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Multiple E-mail Scams

Recently, I have been receiving daily E-mail messages purporting to be business-related and requesting payments

Client Presentation #952877

Info regarding receipt #286834.

Please review all information attached to the e-mail

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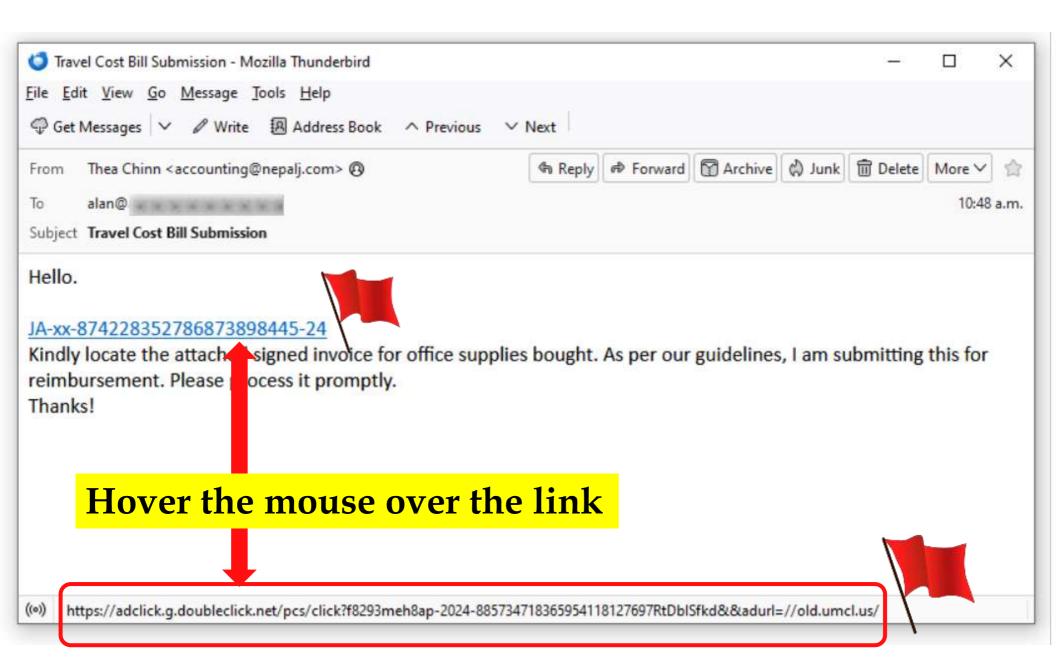
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Kindly locate the attached signed invoice for office supplies reimbursement. Please process it promptly.



• Are these travel costs or office supplies? [Note to scammer - Make your mind up!]

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ARTICLE

OPCUG's Great Little Fraud Watch Page

by Brigitte Lord

n light of Cst. Lemay's recent presentation: Fraud 101: Beware of Scammers!, and as the club's webmaster, I thought I should remind everyone of our club's Fraud Watch page. What started as a simple page to hold Lawrence Patterson's Baddies Update (which he had to discontinue due to time constraints), has grown into a notable online cybersecurity resource. There are now numerous links to websites that will help you test and secure your devices and passwords, and websites that describe all types of scams and how to avoid them. There are also examples of real scams received by our members, and security topics discussed at monthly meetings, Q&A sessions, or written by our members and security experts.

One item that caught my attention is CIRA Canadian Shield. This site provides a free and secure DNS resolver (read this informative article by PC Magazine) as well as optional (and free) cybersecurity while browsing the web (note that these are **not a replacement** for a firewall or antivirus software on your device).

CIRA provides instructions for configuring many device types (across several platforms) including cell phones, game boxes, routers, and computers.

Three options for your DNS

- 1. Private: Offering DNS resolution only
- Protected: Adds malware, phishing, botnet and scam protection
- 3. Family: Adds pornographic content to the block list

Another good resource on the Fraud Watch page is the Gibson Research Corporation (GRC). It has been providing free security advice, software, and testing for computers for decades. I have used its Shields UP!!! service to check for open ports (i.e. open to attack) on all my computers since the 1990s.

There is also a link to Consumer Reports Security Planner (submitted by Stewart Bruce at a Q&A session) that will give you stepby-step instructions for all your devices to protect you online.

So check it out and share our Fraud Watch page with friends and family. It's chock full of resources to help everyone stay safe on the Net.



https://opcug.ca/Articles/2402NEWS.pdf

Verifying My Intel Processor

- I was reading an article about counterfeit electronics
- There was a link to an Intel page discussing this
- It offered a tool to verify if the (Intel) processor in my PC was really what I thought it was
- After all, I bought this affordable Chinese device through Amazon, so what proof do I have that it is what was claimed?
- This little tool took about 5 minutes to chew through my processor before confirming that it was good



https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/support/articles/000037864/processors.html

Stewart Bruce



The History of ARM



How Amateurs created the world's most popular Processor (History of ARM Part 1)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIwdhPOVOUk



The History of ARM



ARM's Secret Weapon (History of ARM Part 2)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vx1-6yRAGk0

OPCUG Member Forum

- Looking to discuss computer-related topics with fellow **OPCUG** members?
- The *OPCUG-Member-Forum* open for business 24×7

Looking for the best way to protect a PDF file other than password Wi-Fi Alliance Announces Wi-Fi 7 Certification



Serge-Erik Theriault <2sabai2@gmail.com>

to OPCUG-Member-Forum

Hello all,

I intend to publish and sell a PDF document online this year, and I am looking for the best digi like to do is limit what the buyer can do once he/she/they receive the file. i.e., any or all of the

- Prevent editing and/or copying
- · Control the number of prints allowed
- Prevent screengrabs
- . Insert the name and address of the buyer and order number at the bottom of each page

Comedian Matt Wright's thoughts for tech industry....



Karen Wallace-Graner <kwgraner@gmail.com>

to OPCUG-Member-Forum

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Tym28Xw13Yc

While I appreciate that their innovations keep providing Wishing everyone the very best of everything for 2024. Karen



Chris Taylor <christopher.john.taylor@gmail.com> to OPCUG-Member-Forum

Paul Thurrott reports that Wi-Fi 7 has been certified.

"Wi-Fi 7 will see rapid adoption across a broad ecosystem wi equipment and augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR) equipment

https://www.thurrott.com/cloud/295818/wi-fi-alliance-anno

Chris

Ashampoo pro 17 backup free

Arduino users 3 views



Alan German <alan.german@opcug.ca>

to OPCUG-Member-Forum

Is anyone a user or wannabe user of Arduino technology? producte. Lunderstand that he wishes to dispose of seve

<tom@abacurial.com> mber-forum@googlegroups.com

narewareonsale.com/s/free-asha

How does member forum work?

- OPCUG-Member-Forum is a Google Group
- Subscribers can post messages by:
 - sending an email to forum address, or
 - posting through the Google Groups website
- Messages get distributed to every forum subscriber via email
- Subscribers can reply to a posting
 - reply is sent to all subscribers
- Discussions grow
- You help fulfill the OPCUG motto *Users helping users*

Easiest way to join forum

- From email address where you want forum messages to go
 - doesn't have to be email address the OPCUG has on record for you
- Send email to sysop@opcug.ca (or chris.taylor@opcug.ca)
 - say you want to join the OPCUG-Member-Forum
 - give info so OPCUG membership can be confirmed such as:
 - membership number
 - full name as provided for membership
 - postal address as provided for membership
 - email address as provided for membership
- Once your OPCUG membership is verified
 - address email was sent from will be added as subscriber to forum
 - you will receive a Welcome email

Using the forum through email

- From the subscribed email address, send an email to
 - opcug-member-forum@googlegroups.com
- Your message will be distributed to all forum subscribers
- Emails distributed through the forum will have [OPCUG-Member-Forum] on the subject line
 - identifies emails sent from forum as different than other email
 - can create rules
- Reply to messages distributed from the forum to contribute to the discussion
- Replies usually go to forum rather than to sender
 - and then forwarded to all forum subscribers
 - verify your email program does that
 - look at the **To:** line on the email before sending!

