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Follow-up

Windows 10 Version 2004

The feature update (v2004) arrived on my laptop on Sunday. It took 1 hour, 3 getting things ready, 2 downloads, and 2 installs to get to 86% (at which point I had something else to do.) Finishing required 4 reboots. But, the new start menu is very pretty!

Windows specifications

Edition	Windows 10 Home
Version	2004
Installed on	2020-08-16
OS build	19041.450





I noticed some participants mentioned that they use Outlook or Gmail. I have Yahoo as my main provider, and have added Gmail for when I want to maintain some privacy (i.e. not give out my main e-mail address). I have some difficulties with Yahoo, including ads and creating group lists. Which E-mail provider is best and why?



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G-mail works well (for the most part).

It provides a webmail interface but can also be used as a POP/IMAP account in a mail client.

It will let you forward your Gmail messages to your regular E-mail address.

Accounts are free, so multiple accounts can be used (e.g. for regular mail, as “throwaway” addresses, etc.)



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A downside can be that the account you want (alan@gmail.com) is already taken and you must use alan786539@gmail.com

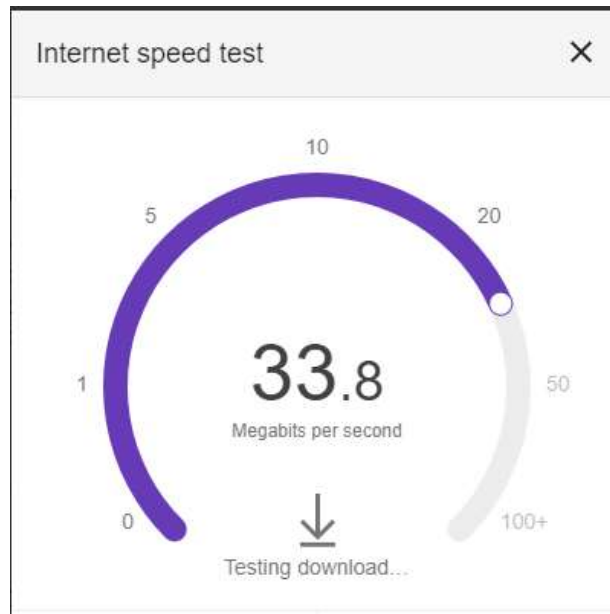
An upside is that it's easy to establish a unique, throwaway E-mail address such as alan786539@gmail.com





Which Internet Service Provider (ISP) do you use?

- cheaper plans (internet, packages, cell)
- new providers in Gatineau-Ottawa



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Less expensive than the big boys:



**#1 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER, 7
YEARS RUNNING.**



**BACK IN MY DAY, 56K WAS
HIGH SPEED.**

No commitments. No hidden fees.

- Cable or DSL connection
- 5 – 150 Mbps
- \$34.95 – \$ 67.95



Example: Cable 30 Unlimited

A promotional card for the Cable 30 Unlimited service. It features three columns of information. The left column lists features: "Download speeds up to 30 Mbps", "Upload speeds up to 5 Mbps", and "Connect 5-9 devices at once", each preceded by a teal icon (download, upload, and user respectively). The middle column displays "UNLIMITED" in large teal letters, with "Monthly Usage" in smaller black text below it. The right column shows the price "\$49⁹⁵ / Month" in large black text, followed by an orange "Order Now" button with a shopping cart icon, and a red "View package details" link at the bottom.

SmartRG SR808ac Modem
\$159.95 purchase
\$ 13.32/month rent



Are you a cord cutter?

Do you receive your TV signal over-the-air (OTA) and/or do you use a streaming service?

What system/service(s) do you use?



