



Q&A

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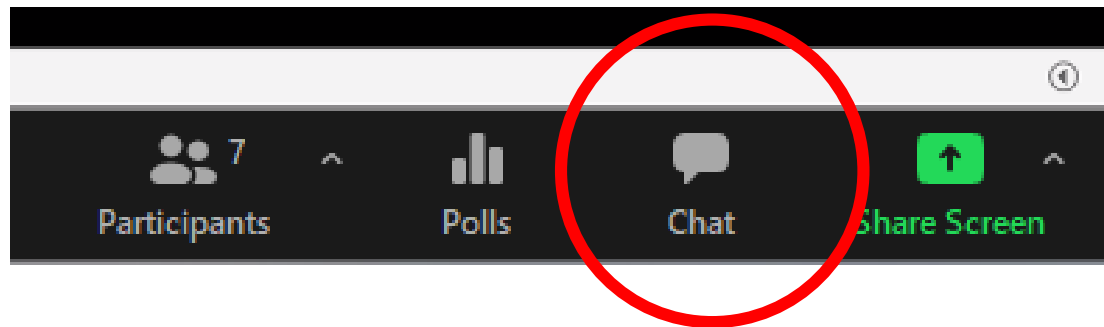


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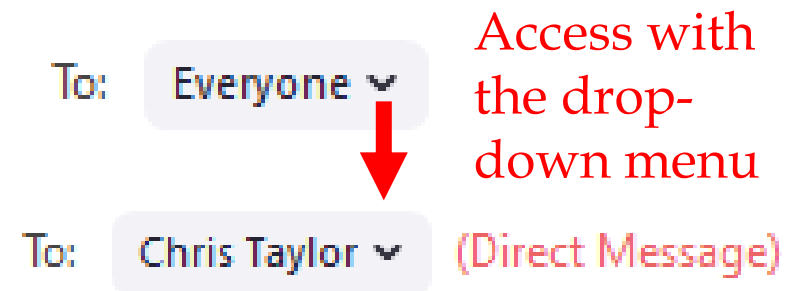
- A question for members who joined the club in 2021:

How did you find out about us?

- Please provide an indication by typing something in the Chat window*



** If you don't want everyone to know, send the chat to Chris Taylor*



Access with the drop-down menu

(Direct Message)

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Building a photo and video editing PC



- *Part 1: CPU and motherboard*

<https://www.dpreview.com/articles/5213737805/building-a-photo-and-video-editing-pc-part-1-cpu-and-motherboard>

- Part 2: GPU, RAM and storage
- Part 3: PSU, case and cooler
- Part 4: Monitor and calibration
- Part 5: A step-by-step build guide
- Part 6: Benchmarking our build



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Efficient Google Searches



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BEST I

DAVID NIELD

GEAR 10.03.2021 07:00 AM

How to Get Google Search Results That Are Actually Useful

Here's how to cut through the sponsored listings and ads—and get back to the good stuff.

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-useful-google-search-results/>

Micheline Johnson

- Use multiple keywords to better specify target
- Add + sign to include a term in the search
- Use - sign to exclude a term
- Use quotation marks for an exact 'search term'
- Search on a specific site (e.g. site:opcug.ca)
- Use operators

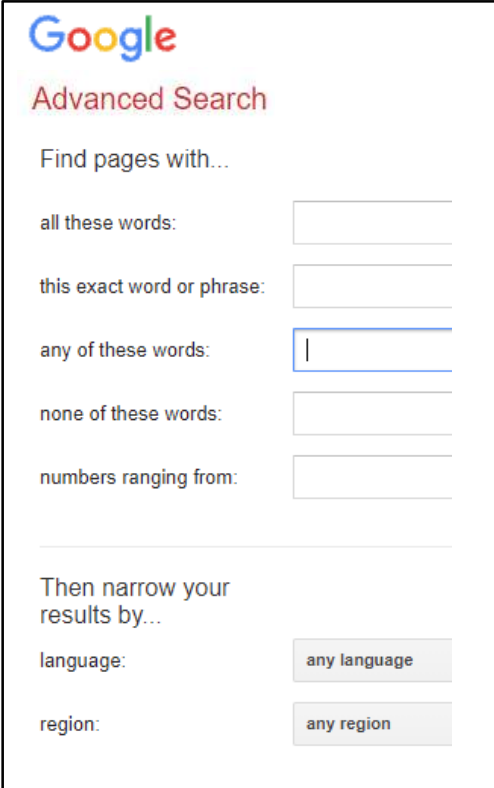
e.g. desktop OR laptop

after:2021-01-01

Android tablet \$50...\$100

- Use Advanced Search

https://www.google.ca/advanced_search



The image shows a screenshot of the Google Advanced Search page. At the top, the Google logo is displayed in its multi-colored font, followed by the text "Advanced Search" in red. Below this, the heading "Find pages with..." is followed by six search criteria, each with a corresponding input field:

- "all these words:" with an empty input field.
- "this exact word or phrase:" with an empty input field.
- "any of these words:" with an input field containing a vertical cursor.
- "none of these words:" with an empty input field.
- "numbers ranging from:" with an empty input field.

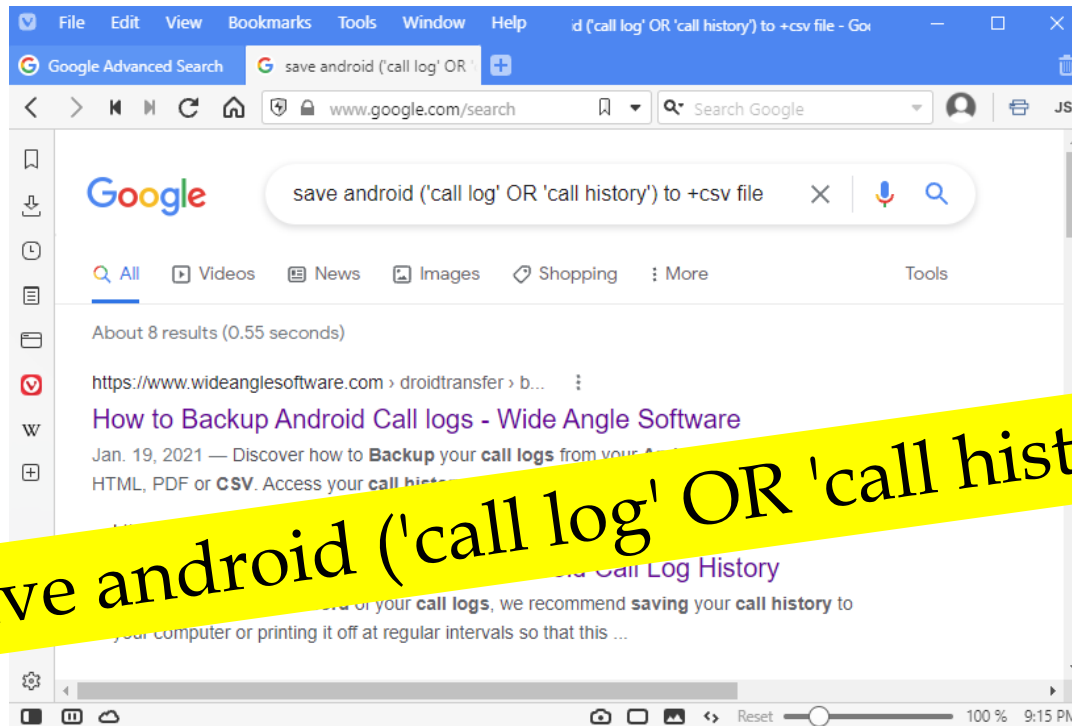
Below these fields, the heading "Then narrow your results by..." is followed by two filter options:

- "language:" with a button labeled "any language".
- "region:" with a button labeled "any region".

Follow-up

Copy Android call log

I am looking for recommendations for an Android app to export the phone call history, preferably to a .CSV file



save android ('call log' OR 'call history') to +csv file



save call log to csv



All

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About 15,800,000 results (0.44 seconds)

<https://www.wideanglesoftware.com> > droidtransfer > b...

How to Backup Android Call logs - Wide Angle Software

Jan. 19, 2021 — Discover how to **Backup** your **call logs** from your Android phone to PC as HTML, PDF or **CSV**. Access your **call history** and **save** it or print it ...

<https://www.wideanglesoftware.com> > ... > User Guide

How to Download and Print your Android Call Log History

"**Save CSV**" - Exports the **call history** in **CSV** (Comma-Separated Values) format. Logs saves as **CSV** can be opened in spreadsheet management apps like Microsoft ...

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Droid Transfer

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- Transfer Contacts and Calendars
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Try Droid Transfer today...

Download for PC

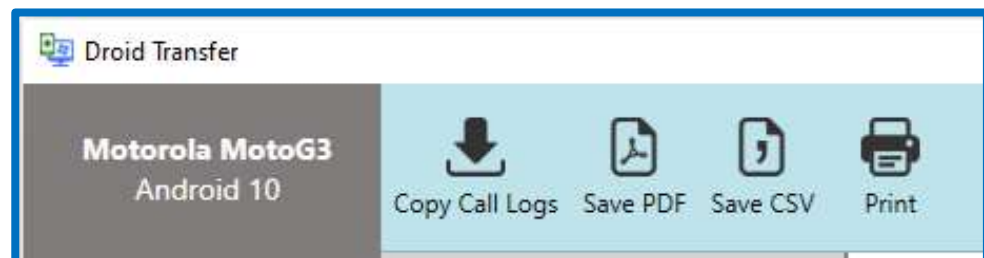
Buy Full Version >

Compatible with Microsoft Windows 7 and higher.

<https://www.wideanglesoftware.com/droidtransfer/>

Download Call Log

- Install *Droid Transfer* on the PC
- Install *Transfer Companion* on the phone
- Connect the phone and the PC to the same Wi-Fi network
- On the phone, select *Scan Droid Transfer QR Code*
- On the PC, select *Call Logs* (one or many)
- Select *Save CSV*



Welcome to Droid Transfer

To connect over a Wifi network...

- Connect your Android device to your WiFi network.
- Connect your PC to the same network.
- Run Transfer Companion on your Android device.
- Tap the button 'Scan Droid Transfer App QR Code'.
- Use Transfer Companion to scan the QR code below...

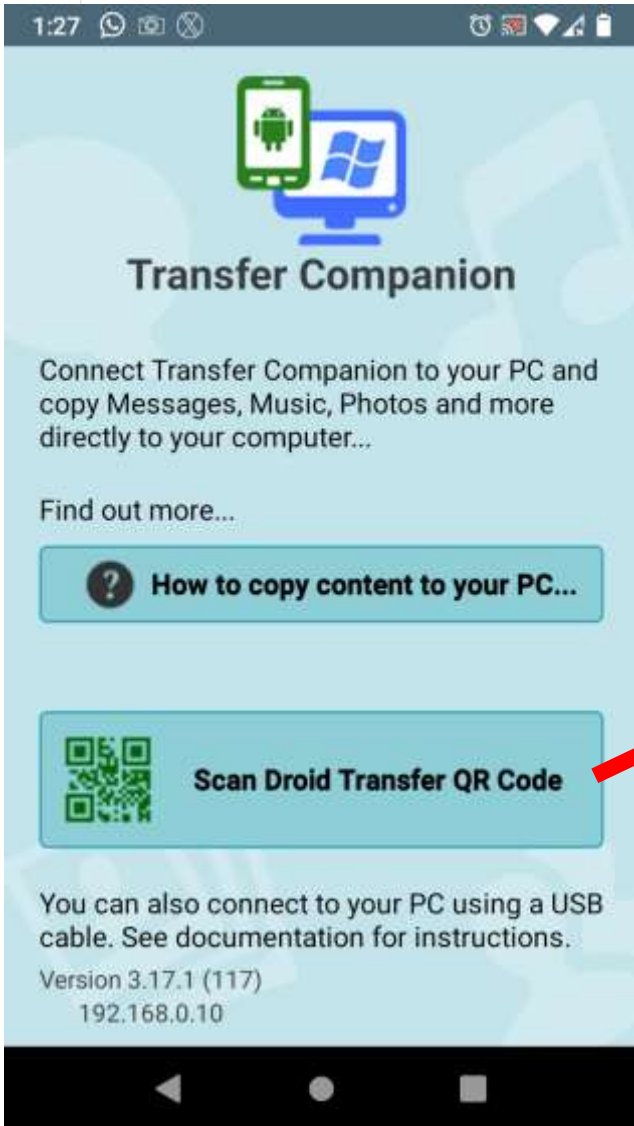


192.168.0.16 | [Change Network](#)

To connect with a USB Cable...

- [Ensure your Android device has USB Debugging Enabled.](#)
- Connect your Android device to a USB port on your PC.
- Wait for Droid Transfer to find your Android Device.
- You do not need to scan the QR code when using USB.

