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Follow-up

How to digitize film

- Best might still be use the services of the Ottawa Public Library
  - Digitization lab at Beaverbrook
  - **https://biblioottawalibrary.ca/en/digitization-lab**

- Hudson Henry
  - *Approaching the Scene 125*
    How to Easily Digitize Film
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZqa5QAmwuw
  - *Follow-up at "Office Hours" webinar (starting 17:40)*
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cnu-r7VvQBA

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Microsoft class action settlement

- If you bought:
  - Microsoft Windows, Office, Word, or Excel
  - between Dec. 23, 1998 and Mar. 11, 2010
- You could get up to $250 cash for individual licenses
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  - deadline to submit: September 23rd, 2021

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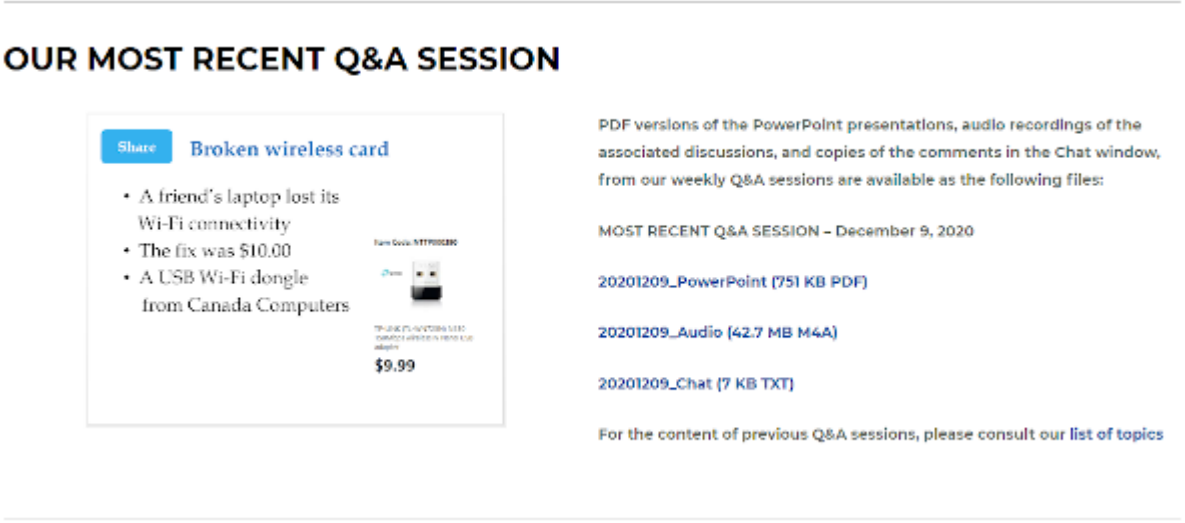

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- A friend's laptop lost its Wi-Fi connectivity
- The fix was $10.00
- A USB Wi-Fi dongle from Canada Computers

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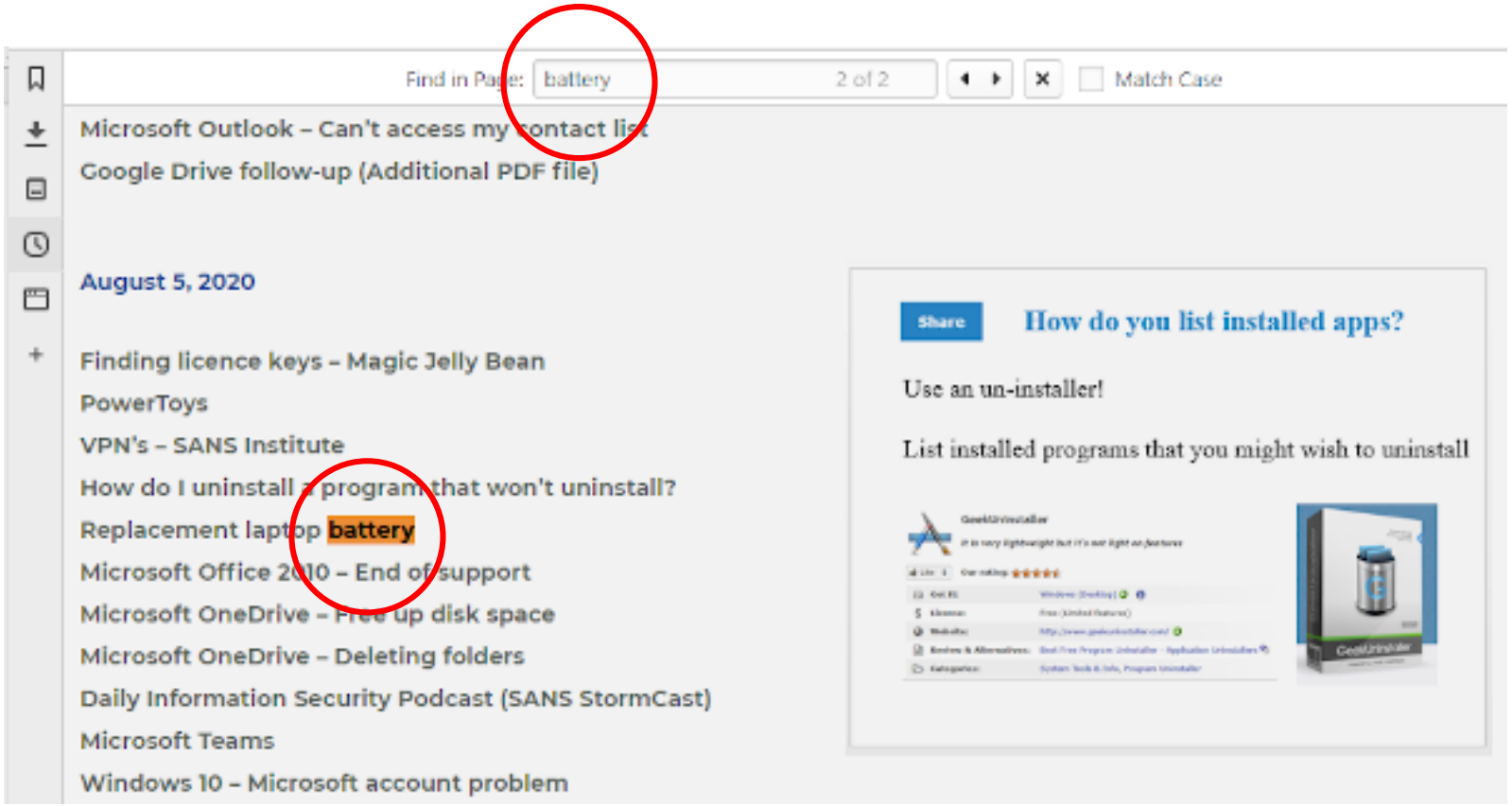

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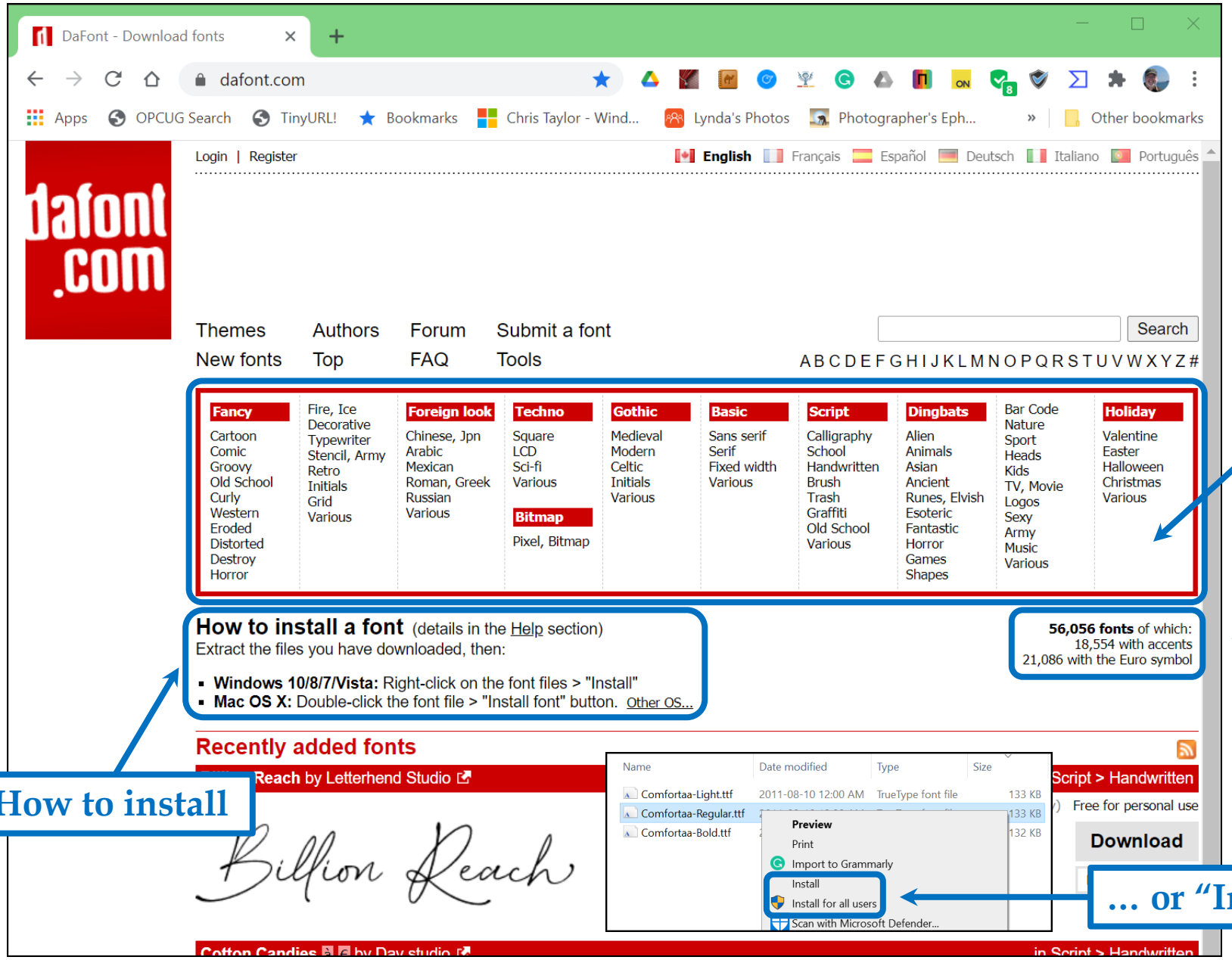

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Lots!

