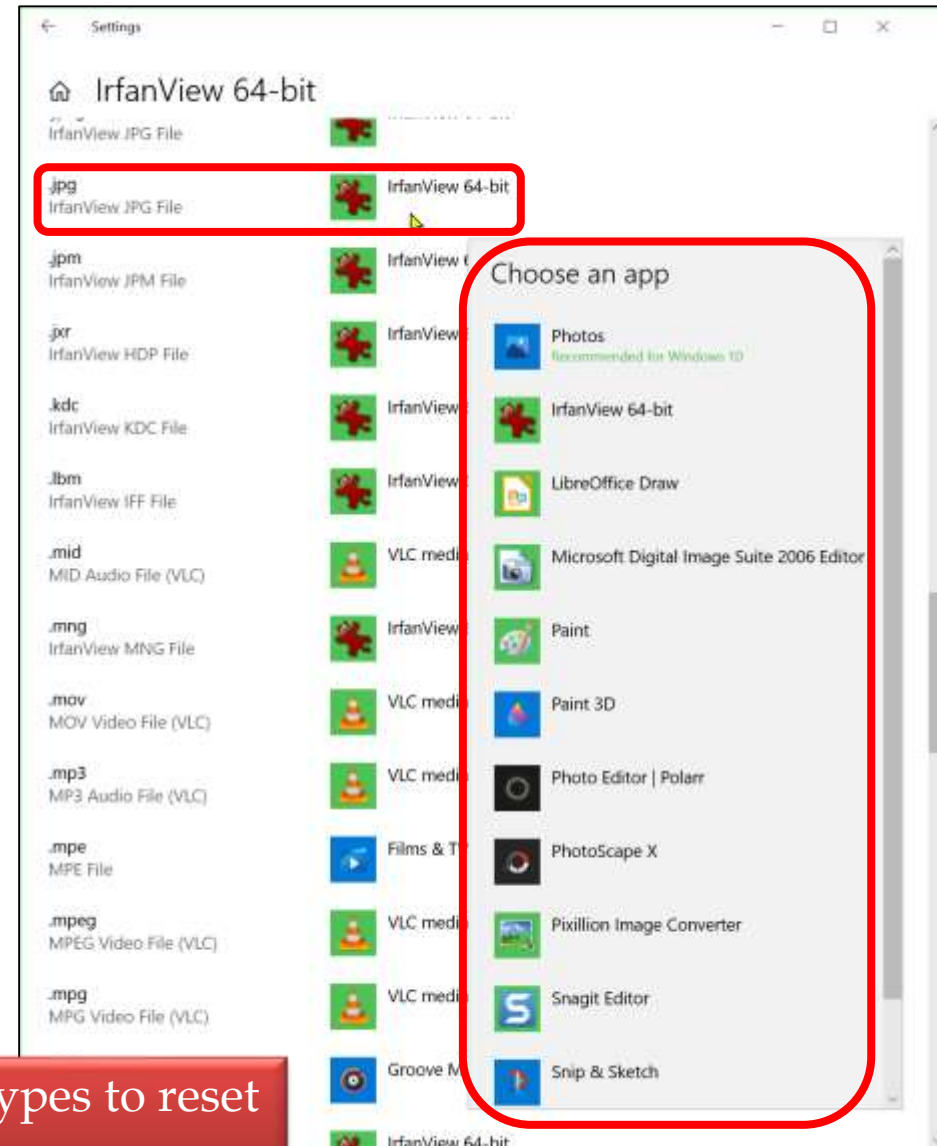
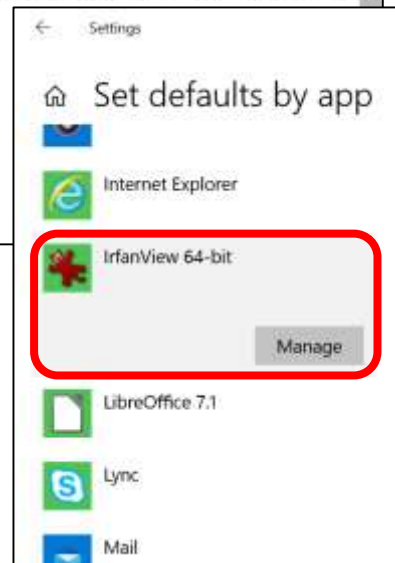
