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Scammers on the prowl

- Lots of recent media reports about scams
- Individuals have lost thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars
- They believe double-digit returns, cryptocurrency gains, bank investigators, etc. etc.
- Hopefully, OPCUG members are more savvy
- They have reviewed the information, and especially the examples (with red flags) on our Fraud Watch page...

<https://opcug.ca/fraud-watch/>





----- Forwarded message -----

From: Team Post Ca <a01256521@tec.mx>

Date: Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 7:17 PM

Subject: "Action Required: Customs Clearance for Your Canada Post Parcel"

To:

CANADA POST

INTERNATIONAL PARCEL SERVICE

Customs Clearance Required for Your Parcel

Your international parcel has arrived in Canada and is being processed by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). To complete the clearance and deliver your item, a payment is required.



Your Tracking ID: **CP9Z28444Q1CA**

Notification Date: December 6, 2025

Fees & Charges Summary

Goods & Services Tax (GST/HST):CAD \$2.75

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Processing Fee:CAD \$2.95

Canada Post Customs Clearance Service Fee:CAD \$1.50

Total Amount Due:CAD \$7.20

[PAY FEES NOW](#)

<https://q.me-qr.com/P5R5L4x>



Important Security Notice:

For your safety, please only make payments through our official website. Do not pay via links in unsolicited emails.

Good advice!

You can also manually go to canadapost.ca/track and enter your tracking ID to verify and pay fees.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

The Canada Post International Team

Canada Post Corporation

2701 Riverside Drive, Suite N1000
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0B1

Customer Service: 1-866-607-6301

Website: www.canadapost.ca

**Address, and telephone number
are legitimate**

**The tracking number, if entered at
canadapost.ca/track is not**

**The pattern for the tracking code
(CP9Z28444Q1CA) is incorrect**

Dear Customer,

At RBC, we continuously upgrade our security systems to protect your accounts and personal information.

We recently introduced an enhanced security protocol for Online Banking. The next time you log in, you may notice an updated interface or an additional verification step designed to further safeguard your access.

[Access Your Account Securely](#)

<https://urls.fr/D8...>

What to do:

Simply log in to Online Banking or the RBC Mobile app as you normally do, by going directly to www.rbc.com or using your app. The updates will be applied automatically.

Remember:

- RBC will never send you an email or text asking you to click a link to log in, confirm your identity, or provide sensitive information.
- For the latest security tips and official announcements, please visit our Security Centre at [Link to RBC Security Page] or check the Secure Messages within Online Banking.

Thank you for helping us keep your accounts secure.

Sincerely,

Royal Bank of Canada

Royal Bank – 123 Finance Avenue, Suite 400, City, Country

• Tel: +1 (555) 123-4567

Sneaky – if you aren't alert!

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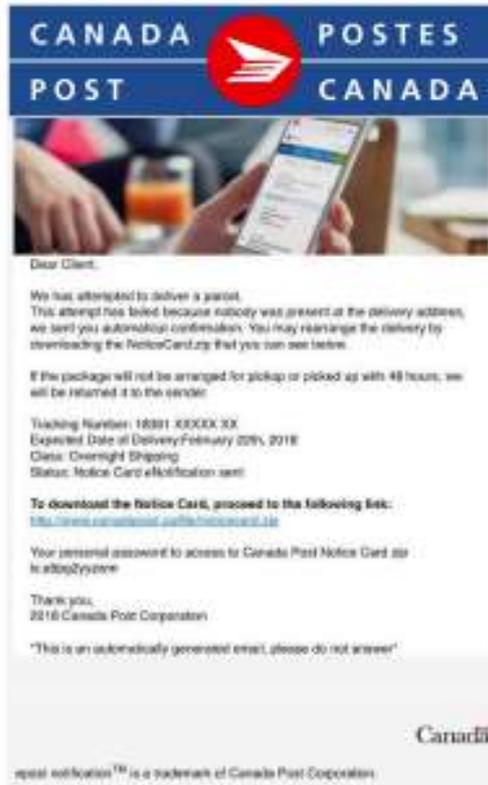
What's wrong with this picture?

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'Tis the season



- Watch out for SMS and E-mail scam messages about packages being undeliverable
 - *Proceed to the following link*
 - *Verify personal information*
 - *Provide credit card details*



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Following E-mail messages:

...ent # 8172468

Date: Tue, 12 May 2020 15:04:30 +0200

From: Troy Ash <smokcu.pahrcent1978@o2.pl>

To: alex@argogold.ca <alex@argogold.ca>





Survey scams?

- I often receive messages wanting me to complete a customer survey after dealing with a company
- The survey links are usually directed to a third party
- Is there a way to verify if it's safe, and related to my actual interaction?
- I haven't heard about scams using customer survey links, but I wouldn't be surprised if they exist



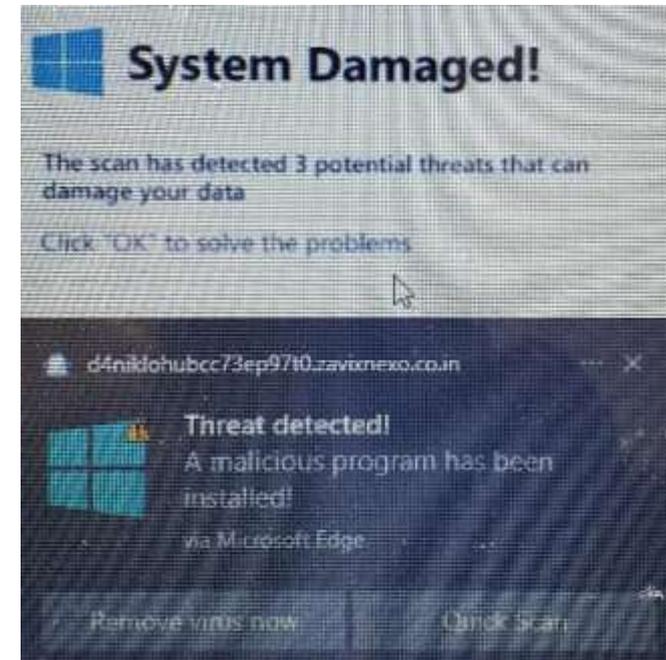
Usually unsolicited

- Unlikely that any survey scam would coincide with a recent business activity
- Can always call the company involved
- Or, don't answer the survey!
- Other unsolicited surveys are likely to follow the usual pattern of urgency (limited time offers), outlandish prizes, etc.



How to get rid of pop-ups

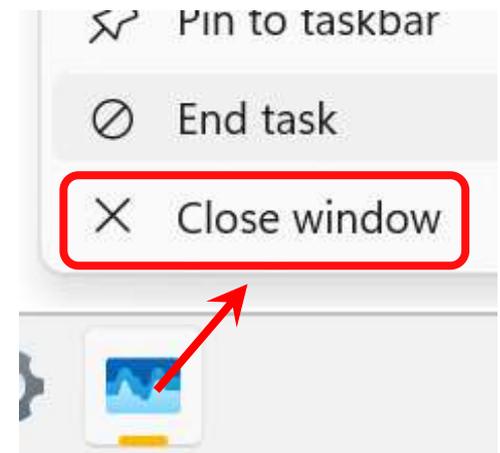
- Windows 10 up-to-date
- Keep getting pop-up messages e.g.:
 - all my files have been encrypted
 - system damaged
 - sometimes a Windows message, sometimes Norton or McAfee
- Pops up every few minutes
 - mentions a website with a suffix of co.in
- Ran a Quick Scan & everything is fine
- I know it's a scam
 - haven't clicked on any links or downloaded anything
- How can I get rid of this continually occurring message?





