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200 Q&A sessions
1,423 topics
7,226 participants



Follow Up Simplii & 2-factor authentication



- Two-factor authentication discussed before at Q&A
 - very good way of strengthening the resilience of online accounts to attack
- Chat had mentions from Simplii banking customers
 - they get a 2FA code via text when logging in
- I never get 2FA texts when banking with Simplii
- A few times received phone message from a computer animated voice stating the code
 - never liked this because I usually have the phone volume up and everyone around me hears the code

Follow Up Today's problem

- Today I could not get into my bank account
- Presented with a *Send Code* option
 - but didn't get phone call or SMS with the code
- Called Simplii
- Explanation:
 - Simplii uses an algorithm to decide how/if to authenticate clients with 2FA
 - may not get 2FA demand
 - if using the same device and
 - (probably) if usage doesn't deviate from usual pattern and you're not in a new location etc.
 - they mix it up: randomly picking customer/circumstances under which 2FA will be required



And the problem was...

- My cell phone number was recorded as my *home number*
 - always had a cell phone
- Box for *cell number* left empty
- Simplii had decided to send 2FA code via SMS
 - rather than a phone call
- Code wasn't sent because *home number* assumed to be a land line

Follow Up



And the solution was...

- Simplii updated *cell* box with my number and updated contact preferences to SMS
- In future, if Simplii sends a code, it will come via SMS
- I'll ask them to make 2FA mandatory with every login



Sorting all photos

- Is there an easy way to sort all photos present on the computer?
- I have photos under downloads, scanned, and files
- I'm sure there are multiple copies of the same photos
- I am looking for an easy (LOL) way to sort them

Carol Ann Pearson



Following this request, hopefully the process could apply to all file types, not just photos.

Karen Wallace-Graner



Sadly, there is no "easy button"

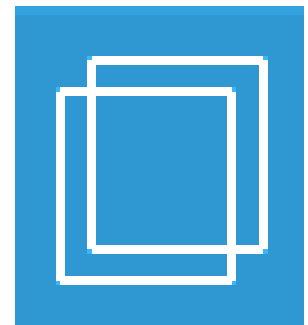
There are lots of programs that help find duplicate files

- **CCleaner** can find duplicates and specify how to determine if the files are duplicates - name, size, modified date, and even an exact byte-for-byte content match (www.piriform.com/ccleaner)
- **SearchMyFiles** can't look at exact content, but can limit the search for duplicates on other attributes including a range of file sizes, file types, age ranges of files, etc.
(www.nirsoft.net/articles/find_duplicate_files.html)

- **Awesome Duplicate Photo Finder** is specifically for images and supposedly (I have never tried it) it can even detect edited files:

*"able to compare resized pictures or even pictures with corrected colors (black and white photos etc.)
It supports all major image types: JPG, BMP, GIF, PNG, TIFF, CR2 (Canon RAW)"*

(www.duplicate-finder.com/photo.html)





There may be a "slightly-more-tricky" button

An icon for Microsoft Co-Pilot showed up on the Windows task bar



So, I asked it:

how can I sort all the jpg files on my computer into a single list

After a couple of false starts (access denied to the *System Volume Information* folder), Co-Pilot came up with a set of PowerShell commands* that will list all the JPG files on my D: (dedicated data) drive

** In the following commands, note that “C:\Your\Path” and “*.jpg” will need to be modified for a specific purpose.*

Ugh, access denied errors are a real nuisance. How about this: we can run PowerShell as an Administrator to get those permissions handled.

1. **Open PowerShell as Admin:** Right-click the Start button and select "Windows PowerShell (Admin)".
2. **Revised Script:**

Powershell

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```
# Define the folder path
$folderPath = "C:\Your\Path"

# Get all JPG files excluding specific system folders
$jpgFiles = Get-ChildItem -Path $folderPath -Filter *.jpg -Recurse -ErrorActi
    $_.FullName -notmatch "System Volume Information" -and
    $_.FullName -notmatch "Program Files" -and
    $_.FullName -notmatch "Windows" -and
    $_.FullName -notmatch "\$Recycle.Bin" -and
    $_.FullName -notmatch "AppData"
}