Using the forum through web

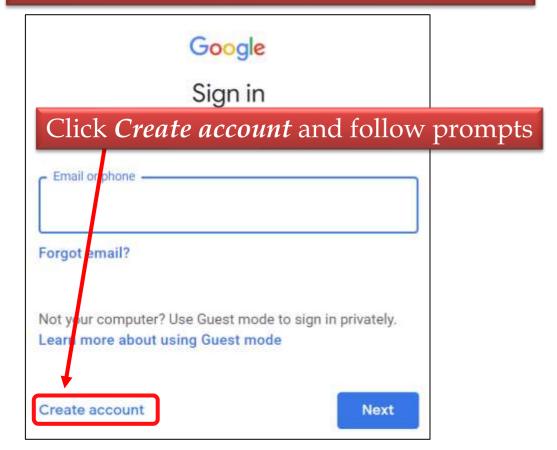
- Benefits to accessing the forum through web
 - ability to access older messages (over 5,300 threads)
 - good search capabilities
 - ability to access forum even if you can't get to your email
- A little more to configure than just using email
 - you (your email address) must be authenticated
 - only available means of authentication to Google Groups is a Google Account
 - all Gmail accounts are automatically a *Google account*
 - all other email addresses can be made into a *Google account*

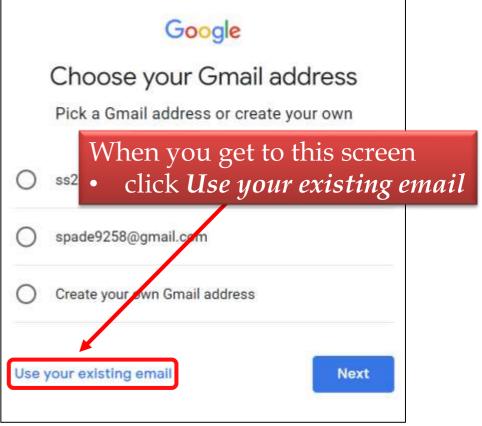
If subscribed to forum using a non-Gmail email address

You have to make your email address a *Google account*

Browse to https://accounts.google.com/

• If you don't see this screen, click profile icon/picture in top-right and sign out





Enter email address you used to subscribe to the forum



Use your existing email

Enter the email address you want to use for your Google Account

Email address -

sam.spade@example.com

You'll need to confirm that this email belongs to you

Get a Gmail address instead

Next

Click Next

- follow the prompts
- at the end your email address will be a *Google account*

You now have a Google account

- You are subscribed to the OPCUG-Member-Forum using an email address that is a *Google account*
 - a Gmail address
 - which was always a *Google account*

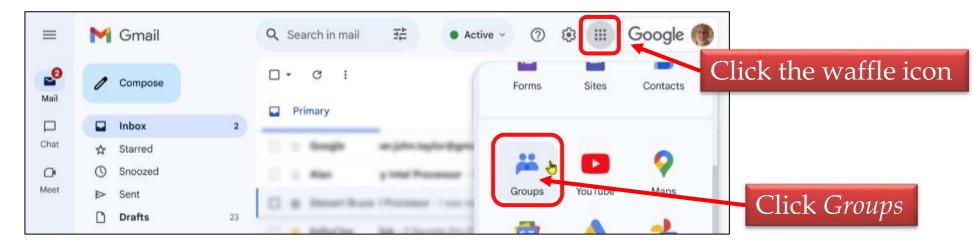
or

- a non-Gmail email address
 - which you have made into a *Google account*
- Google Groups can now authenticate who you are
 - and give you access to the OPCUG-Member-Forum in a web browser

Easy access to Google Groups

If you are subscribed using a Gmail address

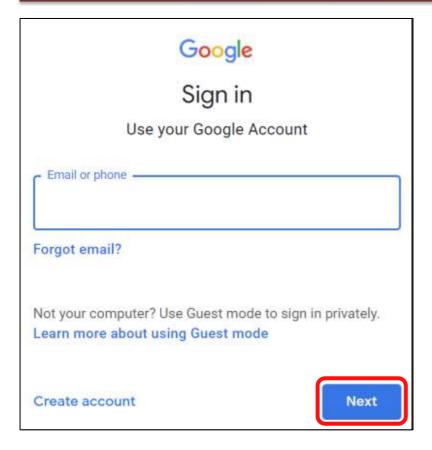
...and you are using Gmail via the web



Can also access Google Groups website directly

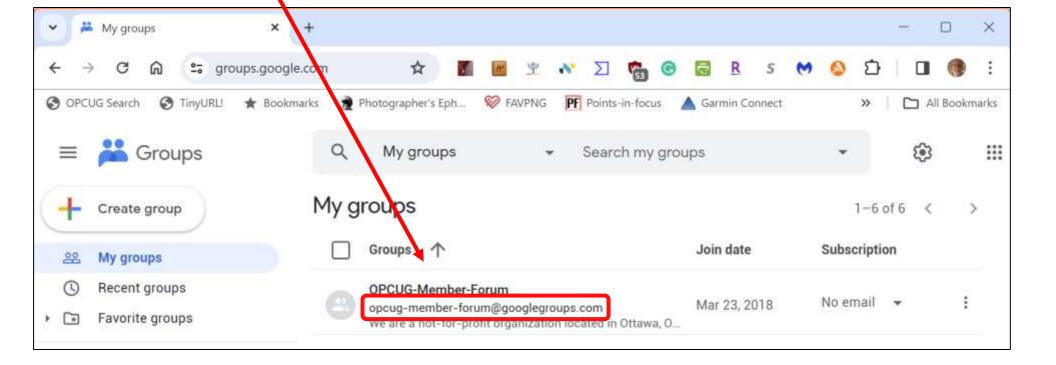
Browse to https://groups.google.com/
If prompted to sign in

- sign in using the email address you used to subscribe to the forum
 - which is now a Google account