First...it is a scam!

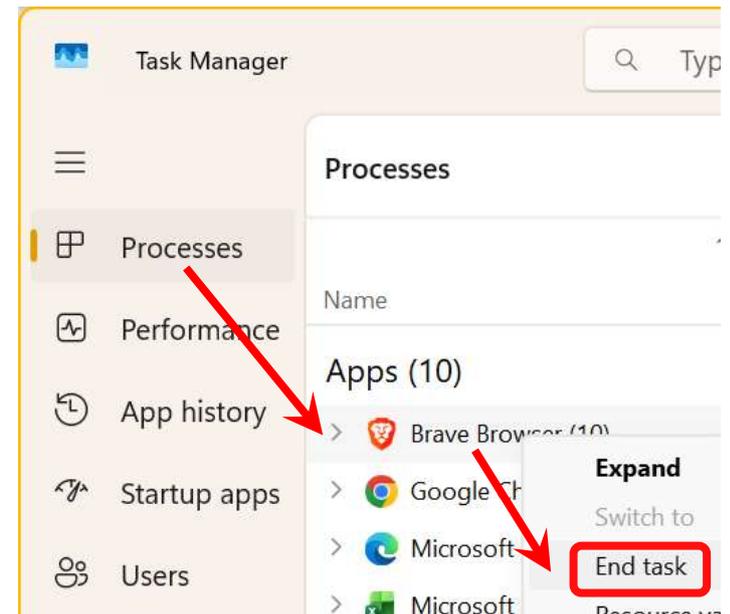
- Trying to get you to click the pop-up
 - will try to get you to pay
 - to get your “encrypted” files back
 - to remove fictional infection
- Don't click *anywhere* in the pop-up
- If the pop-up window has its own icon on Taskbar
 - right-click the Taskbar icon and choose *Close window*
 - not part of the browser session
 - it's a separate program running





Part of browser session?

- If no separate icon, probably part of the browser session
- Try a different browser
 - if no pop-ups, good – means problem limited to your other browser
- Close browser: see if pop-ups stop
 - force-close all browser sessions
 - Ctrl-Shift-Esc (loads Task Manager),
Processes tab,
right click browser processes,
choose *End task*





If pop-ups stop

- Track down what is causing the pop-ups in browser
- Most likely you inadvertently agreed to allow notifications from a website
 - turn off notifications
 - <https://www.perplexity.ai/search/in-a-web-browser-how-to-remove-8xKTgTB0TCKySWnesFILTA#0>
- Try browser again
- If pop-ups gone, that was likely the cause
 - your computer was not likely compromised any other way



If pop-ups still there

- Likely a browser extension is causing pop-ups
- Check for any unknown extensions & disable/remove
 - https://www.perplexity.ai/search/how-to-check-for-unknown-exten-UzM0.wS_Tv.hPpUAcmaTng#0
- Restart browser
- If pop-ups gone, that was likely the cause
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If pop-ups still there

- Reset the browser to default
- What happens when you reset the browser?
 - <https://www.perplexity.ai/search/what-happens-when-you-reset-a-YnnDbMuSRu.s9C6ePUnQEg#0>



Other things to check

- While unlikely to be the cause
 - good to check some other things anyhow
- Do you have some malicious software installed (free scanners)
 - **ESET:** <https://www.eset.com/ca/home/online-scanner/>
 - **Trend:** housecall.trendmicro.com/
 - **Panda Cloud Cleaner:**
<https://www.pandasecurity.com/en/homeusers/cloud-cleaner/>
 - **F-Secure:** <https://www.f-secure.com/en/online-scanner>
 - **Norton Power Eraser:**
<https://support.norton.com/sp/en/us/home/current/solutions/kb20100824120155EN>
 - **Microsoft Safety Scanner:** <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/safety-scanner-download>
 - **Sophos Scan & Clean:** <https://www.sophos.com/en-us/free-tools/virus-removal-tool>
- Check for unknown installed programs
 - Settings > Apps > Installed apps