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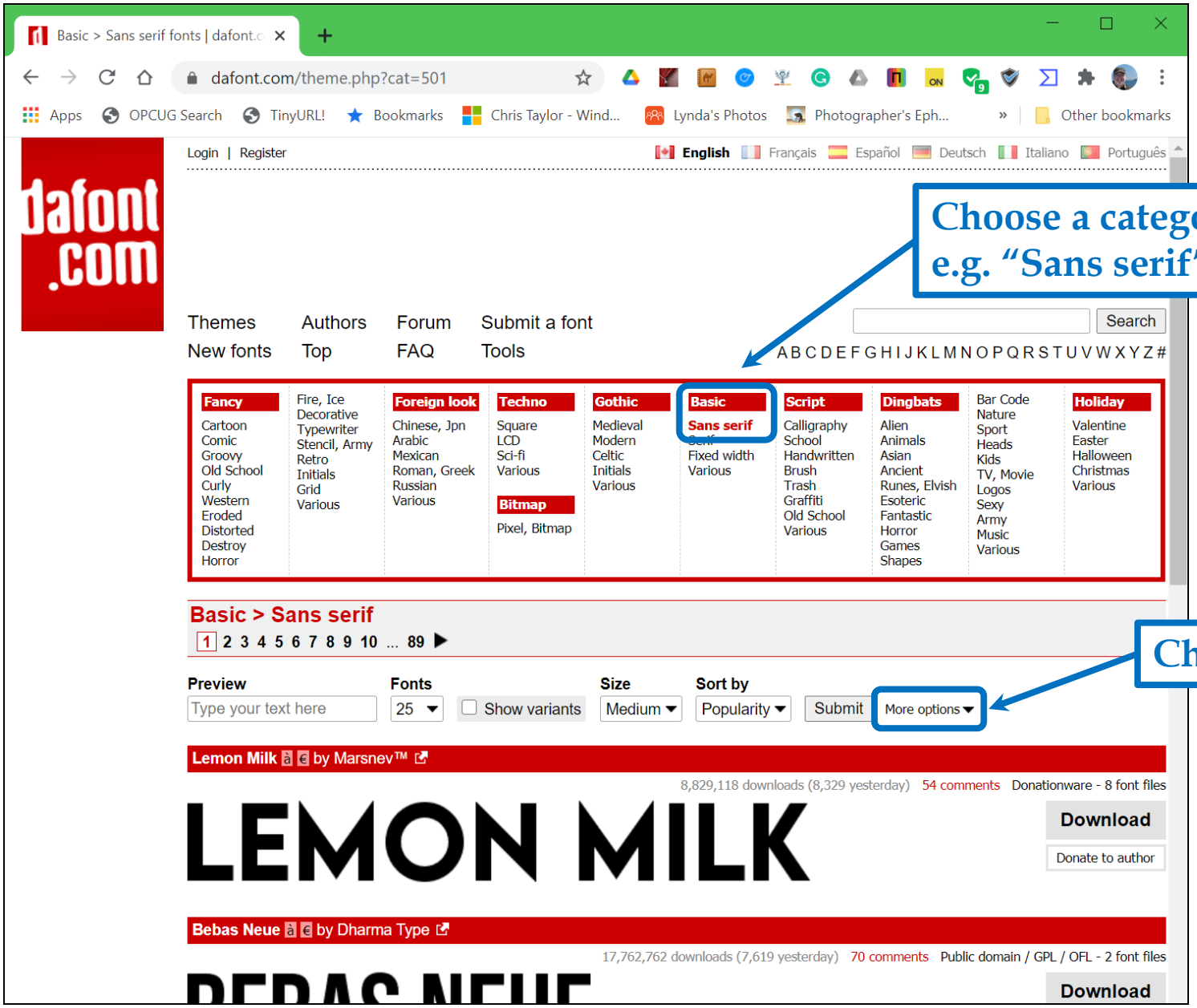

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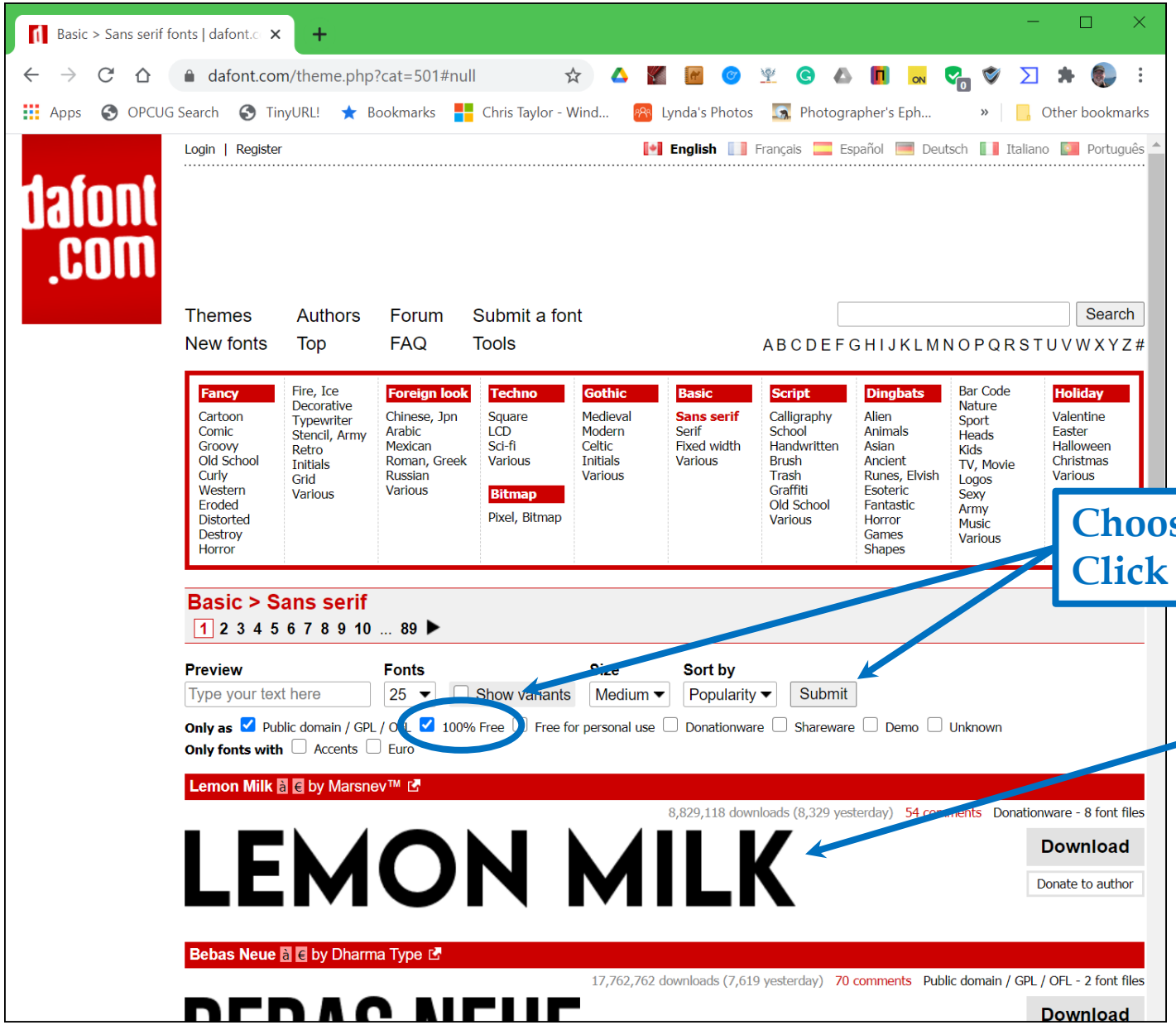

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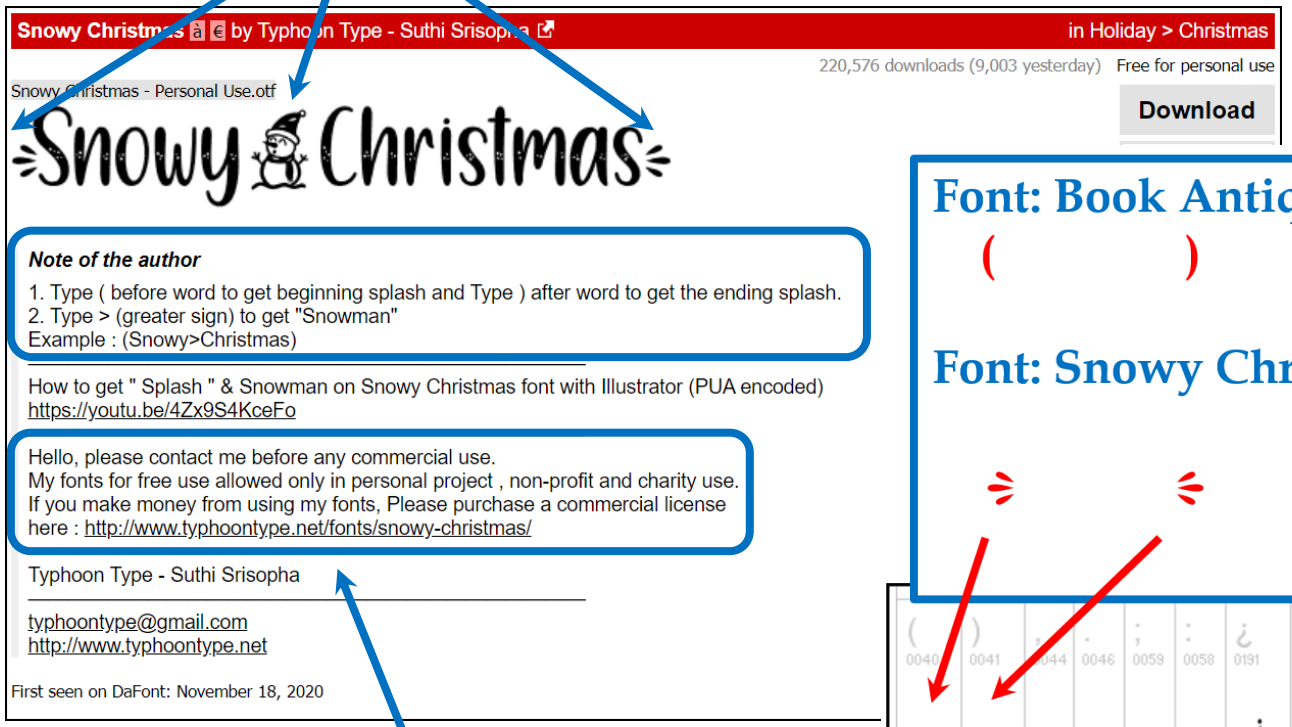

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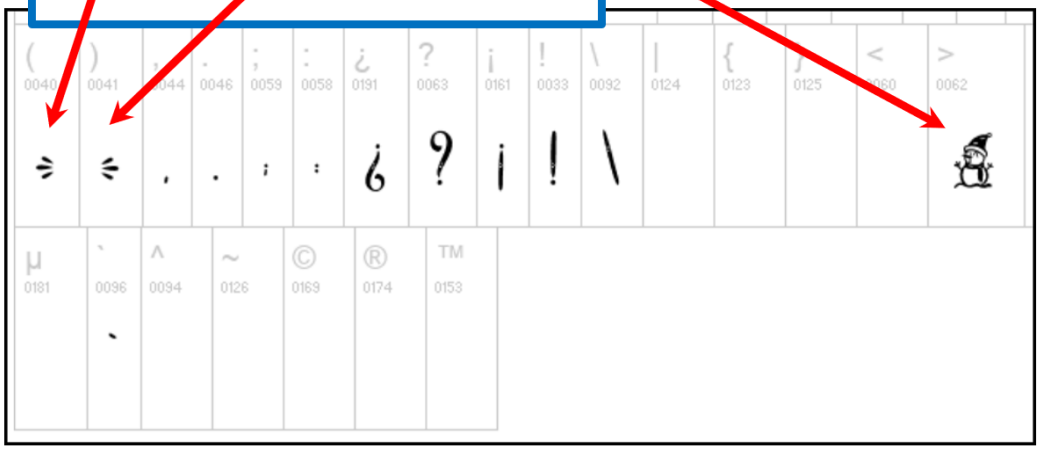