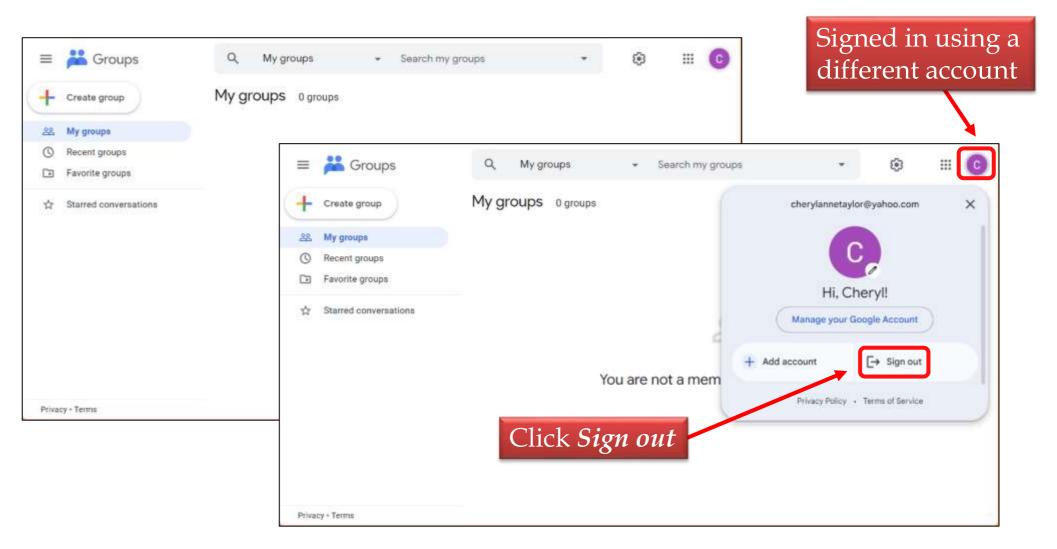


OPCUG-Member-Forum will be listed

click to access the forum



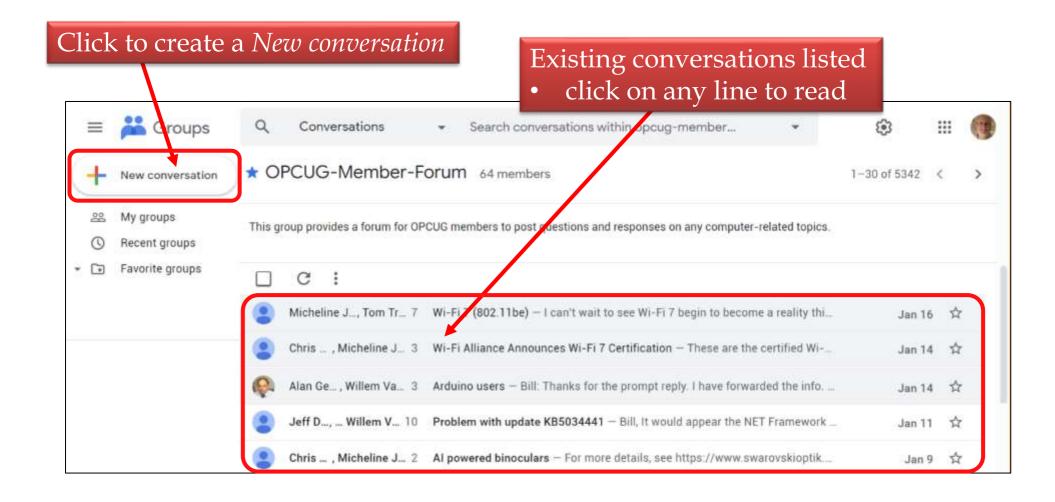
Don't see OPCUG-Member-Forum?

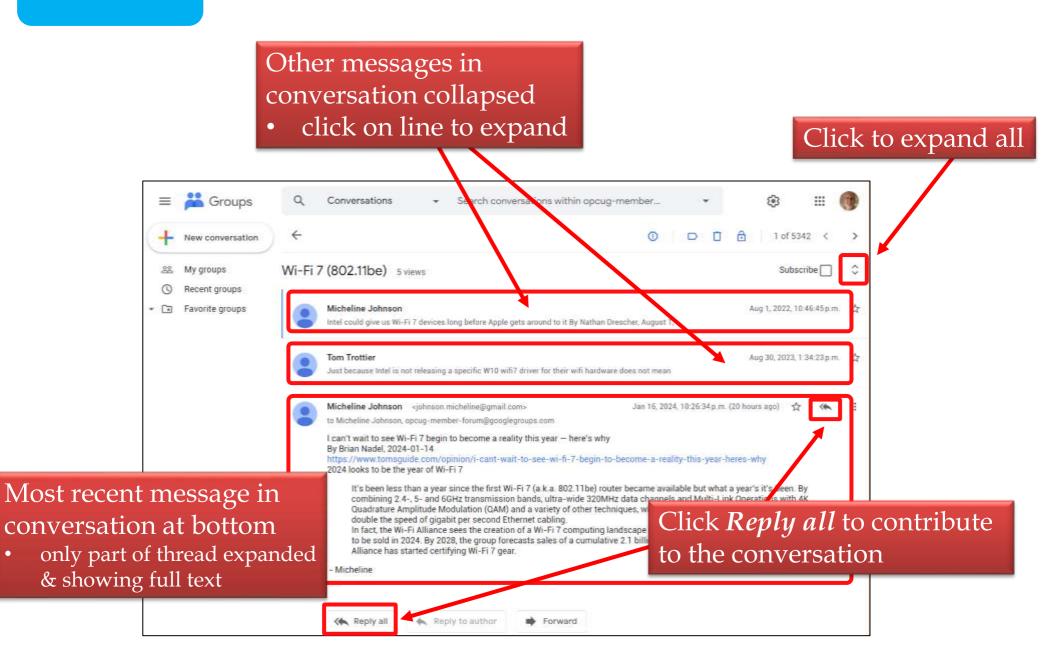


Sign in using account subscribed to forum

Using the forum through web

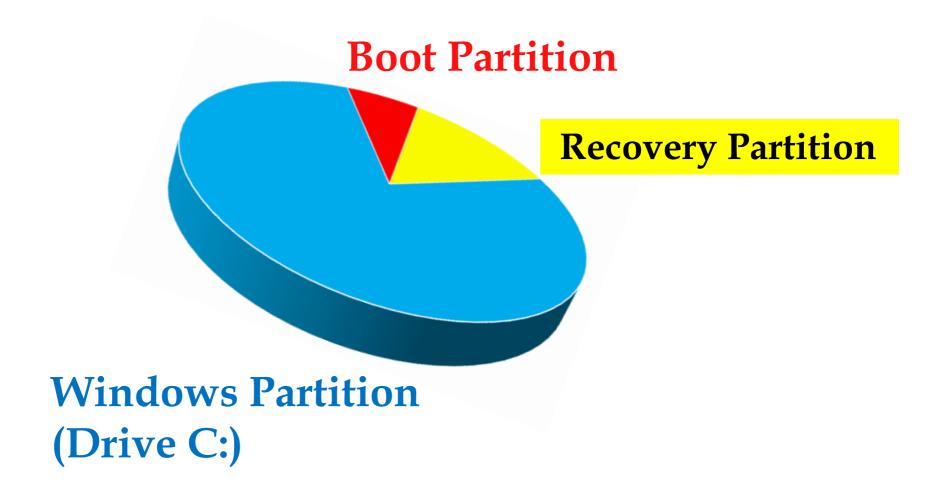
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Disk Partitions