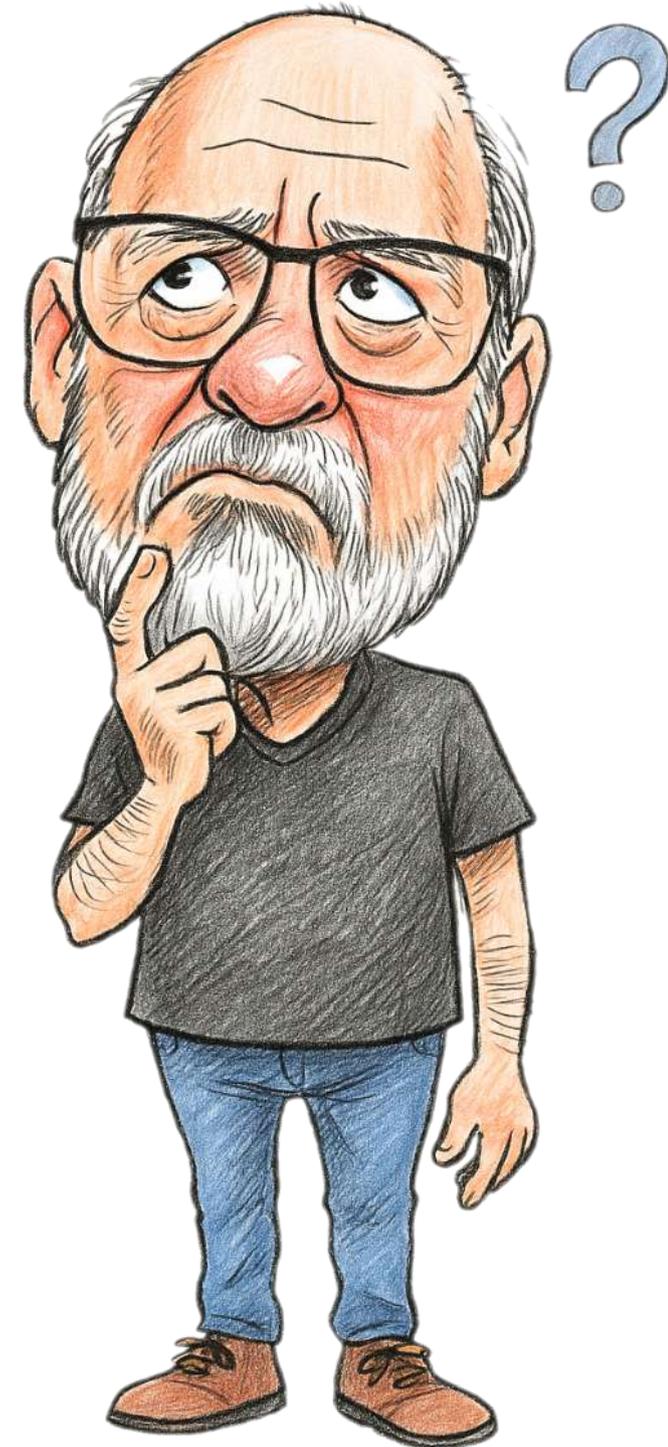
Make sure all software up-to-date

- Anything from Microsoft
 - Settings > Windows Updates > Check for updates
- If third-party apps can update themselves, enable that
- Install one (or more) free update/vulnerability managers
 - **UniGetUI** (best update manager...*IMNSHO*)
 - <https://www.marticliment.com/unigetui/>
 - **Patch My PC Home Updater**
 - <https://patchmypc.com/home-updater>
 - **Glarysoft Software Update**
 - <https://www.glarysoft.com/downloads/?p=su-page>
 - **Secteer VulnDetect** (true *vulnerability* manager)
 - <https://vulndetect.com/#/>



Other ideas?

- Please add to the discussion
- What would you do?
 - unmute yourself and add to discussion
 - write suggestions in Chat
 - follow up at a future Q&A
 - email to SuggestionBox@opcug.ca



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AutoHotKey Part 2 - Scripting



See: 20251217_AutoHotkey.pdf

<https://www.autohotkey.com>



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The Story of Python and how it took over the world



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfH4QL4VqJ0>



Smart TV forgets Apple TV

- Sanyo smart TV (purchased 2016)
- For many months/years, have been able to access:
 - Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube, Disney+, Apple TV
- A couple of days ago:
 - *Apple TV cannot find Internet*
- TV can still stream:
 - Netflix, YouTube, Amazon Prime, Disney+
- Other devices in house can still watch Apple TV
- Rebooting router didn't help
- TV settings
 - TV linked to WIFI
 - says internet not connected
 - yet it can easily access YouTube





Problem solved!

- Called Rogers
- They reset my router and TV box remotely then, most importantly, got me to clear the cache
(*Settings / privacy / locally stored data*)
- I was then able to access the AppleTV login screen, where I re-entered the ID and password
- I also had to re-enter the ID and passwords for Netflix & Amazon Prime
- Bottom line - just like a PC - turn everything off & on again, and flush the cache!

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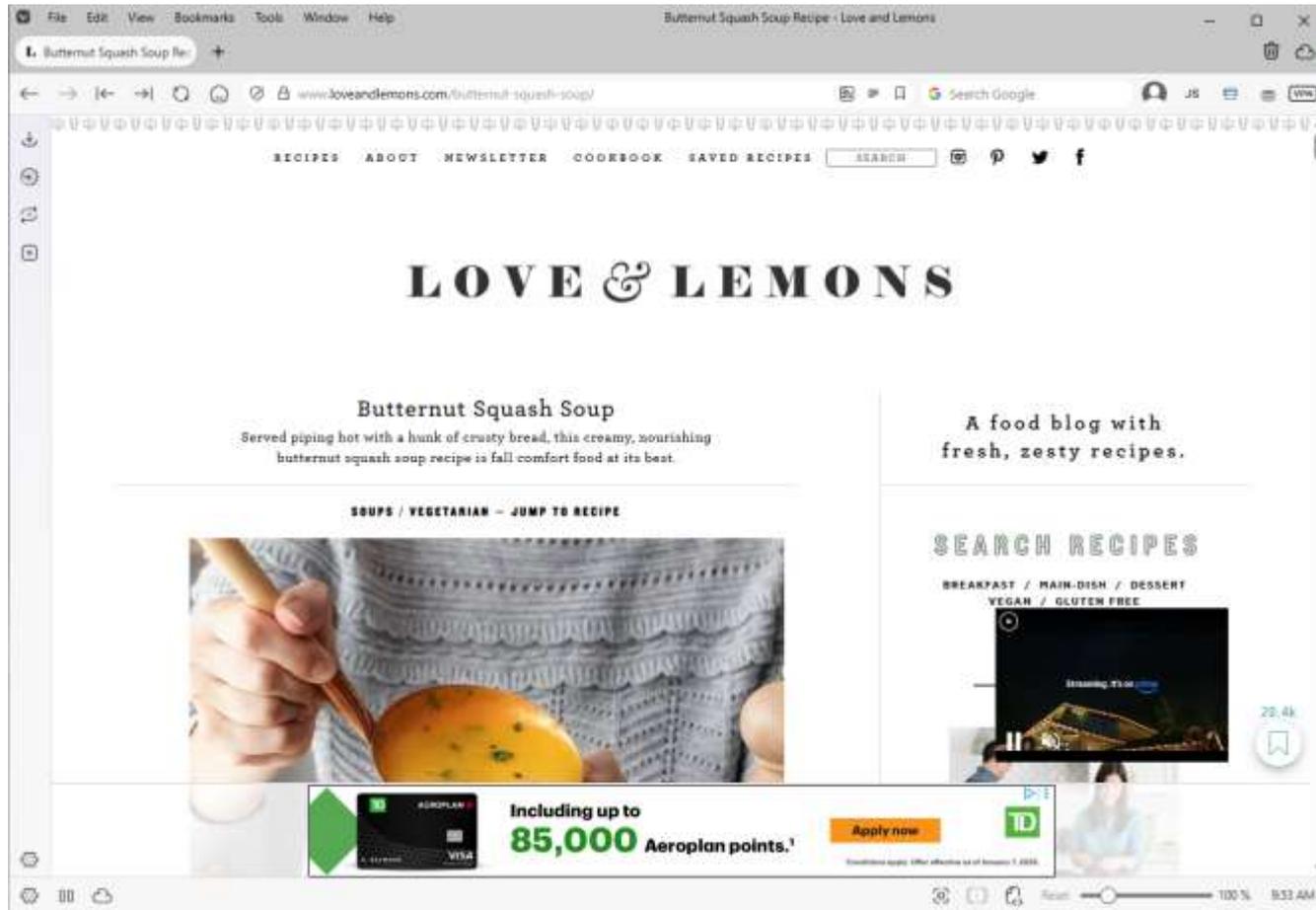
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Butternut Squash Soup Recipe Ingredients

To make this easy butternut squash soup recipe, you need 10 simple ingredients:

- **Butternut squash** – This soup packs in 3 pounds of squash, so look for a medium-large one at the store or farmers market. If you don't have a scale at home, I recommend weighing the squash when you buy it!
- **Yellow onion and garlic** – These veggies add delicious depth of flavor.
- **Fresh sage and rosemary** – I don't reach for rosemary as often as I should.