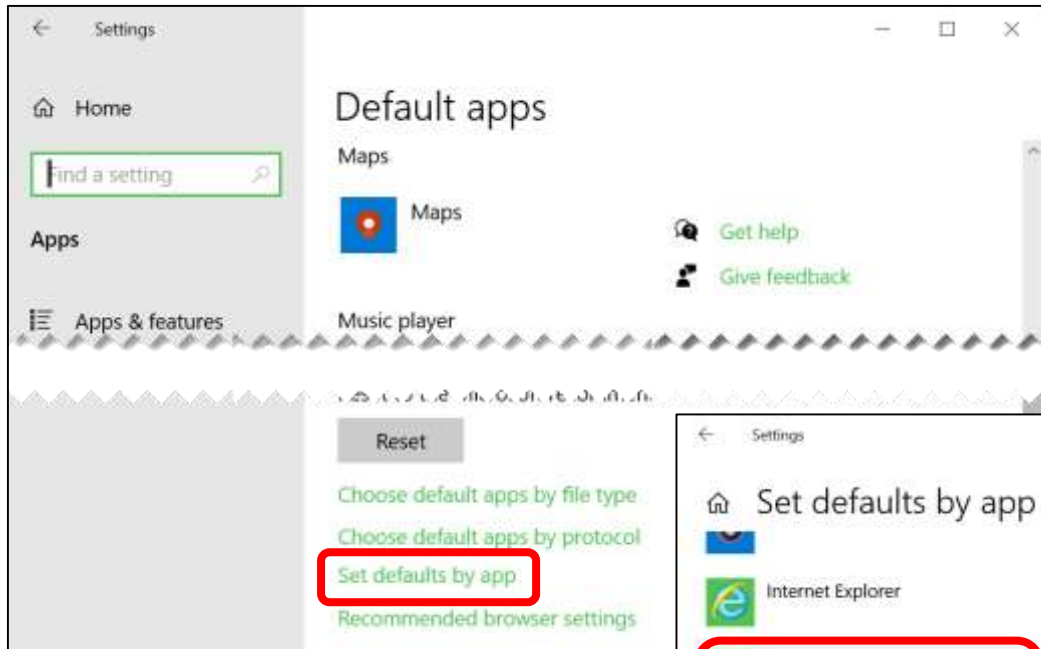
Default apps by protocol