[assistance on connecting your Android device to Droid Transfer, click here.](#)



Droid Transfer

Motorola MotoG3
Android 10

Copy Call Logs Save PDF Save CSV Print

Search Call Logs

Bob Herres
Carol
Carol (Fongo)

Call Log for Carol

- Call received from Carol on 2021-07-08 (9:13:09 AM)
Missed Call
- Call made to Carol on 2021-07-08 (9:13:52 AM)
Duration: 00:21
- Call received from Carol on 2021-08-05 (4:34:47 PM)
Missed Call
- Call received from Carol on 2021-08-05 (4:40:13 PM)
Duration: 00:08
- Call received from Carol on 2021-08-05 (4:45:33 PM)
Missed Call
- Call made to Carol on 2021-08-06 (8:02:08 PM)
Unanswered Call
- Call received from Carol on 2021-08-15 (10:53:17 AM)
Missed Call
- Call made to Carol on 2021-08-18 (11:38:21 AM)
Duration: 00:53
- Call received from Carol on 2021-09-03 (2:06:16 PM)
Missed Call
- Call received from Carol on 2021-10-01 (3:05:38 PM)
Duration: 02:02
- Call received from Carol on 2021-10-05 (3:21:07 PM)

Disconnect

80%

Follow-up

Convert MP3 to TXT

I'm looking for recommendations for a free utility to convert MP3 audio files to text



Follow-up

Google's Recorder App

- One solution is to play the file to an Android phone:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.recorder>
- It might be restricted to Pixel phones (though page does not say so)
- You could also try speeding up the play to see how fast you can go
- Or, use the program during the recording for an instant file, with coordinated audio and timestamps you can use to resolve ambiguities.

- You can listen/read/download the audio and the transcript from Recorder.Google.com when logged in.
- Alas, you can not edit the transcript while listening on the webpage 😞
- You can "edit" on your phone/tablet (or Chromebook) maybe....

<https://androidcommunity.com/google-recorder-now-lets-you-edit-based-on-transcription-20201014/>

- "Editing" is limited to deleting the text, which deletes the associated audio portion. No insertions, no corrections, no replacements.

- *To increase the navigability of content, we introduce Smart Scrolling, a new ML-based feature in Recorder that automatically marks important sections in the transcript, chooses the most representative keywords from each section, and then surfaces those keywords on the vertical scrollbar, like chapter headings. The user can then scroll through the keywords or tap on them to quickly navigate to the sections of interest.*
- <https://ai.googleblog.com/2019/12/the-on-device-machine-learning-behind.html>
- <https://ai.googleblog.com/2020/11/navigating-recorder-transcripts-easily.html>



The latest from Google Research



Drive letter assignment

- Windows behavior assigning drive letters
 - assigns drive letters in order from C:
 - when new drive plugged in
 - gets the next higher available drive letter
 - when drive unplugged
 - drive letter it was assigned becomes available



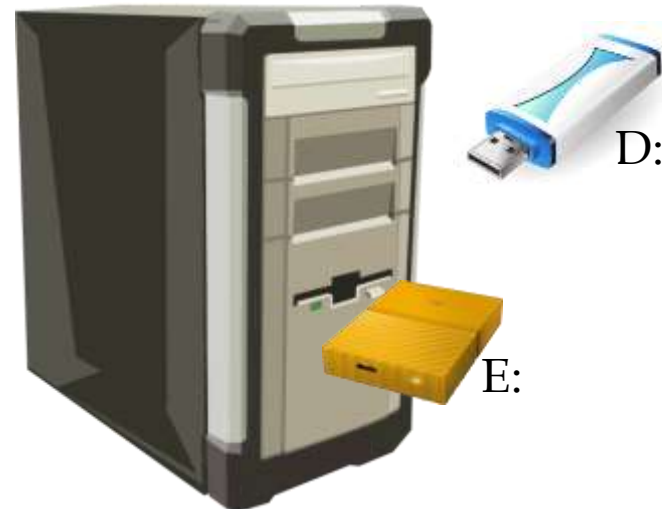


Changing drive letters

Plug in external drive for offsite backup
- assigned drive D:
Create backup job to **D:\Backups**



Unplug external drive and put it away
Plug in flash drive to access some files
- assigned drive D:



Plug in external offsite backup drive
- assigned drive E: (flash drive is D:)

Run your backup job
- creates backup on flash drive
(D:\Backups)



Solution

- For drives you do not want drive letter changing
 - lock down the drive letter to something high in alphabet
 - plug in other temporary drive
 - takes a lower letter in the alphabet



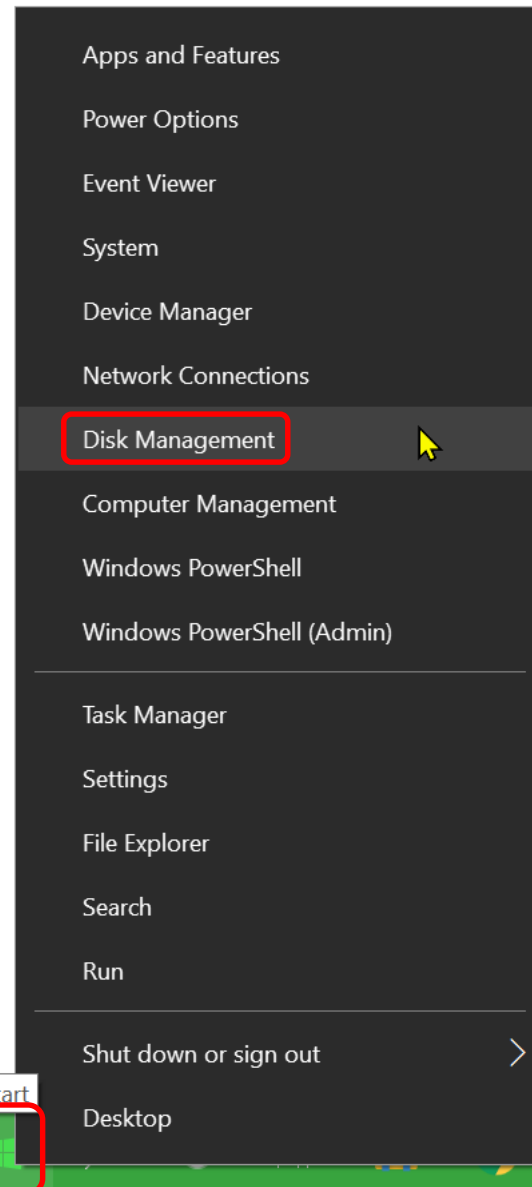
Drive D:



Drive X:



Disk Management



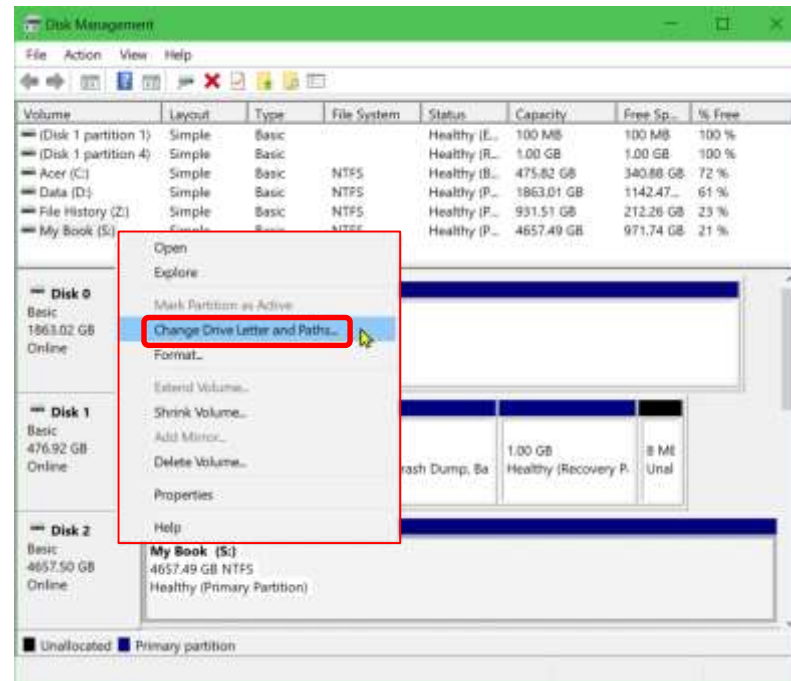
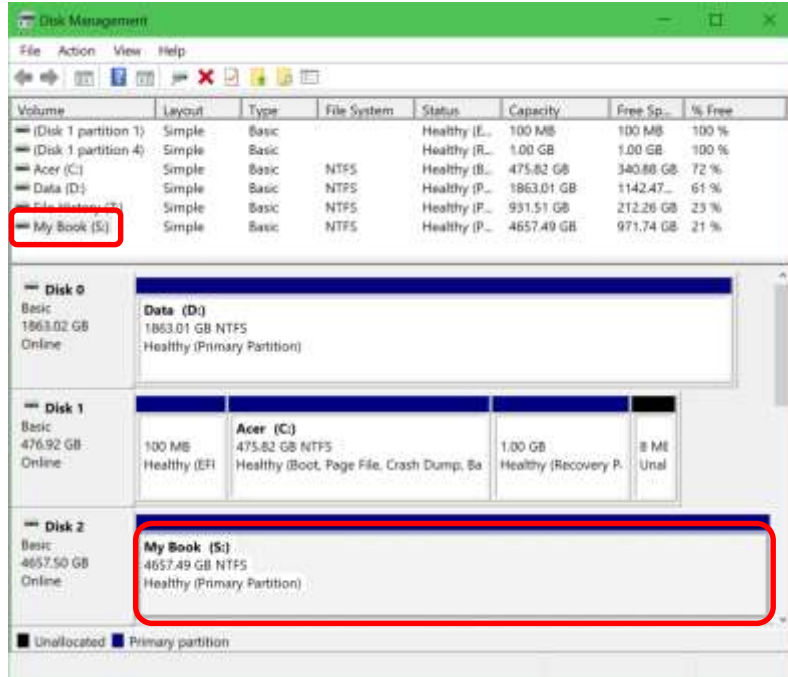
Choose
Disk Management

Right-click *Start* button



Disk Management

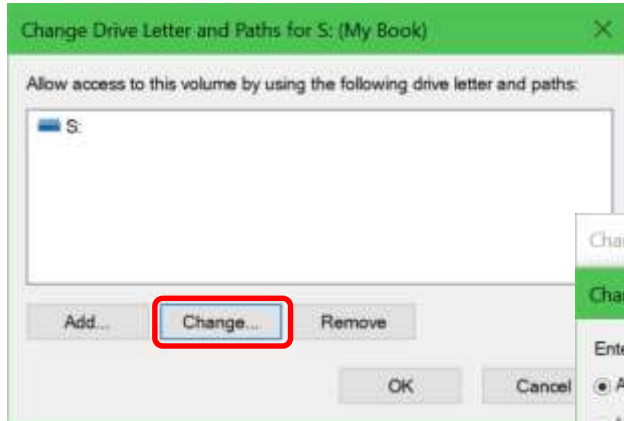
Right-click drive you want to lock drive letter
- can be in upper or bottom list



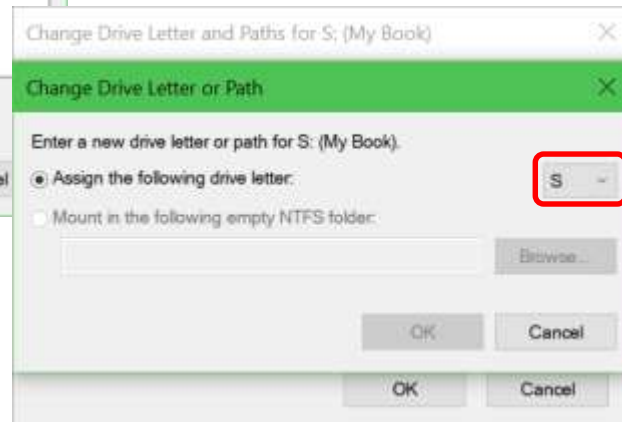
Click
Change Drive Letter and Paths...



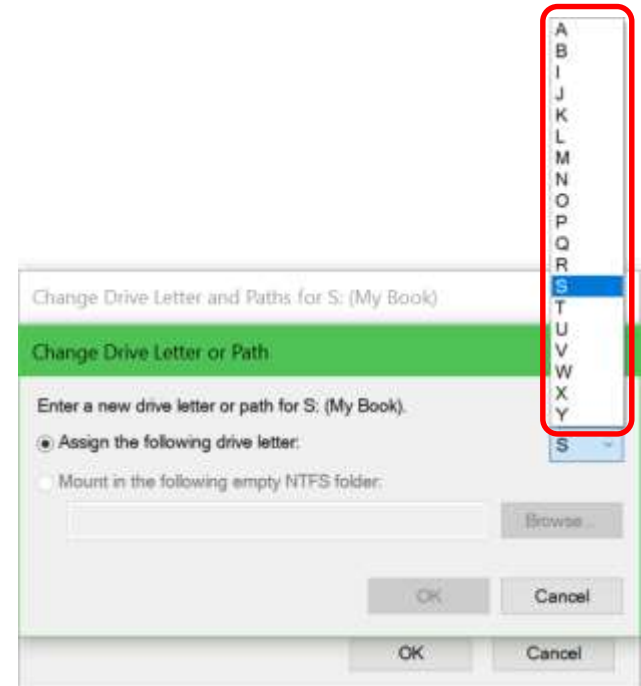
Choose new drive letter



Click *Change...*



Click current assignment to activate pick list



Choose another letter

That drive will use that letter in future
... as long as it's available!