Ad ends in 2

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Earn up to **\$3,000** in value.¹



- I asked ChatGPT to extract only the recipe for butternut squash soup from the URL
- I added the URL into the request
- The chatbot generated the following:

“Here’s the recipe from the page you linked – just ingredients and instructions for Butternut Squash Soup from [Love and Lemons](#).“

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped [Love and Lemons](#)
- ½ teaspoon sea salt [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 (3-pound) butternut squash — peeled, seeded, and cubed [Love and Lemons](#)
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage [Love and Lemons](#)
- ½ tablespoon minced fresh rosemary [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger [Love and Lemons](#)
- 3 to 4 cups vegetable broth [Love and Lemons](#)
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste) [Love and Lemons](#)

For serving (optional):

- Chopped parsley [Love and Lemons](#)
- Toasted pepitas [Love and Lemons](#)
- Crusty bread [Love and Lemons](#)

Instructions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the chopped onion, salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper; sauté until soft, about 5 to 8 minutes. [Love and Lemons](#)
2. Add the cubed butternut squash; stir and cook until it begins to soften, about 8 to

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If you like — I can also extract **nutritional info**, **serving suggestions**, or **make-ahead/freezing tips** from the page. Do you want me to include those for you?

Recipe for Success!

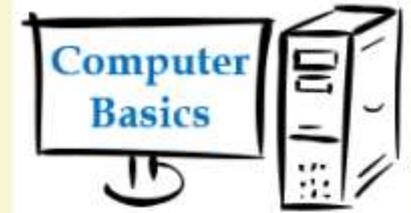
What I like about this is:

- I can easily extract the text, cut and paste into a word document and print it out without a whack of pictures, advertisements, or links
- I can also easily format the text or change fonts to make it easier to read in the kitchen.

*ChatGPT makes it
soup-er simple!*



Computer Basics



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- This is great if you are wondering what a particular house in your area is selling for or what it did sell for.
- It has pictures, videos and all the pertinent information.
- Somone I know well (and is reputedly the “better half”) loves to snoop here.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.housesigma.android&hl=en-US>



GasBuddy: Find & Pay for Gas

- I love this!
- I like to keep track of the going price.
- And, I always check in before I visit my friends.*

(On the nearby reserve – where gas is always cheaper anyway!)*



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gbis.gbandroid&hl=en-CA>

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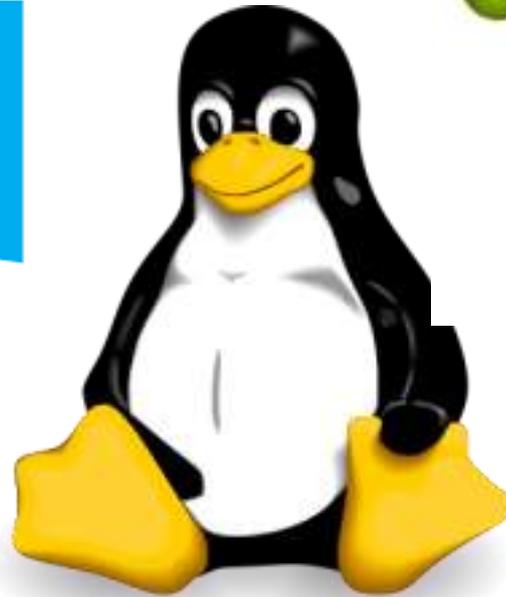
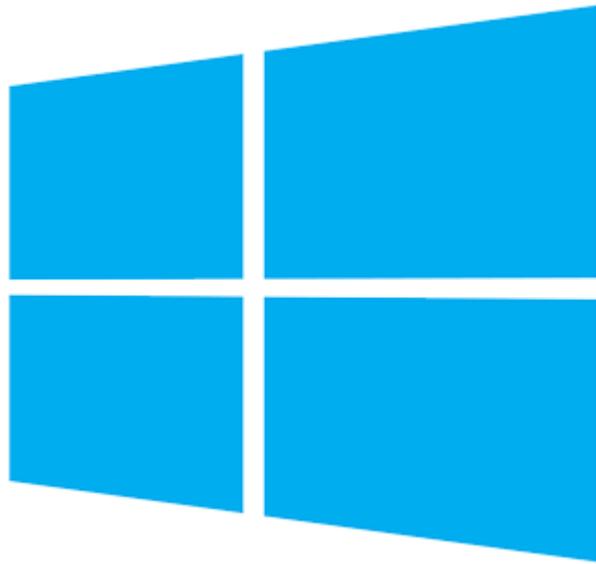
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“nis” comes from the developer’s name (Denis)



<https://ytdlnis.org>

What are your favourite apps?



Follow Up



Creating a PowerPoint Presentation – Part 2

- Multiple slides
- Moving slides around
- Maintain a stash!

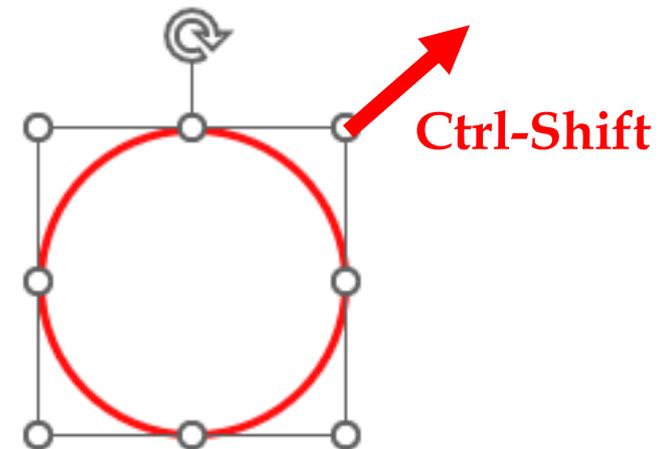
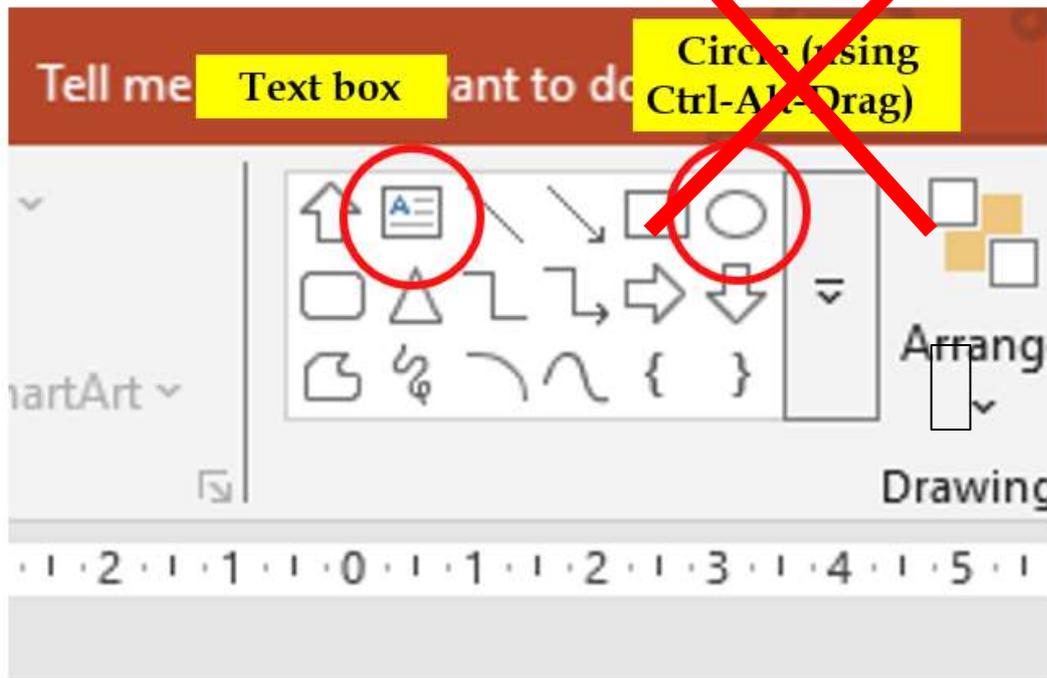


Mea Culpa!

