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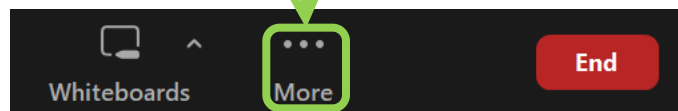
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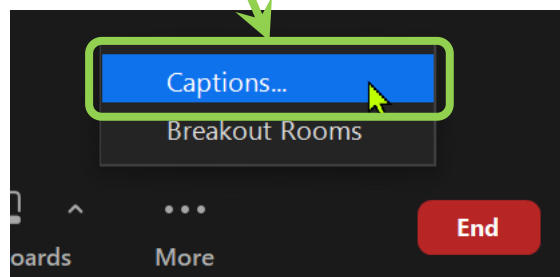
Q&A Transcripts

- Want a transcript of Q&A voice recordings?

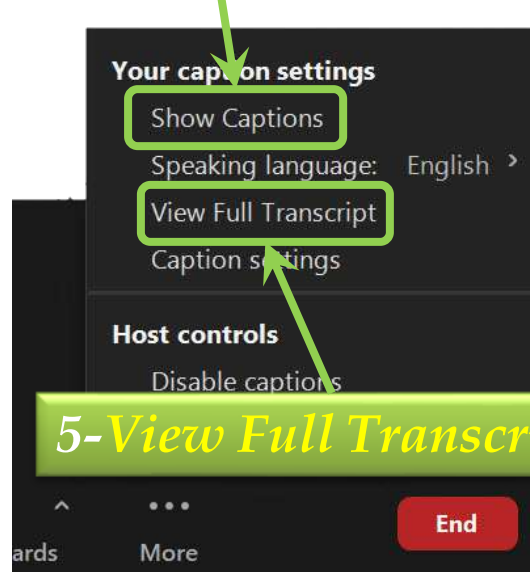
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• click *More...*



2-Click *Captions...*

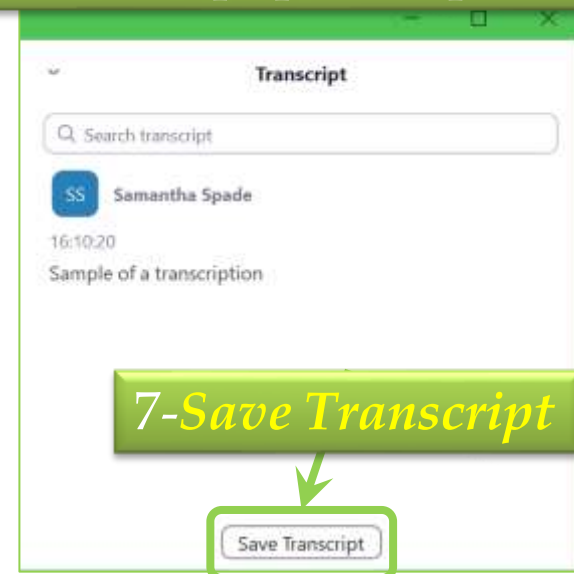


3-Show *Captions*



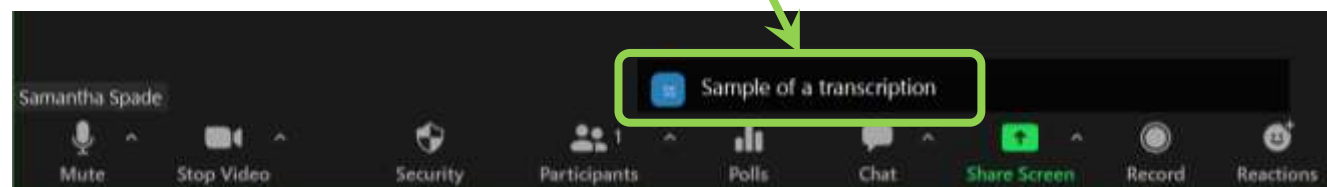
5-View *Full Transcript*

6-Transcript panel opens



7-Save *Transcript*

4-Transcription appears above tools





Useful Smartphone Apps



OldSchool Editor : Text Editor

- By far, the best Android based text editor I've come across
- Simple, responsive, and reminiscent of the old Qedit from the DOS days
- Immediately plopped it in the *ESSENTIALS* folder of my Android devices

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abhishek.oldschooleditor>



Useful Smartphone Apps



CBC Listen: Music & Podcasts

- In the morning I listen to CBC's Ottawa Morning on 91.5 FM
- This works fine in Ottawa but not at the cottage
- CBC Kingston carries the regional Ontario Morning which is insufferable
- Solution – the CBC Listen app, pointed to Radio One Ottawa and piped through a Bluetooth speaker!