Preparing to abandon ^{the windows} ~~ship~~

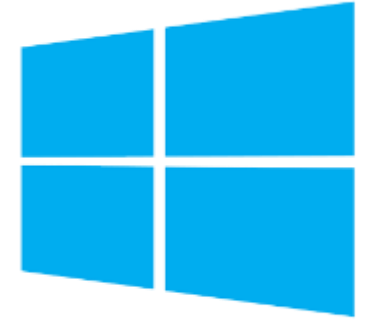
To-do list:

- ✓ (1) Install Linux on the last remaining computer
- ✓ (2) Identify the current uses of Windows 10
- (3) Identify Linux-based alternatives**
- (4) Find workarounds if no alternatives exist*

** Are there any show-stoppers?*



- Microsoft Word (correspondence, newsletter articles, Treasurer's reports)
- Microsoft Excel (macro programming)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (Q&A sessions)
- Text editor (Notepad++)
- Disk image backups (Macrium Reflect)
- Digital image management
 - (FastStone Image Viewer)
- File search (Everything)
- HTML editor (Homesite)
- Garmin GPS (MapSource)
- Income tax preparation (Taxman)
- Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Tool (CDR)



Alternatives



Presentation Manager

- Impress (LibreOffice)
- Open source
- Bundled with many Linux distros
- Current Version 7.2.0





Managing Your Android Phone

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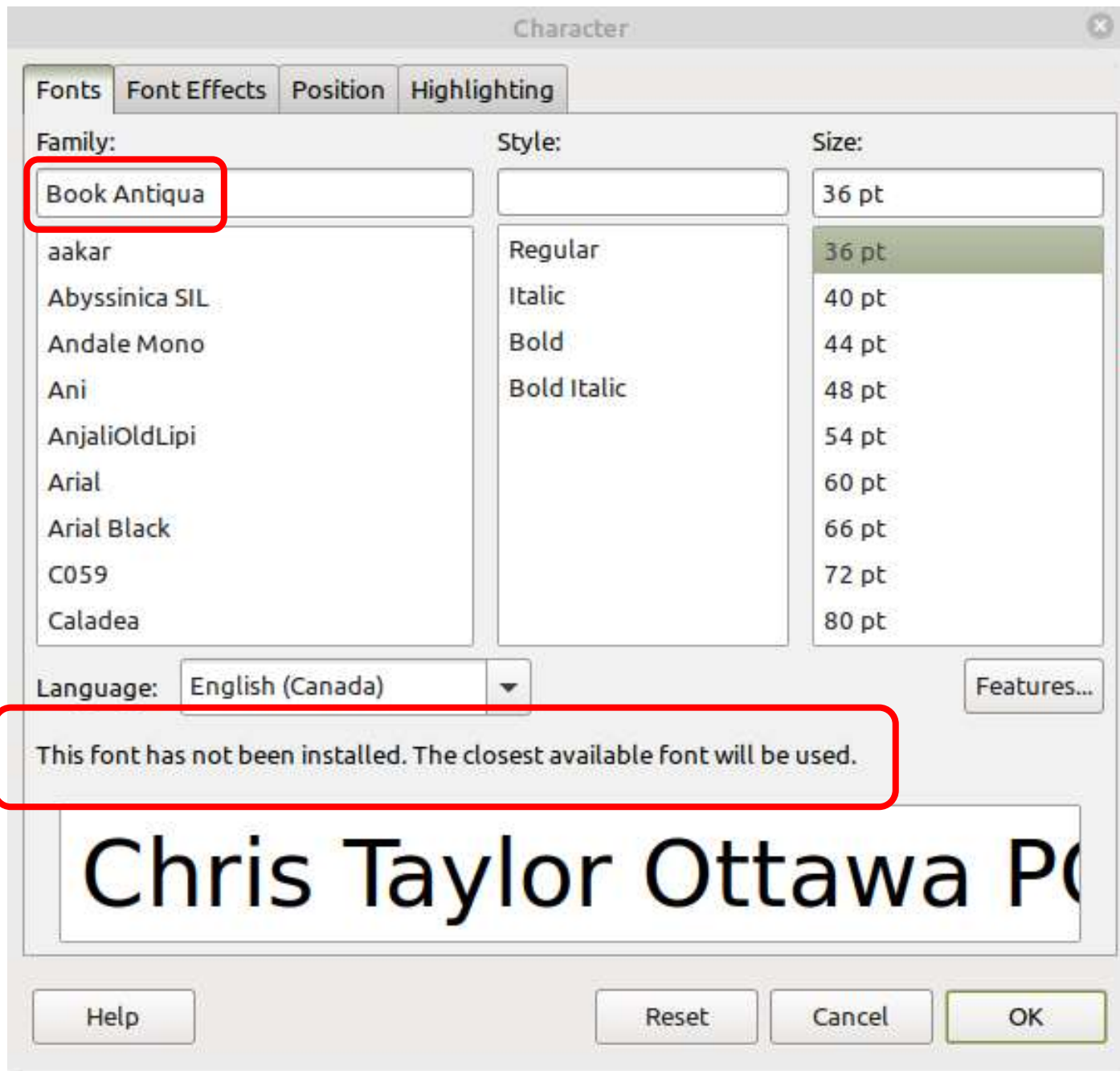




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Workarounds

- Change font to one that is available in both PowerPoint and Impress
- Use an equivalent font in Impress (e.g. Gemerald) and rename it (using FontForge) to Book Antiqua; Impress uses the renamed look-alike font and PowerPoint uses the actual Book Antiqua font
- Embed the Book Antiqua font in the pptx file so that it will be available in Impress*

** Book Antiqua is licensed as “installable embedded” that allows it to be used in this manner*

*Another, less common setting to be aware of is “installable embedding.” When this flag is set an authoring application may embed the font into a saved document file. When the document is **opened on a machine** that does not have the font installed the application may allow the document to be viewed printed and edited and may install the font for use on the computer outside of that document.*

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/typography/fonts/font-faq#document-embedding>

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QA

Title Slide Follow-up Share

Question Answer ComputerBasics

Title Only Bulleted list Demo

Blank Big text box (no bullets) Two Content

Comparison

Duplicate Selected Slides
Slides from Outline...
Reuse Slides...