Select the oval shape

Use **Ctrl-Shift-Drag**

to create a perfect circle of any desired size



Establish multiple slides of a specific type

I frequently create a group of slides with the same basic format (e.g. several blank or bulleted list slides) using one of those available in Chris's template file

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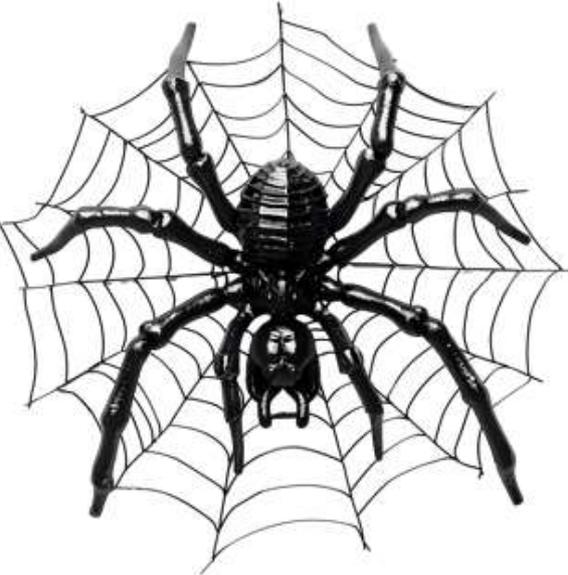
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3 [Screenshot of PowerPoint interface with red circles highlighting the Slide Sorter icon and a slide thumbnail]

4 [Screenshot of PowerPoint Slide Sorter view with a red circle highlighting a blank slide thumbnail]

5 [Blank slide thumbnail]

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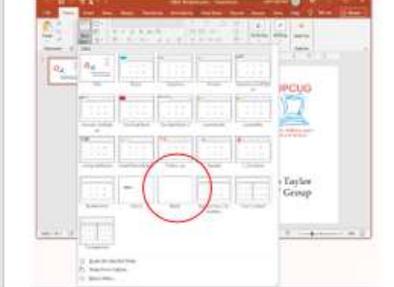
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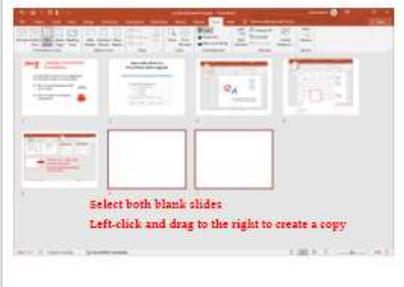


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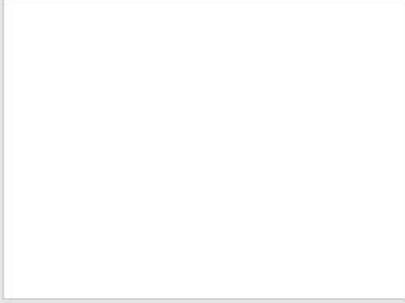
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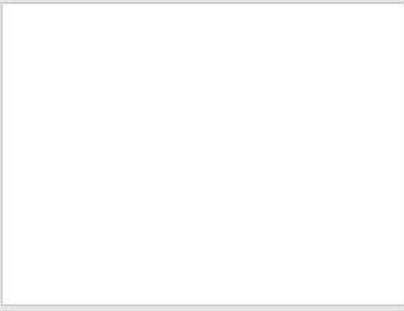
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Repeat...

Moving slides

- Move a slide or a group of slides anywhere in the deck by dragging and dropping
- Single Slide
 - Select the slide with Left-click
 - Drag the slide to the new location
- Multiple Slides
 - Select the slides with Ctrl-Left click
 - Drag the slides to the new location

Select the block of slides

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WHAT'S and graphics

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Earn up to **\$3,000** in value!

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"Here's the recipe from the page you linked – just ingredients and instructions for [Butternut Squash Soup from Love and Lemons.](#)"

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Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped [Love and Lemons](#)
- ½ teaspoon sea salt [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 (3-pound) butternut squash – peeled, seeded, and cubed [Love and Lemons](#)
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage [Love and Lemons](#)
- ½ tablespoon minced fresh rosemary [Love and Lemons](#)
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger [Love and Lemons](#)
- 3 to 4 cups vegetable broth [Love and Lemons](#)
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste) [Love and Lemons](#)

For serving (optional):

- Chopped parsley [Love and Lemons](#)
- Toasted pepitas [Love and Lemons](#)
- Crusty bread [Love and Lemons](#)

Instructions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the chopped onion, salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper. Saute until soft, about 8 to 10 minutes. [Love and Lemons](#)
2. Add the cubed butternut squash, stir well, and cook 10 minutes. [Love and Lemons](#)

• Saute

If you like – I can also extract nutritional info, serving suggestions, or make-ahead/keeping tips from the page. Do you want me to include those for you?

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Recipe for Success!

What I like about this:

- I can easily extract the text, cut and paste into a word document and print it out without a whack of pictures, advertisements, or links
- I can also easily format the text or change fonts to make it easier to read in the kitchen.

ChatGPT makes it soup-er simple!

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Any other: Questions Comments Shares?

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December 24th

There will be no Q&A December 24th and...

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Normal Outline View Slide Sorter Notes Page Reading View

Slide Master Handout Master Notes Master

Ruler Gridlines Guides

Zoom Fit to Window

Color Grayscale Black and White

New Window Arrange All Cascade Move Split

Switch Windows

Macros

- Likely a browser extension is causing pop-ups
- Check for any unknown extensions & disable/remove
 - https://www.pexiplexity.at/search/how-to-check-for-unknown-exten-UzMDnV6_Tv.hPpUAcmaTng#0
- Restart browser
- If pop-ups gone, that was likely the cause
 - your computer was not likely compromised any other way

- Reset the browser to default
- What happens when you reset the browser?
 - <https://www.pexiplexity.at/search/what-happens-when-you-reset-a-YnnDbMuSRu.s9C6ePUhQJeg#0>

- While unlikely to be the cause
 - good to check some other things anyhow
- Do you have some malicious software installed (free scanners)
 - BEST: <https://www.easst.com/ca/home/online-scanner/>
 - Trend: housecall.trendmicro.com/
 - Panda Cloud Cleaner: <https://www.pandasecurity.com/en/homeusers/cloud-cleaner/>
 - E-Secure: <https://www.e-secure.com/en/online-scanner>
 - Norton Power Eraser: <https://support.norton.com/sp/en/us/home/current/solutions/kb2010062420155EN>
 - Microsoft Safety Scanner: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/safety-scanner-download>
 - Sophos Scan & Clean: <https://www.sophos.com/en-us/free-tools/virus-removal-tool>
- Check for unknown installed programs
 - Settings > Apps > Installed apps