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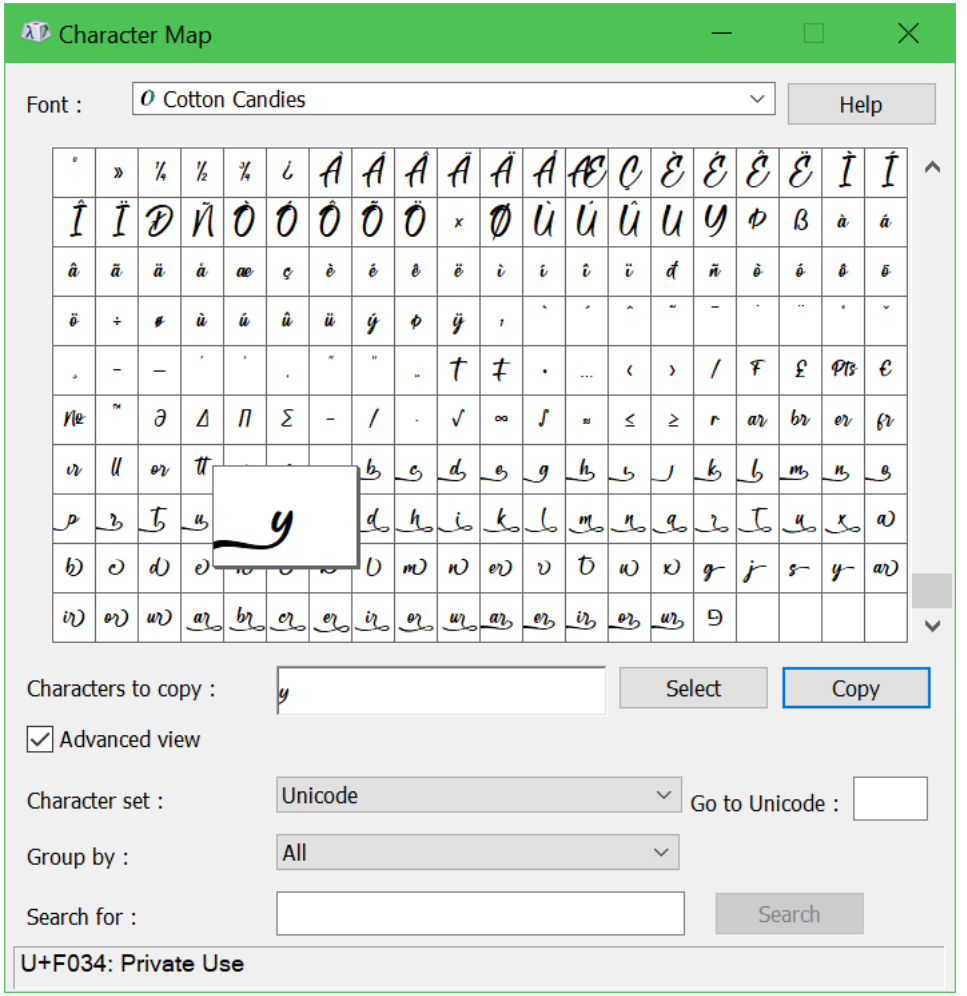
Cotton Candy



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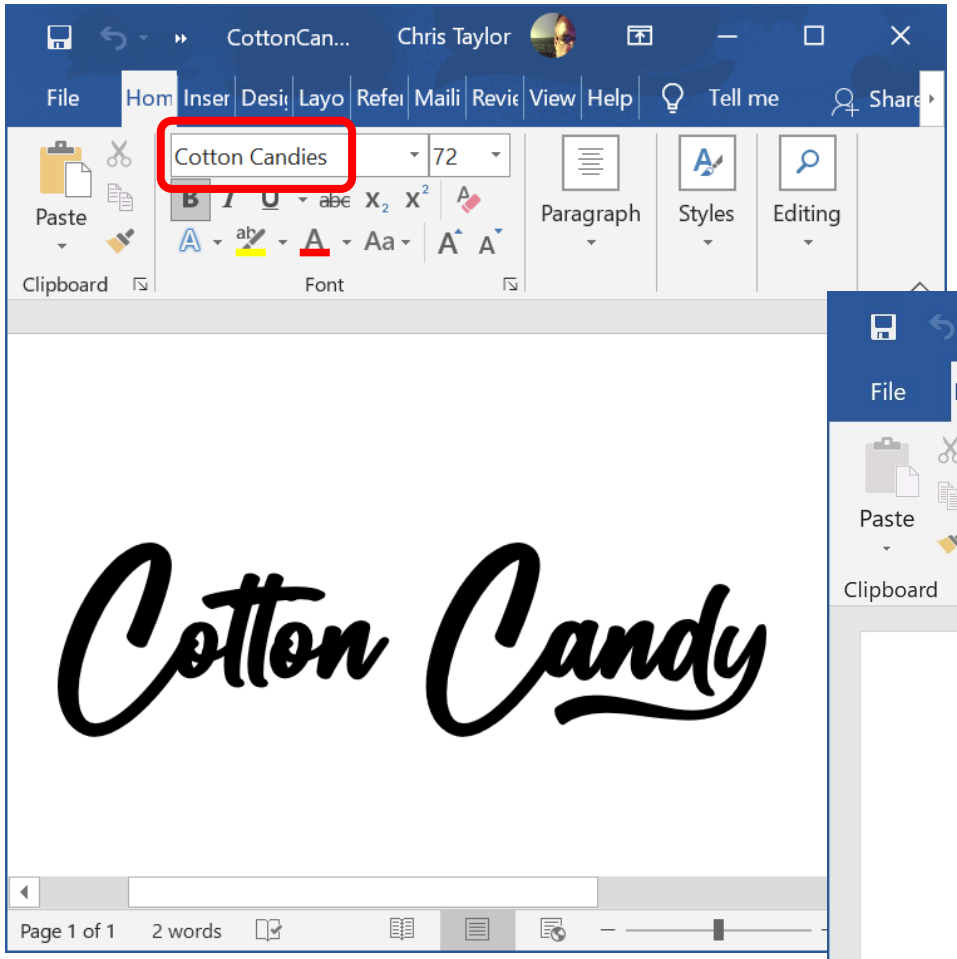
"Cotton Candies" font installed



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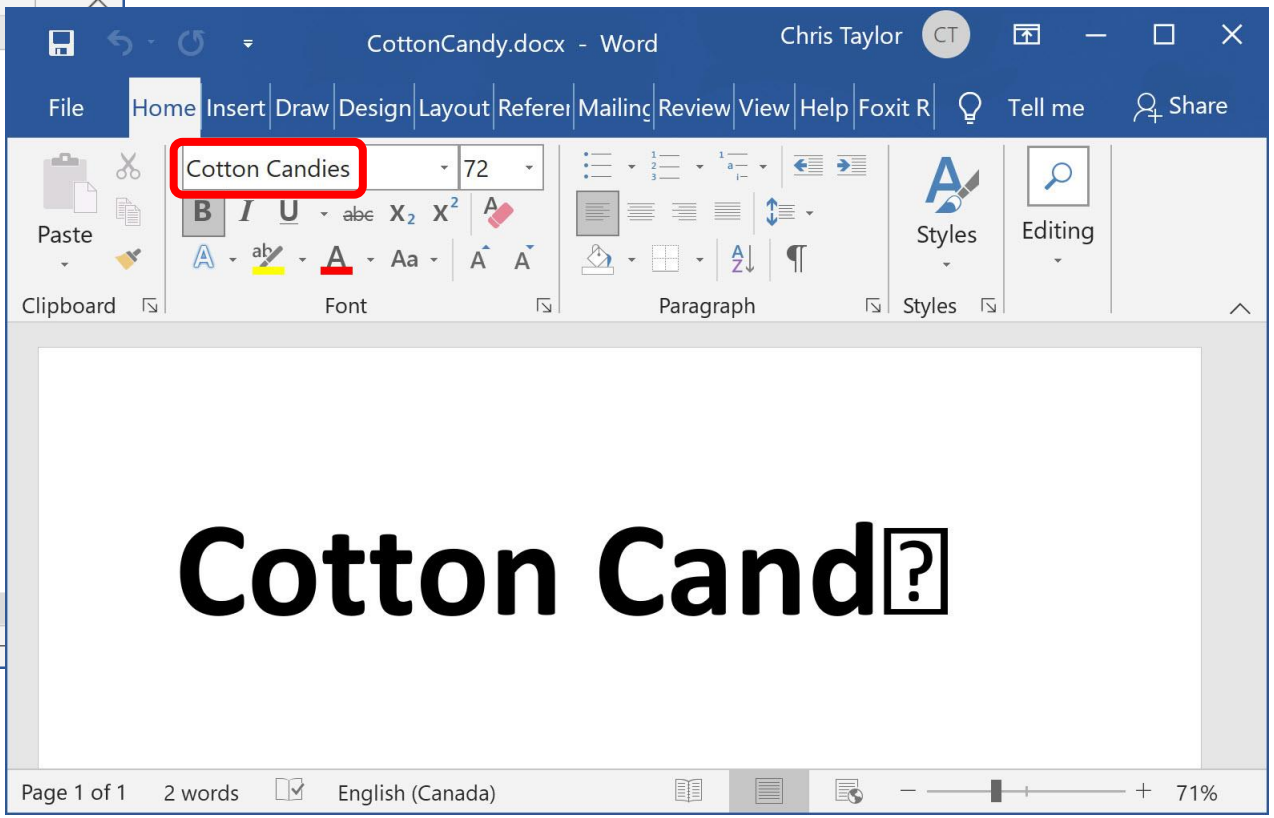