Avoid unless you already understand this!

Follow-up

Default apps by app



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IrfanView specific

- FAQ for IrfanView
 - How can I set IrfanView as default viewer?
 - In IrfanView, go to *Properties | Extensions* and associate your types
 - *note: in newer Windows versions, you must start IrfanView in ADMIN mode to change file associations*
 - right click IrfanView icon – *Run as administrator*
 - if still not working, use *System | Apps | Default Apps | Photo Viewer*

But this might not be correct...

Suggestions from last week

- Lawrence Patterson:
 - would uninstalling and reinstalling IrfanView do the trick?
- Maybe...
 - During installation, asked what file types to associate with IrfanView
 - *IrfanView is running as Administrator at that point* (FAQ on previous slide)

But this might not be correct...

Follow-up

IrfanView configuration



I guess running as Administrator won't help...

Might help...

Properties/Settings

Start / Exit options
JPG / PCD / GIF
Extensions
Viewing
Zoom / Color management
Browsing / Editing
Full screen / Slideshow
Video / Sound
File Handling
Language
Toolbar
PlugIns
Miscellaneous

Extensions

Associated file extensions - RUN AS ADMIN (!) on Vista, Win7, Win8, Win10:
On Win10, you must use: System Settings, Apps, Set default apps ! Default Apps

Try to change associations in System-Registry (for XP, Vista, Win7, Win8)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BMP/DIB	Windows Bitmap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLP	Windows Clipboard *
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CRW/CR2/CR3	Canon RAW Format *
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUR	Windows Cursor
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ECW	Enhanced Compressed Wavelet *
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EPS/PS	PostScript Format *

Other: (at your own risk)

Load only associated types while moving through folder
 Load custom file types: Load default extensions

Shell options (install "IrfanView Shell Extension" PlugIn for more Shell features):

- Add IrfanView to "Send To" shell menu
- Add "Browse with IrfanView" for Drives and Folders to shell menu
- Add IrfanView as application for USB events (scanner, digital camera etc.)
- Use Thumbnails for BMPs (if BMP associated)
- Add "Open with IrfanView" to shell menu for ALL file types (at your own risk)

OK Cancel

Suggestions from last week

- Stephane:
 - for the brave one, find the location in the Windows registry, export & reimport as required
- Should work
 - might be lots to export...but not necessarily all wanted!
 - what if other, wanted changes made for other filetypes since export?

Suggestions from last week

- Exporting/importing registry
- *For those who know what they are doing*
 - file associations all under
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT
 - on my main computer
 - 80MB export for entire set of file associations

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Suggestions from last week

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	IrfanView.jpg
Content Type	REG_SZ	image/jpeg
PerceivedType	REG_SZ	image

Web of inter-related settings

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
AppX2jm25qtmp2qxstv33...	REG_NONE	(zero-length binary value)
AppX43hnxtbodyps62jhe9s...	REG_NONE	(zero-length binary value)
AppXcdh38jxzbcberv50vx...	REG_NONE	(zero-length binary value)
AppXnz71596g9b912m7v...	REG_NONE	(zero-length binary value)
AppXtc855r7qkafgzacfc19...	REG_NONE	(zero-length binary value)
jpegfile	REG_SZ	
LibreOffice.Jpg	REG_SZ	
NCH.Pixillion.jpg	REG_NONE	(zero-length binary value)

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	JPEG Image
EditFlags	REG_DWORD	0x00210000 (2162688)
FriendlyTypeName	REG_EXPAND_SZ	@%SystemRoot%\System32\shell32.dll,-30596
ImageOptionFlags	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	"C:\Program Files\IrfanView\i_view64.exe" "%1"

What to export/import?

I have no clue...

Suggestions from last week

- Tom Trottier:
- <https://www.askvg.com/fix-windows-10-automatically-restores-programs-and-apps-after-update-or-restart/>
- This one unrelated
 - about programs that startup every time Windows starts
 - apps registered with *Windows Restart Manager*

Follow-up

Suggestions from last week

- Stéphane:
 - <https://winaero.com/how-to-export-and-import-file-associations-in-windows-10/>
- Use DISM to export/import associations
 - **Deployment Image Servicing and Management**

Will this work?



Comment at site:

Importing associations works only for the upcoming new users you create.

It does not change the associations of the **CURRENT** user; it changes the defaults which will be loaded into **NEW** users you create after importing...



Solar chargers

- I am thinking about getting a solar charger to use with my phone in case of power outages
- Do such devices work to power other devices such as radios, kettles, and computers?

A See [20210825_Solar.pdf](#) for the answer



Removing ads in Windows 10



- Windows 10's *tips and tricks* notifications
 - *Settings | System | Notifications & actions*
 - clear *Get tips, tricks and suggestions* as you use *Windows* checkbox.
- *Tips App*
 - *Settings | Apps*
 - click on *Tips* app: pop-up menu: *Move & Uninstall*
 - *Uninstall*
- Something other than *Spotlight* on Lock Screen
 - *Settings | Personalization | Lock Screen*
 - under *Background*, switch from *Windows spotlight*
 - *Picture* or *Slideshow*



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