- Anything from Microsoft
 - Settings > Windows Updates > Check for updates
- If third-party apps can update themselves, enable that
- Install one (or more) free update/vulnerability managers
 - UniGetUI (best update manager...IMVISHO)
 - <https://www.martilmont.com/unigetui/>
 - Patch My PC Home Updater
 - <https://getchmype.com/home-updater>
 - Glarysoft Software Update
 - <https://www.glarysoft.com/downloads/tp-rau-page>
 - Secter VulnDetect (true vulnerability manager)
 - <https://vulndetect.com/#/>

Drop them in the new location

A Other id

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YouTubeTech



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Computer Basics

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My wish list is as follows:

- 1.
2. **Bill's most-used apps**
- 3.

Follow Up Creating a PowerPoint Presentation - Part 2

- Multiple slides
- Moving slides around
- Maintain a stash!



Mea Culpa!

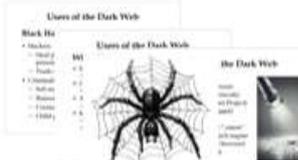


Select the oval shape

Use Ctrl-Shift-Drag to create a perfect circle of any desired size

Establish multiple slides of a specific type

I frequently create a group of slides with the same basic format using one of those available in Chris's template file (e.g. several blank or bulleted list)




Clipboard Slides Font Paragraph Drawing Editing Add-ins

Paste New Slide Section Layout Reset

B I U S abc AV Aa

Shapes Arrange Quick Styles Shape Fill Shape Outline Shape Effects

Find Replace Select Add-ins

Other ideas?

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Share AutoHotKey Part 2 - Scripting



See: 20251217-AutoHotkey.pdf

<https://www.autohotkey.com>

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The Story of Python and how it took over the world



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfH4QL4VgJ0>

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Bill's Favourites

- Bill mainly uses an Android tablet
- He is likely plugged into Q&A this way right now!
- As a result, all of the apps listed are for Android
- Most are available from the Google Play Store
- One is open-source and can be obtained from Github or directly from the developer's web site



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NokoPrint - Mobile Printing

- I use this to print documents, pictures, etc. off my tablet
- I just plug the tablet into an O.T.G. adaptor, and that into my printer.
- The app is free, but is supported by ads.
- It appears to work with most printers and just uses a generic printer program.
- I find this most useful as I won't likely be using my laptop once Windows 10 is dead.



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nokoprint&hl=en-US>

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HouseSigma Canada Real Estate

- This is great if you are wondering what a particular house in your area is selling for or what it did sell for.
- It has pictures, videos and all the pertinent information.
- Someone I know well (and is reputedly the "better half") loves to snoop here.



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.housesigma.android&hl=en-US>

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GasBuddy: Find & Pay for Gas

- I love this!
- I like to keep track of the going price.
- And, I always check in before I visit my friends.*

(* On the nearby reserve - where gas is always cheaper anyway!)



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gbs.ghandroid&hl=en-CA>

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Shazam: Find Music & Concerts

- I collect a lot of music.
- This is great if you have a song and you can't remember who the artist was.
- Start the program and the song and it will come up with the artist.
- I haven't tried it, but apparently you can just hum or sing a song and it will "name that tune".



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.shazam.android&hl=en-GB>

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English (Canada)

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What are your favourite apps?



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Duplicating slides

- Sometimes an existing slide has content and/or is in a format that can be readily reused
- The slide can be duplicated

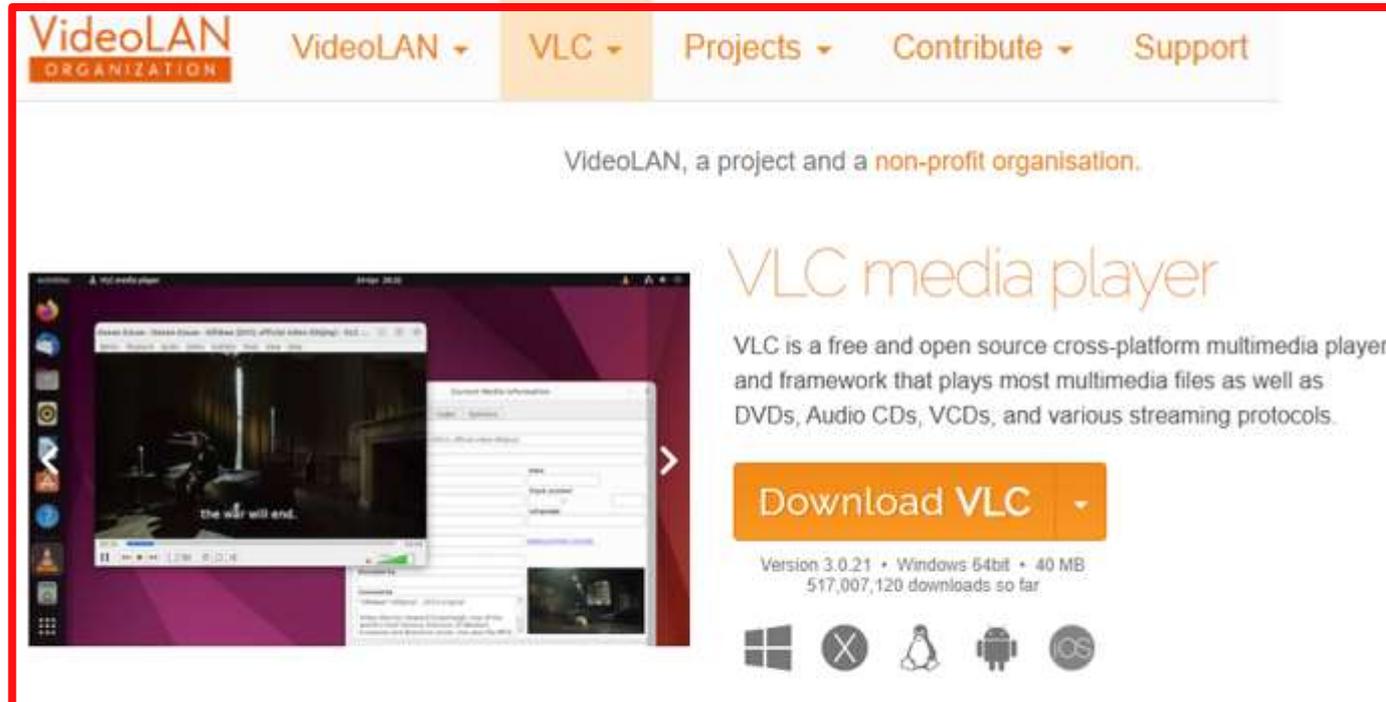
*View > Slide Sorter > Home >
New Slide > Duplicate Select Slides*



Title

VLC media player

Graphic



<https://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

Link

View > Slide Sorter

The screenshot shows the Microsoft PowerPoint application in Slide Sorter view. The title bar at the top reads "Q&A.pptx - PowerPoint" and the user name "Alan German" is visible. The ribbon includes tabs for File, Home, Insert, Draw, Design, Transitions, Animations, Slide Show, Record, Review, View, Help, and Tell me. The View tab is active, showing the Slide Sorter view. The main workspace displays a grid of slide thumbnails numbered 7 through 12. Slide 7 contains red text: "Select both blank slides" and "Drag to the right to create four blank slides...". Slide 8 contains the word "Repeat...". Slide 9 shows a grid of various images. Slide 10 is a screenshot of the VLC media player website. Slides 11 and 12 are blank. The bottom status bar shows "Slide 14 of 28", "English (Canada)", and "Accessibility: Investigate". The zoom level is set to 100%.