Master Slide

Follow-up Title of follow-up

- Click to edit bulleted list





Slides



Follow-up

Title of follow-up

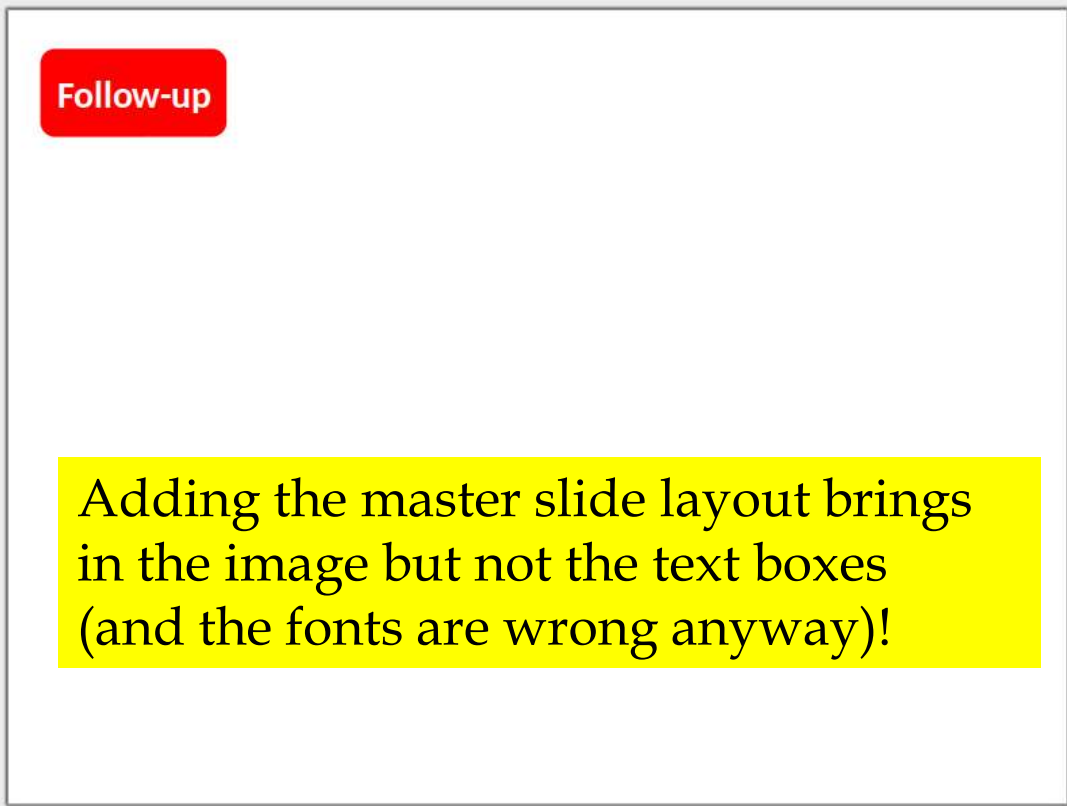
- Click to edit bulleted list
 - Second level
 - Third level
 - Fourth level
 - Fifth level

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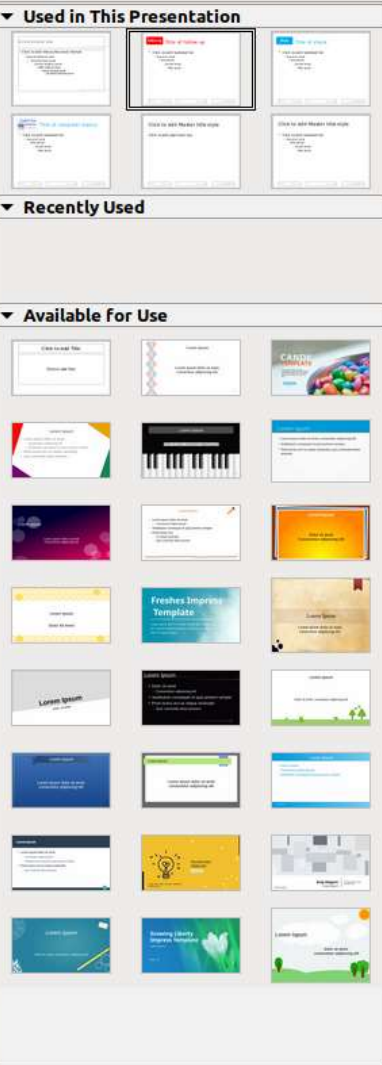




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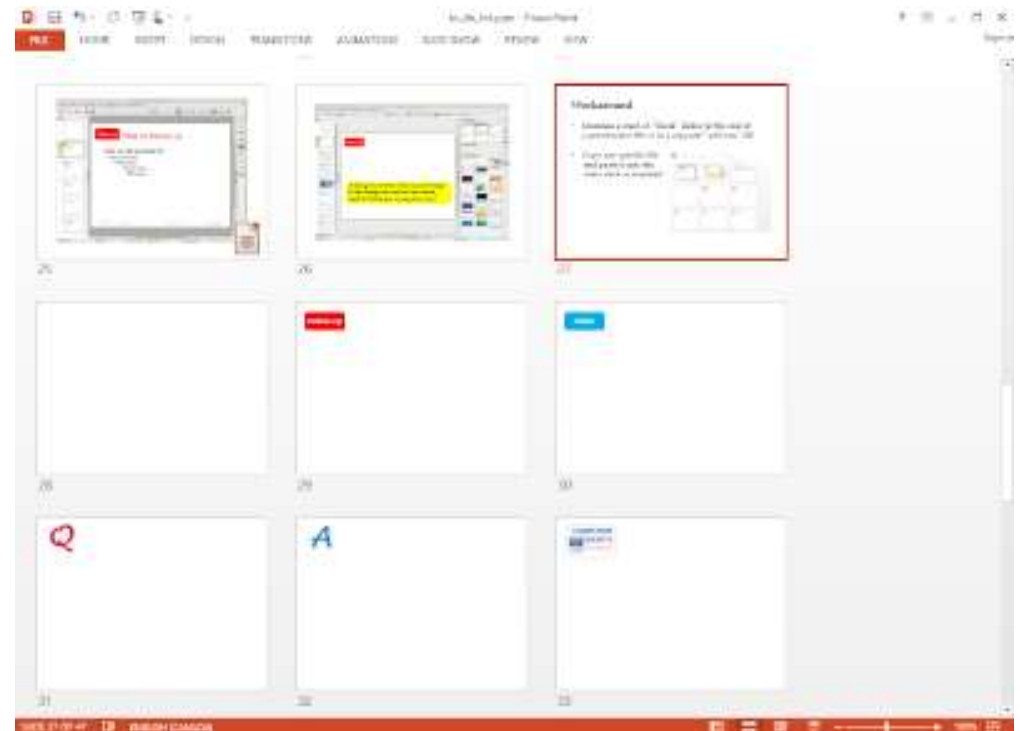


Master Slides



Workarounds

- Copy an existing slide and edit the content
- Maintain a stash of “blank” slides (at the end of a presentation file or in a separate “add-ons” file)
- Copy any specific slide and paste it into the main deck as required



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Alternatives



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Enhanced vaccine certificates

You are considered **fully vaccinated** if you have received:

- the full series of a COVID-19 authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines (two doses of Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, including COVISHIELD) in any combination or one dose of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada
- three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada
- your final dose of the COVID-19 at least 14 days before providing the proof of being fully vaccinated.