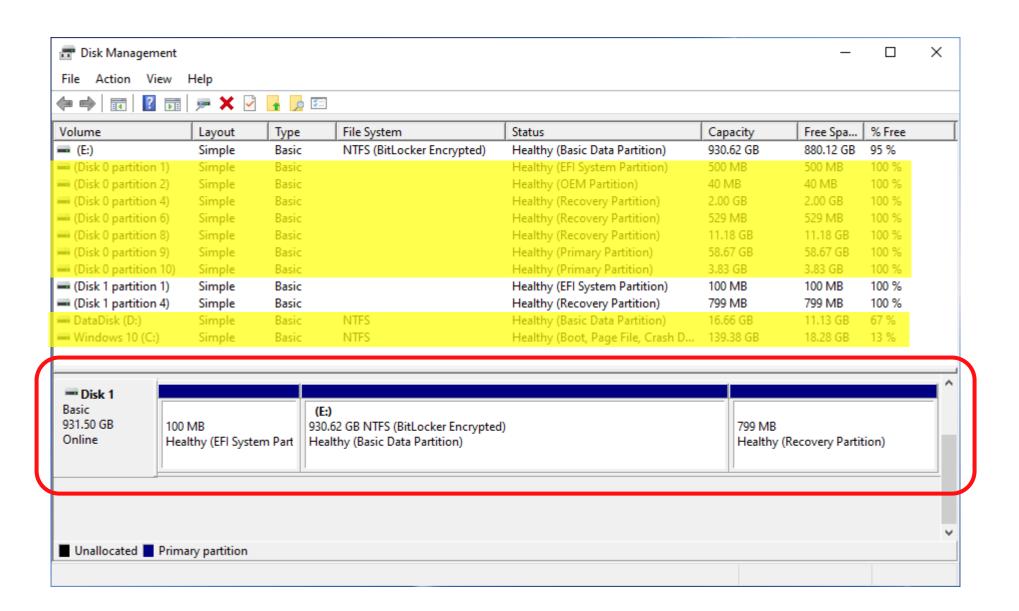


Why would we want to add a partition?

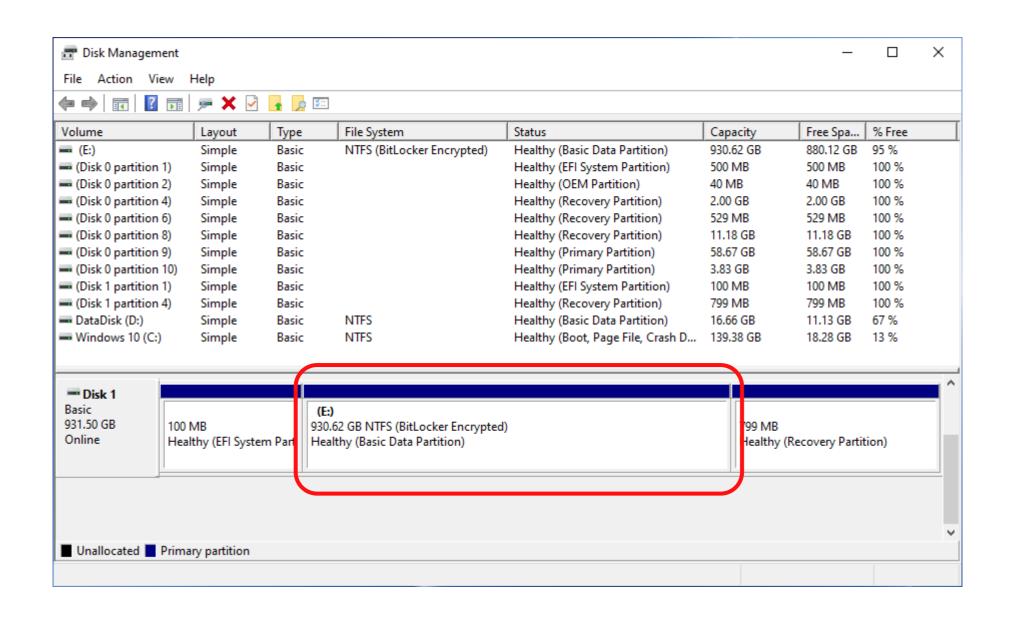
- Dedicated data drive (partition)
- Better file organization
 - separate the data files and folders from the operating system and the applications
- Easier backup
 - backup the entire data partition
 - incremental disk imaging
 - file and folder synchronization

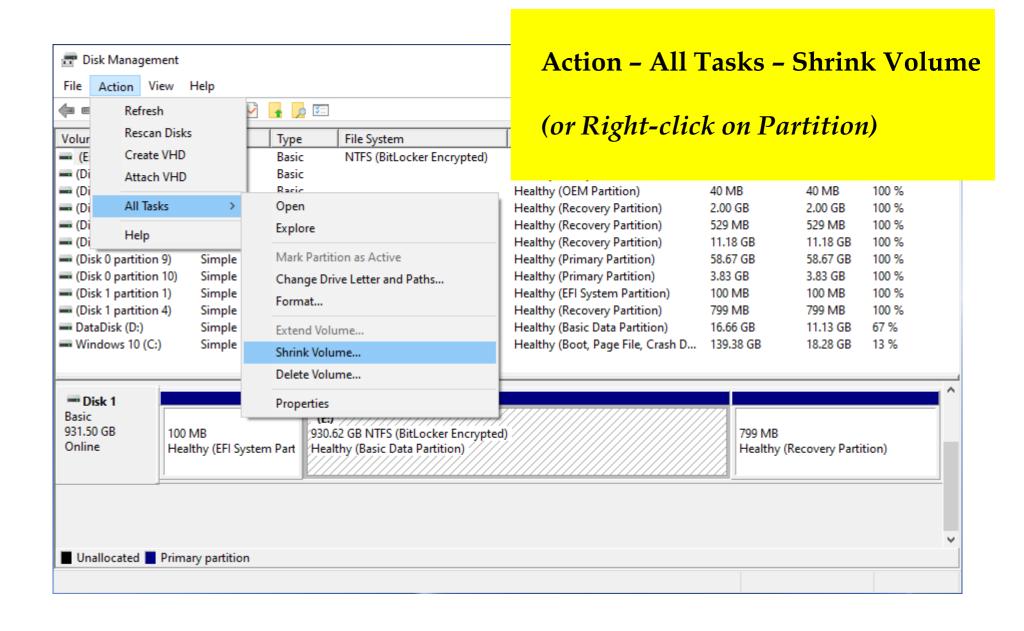


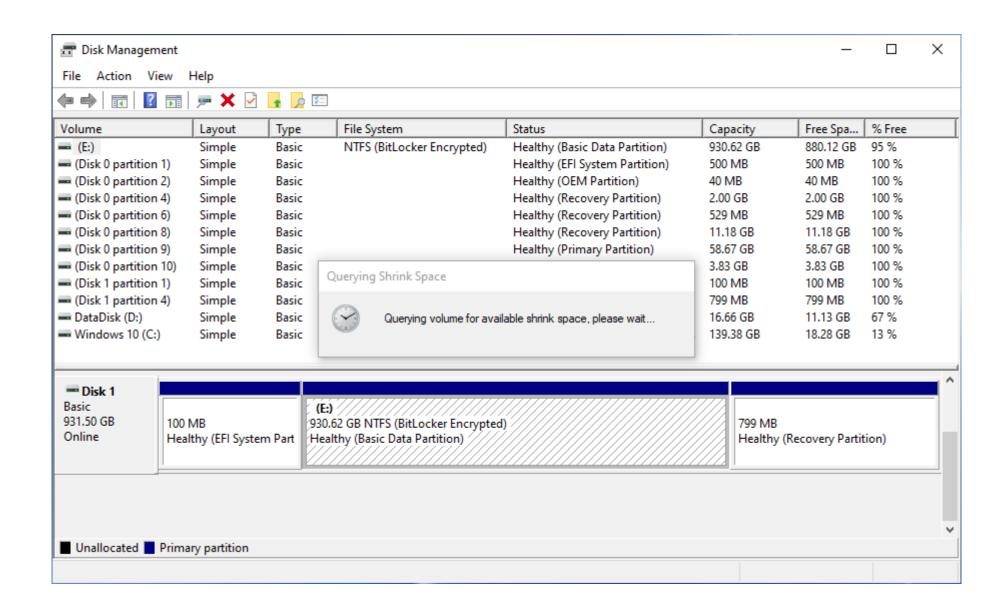
How do we create a new partition?