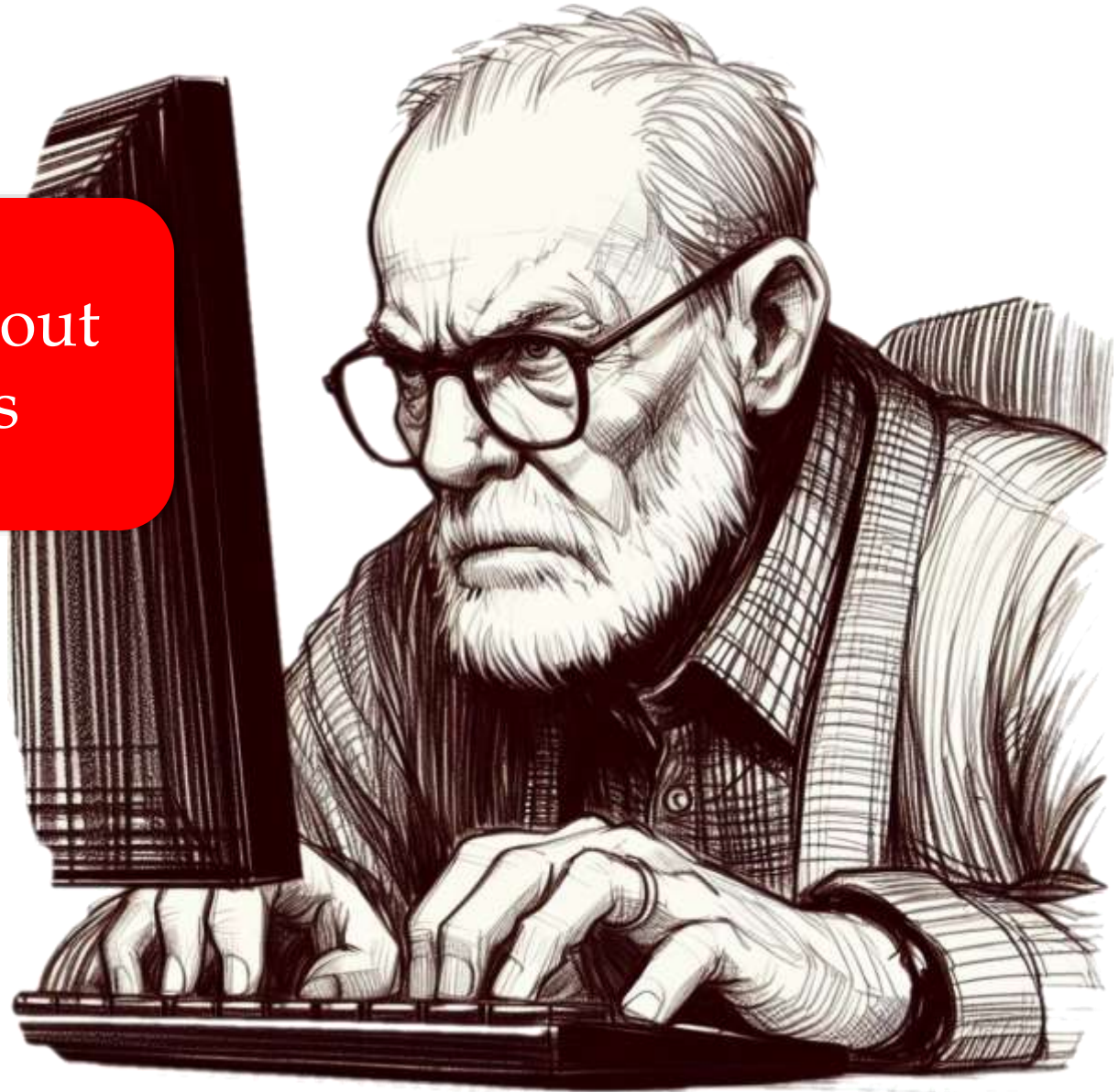
# Sort the files by name
$sortedFiles = $jpgFiles | Sort-Object Name