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nobexinc.cbcradio.rc>

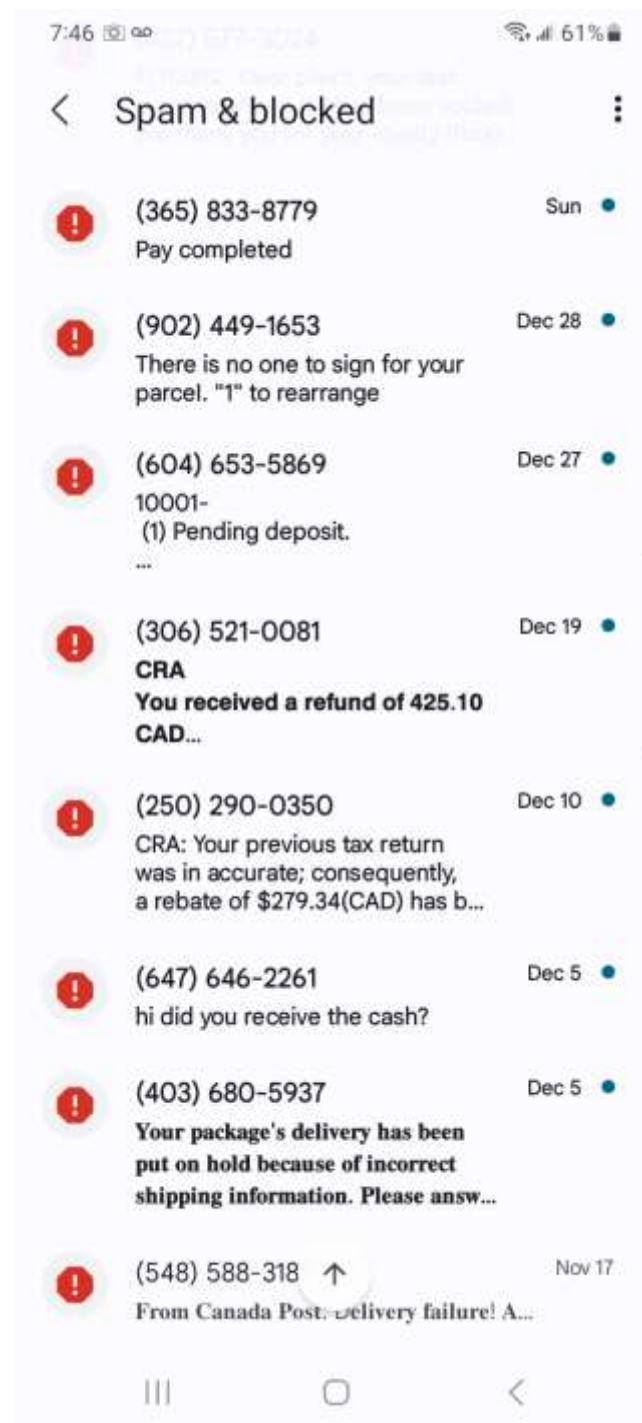


Not all scams arrive by E-mail
or through telephone calls

Watch out for SMS messages!

- bank deposits
- tax refunds
- package delivery

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





Email impersonation

- Why do I get emails with the name of one of my contacts in the *From* field?
 - *Sender* says they didn't send it
- Is this something to worry about?





Email is *unauthenticated*

- Trivial to spoof *From* email address
- Spammers & scammers can...*and will*...send you emails purporting to come from any address
- If you are at all suspicious, especially if:
 - urged to open an attachment
 - directed to a website
 - asked for sensitive or personal information
 - email is out-of-character for the supposed sender
- Verify with the supposed sender
 - use a method other than replying to the email
 - if their email *was* hacked, and you ask if they meant to send it to you, guess what the answer will be!
 - phone
 - text
 - alternate email address



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Should the supposed sender do anything?

- Spoofed address is not proof their email was hacked
 - but not proof it *wasn't hacked!*
- Encourage supposed sender to check for evidence of being hacked
 - password was reset
 - auto-forward to another address added to account
 - *Sent* folder with items they didn't send
- Opportunity: help them make sure their passwords are robust (presentations, newsletter articles, Q&A sessions)
 - *Keeping passwords safe:* <https://opcug.ca/presentations/keeping-passwords-safe.pdf>
 - *Passwords:* <https://opcug.ca/Articles/1912NEWS.pdf>
 - *Protecting your passwords:* <https://opcug.ca/Reviews/ProtectPasswords.html>
 - *Password strength:* <https://opcug.ca/Articles/2205NEWS.pdf>
 - *Non-technical safeguards:* <https://opcug.ca/Articles/2203NEWS.pdf>
 - *World password day:* https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20210505_PowerPoint.pdf
 - *Password reset done right:* https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20210811_PowerPoint.pdf



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Unwanted Phone Notification

- Samsung A32 5G smartphone
- OTA update to Android 13
- Notification - *Unlock your Secure Folder to get notifications from apps in the folder*
- Web fury – not using Secure Folder, notification on every boot or more frequently, advertises that there is a secure folder...
- Web solution – Run Secure Folder, unlock with PIN, Settings (three dots), More Settings, Uninstall





Keyboard shortcuts

- Bob Herres began Keyboard shortcuts in November 2022
 - https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20221102_PowerPoint.pdf
 - do you have a favourite keyboard shortcut to share?
- Getting to Microsoft 365 online
 - web-based versions of Office apps (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)