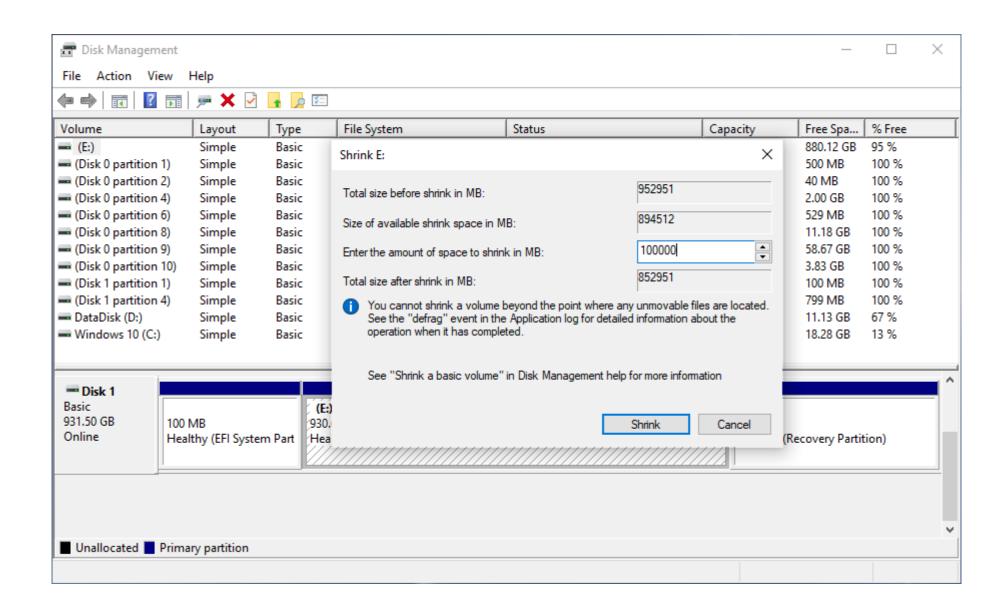


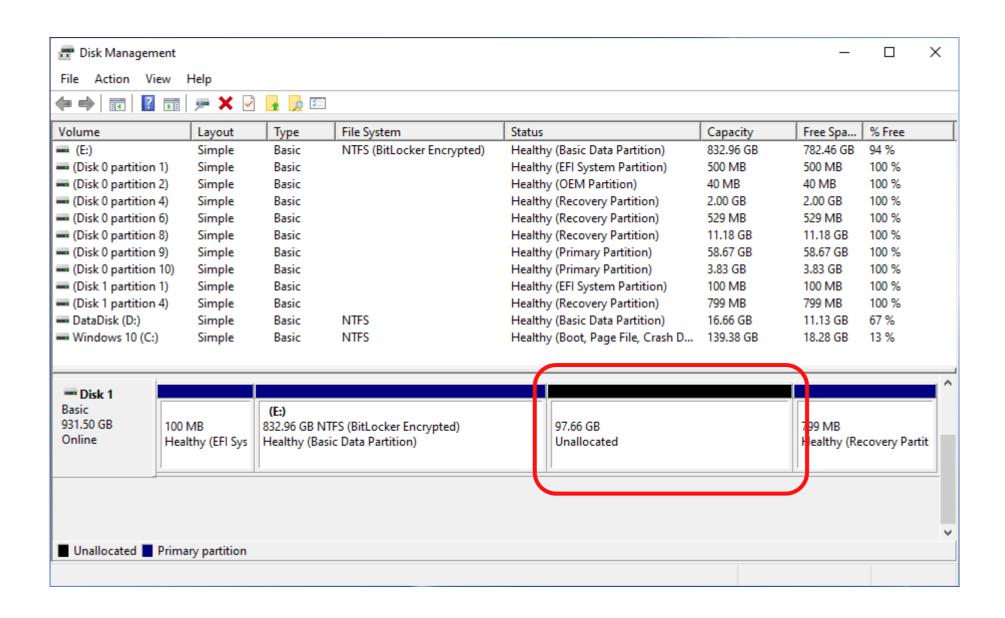
Apps and Features Mobility Center **Power Options Right-click on Start Event Viewer** System **Select Disk Management** Device Manager Disk Management Computer Management Windows PowerShell Windows PowerShell (Admin) Task Manager Settings File Explorer Search Run Shut down or sign out Desktop