# Display the sorted list
$sortedFiles | ForEach-Object { $_.FullName }
```

Adding `-ErrorAction SilentlyContinue` tells PowerShell to skip over folders it can't access without throwing errors.

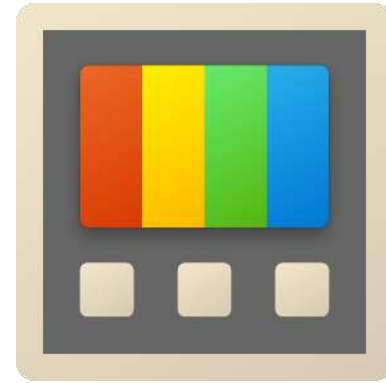
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Chris living without
the PowerToys



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Microsoft PowerToys



- Collection of 25 free utilities
 - enhance productivity & customization on Windows 10 & 11
 - started by Microsoft programmers
 - open-sourced
 - many contributors from outside Microsoft

Install from

- Microsoft Store (easiest)

Install from Microsoft Store

- run *Microsoft Store*
- search for *Microsoft PowerToys*

- or GitHub

Install from GitHub

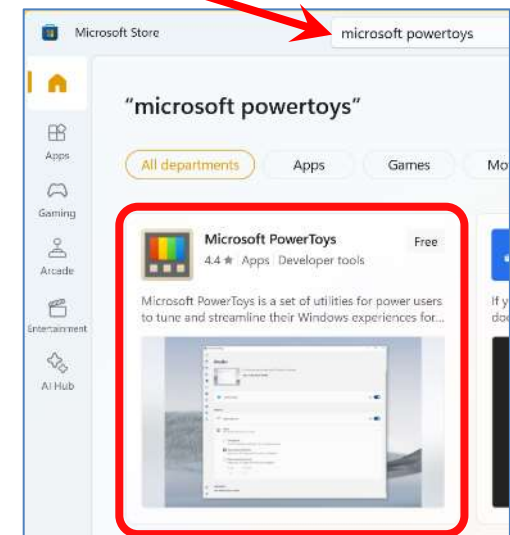
- <https://github.com/microsoft/PowerToys/releases>
 - latest release at top
 - most users: choose *Machine wide - X64*

Release v0.84.1 Latest

This is a patch release to fix issues in v0.84.0. See the release notes.

Installer Hashes

Description	Filename
Per user - x64	PowerToysUserSetup-0.84.1-x64.exe
Per user - ARM64	PowerToysUserSetup-0.84.1-arm64.exe
Machine wide - x64	PowerToysSetup-0.84.1-x64.exe
Machine wide - ARM64	PowerToysSetup-0.84.1-arm64.exe



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PowerToys Run

- Search for & open programs
- Search for & open documents
 - uses *Windows Search* to find documents
 - does not look for contents of documents
 - PowerToys users have suggested integrating *Everything*
 - <https://www.voidtools.com/support/everything/>
- Calculations
- Unit conversions
- Search web
- Search *Windows Settings*
- More...

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to open PowerToys Run

The image shows a Windows Search interface with the search term 'photos'. The results are categorized into several sections, each highlighted with a red box and an annotation:

- Installed programs:** A red box highlights the top three results: 'Photos' (Packaged application), 'PhotoScape X' (Packaged application), and 'ON1 Photo RAW MAX 2024' (Application).
- Website: may not exist!:** A red box highlights the result 'https://photo/' (Open in default browser).
- Search the web:** A red box highlights the result 'photo' (Search the web in Google Chrome).
- Running program:** A red box highlights the result 'ON1 Photo RAW MAX 2024 - Browse' (Running: ON1 Photo RAW 2024.exe).
- Draft email:** A red box highlights the result 'Gmail - Drafts (3) - christopher.john.taylor@gmail.com - Gmail' (Running: chrome.exe).