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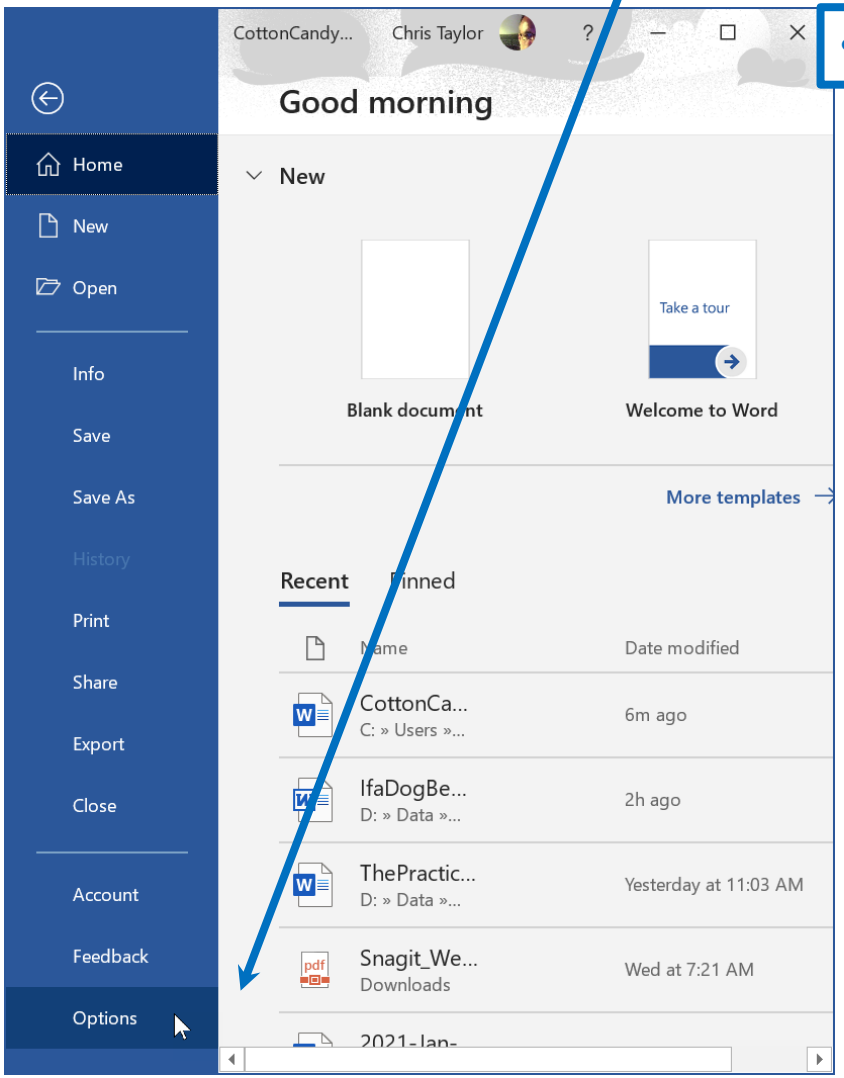
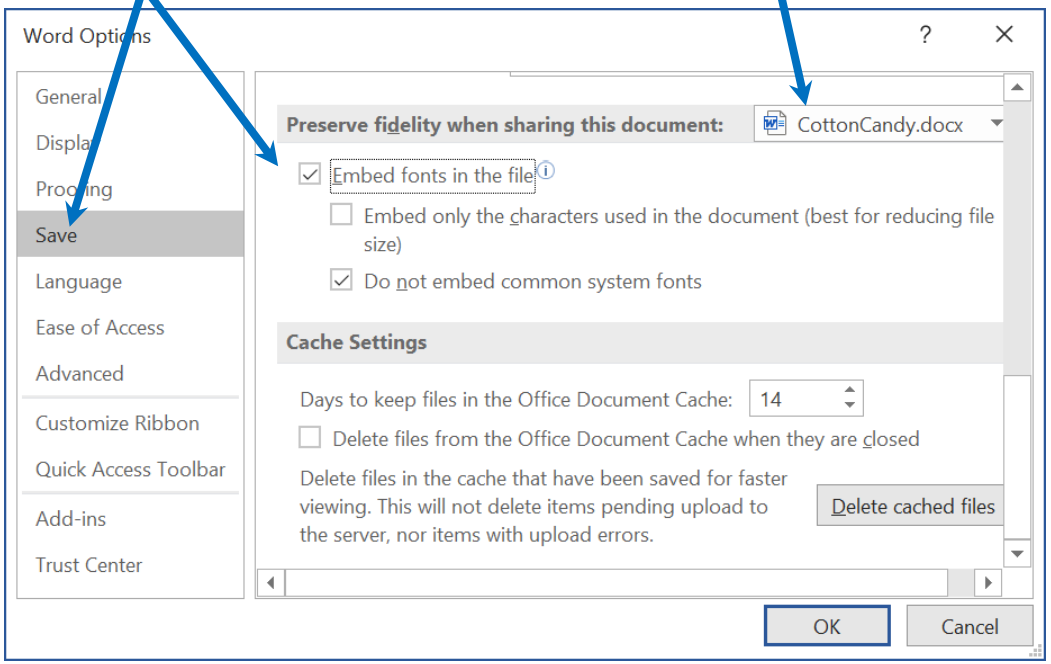
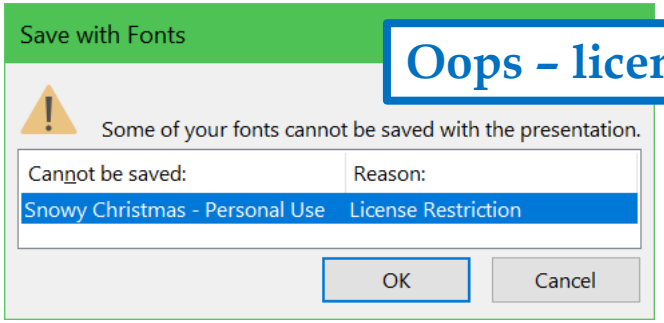
In Microsoft Office
- File | Options

- Save | Embed fonts

Can choose current document or all new documents







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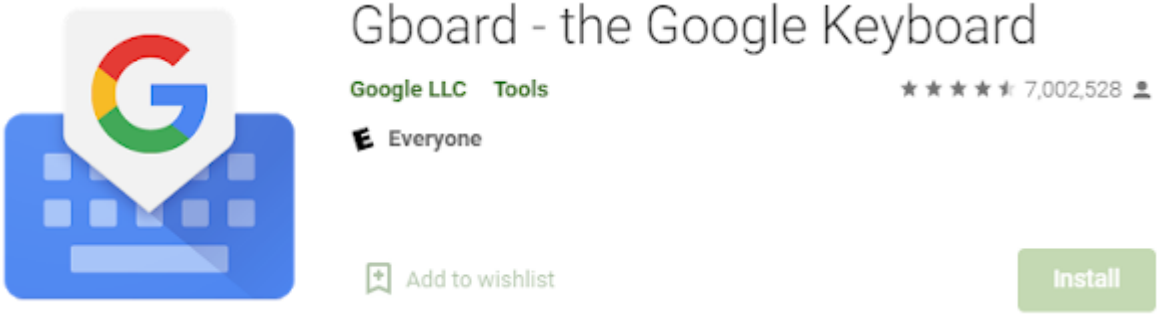
Replacement keyboard with many useful features



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- Glide Typing —Type faster by sliding your finger from letter to letter
- Handwriting — Write cursive & printed letters
- Multilingual typing — Autocorrect and suggest from enabled languages.
- Google Translate — Translate as you type.
- Emoji Search — Find that emoji faster
- GIFs — Search and share GIFs for the perfect reaction.

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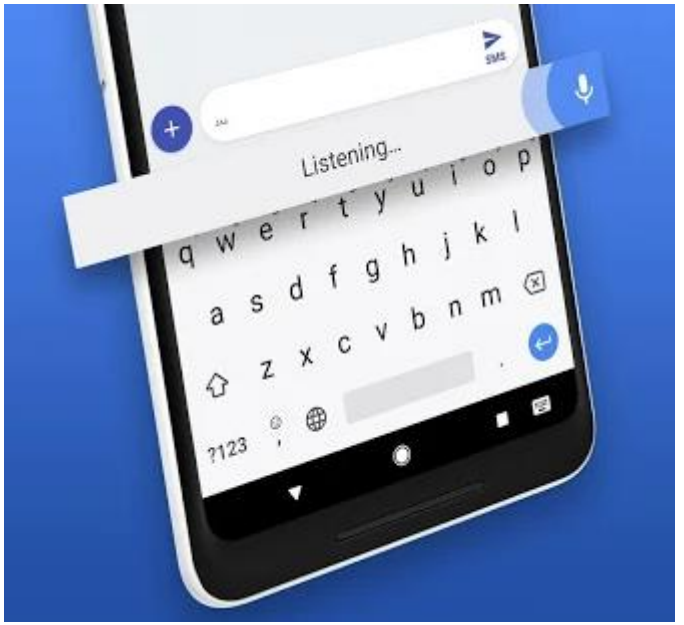
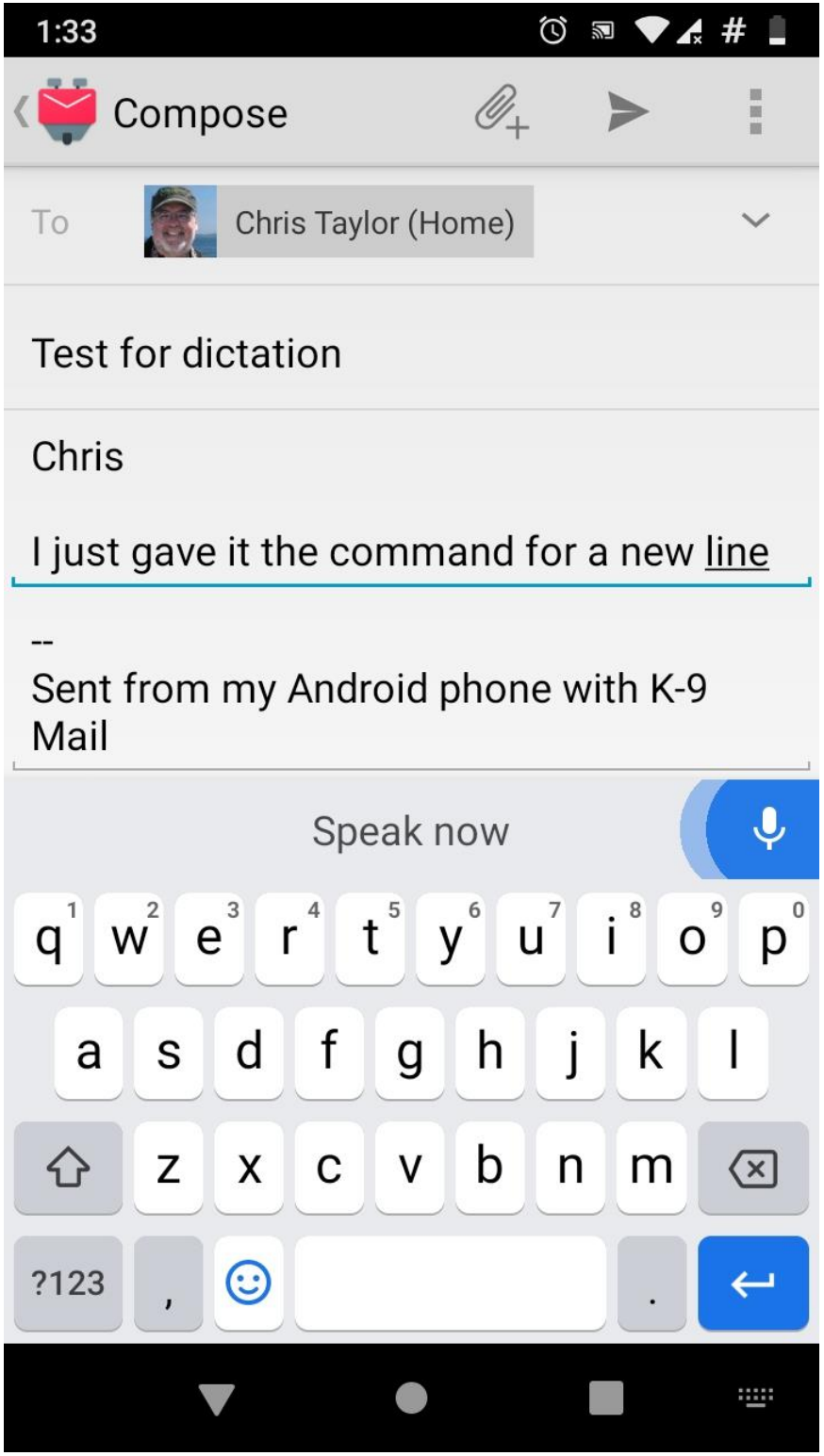
Voice typing:
Easily dictate
text on the go