Select New Slide

The screenshot displays the Microsoft PowerPoint interface for a presentation titled "Q&A.pptx". The ribbon is set to the "Home" tab, and the "New Slide" button is highlighted with a red rectangle. The ribbon includes sections for Clipboard, Slides, Font, Paragraph, Drawing, and Add-ins. The main workspace shows a grid of slide thumbnails numbered 7 through 12. Slide 7 contains the text "Select both blank slides" and "Drag to the right to create four blank slides...". Slide 8 contains the text "Repeat...". Slide 10 is a slide titled "VLC media player" with a screenshot of the VLC website and the URL "https://www.videolan.org/vlc/". Slides 11 and 12 are blank. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Slide 14 of 28", "English (Canada)", and "Accessibility: Investigate".

Q&A.pptx - PowerPoint Alan German AG

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Paste New Slide Slides

Clipboard Slides

Font Paragraph Drawing Add-ins

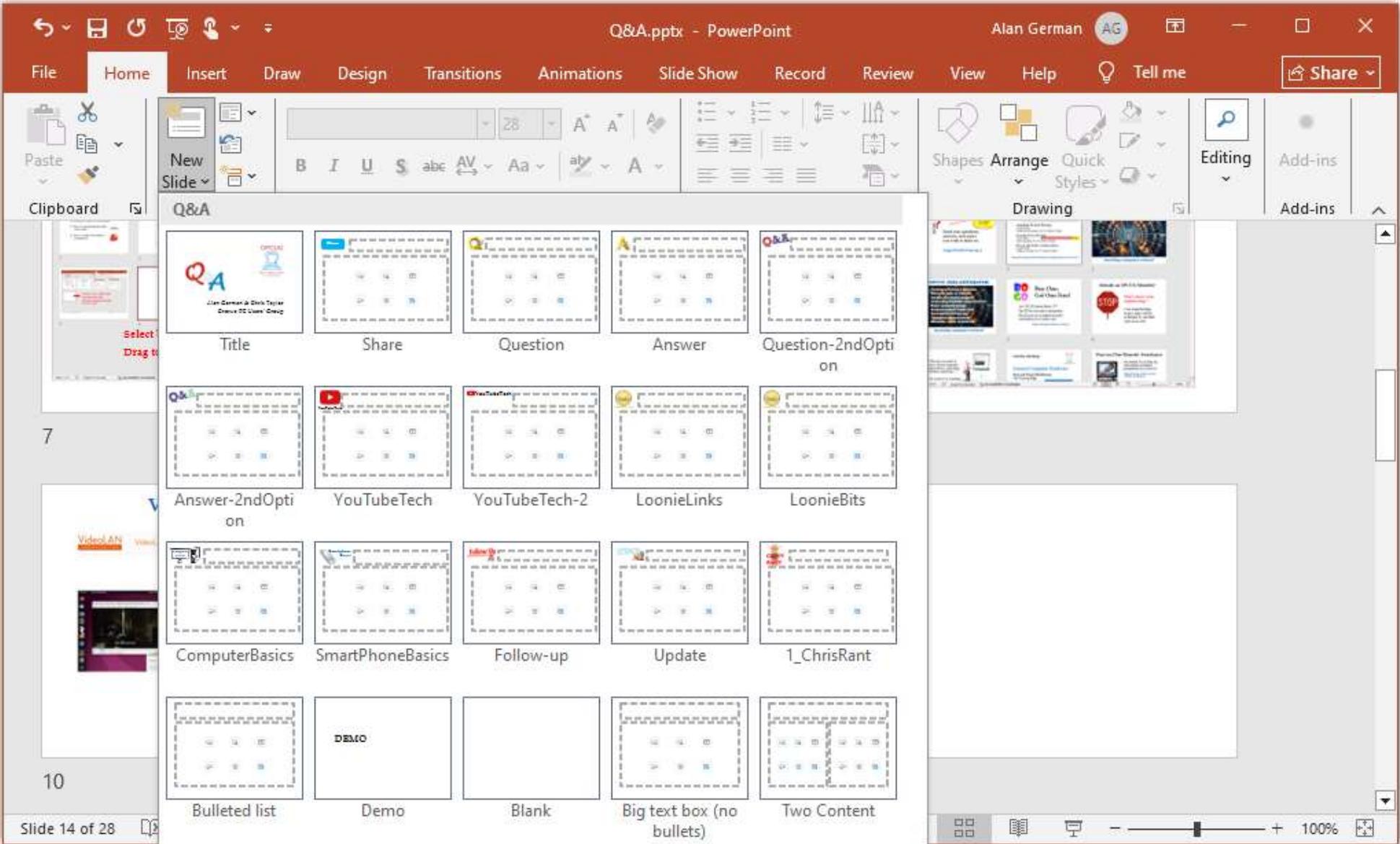
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Drag to the right to create four blank slides...

Repeat...

VLC media player
https://www.videolan.org/vlc/

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Select Duplicate Slide

- Duplicate Selected Slides**
- Slides from Outline...
- Reuse Slides...

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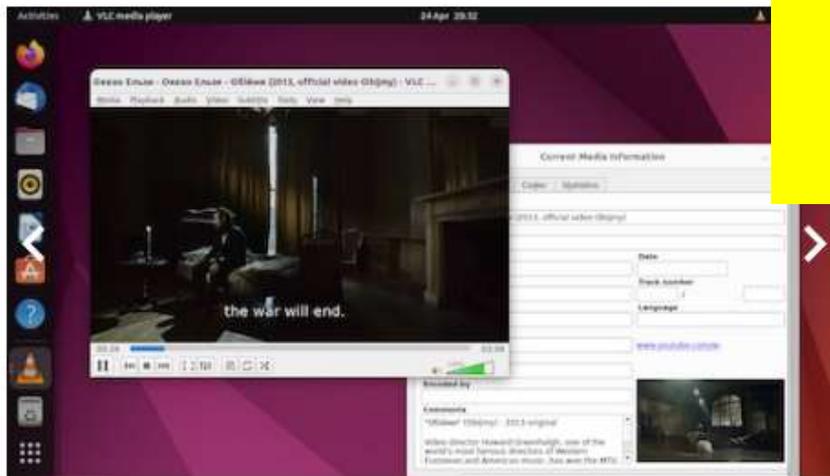
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VLC media player



VideoLAN, a project and a **non-profit organisation**.