- Documents & folders:** A red box highlights the bottom three results: 'photoscape-quickref.pdf' (Search: C:\Users\CTaylor\Downloads\photoscape-quickref.pdf), '2024-08-26 19.03.42 Close-up photography' (Search: C:\Users\CTaylor\Documents\Zoom\2024-08-26 19.03.42 Close-up photography), and 'How to punch up your photos.docx' (Search: C:\Users\CTaylor\Downloads\How to punch up your photos.docx).

On the left side of the search interface, there is a list of 'Plugin keywords' with various symbols and descriptions:

- = Calculates mathematical equations (e.g. 5*3-2)
- !! Accesses previously selected results
- ? Searches files and folders
- . Searches programs
- : Navigates inside the Windows Registry
- ! Manages Windows services
- > Executes commands (e.g. 'ping', 'cmd')
- (Provides time and date values for the system time (e.g. 'Day::2024-09-28', 'Time::10:16:00 AM', 'Calendar week')
- %% Provides unit conversion (e.g. 10 ft to m)
- // Opens URLs and UNC network shares
- # Calculates hashes and generate values
- ?? Searches the web with your default search engine
- \$ Searches Windows settings
- < Switches between open windows

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Calculations

 =13*(42+(3/2))*pi

 1776.5706456050
Copy this number to the clipboard

Operation	Operator Syntax
Addition	a + b
Subtraction	a - b
Multiplication	a * b
Division	a / b
Modulo/Remainder	a % b
Exponentiation	a ^ b
Ceiling function	ceil(x,y)
Floor function	floor(x,y)
Rounding	round(x.abcd)
Exponential function	exp(x)
Maximum	max(x, y, z)
Minimum	min(x, y, z)
Absolute	abs(-x)
Logarithm base 10	log(x)
Logarithm base e	ln(x)
Square root	sqrt(x)
Power of x	pow(x, y)
Factorial	x!
Sign	sign(-x)
Random number	rand()
Pi	pi
Sine	sin(x)
Cosine	cos(x)
Tangent	tan(x)
Arc Sine	arcsin(x)
Arc Cosine	arccos(x)
Arc Tangent	arctan(x)
Hyperbolic Sine	sinh(x)
Hyperbolic Cosine	cosh(x)
Hyperbolic Tangent	tanh(x)
Hyperbolic Arc Sine	arsinh(x)
Hyperbolic Arc Cosine	arcosh(x)
Hyperbolic Arc Tangent	artanh(x)

Unit conversions

 %% 2.3 miles in kilometers

 3.7015 kilometers
Copy Length to clipboard

Supported conversions

- Acceleration
- Angle
- Area
- Duration
- Energy
- Information technology
- Length
- Mass
- Power
- Pressure
- Speed
- Temperature
- Volume

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/powertoys/run>

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PowerToys Run Plugins

- Created by 3rd parties
- Extend capabilities of PowerToys Run
 - available from within PowerToys (double-click tray icon)