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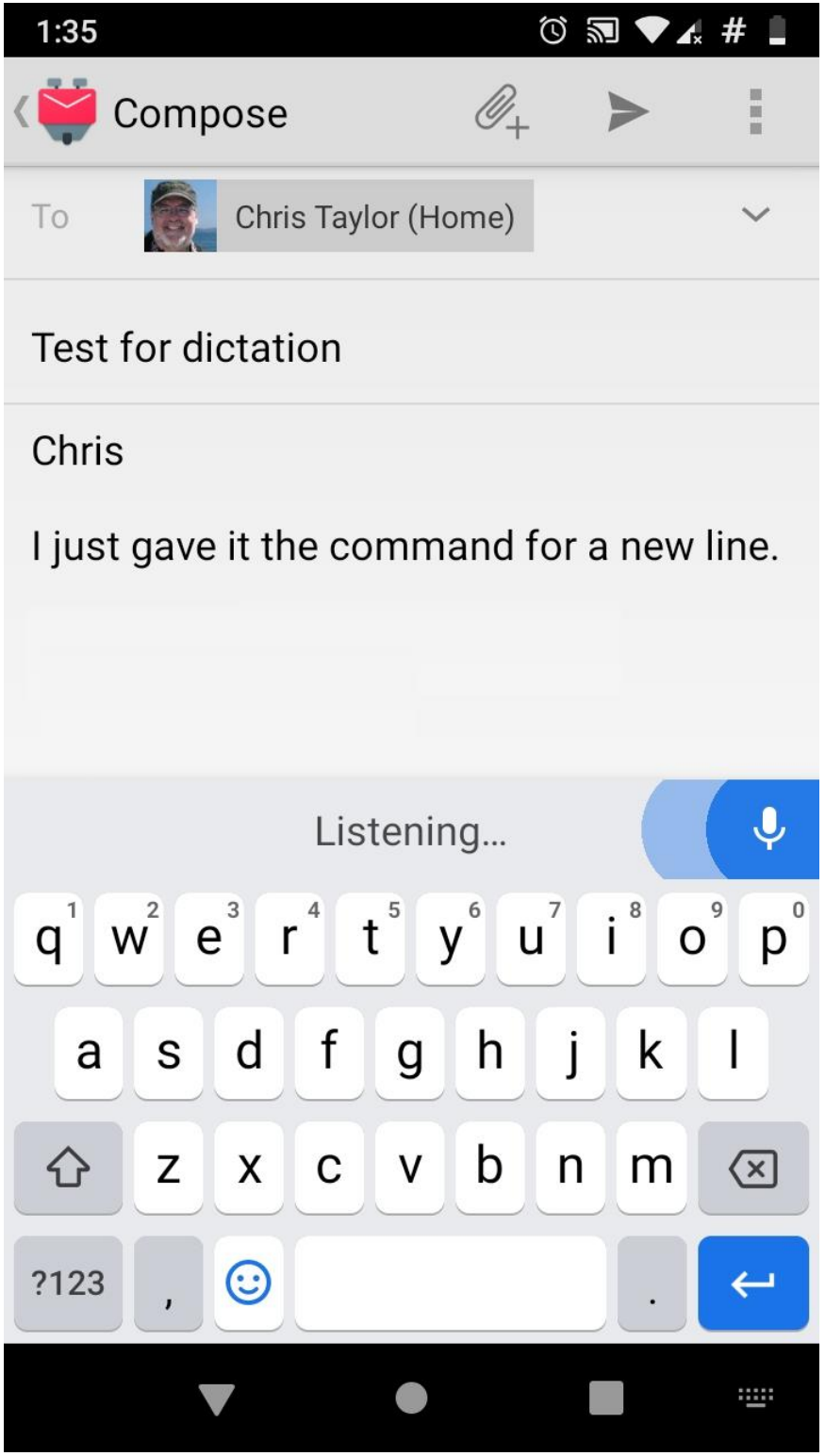
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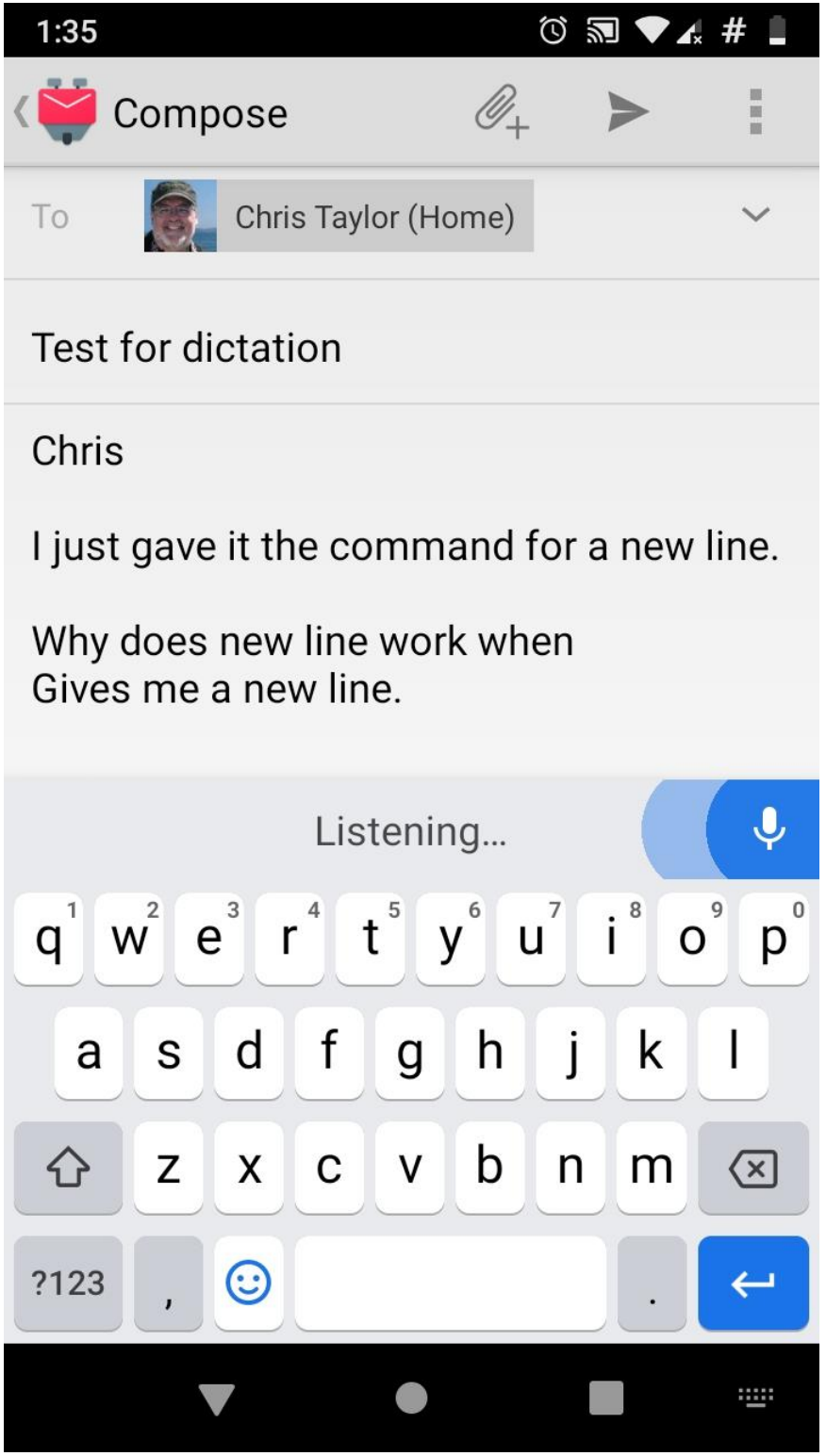
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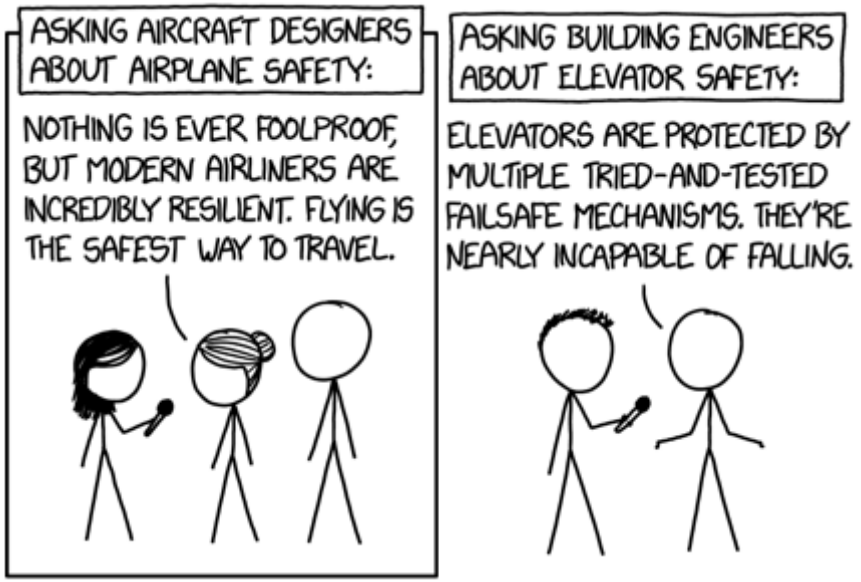

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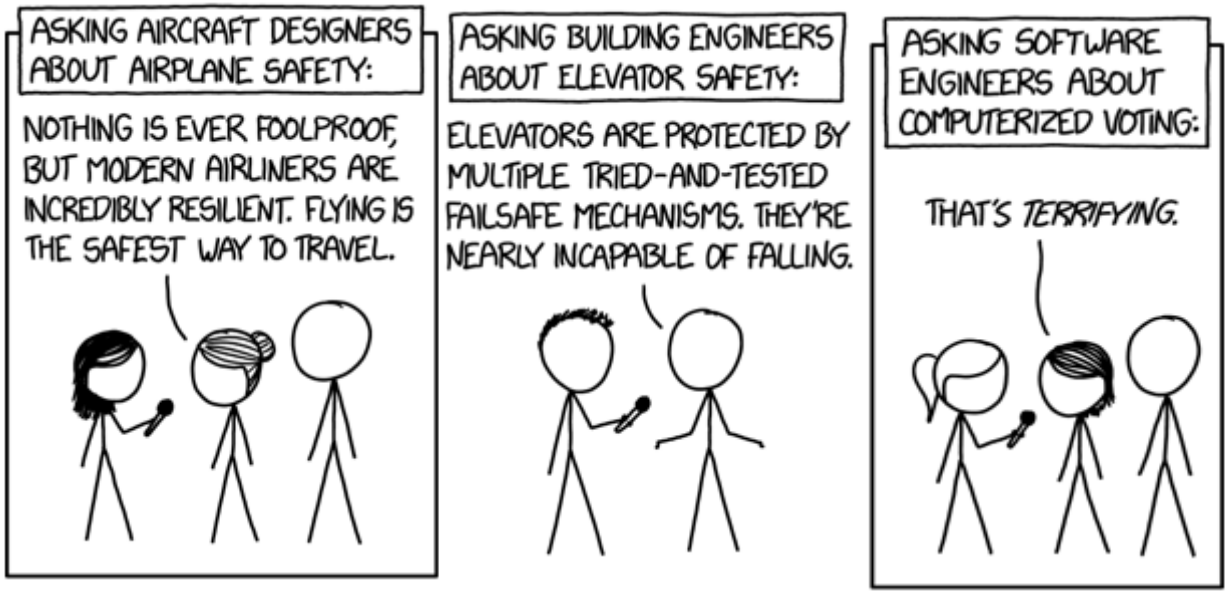