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OTA using an indoor antenna

Check potential available channels at tvfool.com



- Lots of options at Amazon
- \$10.00 – 30.00
- Reception mixed
 - CBC Ottawa, TVO – good
 - CTV Ottawa – no signal
 - PBS – no signal
- Amplifier makes no difference

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TekSavvy offers streaming TV (in addition to an Internet package)

**TELEVISION IS HERE AND IT'S
DIFFERENT. IN A GOOD WAY.**

Basic TV	\$20.00
News	8.00
Sports	8.00 – 20.00
Cloud PVR	10.00

TekSavvy



Nvidia Shield TV
\$149.99



Is there any way of getting rid of the pictures from around the world that Microsoft sends us?

Every time there is an update I have + + problems with my computer... grrrrr



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Disable MS images by navigating to:
Settings - Personalization - Lock Screen

Change the drop-down menu from *Windows spotlight* to *Picture* or *Slideshow*.

You can then choose your own image(s) to be displayed.



<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/disable-windows-10-background-login-screen-picture/>

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To disable the Lock Screen completely*,
navigate to: *C:\Windows\SystemApps*

Right-click on the folder
Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2txyewy

Rename it to:
Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2txyewy_disabled

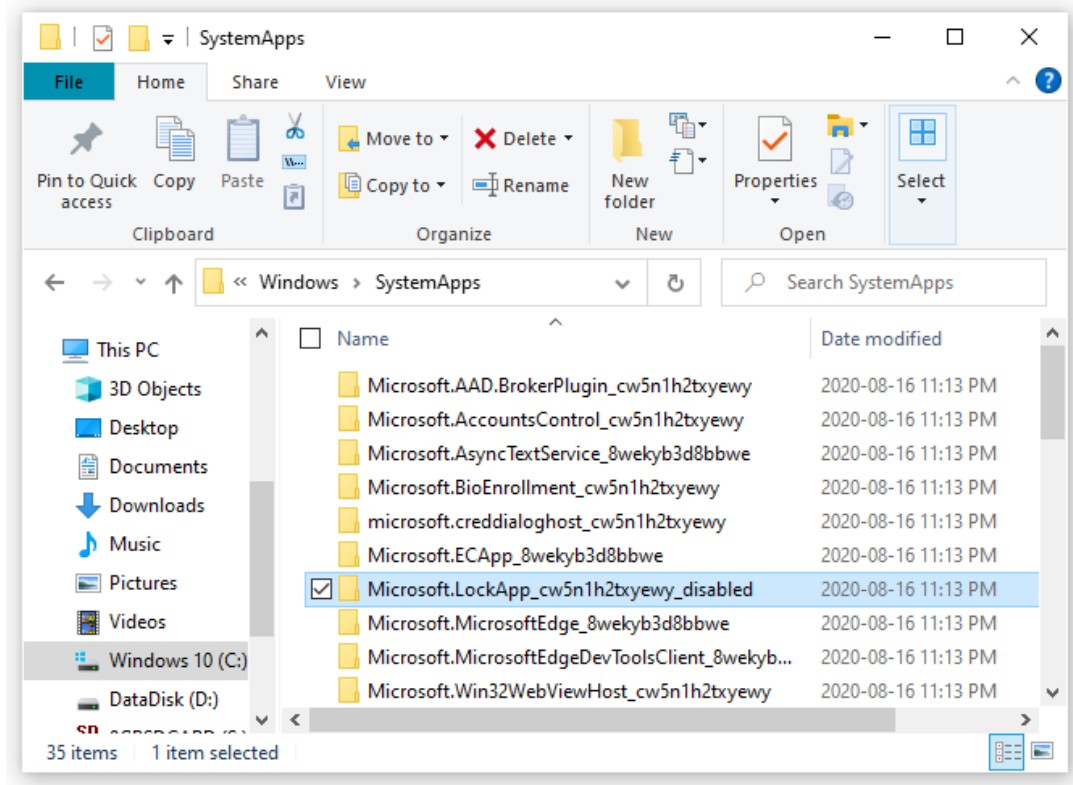
<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-to-disable-the-lock-screen-the-easy-way-in-windows-10/>

Courtesy of Micheline Johnson
and



* However...