Plugin	Author	Description
BrowserSearch	TBM13	Search your browser history
GitHub Emoji	hlaueriksson	Search GitHub Emoji
PowerTranslator	N0I0C0K	Text translator based on Youdao
Quick Lookup	gtgalaxi	Search across multiple cyber security tools
Input Typer	CoreyHayward	Type the input as if sent from a keyboard
Clipboard Manager	CoreyHayward	Search and paste text from your clipboard history
Currency Converter	advait3600	Convert real and crypto currencies
FastWeb	CCcat	Open website in browser
WebSearchShortcut	Riri	Select a specific search engine to perform searches.
UnicodeInput	nathancartlidge	Copy Unicode characters to the clipboard
PowerHexInspector	NaroZeol	Peek other forms of an input number
GitHubRepo	8LWXpg	Search and open GitHub repositories
ProcessKiller	8LWXpg	Search and kill processes
ChatGPT	ferraridavide	Ask a question to ChatGPT

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Currency Conversion plugin

Over 200 currencies supported

Q start typing...

Plugin keywords

- = Calculates mathematical equations (e.g. $5*3-2$)
- gpt Ask ChatGPT
- \$\$** Convert real and crypto currencies.
- !! Accesses previously selected results
- ? Searches files and folders

Fully specify both currencies...

Q **\$\$** CAD235.56 to USD

235.56 CAD = 174.21 USD
Currency conversion from CAD to USD

Just enter amount

Q **\$\$** 203.12

203.12 USD = 274.65 CAD
Currency conversion from USD to CAD

203.12 GBP = 364.00 CAD
Currency conversion from GBP to CAD

203.12 EUR = 306.00 CAD
Currency conversion from EUR to CAD

203.12 CAD = 150.22 USD
Currency conversion from CAD to USD

203.12 CAD = 112.21 GBP
Currency conversion from CAD to GBP

203.12 CAD = 134.83 EUR
Currency conversion from CAD to EUR

...or configure *Quick Conversion*

- set local currency & other currencies

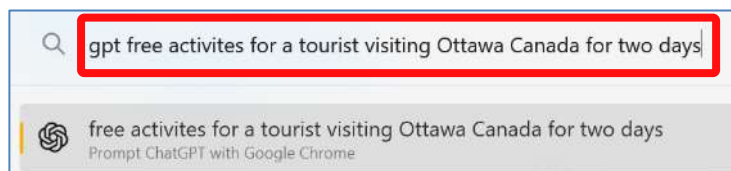
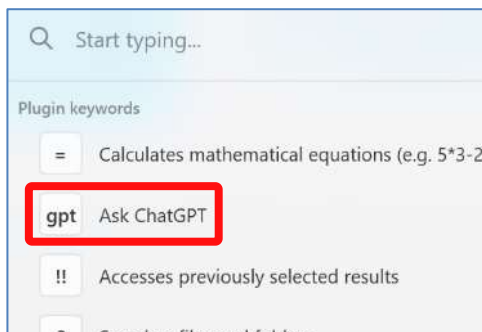
Quick Conversion Direction
Set in which direction you want to convert first. Other currencies to local currency

Quick Conversion Local Currency
Set your local currency. **CAD**

Currencies for quick conversion
Add currencies comma separated. eg: USD, EUR, BTC **USD, GBP, EUR**

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ChatGPT plugin



ChatGPT 4o mini Log in Sign up

free activites for a tourist visiting Ottawa Canada for two days

Ottawa has plenty of free activities to enjoy! Here's a two-day itinerary filled with great options:

Day 1: Exploring Downtown and the ByWard Market

Morning:

- **Parliament Hill:** Start your day by exploring the iconic Parliament buildings. You can take a free guided tour if you arrive early.
- **Peace Tower:** Don't miss the chance to climb the Peace Tower for a stunning view of the city (check for availability).

Afternoon:

- **ByWard Market:** Stroll through this vibrant area, where you can browse local shops and art galleries. Enjoy the street performers and take in the lively atmosphere.
- **Major's Hill Park:** A short walk away, this park offers beautiful views of the Parliament buildings and the Ottawa River.

Evening:

- **Rideau Canal:** Walk along the canal, especially lovely at sunset. In the warmer months, you can watch people kayaking or relaxing by the water.

Day 2: Culture and Nature

Morning:

- **National Gallery of Canada:** Admission to the gallery is free on Thursdays from 5 PM to 8 PM. If you're not there on a Thursday, enjoy the impressive architecture from outside and explore the surrounding area.

Afternoon:

- **Canadian Museum of History:** While there's a fee for entry, the views from the grounds are stunning, and you can enjoy the gardens and paths along the Ottawa River.

Evening:

- **Visit the Rideau Falls:** Check out these beautiful waterfalls at sunset. The area is picturesque and offers great photo opportunities.

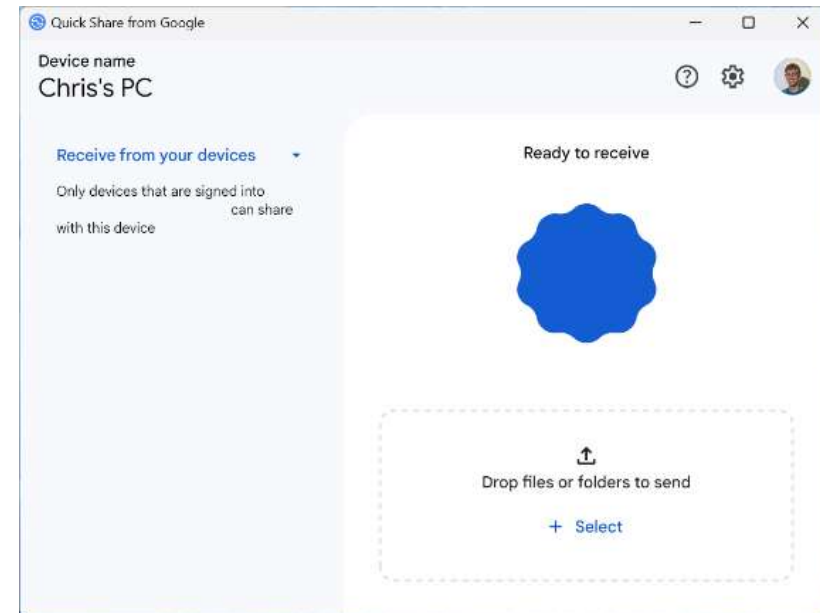
Bonus Activities:

- **Walking Tours:** Consider downloading a self-guided walking tour app or brochure to explore the city's history and architecture at your own pace.
- **Festivals:** Depending on the time of year, look for free festivals or events happening in the city, especially during the summer.

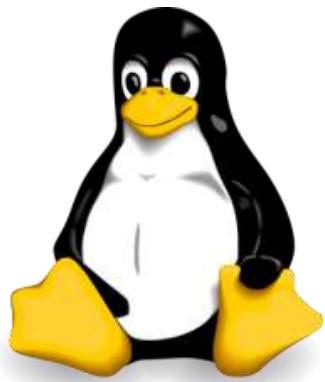
Enjoy your trip to Ottawa!

Follow Up File transfer between phone & desktop

- We have talked before about file transfers between a phone and desktop
 - e.g. *LocalSend*
https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20240501_PowerPoint.pdf
- Computerworld article
 - *8 easy ways to transfer files between Windows and your phone*



<https://www.computerworld.com/article/3542871/transfer-files-between-windows-pc-and-phone.html>



Trading up to Linux – Part 2

- Windows 10 will reach end of life (EOL) on October 14, 2025
- Some users (me!) have no upgrade path to Windows 11

✕ This PC doesn't currently meet the minimum system requirements to run Windows 11

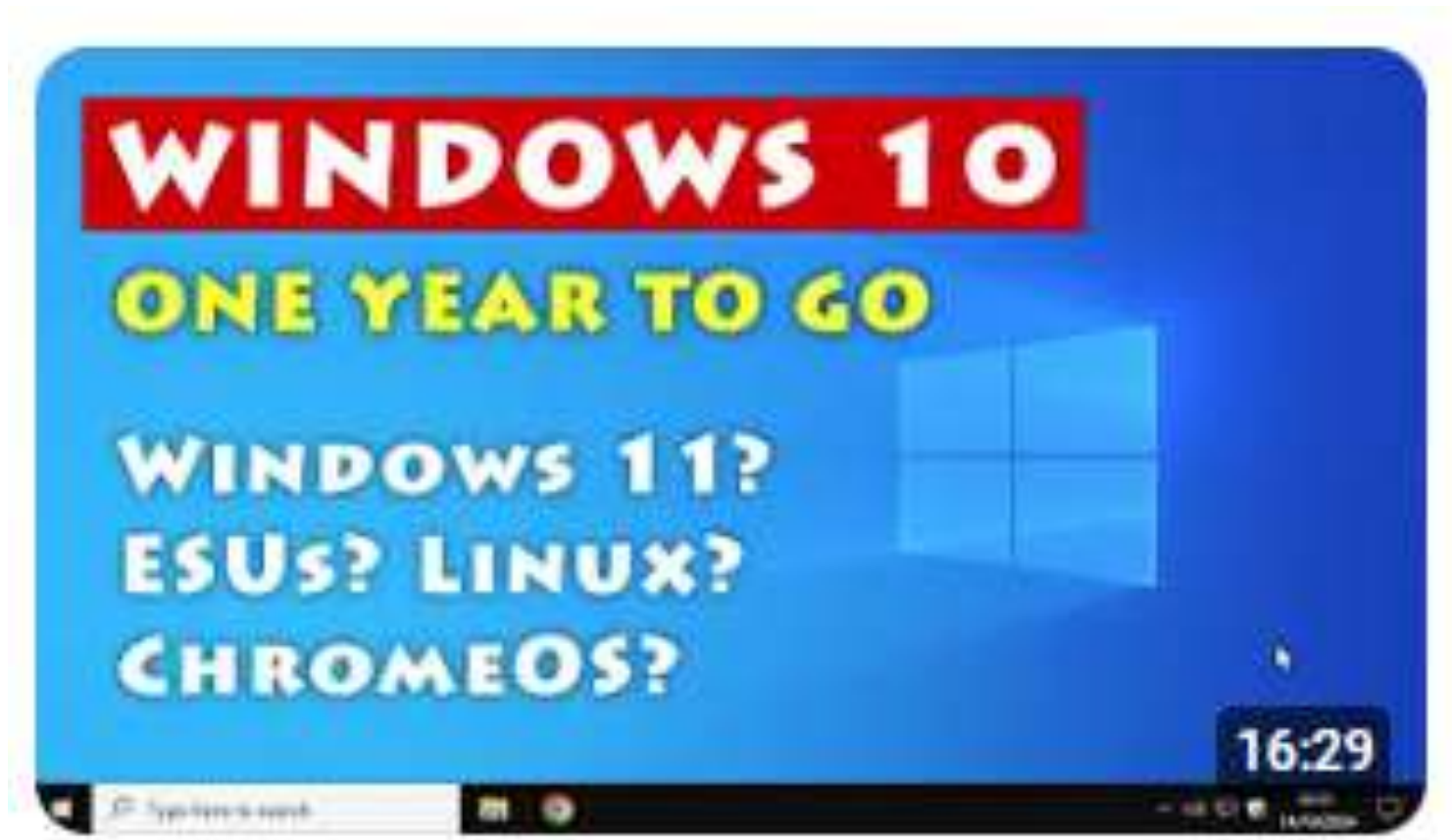
Get the details and see if there are things you can do in the PC Health Check app.

[Get PC Health Check](#)



YouTubeTech