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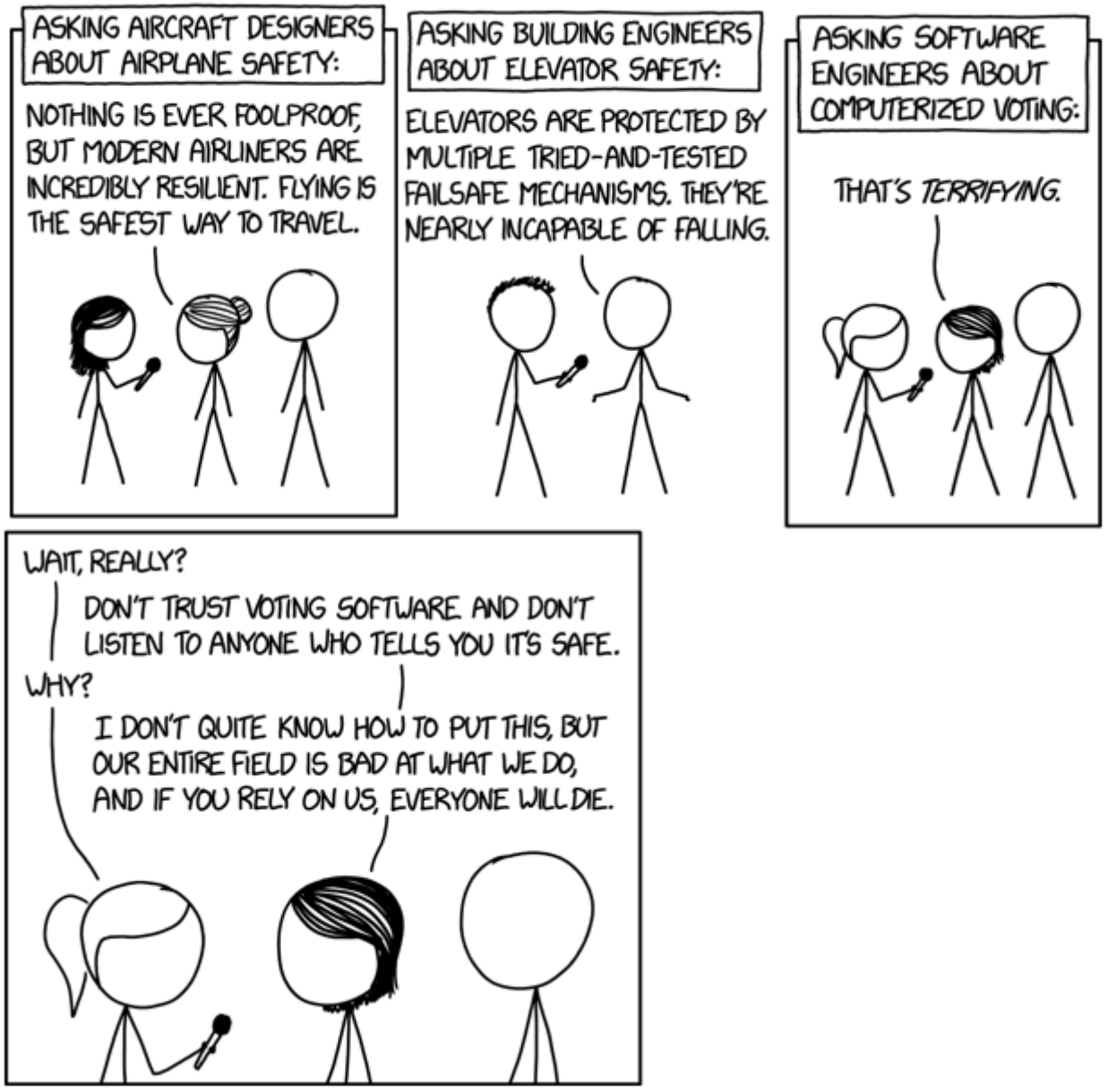

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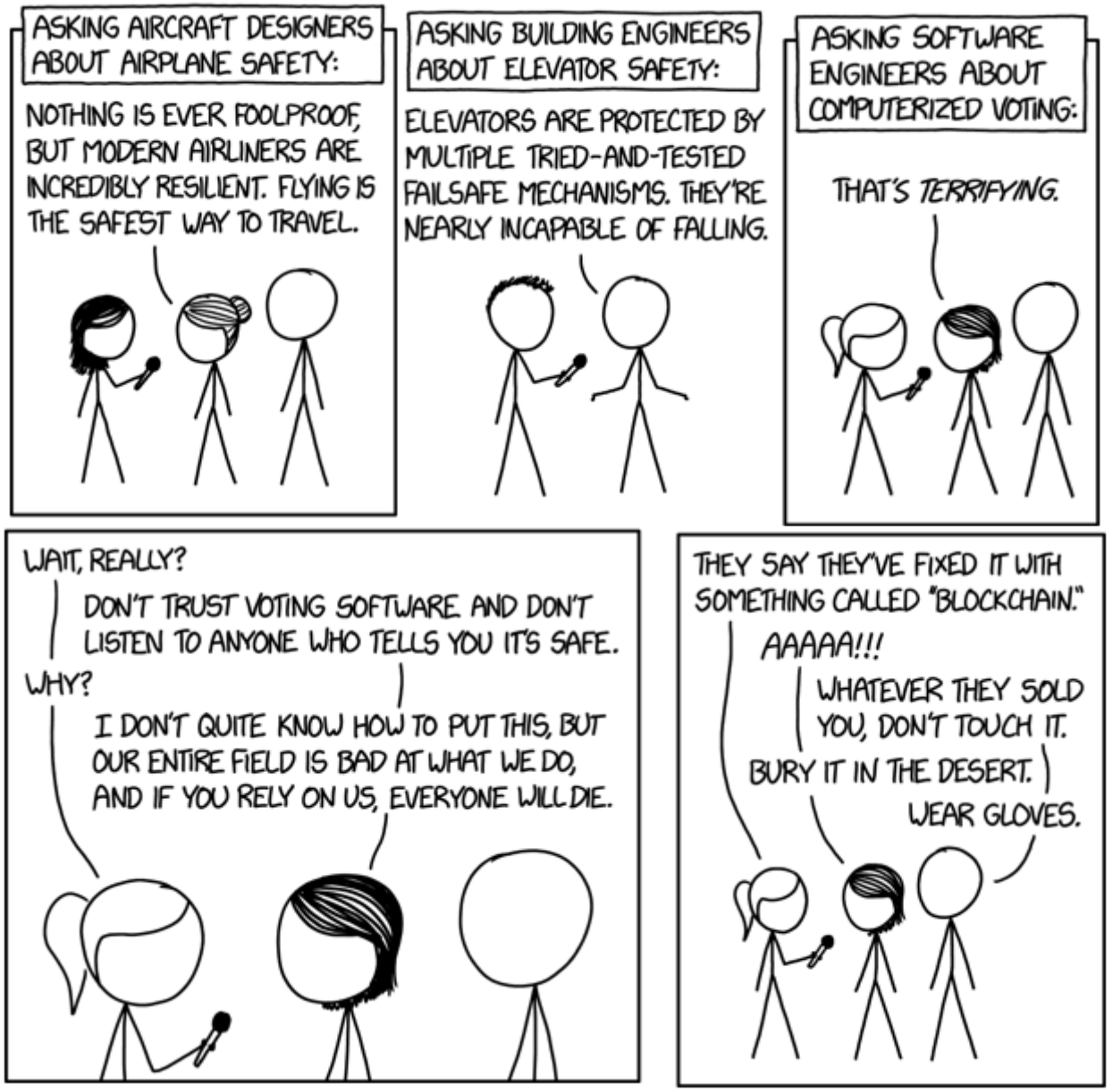

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Voting software & blockchain

- Security guru Bruce Schneier
  - *"Blockchain voting is a spectacularly dumb idea for a whole bunch of reasons"*
    - doesn't solve any problems elections have
    - incompatible with "software independence" (essential property)
    - makes ballot secrecy difficult or impossible
  - **https://www.schneier.com/crypto-gram/archives/2020/1215.html#cg1**

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Updating software

- Notice of software update available
  - Some don't want to update because "something might go wrong"
- Security related fixes?
  - Yes … UPDATE!
  - No … check list of fixes to see if any affect you

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EaseUS Todo Backup

- Years ago
  - if files excluded from backup, odd failures
  - excluded files totalled about 35 GB
    - paging and hibernation files (18 GB)
    - Windows index (1 GB)
    - ON1 Photo RAW caches (4 GB)
    - browser caches, temp folders, etc. (12 GB)
- EaseUS support
  - asked for additional details, log files, etc.
  - never acknowledged problem or fixed
- I backed up without excluding files

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EaseUS Todo Backup Update

- *"Adopt a new method of excluding files during backup, which greatly improves backup performance and reduces backup file space occupation"*
- …and maybe fixed a problem????
- Created a new backup task to exclude unneeded files
- Worked!
- Advice: don't ignore updates

Gmail's Labels

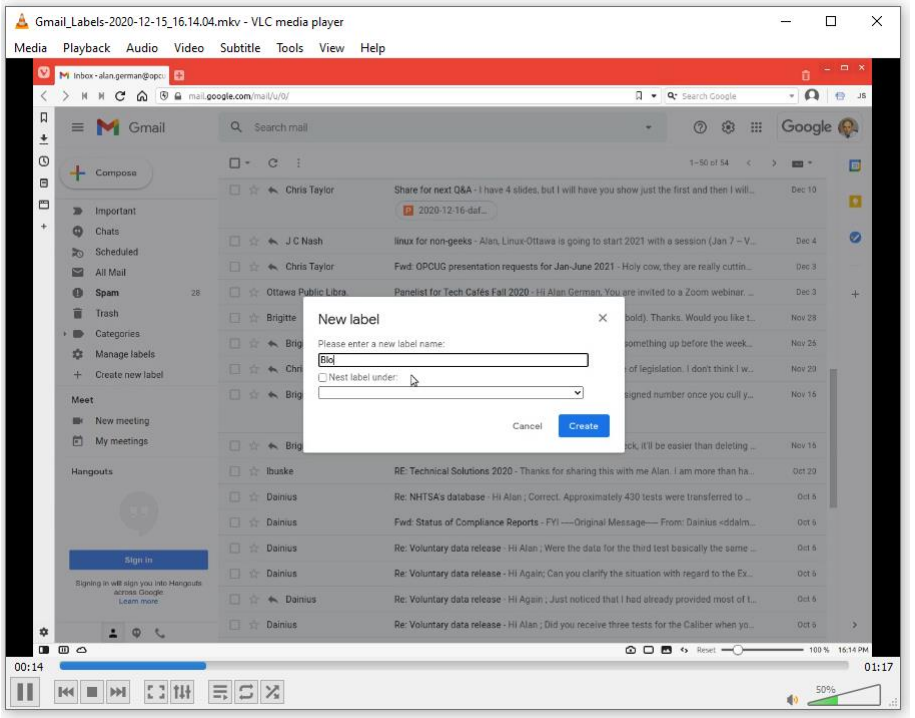
I've used E-mail clients that allow you to sort messages into directories and sub-directories. Gmail doesn't allow this, but they have "Labels" instead. How do I use labels to sort and categorize my E-mail messages?