- Ontario has made *enhanced vaccine certificate* available as a downloadable PDF
 - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/>

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Enhanced vaccine certificates

- <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/>

1 - answer questions

2 - click *Get results*

The screenshot shows the Ontario COVID-19 vaccine certificate application form. The form is titled "How to get your COVID-19 vaccine certificate" and includes instructions for Ontario residents. The form is divided into several sections, each with a question and radio button options. A red rounded rectangle highlights the first three sections: "How many doses of the COVID-19 vaccine do you currently have?", "Did you get all your doses in Ontario?", and "Select which health card you have". Below these sections, there are two more sections: "Do you identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis?" and "Select the month you were born in". At the bottom of the form, there is a "Get results" button.

Ontario français

COVID-19 Proof of vaccination Data Health and restrictions Vaccines Financial and support services Businesses Tools

How to get your COVID-19 vaccine certificate

Enter some information to learn how to get your enhanced vaccine certificate (with an official QR code) if you are an Ontario resident.

You can get your certificate no matter where you were vaccinated (for example, at a pharmacy, mass immunization clinic, hospital, or primary care setting).

The vaccine receipts without a QR code are still valid as proof of vaccination. Learn more about proof of vaccination.

Last updated: October 15, 2021

How many doses of the COVID-19 vaccine do you currently have? (required)

Two or more doses

One dose

None

Did you get all your doses in Ontario? (required)

Yes

No

Select which health card you have (required)

Green Ontario photo health card (expired cards accepted)

Red and white Ontario health card

No Ontario health card

Do you identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis? (required)

If you are a non-Indigenous partner or household member of someone in this group, select "Yes."

Yes

No

Select the month you were born in (required)

Between October 15 and 17, we are limiting the number of people onto the website, according to birth month.

Month

June

Get results

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Enhanced vaccine certificates

Get your enhanced vaccine certificate online through the provincial website.

You will need:

- a green photo health (OHIP) card (you will need numbers on both sides of the card, expired cards will be accepted)
- a modern web browser (the website is not compatible with Internet Explorer 11 or earlier)

Reminder: to access certain non-essential businesses and settings, you must wait 14 days after getting your final dose (when you are considered fully vaccinated).

Click Continue

Continue 

Don't have a printer or mobile phone?

Call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre to get your certificate in the mail: [1-833-943-3900](tel:1-833-943-3900) (available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week).


To print a copy of your certificate, you can:

- visit your local library
- go to a [ServiceOntario location](#)
- ask a trusted friend or organization

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Enhanced vaccine certificates

The screenshot shows the Ontario COVID-19 vaccination portal. At the top left is the Ontario logo and at the top right is the text 'Français'. Below this is a dark header with 'COVID-19 vaccination' in white. The main content area has a title 'COVID-19 vaccination portal' and a version number '1.1.71'. A subtitle reads 'Download your enhanced vaccine certificate and book your vaccination appointments online'. A light blue callout box contains the text: 'To ensure a smooth user experience, the province is initially making the enhanced vaccine certificate with scannable QR code available for'. Below this, a grey box contains the heading 'To download your enhanced vaccine certificate or book your vaccine appointment'. Under the heading is a checkbox with a checkmark, followed by the text 'confirm that I read, understood, and accept the [full Terms of use.](#)'. At the bottom of the grey box is a blue button with the text 'Download your enhanced vaccine certificate or book your vaccine appointment'. Red annotations are present: '1 - scroll down to...' points to the callout box, '2 - check box' points to the checkbox, and '3 - click button to download' points to the blue button.

Ontario  Français

COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination portal

1.1.71

Download your enhanced vaccine certificate and book your vaccination appointments online

To ensure a smooth user experience, the province is initially making the enhanced vaccine certificate with scannable QR code available for

1 - scroll down to...

To download your enhanced vaccine certificate or book your vaccine appointment

2 - check box

confirm that I read, understood, and accept the [full Terms of use.](#)

3 - click button to download

Download your enhanced vaccine certificate or book your vaccine appointment

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Using enhanced vaccine certificate

- To access service restricted to fully vaccinated people, you will need

- proof of vaccination

Although the current vaccine receipt without a QR code remains valid and will continue to be accepted, you are encouraged to download your enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code as an easier, more secure and convenient way to have your proof of vaccination verified.

- ID

You will need to continue to show a piece of identification with your name and date of birth along with your proof of vaccination when visiting select [businesses and organizations](#).

- Print proof of vaccination or get a copy on your phone

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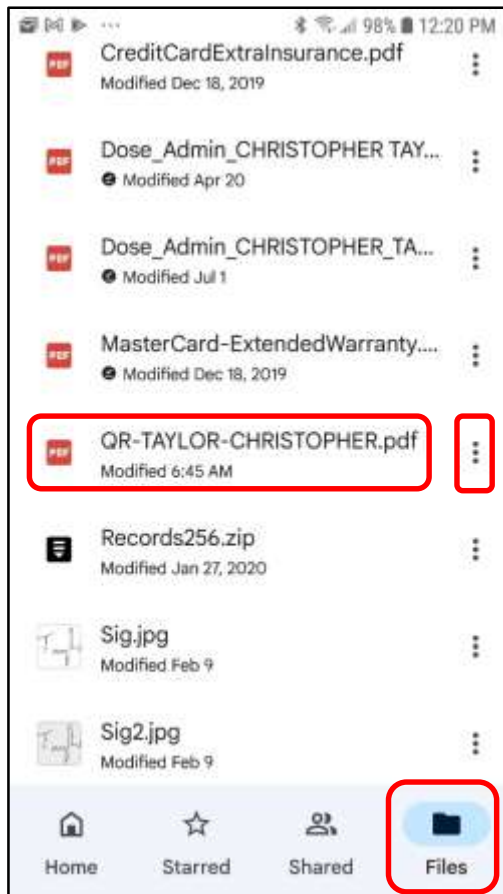
Getting it on your phone

- Easiest process (to Chris)
 - ...on Android
- Get enhanced vaccine certificate onto Google Drive
 - if using *Google Drive for Desktop* (a.k.a. *Google Backup and Sync*)
 - copy it to `C:\Users\yourusername\Google Drive`
 - use a web browser to copy it to Google Drive on web
- It will be accessible from (Google) Drive on your phone