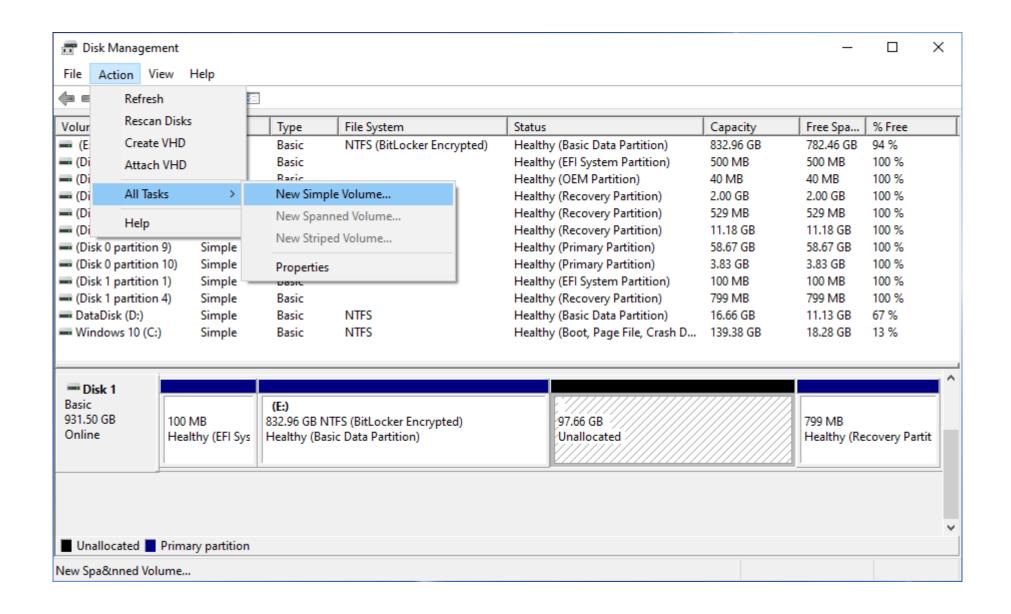


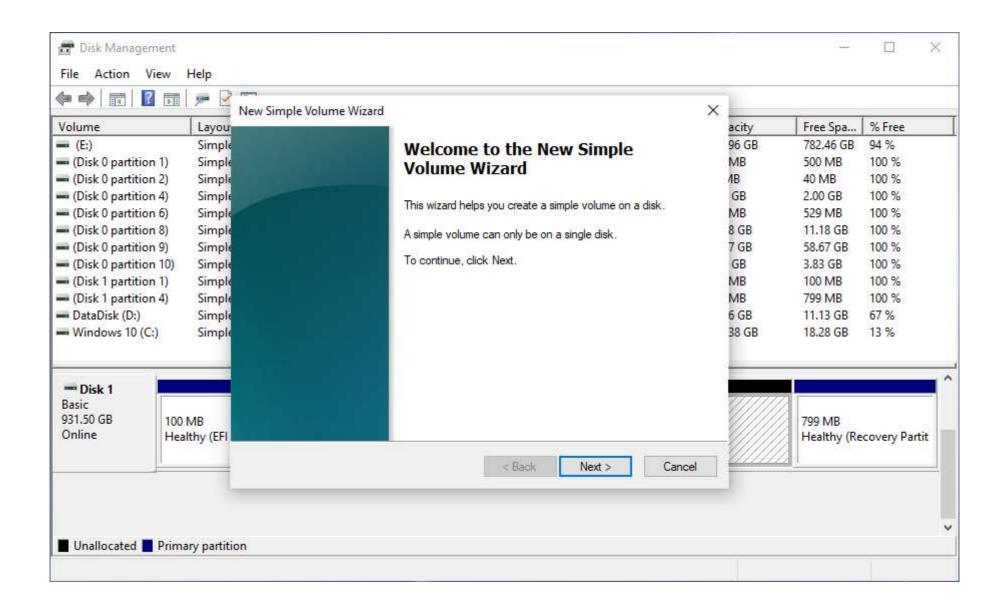


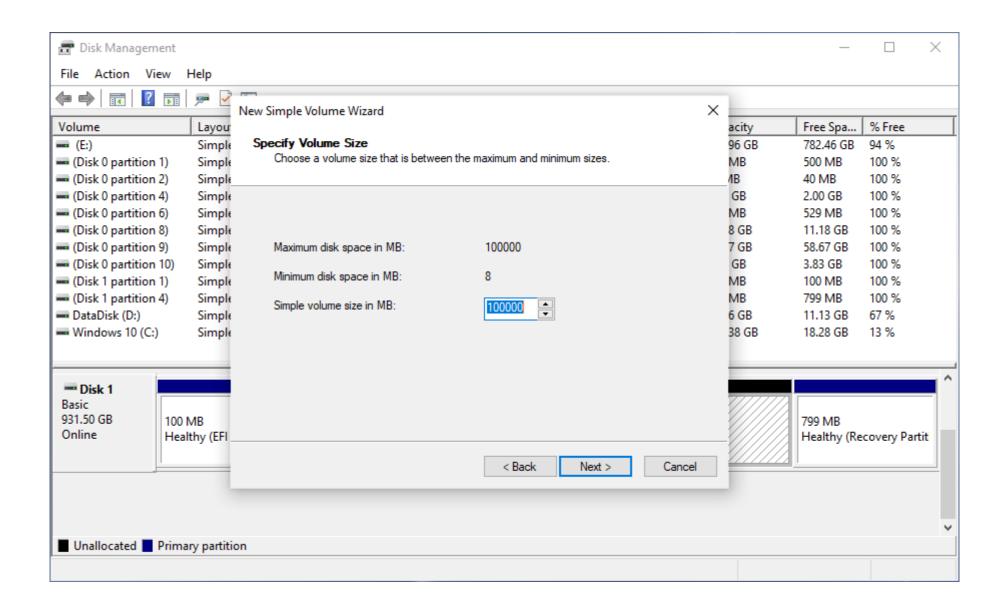


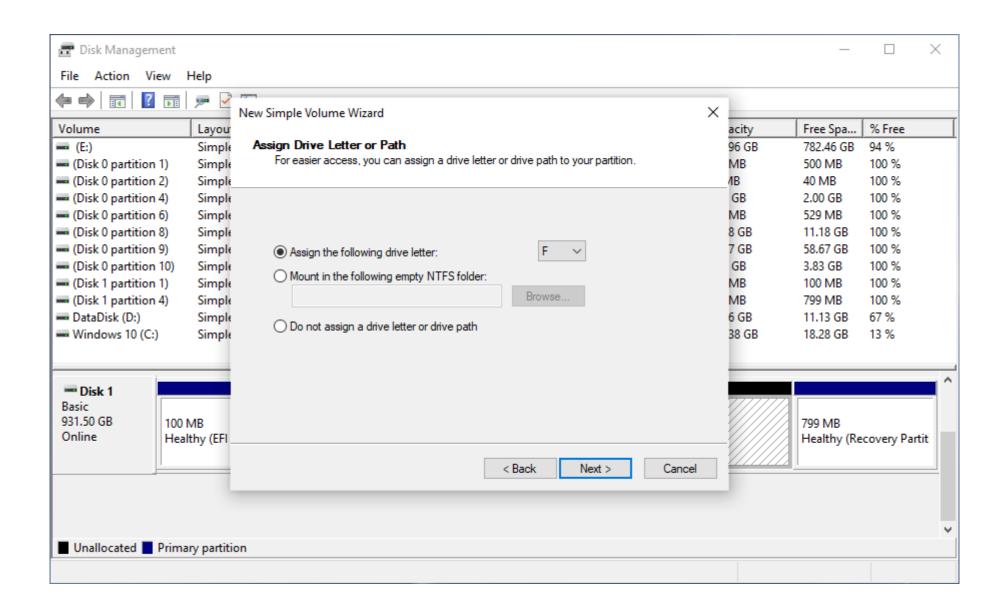


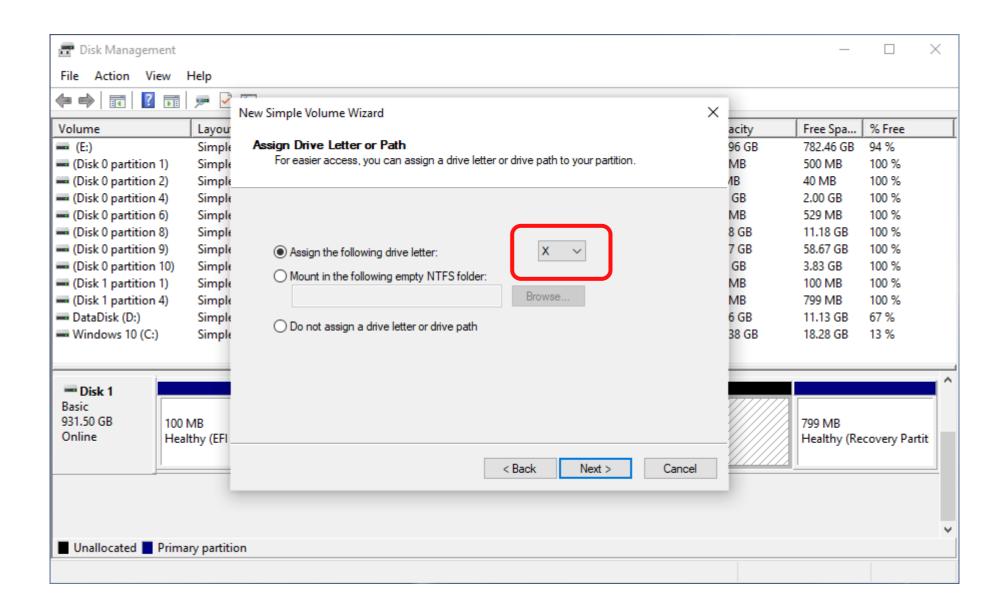


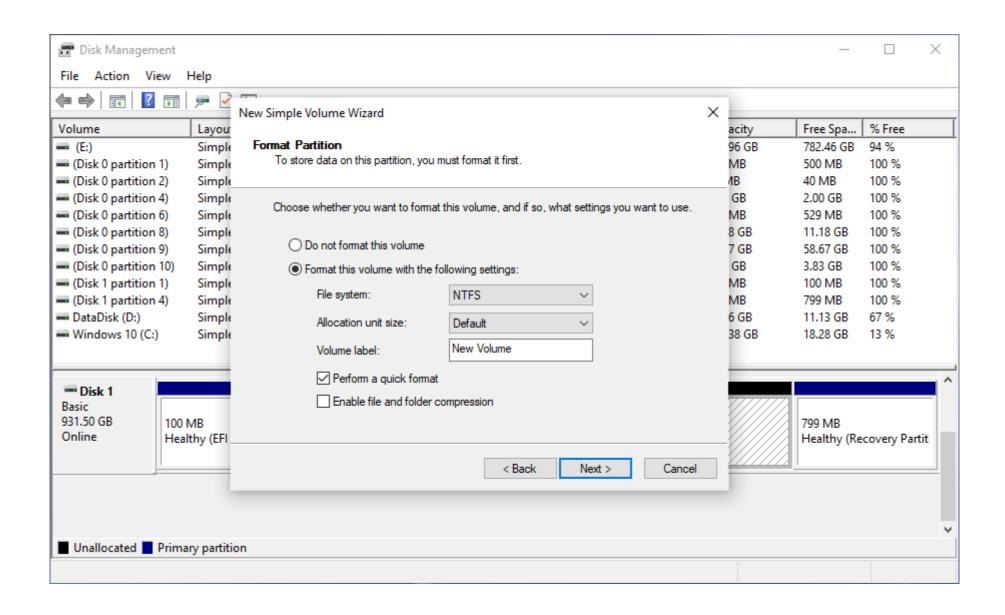


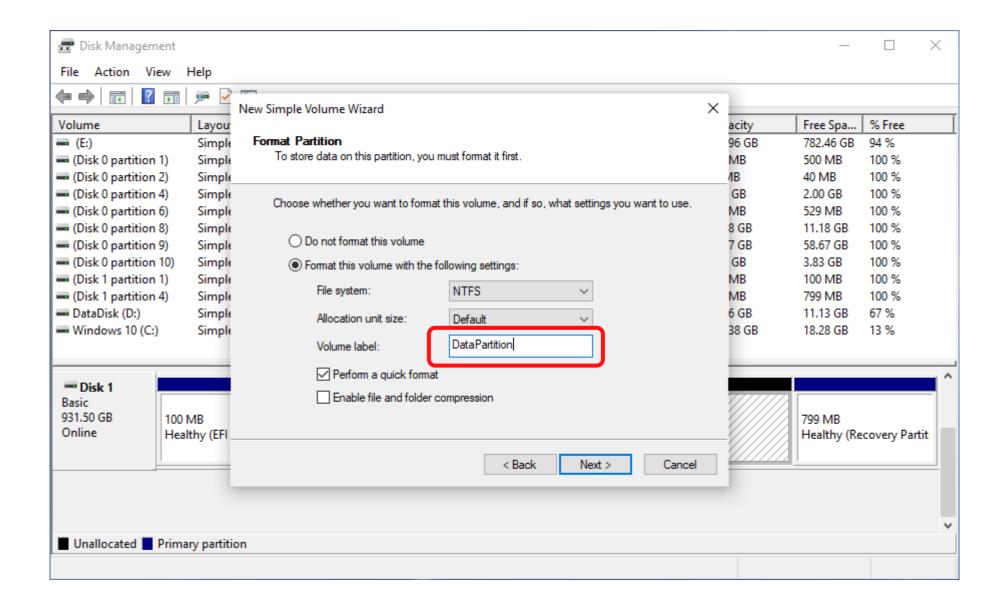


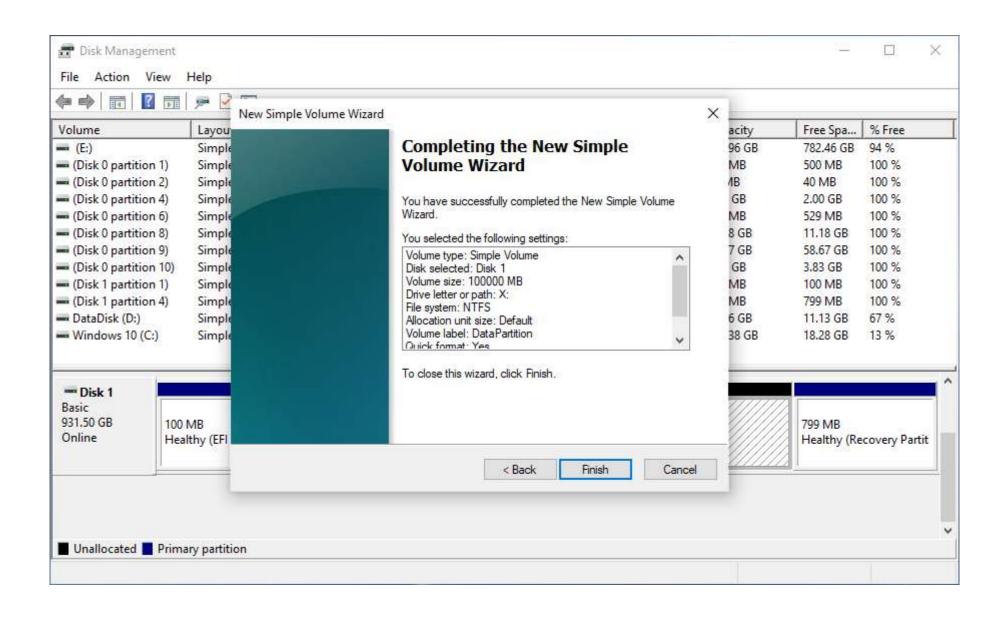


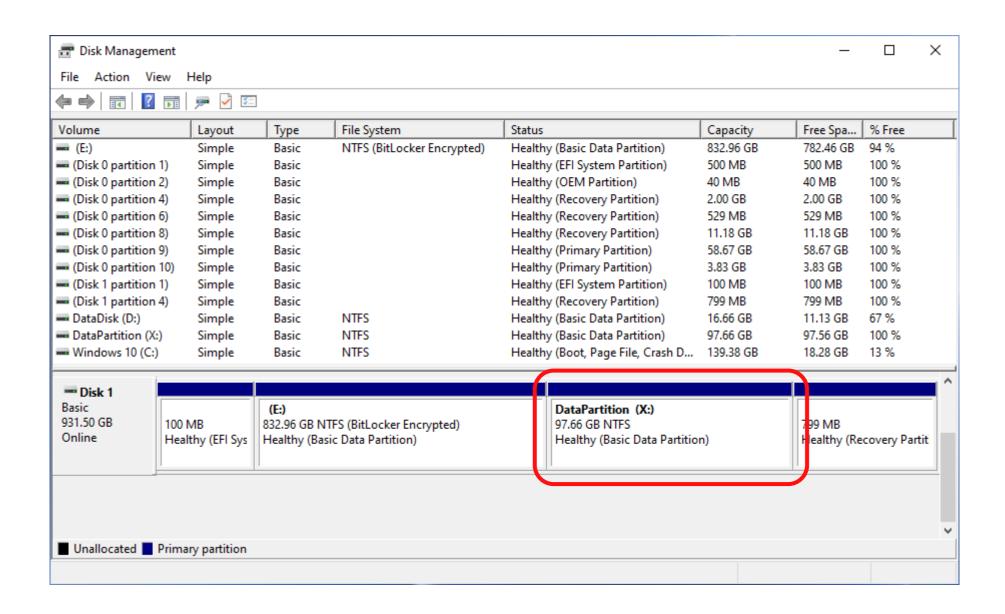


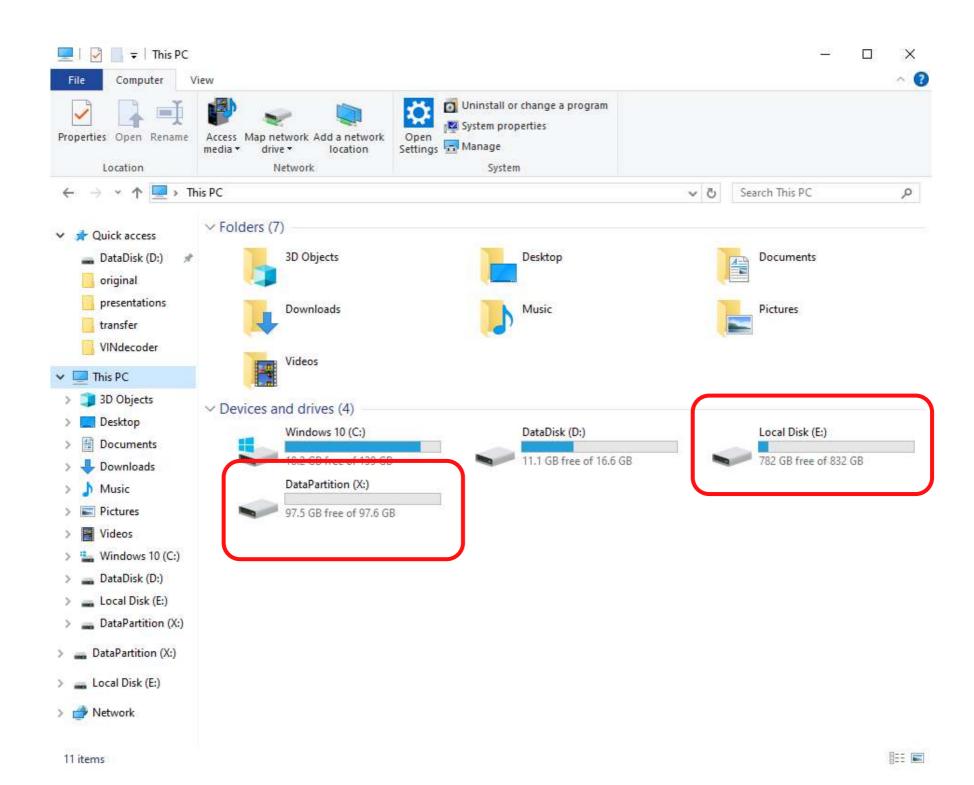


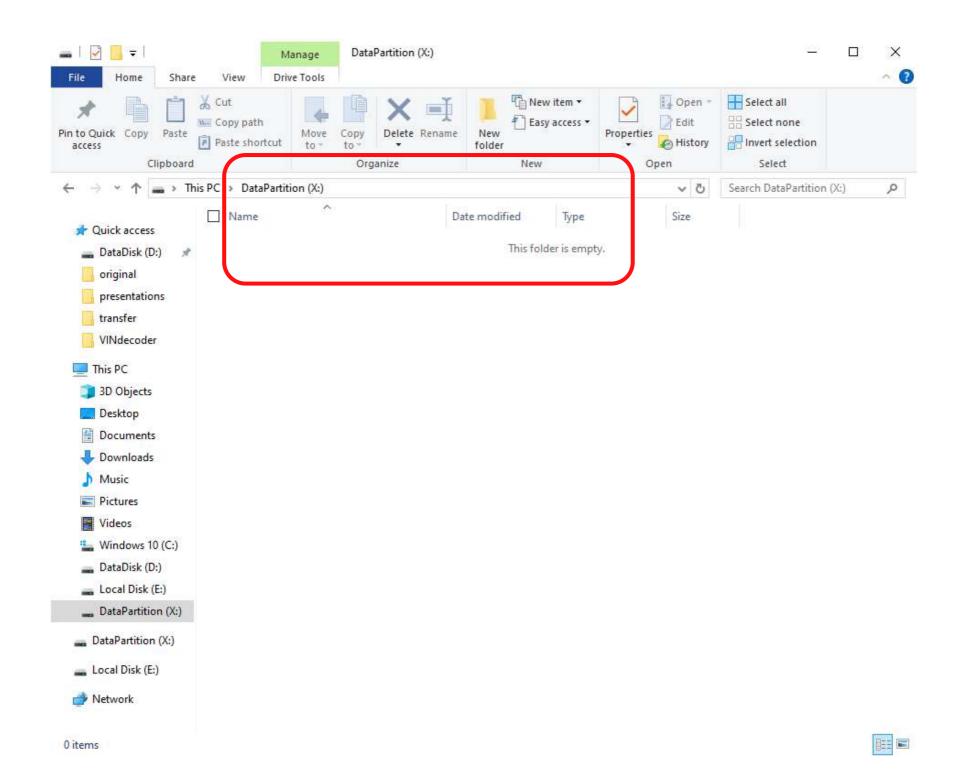














Coming Up:

Data Backup

- Disk imaging using incremental backup
- File/Folder Synchronization
- Real-time backup



Opening old Christmas letters

- Found some old Christmas letters in a WPS
- Can't open them
- Google says word should be able to open them
- Is there any way to convert them to a word doc, or some other format