Video sound in video conferences

When I'm sharing my screen on Zoom, my microphone sends anything I say to the other meeting participants. If I'm playing a video or a pre-recorded PowerPoint presentation, does the audio also get sent to the other participants?

Two birds with one… video?

Created a screen-grab video for a friend who had the same issue. Can we play it over this Zoom video-conference?



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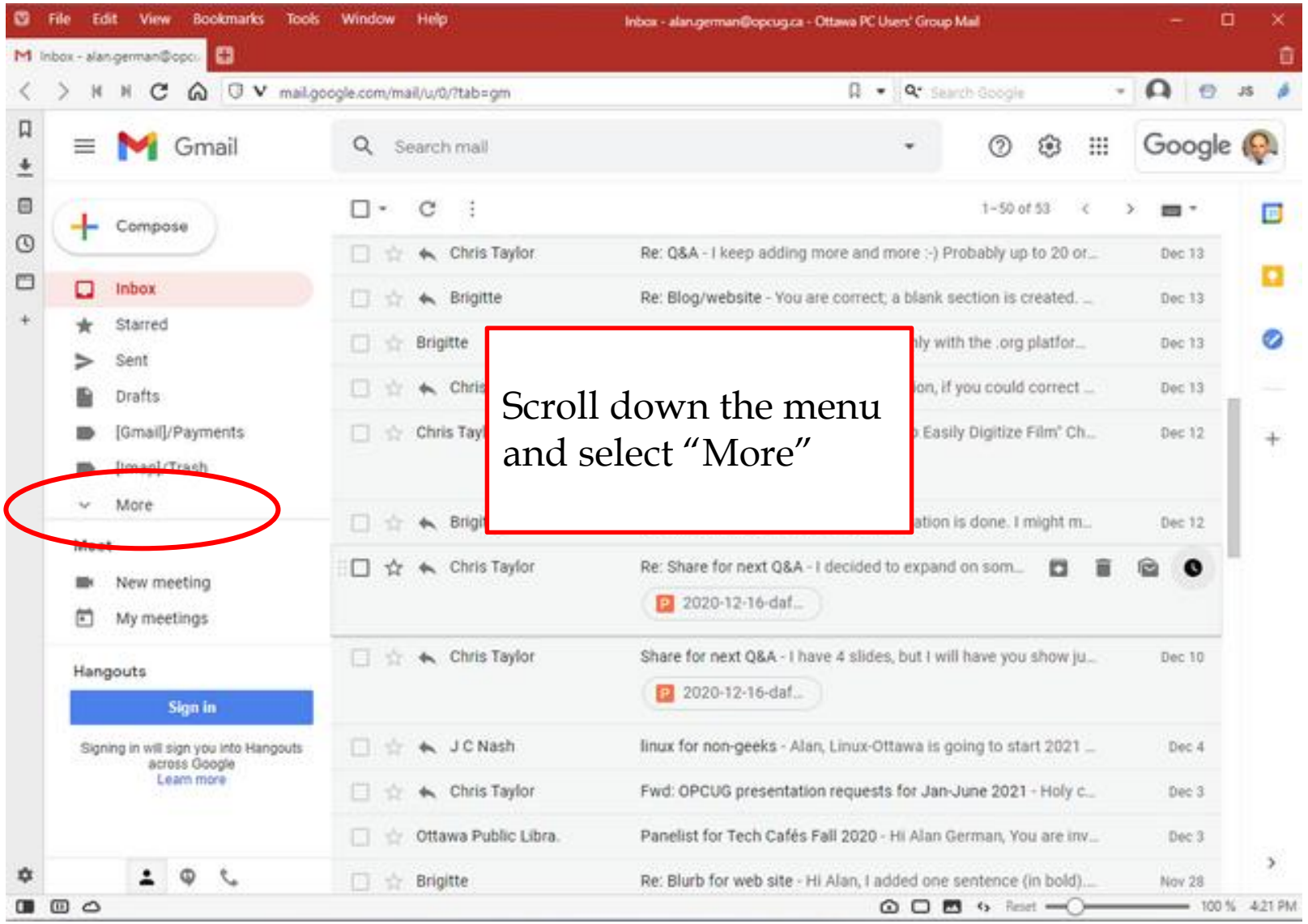