Windows 10: One Year to Go -- & what we do next!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hlBeV0IIoU>



YouTubeTech

Things To Know Before Switching To Linux



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSkFUemQ8Uw>

The Plan

Phase 1

- Download Linux Mint 22 (Wilma)
- Create a bootable USB drive
- Boot the computer into Linux from the USB
- Check the hardware compatibility
- Review the applications bundled in the distro

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Trading Up To Linux – Part 1 *by Alan German*

Windows 10 will reach end of life (EOL) on October 14, 2025. Many existing users of Windows 10 will know that there is no upgrade path to Windows 11 for their specific computer due to some stringent hardware requirements that are being imposed by Microsoft. For example, some reputable sources suggest that machines must be less than four years old in order to be upgraded! For most machines, an Intel 8th-generation Core, an AMD Ryzen 2000 series or better

past. Your computer will run as normal. System patches will continue to be supplied and installed through Windows Update over the entire time.

However, what you do need to do is think ahead. When Windows 10 reaches EOL, there will be no further security patches and machines still running this operating system may be vulnerable to attack, particularly if they remain connected to the Internet.

tion because they have heard that Linux is “hard” or “only for geeks”. Nothing could be further from the truth and the good news is that, if you are willing to at least give the option a try, you have an entire year to check things out. So, this is the premise of this first article in a planned series that will act as a simple guide to the use of the Linux operating system.

Specifically, we will initially download the Cinnamon edition of Linux



<https://opcug.ca/Articles/2410NEWS.pdf>

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Running Linux Mint from a Live-USB

Most modern computers will boot from a USB flash drive so creating a bootable drive with Linux Mint as the operating system is the optimal method for test-driving this distro. This provides a means of checking the compatibility of a computer's hardware with Linux, and allows trying out the distro's features.

Note that this article is written from the perspective of a Windows user who wishes to try Linux. The use of a live-USB provides this capability without affecting the Windows installation on the computer in any way.