It appears that you must use an administrator's account; using a regular user's account and allowing the rename process doesn't rename the folder!



The lock screen is still displayed on boot up (which is precisely what I wanted to disable!)

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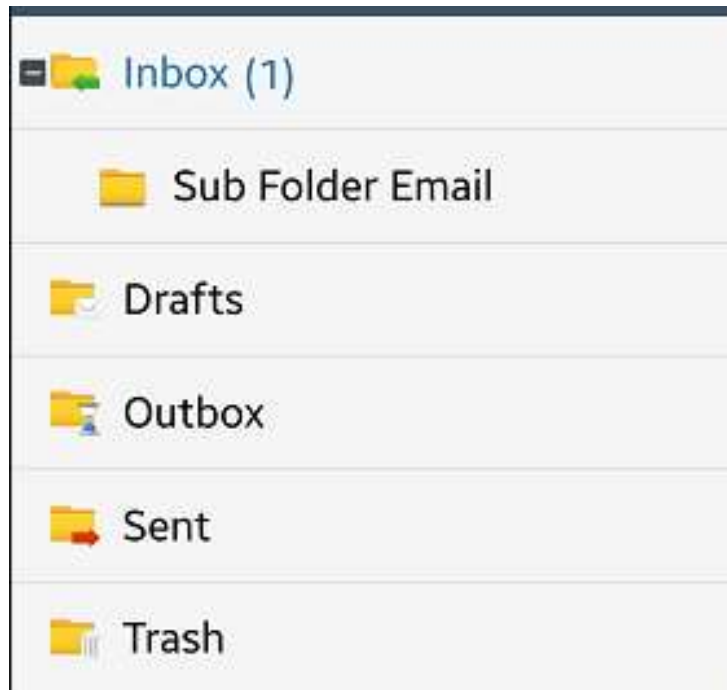


I have two Email addresses for myself on my Samsung smartphone using the Email app with Gmail and Windows Live Mail. One address is correct and one has been mis-typed. How do I delete the incorrect address? It does not seem to be in my Contacts.



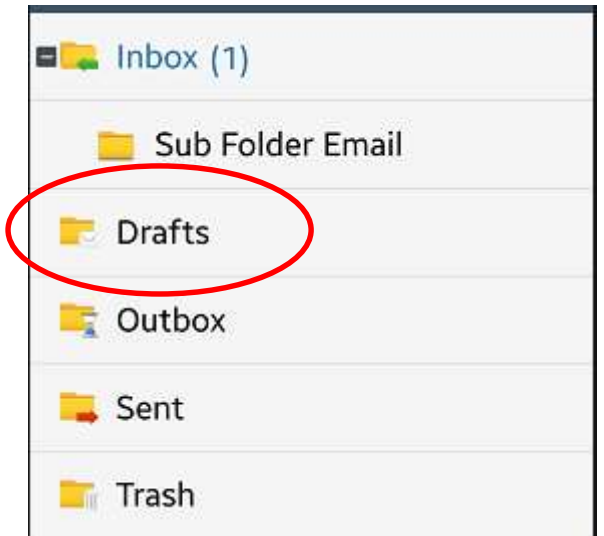


What causes a message to go to the Drafts or Outbox folder on my phone?



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An incomplete (or complete) message can be saved to the Drafts folder. The message can be opened at a later time, completed, and then sent as normal.