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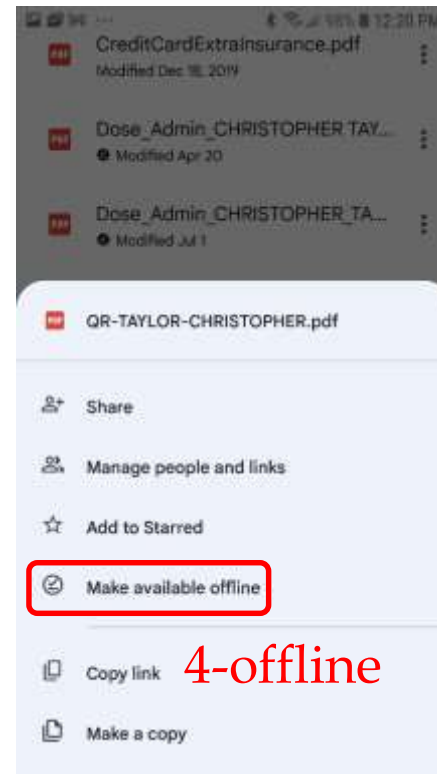
- On phone, go to Drive (may be in Google group)
 - icon looks like 



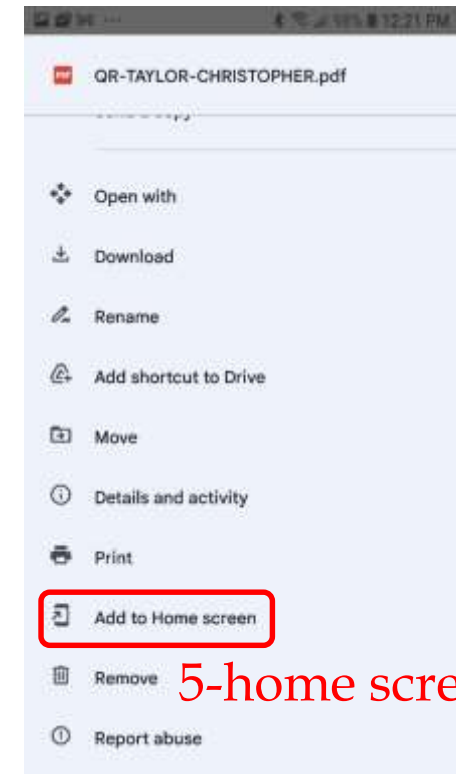
2-find file

3-click dots

1-click Files



4-offline



5-home screen

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One more thing...

You will need to continue to show a piece of identification with your name and date of birth along with your proof of vaccination when visiting select [businesses and organizations](#).

- Chris asked at a restaurant today
 - an image or PDF of your ID is okay
- So...why not combine:
 - PDF of enhanced vaccine certificate
 - image of ID (scanned or photographed)
- PDF editor or
- Document containing both & turn into a PDF
 - hint: use LibreOffice Writer rather than Microsoft Word!
- Add to phone (previous instructions)
- Process at venue requiring proof of vaccination
 - tap home screen icon for your combined PDF
 - they scan the QR code and ask for ID
 - scroll down to image of ID

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MyFiles on Android



**HOW TO CREATE
A SHORTCUT TO
A FILE ON
ANDROID HOME
SCREEN**

**MAX
DALTON**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkVj1ehhHrI>

Gabriel Laszlo



Adaptor heating up

- I am using a C-port adaptor to connect my new Dell Inspiron to an Ethernet cable
- I believe that a cabled connection is quicker and more reliable.
- I find the adaptor is getting quite warm
- Do you have an adaptor you would recommend that might be more hardy?



A Adapters with active circuitry will generate heat

- Adapters may contain electrical circuits that impose some resistance to the applied voltage and current flow which will generate heat
- An adapter getting warm shouldn't be a problem
- An adapter getting HOT may not be a normal state of affairs (seems to be a particular issue with Macbooks!)

<https://apple.stackexchange.com/questions/284926/why-does-the-usb-c-ethernet-adapter-get-hot-even-when-unplugged-from-ethernet>

A

Faster than a speeding bullet!



- Speed is probably not a big deal
- In most cases, a WiFi (or wired) connection will be faster than your Internet connection and that will be the bottleneck
- As for reliability, I do find wired connections are frequently more stable than WiFi connections.

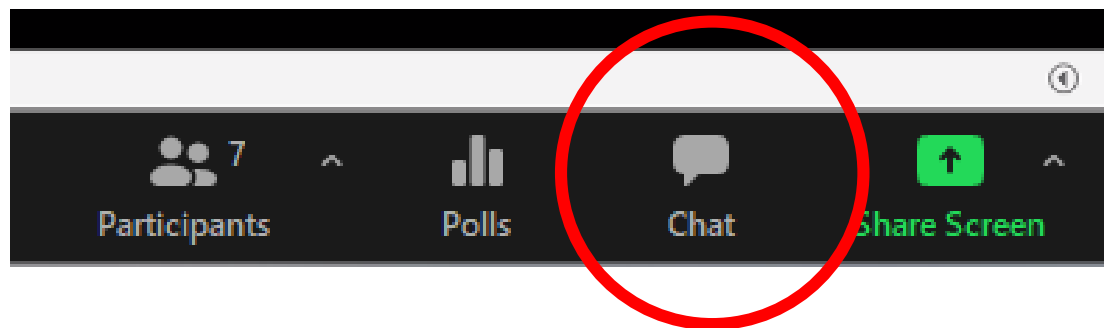


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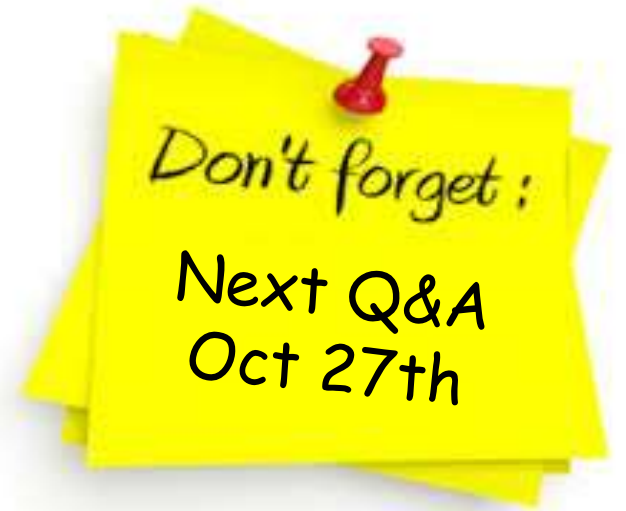
** If you don't want everyone to know, send the chat to Chris Taylor*

To: Chris Taylor  (Direct Message)

↑
Access with the drop-down menu



**Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?**



**Send your questions,
answers, and topics
you wish to share to:**

SuggestionBox@opcug.ca