Using the duplicate slide...



<https://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

Audacity

Change the title

**Then, delete and change
the graphic, and...**

finally, change the link

<https://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

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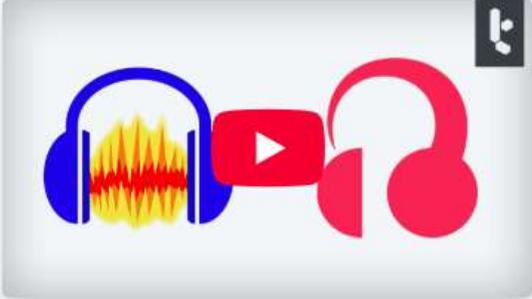
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Maintain a “library” of slides for reuse

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3 OPCUG IDEA GENERATOR
Anything computer-related

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Hardware/software question
Share on topic of interest
Details of a useful program
Interesting YouTube video/channel
Basic computer usage
Recommended Loonie Link
Smartphone/tablet app
Operating system tweak
Windows, Linux or Android
Anything computer-related

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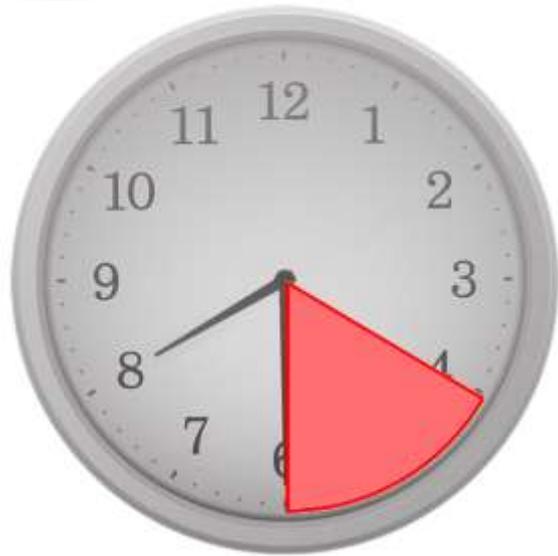
October Meeting
General Computer Hardware
Paul and Maria Middleveen
The Trailing Edge

One-on-One Remote Assistance
The details of our One-on-one remote assistance programme are posted at:
<https://opcug.ca/one-on-one-remote-assistance/>

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NEXT

Part 3 – Text boxes, shapes and graphics



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Bonus presentations



- Lynda had an idea...
- Why don't we offer ad-hoc additional presentations
 - not offered as regular monthly presentations
 - maybe too short, too long, ...
 - on nights other than Wednesday
 - won't conflict with regular OPCUG programming
 - on Zoom
 - enjoy in comfort of your home
 - no registration required
 - if anyone shows up presentation proceeds



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Finding Bonus presentations

- On OPCUG website (<https://opcug.ca/>)
 - **Upcoming events** (<https://opcug.ca/#upcoming>)
 - chronological order with other events
 - category: **Bonus** (<https://opcug.ca/mec-category/bonus/>)
 - if you want to filter out other events
- Each will have a unique URL for Zoom presentation
 - link will be in the *Event* listing
 - in addition to long Zoom URL
 - will (typically) include a TinyURL link
- We will also advertise in:
 - Monthly & Q&A meetings
 - Announcements email distribution

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To kick things off



- **How to take better vacation photos**

with Lynda Buske, OPCUG

- Description:

- Between weather & viruses, attending live lectures in the winter can be challenging. Attend the January presentation *How to take better vacation photos* from the comfort of your home. Learn how to tell captivating travel tales with no captions required!

- When:

- **Thursday, January 8 at 7pm EST** (for approximately one hour)

- Where:

- hosted on Zoom at **<https://tinyurl.com/opcug-bonus01>**
- if the above easy-to-remember link doesn't work, you can use:
 - **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85667952843?pwd=bIadkxFtnVt5KH1FQO4eIXnGqGLepu.1>**
 - or join by entering the meeting ID in the Zoom app
 - Meeting ID: **856 6795 2843**
 - Passcode: **opcug**

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December 24th



There will be no Q&A December 24th and...

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December 31st



Next Q&A
will be on
January 7th

...I'm even busier on the 31st !!!

New Year's Resolutions

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SPECIAL
TO OFFER



- Join OPCUG before March 31st
- Pay the annual membership fee of \$20.00
- Receive an additional free-year's membership

Two years for the price of one!

<https://opcug.ca/join-or-renew/>

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Q End User Licence Agreements (EULA)

- When you install an app you usually have to agree to the terms of a EULA with gazillions of pages
- It's almost impossible to carefully review all of the text
- Are there specific sections of EULA's that people look at to identify issues of concern?



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SmartApps

- Useful apps for Android smartphones and tablets
- What are your favourites?

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Can also be a
program for
your PC



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4. Send us a Loonie or YouTube Tech Link

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Loonie Links



- Highlighting Canadian sites with information of interest to Canadian consumers
- Can you help fulfill our motto *Users helping users?*
- Do you know of Canadian sites with interesting info?
- You could speak to the items or just submit the info for inclusion at a future Q&A

SuggestionBox@opcug.ca



YouTube Tech

- Many OPCUG members use YouTube and can identify gems that would be of interest to others
- What YouTube videos or channels would you recommend?
- Restrict suggestions for Q&A to tech items (no cute cats or babies!)

 YouTube

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5. Write an article for the newsletter



Have the desire
to be an author?

The Editor of
Ottawa PC News
would like to
hear from you...

All computer-related articles welcome!

brigitte lord@opcug.ca

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6. Attend the next Q&A Session on Wednesday, January 7th





**We can (probably) help.
What would you like to do?**

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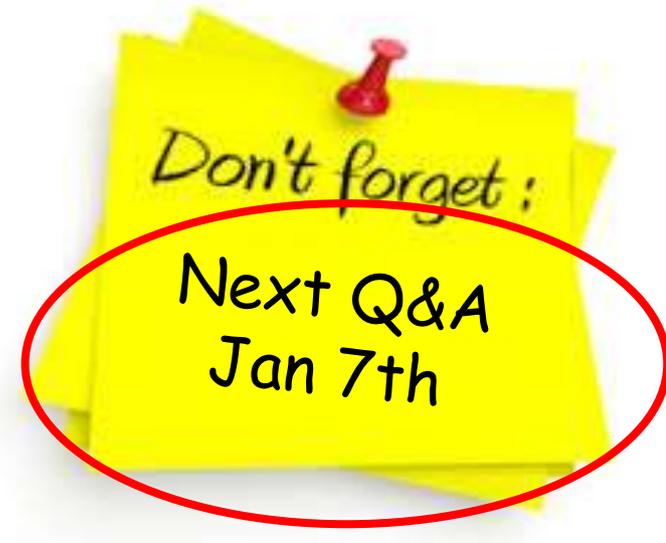
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**Merry
Christmas**





No Q&A on
December 24 or 31
(Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
See you in 2026)



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