Online converter

- https://www.online-convert.com/
- https://convertio.co/document-converter/



Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?





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

SuggestionBox@opcug.ca

February OPCUG meeting Wednesday, February 14th

- AGM
- Using ChatGPT to program in Python
 - Tom Trottier, OPCUG
- Tom cajoles ChatGPT into creating a Python program
 - combine chat and caption transcripts together by time





Ottawa Public Library presentations by the OPCUG

Basic photo editing

- Saturday, Mar 9, 2:00pm, Elmvale
- Building a Website
 - Monday, Feb 26, 6:00pm, North Gloucester
- How to Buy a PC
 - Saturday, Jan 27, 2pm, Centennial
- How to Secure a Wireless Network
 - Tuesday, Feb 6, 2pm, Elmvale
 - Thursday, Feb 15, 10:30am
 Blackburn Hamlet
 - Tuesday, Mar 26, 2pm, Carp
 - Monday, May 13, 6pm, Carlingwood
- How to take better vacation photos
 - Monday, Feb 5, 2pm, Blackburn Hamlet
- Keeping passwords safe
 - Monday, Jan 29, 6pm, Rosemount
 - Monday Feb 26, 6pm, Carlingwood
 - Monday, Mar 11, 6pm, Emerald

Protecting Your PC

- Tuesday, Feb 13, 2pm, Carp
- Saturday, Feb 24, 2pm, Centennial
- Tuesday, March 5, 6pm, Sunnyside
- Typography
 - Thursday, Mar 7, 6pm, Alta Vista
 - Monday, Feb 12, 6pm, Emerald Plaza
- Whoa, backup!
 - Thursday, Feb 1, 6pm, Beaverbrook
 - Monday, Mar 4, 6pm, Orleans
 - Monday, Mar 25, 6pm, Rosemount
- Who's the Boss You or Your Camera?
 - Saturday, Feb 3, 2pm, Nepean Centrepointe
- Windows Performance Tune-up
 - Monday, April 29, 6pm, Carlingwood