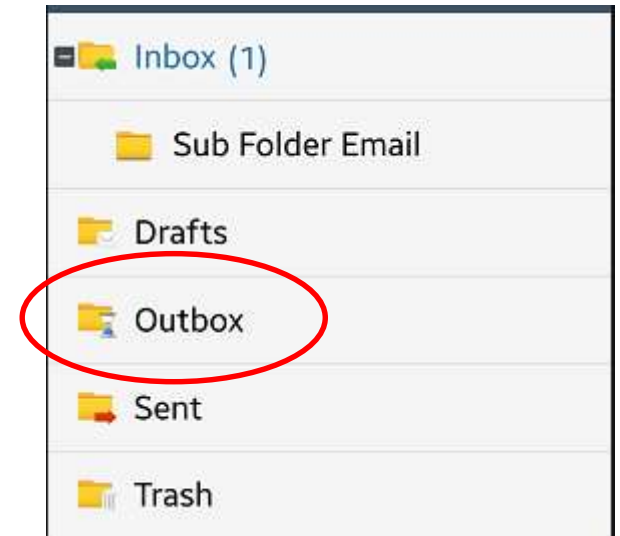


Some mail clients (e.g. Thunderbird) can be set to autosave messages every N minutes.

Messages are removed from Drafts when they are sent (or deleted).

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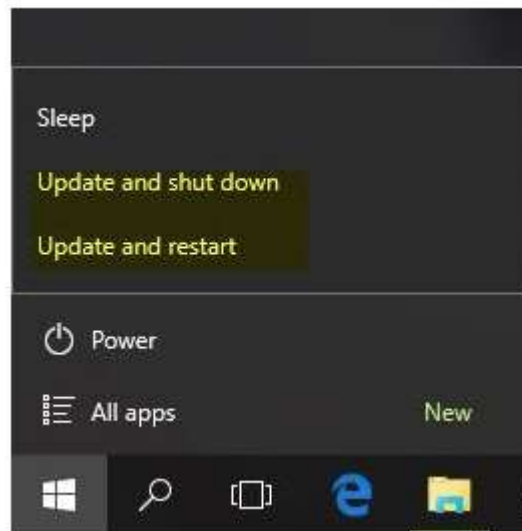
Some Email programs save messages in progress to the Outbox folder. When the messages are sent to the recipients, they are moved to the Sent folder.



Messages can become stuck in the Outbox if the Email program loses contact with the Internet. They can be sent automatically when Email access is restored, or they may need to be resent manually.



Once in a while, when I shut down my computer, a pop-up shows: "*Update & Shut down*" or "*Update & Restart*". I usually choose Update & Shut down, but wonder what the computer is updating?



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Windows Update is downloading and/or installing updates but you want to shut your machine down. The pop-up wants you to allow the updating process to complete, after which the machine will automatically be shut down (or restarted).





**Any Other:
Questions?
Comments?
Shares?**



If we have time...

Logitech Spotlight Presenter

You may not need it but it's way cool!



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A Windows Clone

A way to transition away from Windows 7 (or 10!)

Alan German



An Introduction to the Raspberry Pi

September 9, 7:30 pm

Details at:

<https://opcug.ca/events/september-meeting/>



Tech Café, OPL
September 14, 10:00 am

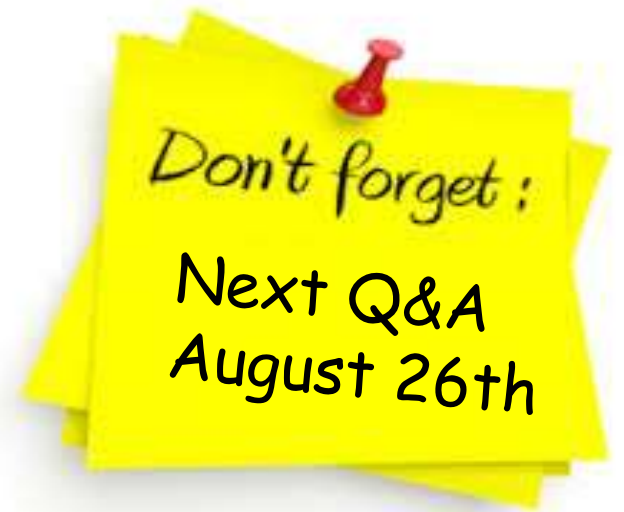


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Tune-up**

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Questions



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