- default browser will load and open office.com

- Yes, you can also just browse to <http://office.com>



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Windows 11 *Moments*



- Changes *used* to go through standard progression
 - Windows Insider Dev channel
 - Windows Insider Beta channel
 - Windows Insider Release preview
 - Public Preview update
 - Stable cumulative update (e.g. 22H1, 22H2, etc)
- Now releasing *Moments*
 - continuous largely unannounced changes
- Include things like
 - tabbed Files Explorer, Taskbar overflow, new Photos app, new Taskbar design for tablets, File Explorer live search, website recommendation in Start menu

Windows specifications	
Edition	Windows 10 Pro
Version	22H2
Installed on	Fri 2020-07-17
OS build	19045.2364
Experience	Windows Feature Experience Pack 120.2212.4190.0

Now identifiable only through build number

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A Conversation on Privacy & Public Space



- Hosted by OpenMedia
- Livestreamed on their YouTube channel
 - <https://www.youtube.com/@OpenmediaOrg>
- Thursday, January 26
 - 10PM – 1:00AM EST
- Guests
 - Justin Ling, Freelance Journalist & Author
 - Meghan McDermott, BCCLA
 - Trevor Jang, ChinookX
 - Bianca Wylie, Digital Public & Tech Reset Canada
 - Daniella Barreto, Amnesty International Canada

Eldon Gaw

Follow-
up

ChatGPT as a programmer



I challenged ChatGPT to code and hack
(Are we doomed?) - *David Bombal*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw5ybNwwSbg>

Write a program in LibreOffice Basic to add a string to the end of an odt file



Write a program in LibreOffice Basic to add a string to the end of an odt file



Certainly! Here is an example of how you can do this in LibreOffice Basic:



1. Open the odt file that you want to modify using the `Load` method of the `Desktop` object.

 Copy code

```
Dim oDoc As Object  
oDoc = ThisComponent.Load("/path/to/file.odt")
```

2. Retrieve the document's text object using the `getText` method of the `oDoc` object.

 Copy code

```
Dim oText As Object  
oText = oDoc.getText
```

```
Sub AddStringToODTFile
```

```
    Dim oDoc As Object
```

```
    Dim oText As Object
```

```
    Dim oEnd As Object
```

```
    ' Open the document
```

```
    oDoc = ThisComponent.Load("/path/to/file.odt")
```

```
    ' Retrieve the text object
```

```
    oText = oDoc.getText
```

```
    ' Insert the string at the end of the document
```

```
    oEnd = oText.getEnd
```

```
    oText.insertString(oEnd, "This is the string that will be  
        added to the end of the file.", False)
```

```
    ' Save the modified document
```

```
    oDoc.store
```

```
End Sub
```



OPCUG Share PowerShell Overview

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25 JAN 2023

See the file: 20230125_PowerShell.pdf

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Lenovo Smart Clock Possessed

- Normal daily wake-up routine
 - call out *Hey Google, good morning*
 - my Lenovo Smart Clock (*powered by Google*)
 - turns on light
 - states date and time
 - gives me current/prediction weather
 - reads off my calendar events for the day
 - streams a radio station
 - get up after a bit and tell smart speaker to stop streaming
 - turn on radio in computer room
 - make breakfast, bring it to computer room
 - catch up on email, read news, and play some games
 - normally leave the radio playing Boom 99.7 all day



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The possession

- Sometimes, randomly throughout the day, the Smart Clock in my bedroom would start streaming music
- Not a huge problem
 - I could just yell at it, *Hey Google stop streaming*
- But...
 - did I have another Google automated routine kick in?
 - had my network been hacked and someone was telling my Smart Clock to play something to annoy me?

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The answer

- The other day I was working at my computer with the radio on
- Announcement came on the radio station
 - *Forget about asking your smart speaker to do things it can't do like answer can I die from eating belly button lint and ask it things it can do like Google play Boom 997*
- The Lenovo Smart Clock in my bedroom next door announced, *Playing Boom 997*



**Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?**

February Meeting

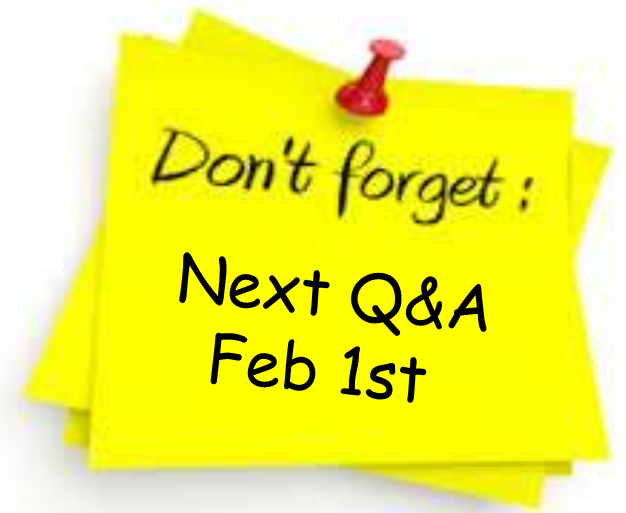


How to get paid software daily for free... totally legally!

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Ottawa PC Users' Group

February 8, 2023
7:30 pm





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answers, and topics
you wish to share to:**

SuggestionBox@opcug.ca