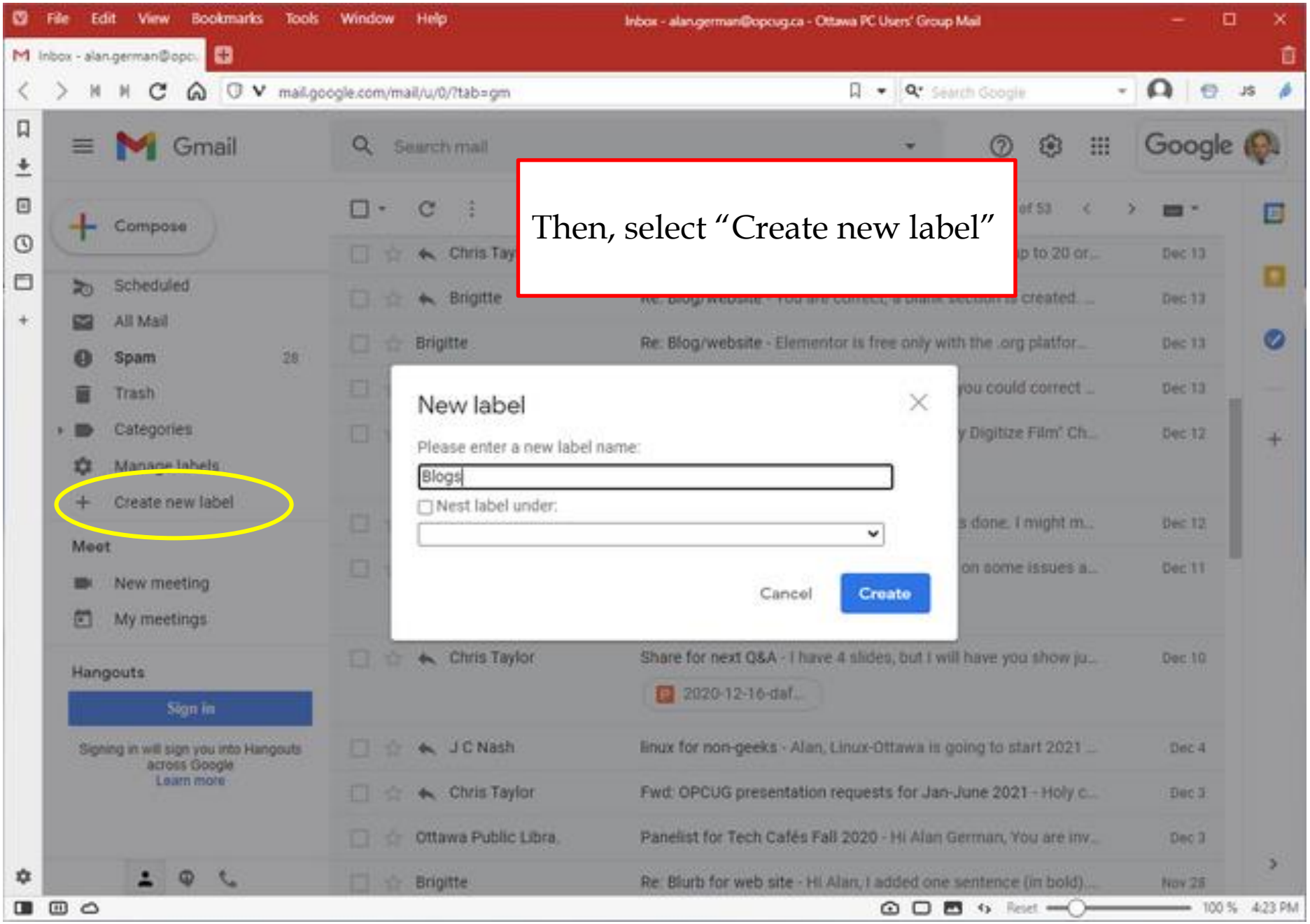
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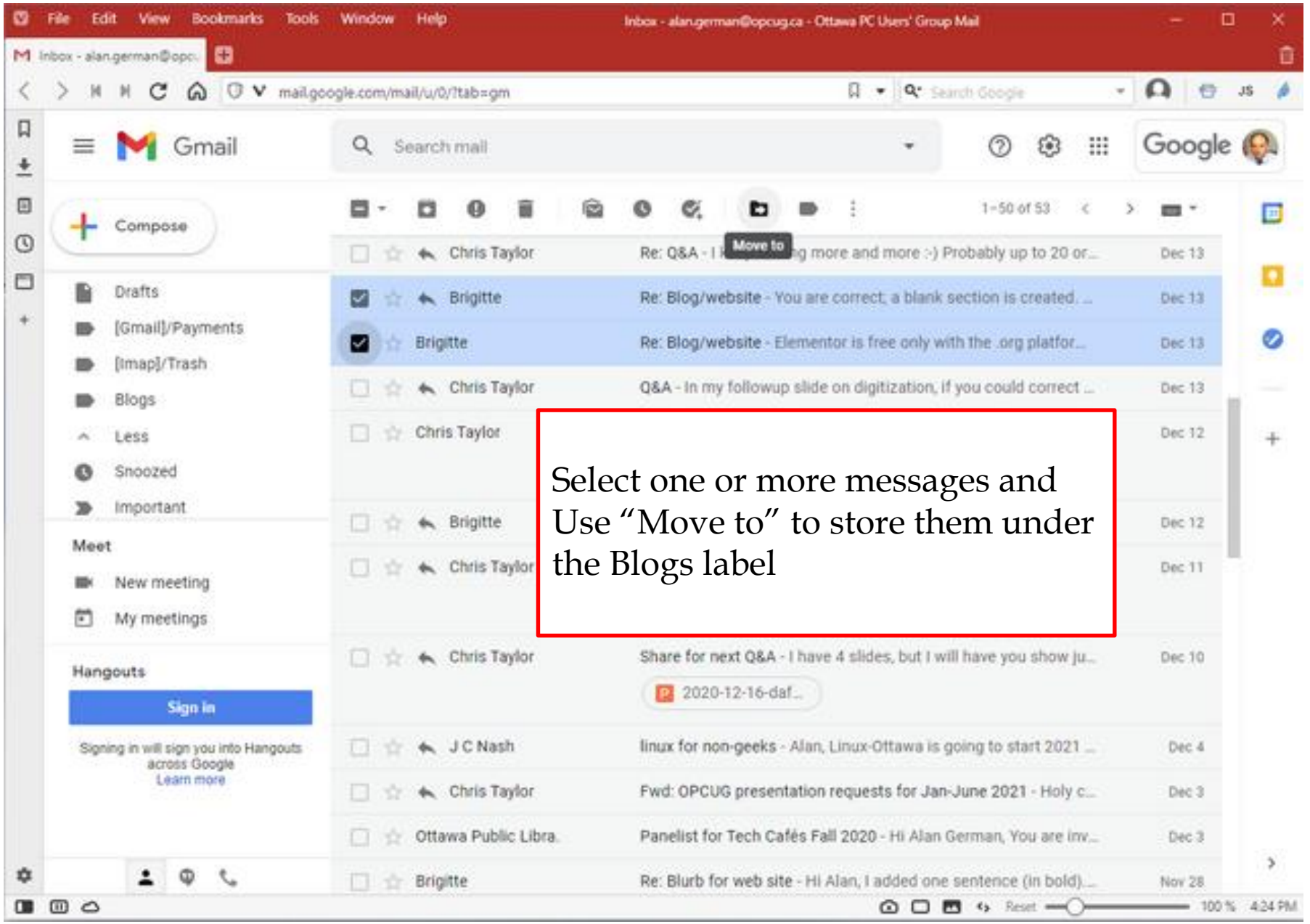
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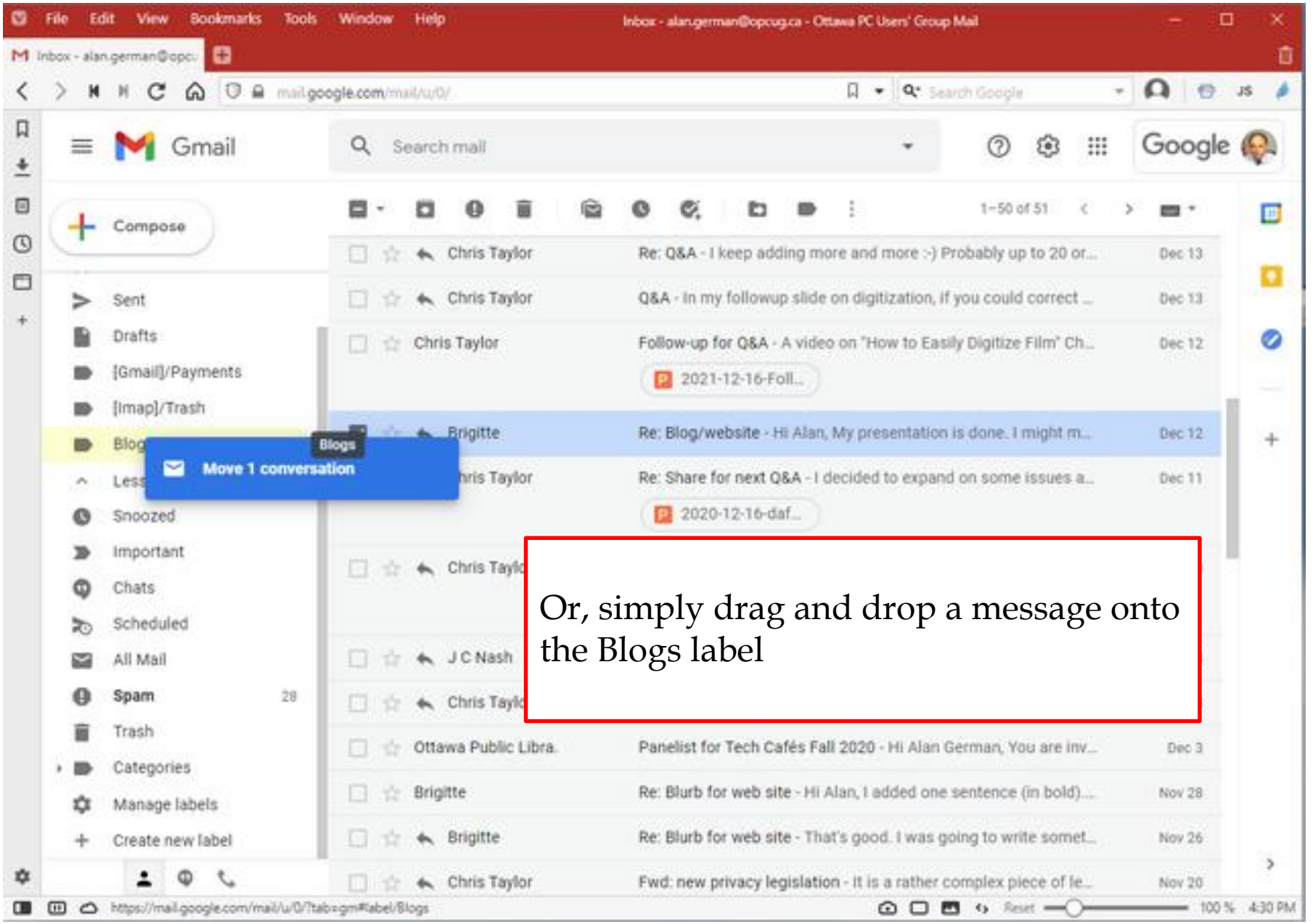
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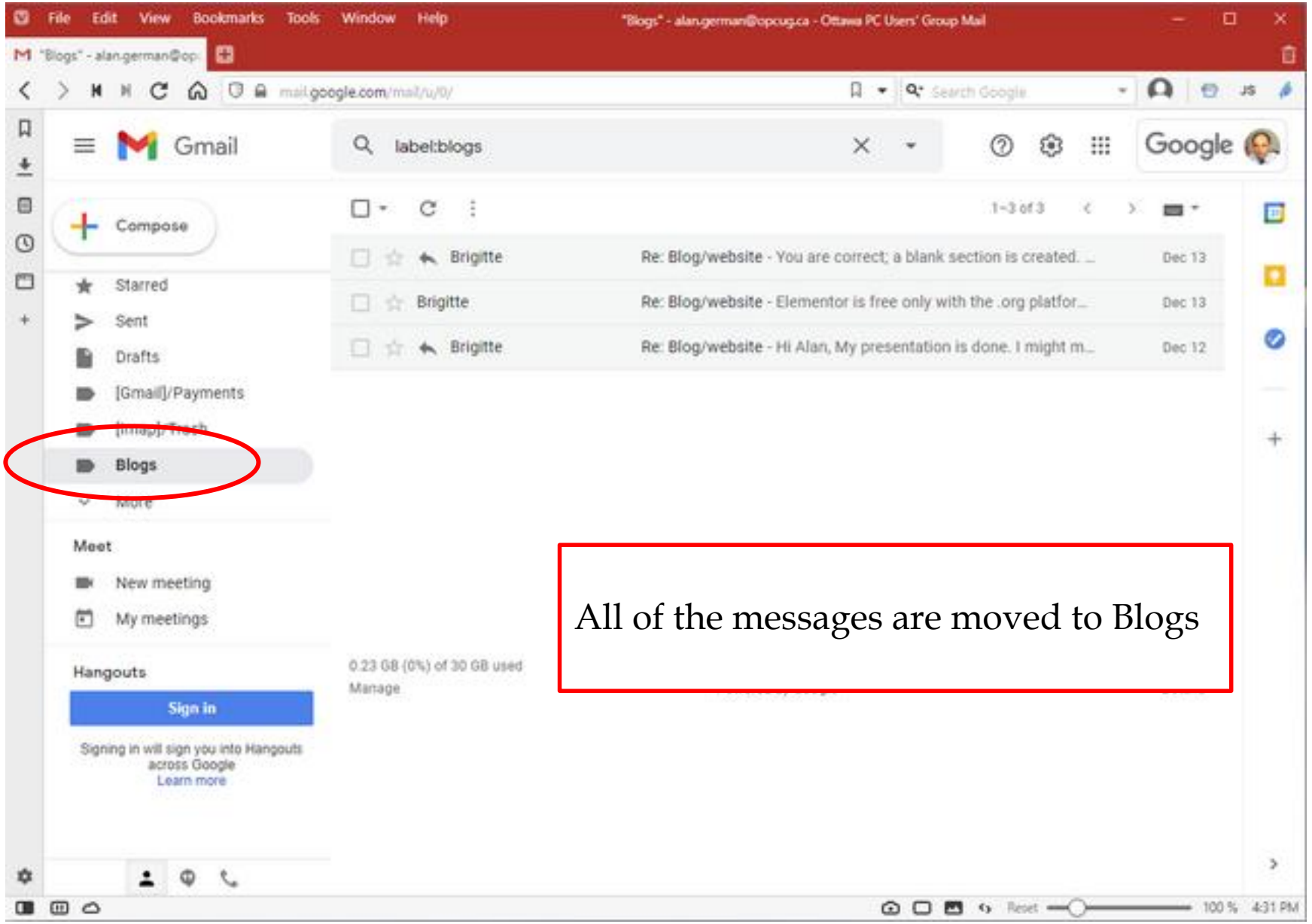
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Windows 8 Upgrade?

I am still using Windows 8 but I have not made the change to Windows 10. I'm wondering if I should move sooner rather than later from 8.1 to 10.

Yes…but

- Windows 8.1 reached the end of Mainstream Support on January 9, 2018, and will reach end of Extended Support on January 10, 2023.
- If you don't stop using Windows 8, and you follow other security-related advice, it is not very likely your computer will be compromised .
- But the risk is not zero, and the consequences if it is compromised could be quite high.
- Only you can make the threat-risk assessment.

Any other:

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Chris Taylor

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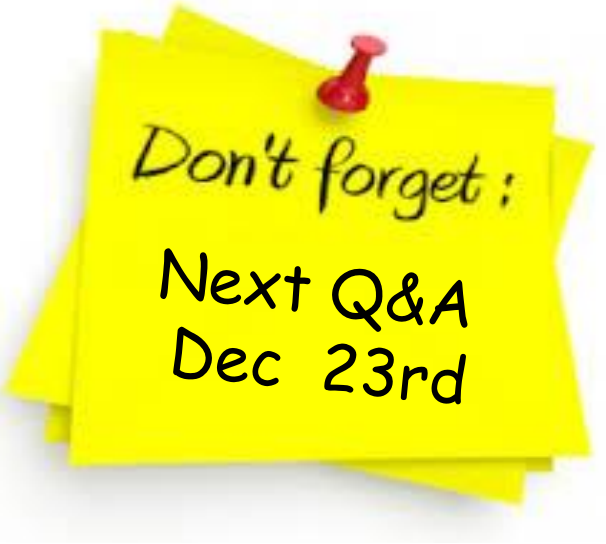

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