Should your computer be incapable of booting from a USB drive, you may wish to equip it with a recordable CD/DVD drive. To create and run a bootable CD/DVD, check out the earlier posts: [Burning the .iso file to CD](#) and [Running the Live-CD](#)

Getting Started

We need four things to get started. Firstly, we will download the latest release of the Cinnamon edition of Linux Mint which is currently Version 22 (Wilma). The Cinnamon desktop is very like Windows in many ways and will provide a reasonably smooth introduction to the new operating system.

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Four Requirements

1. ISO file for Linux Mint 22 Cinnamon Edition Version 22 (Wilma)
2. USB flash drive, with a capacity of 4 GB or more (empty or files that can be overwritten)
3. EXE file for Balena Etcher to create a bootable disk
4. Know how to boot the computer from a USB drive*

* Search on Google for
Boot <*your computer's make and model*> from USB





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 USA	Clarkson University



Download "linuxmint-22-cinnamon-64bit.iso"?

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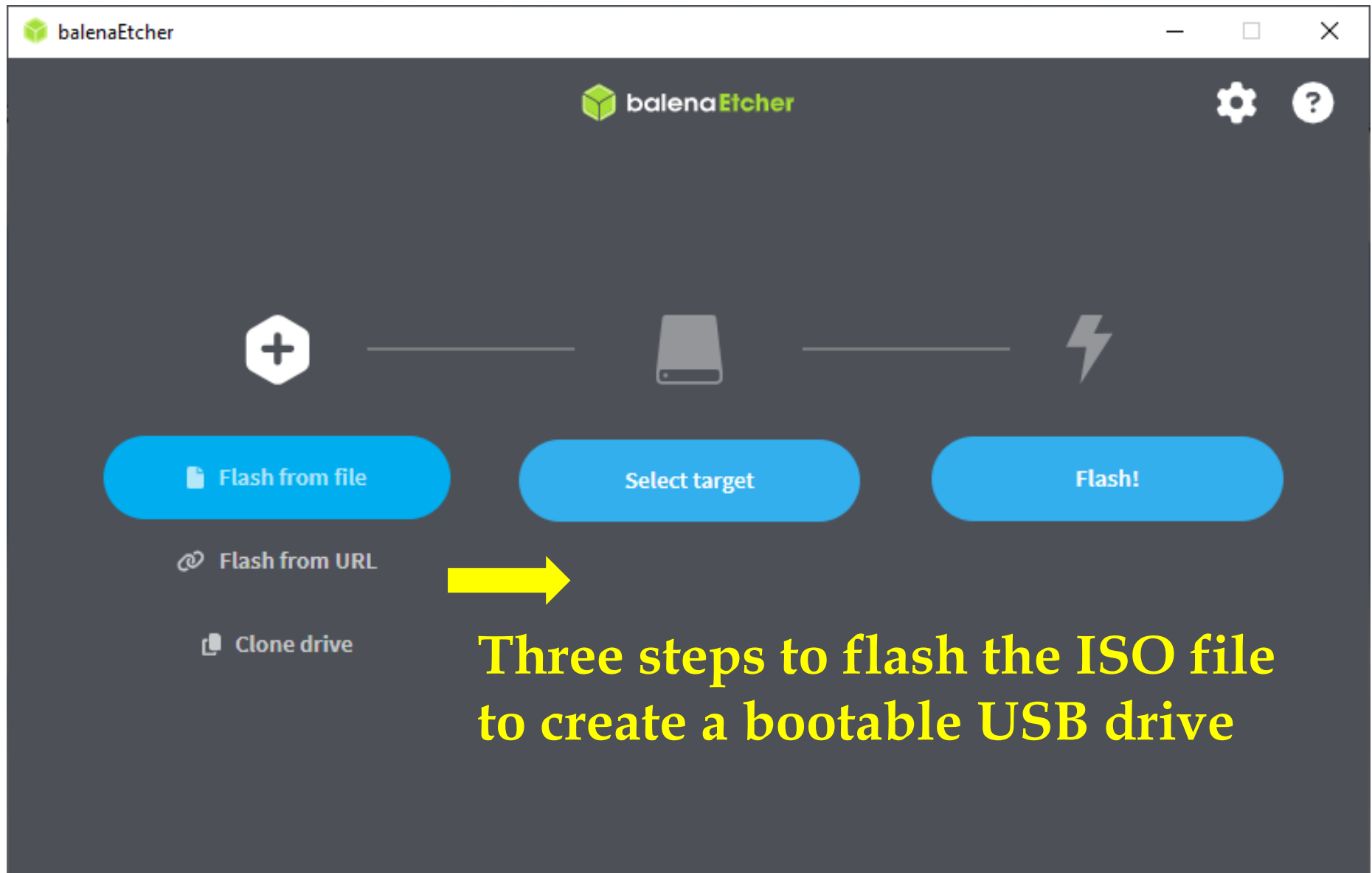
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<https://etcher.balena.io>

Reboot the Computer using the USB

- How do you do this?



The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "Boot Dell Inspiron 15 from USB". Below the search bar, there are tabs for "All", "Videos", "Shopping", "Images", "News", "Books", "Web", and "More". The "All" tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a featured snippet with the text: "Press F12 after the Dell logo is displayed on the screen to access the boot menu. A Preparing one-time boot menu message appears. After the boot menu loads, select the USB recovery device under UEFI BOOT." Below the snippet, there is a link to "Inspiron 15 3000 Setup and Specifications | Dell US". At the bottom right, there are links for "About featured snippets" and "Feedback".

Boot Dell Inspiron 15 from USB

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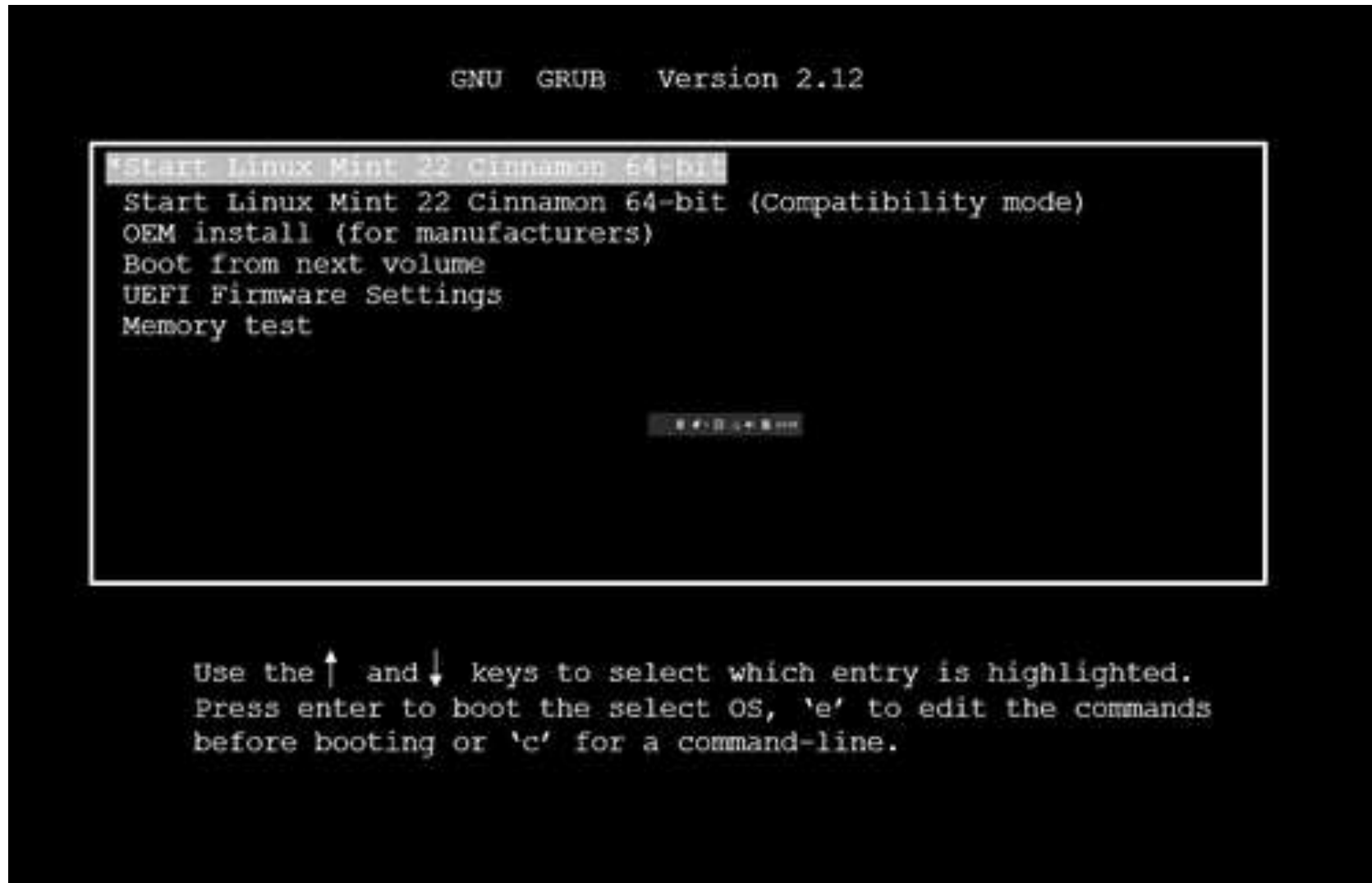
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GRand Unified Bootloader Menu (GRUB)

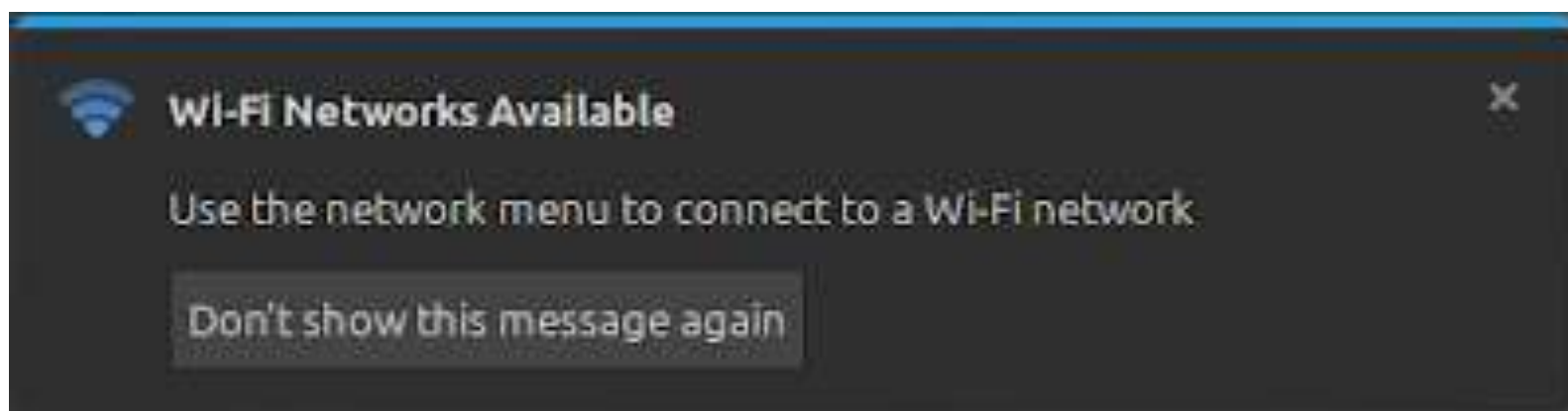


- Be patient as the boot process will take a little time
- We are booting directly from the USB drive which is relatively slow
- The process will involve black screens, and the occasional green-and-white Linux Mint (lm) logo
- The Linux desktop will eventually load in all its splendour!





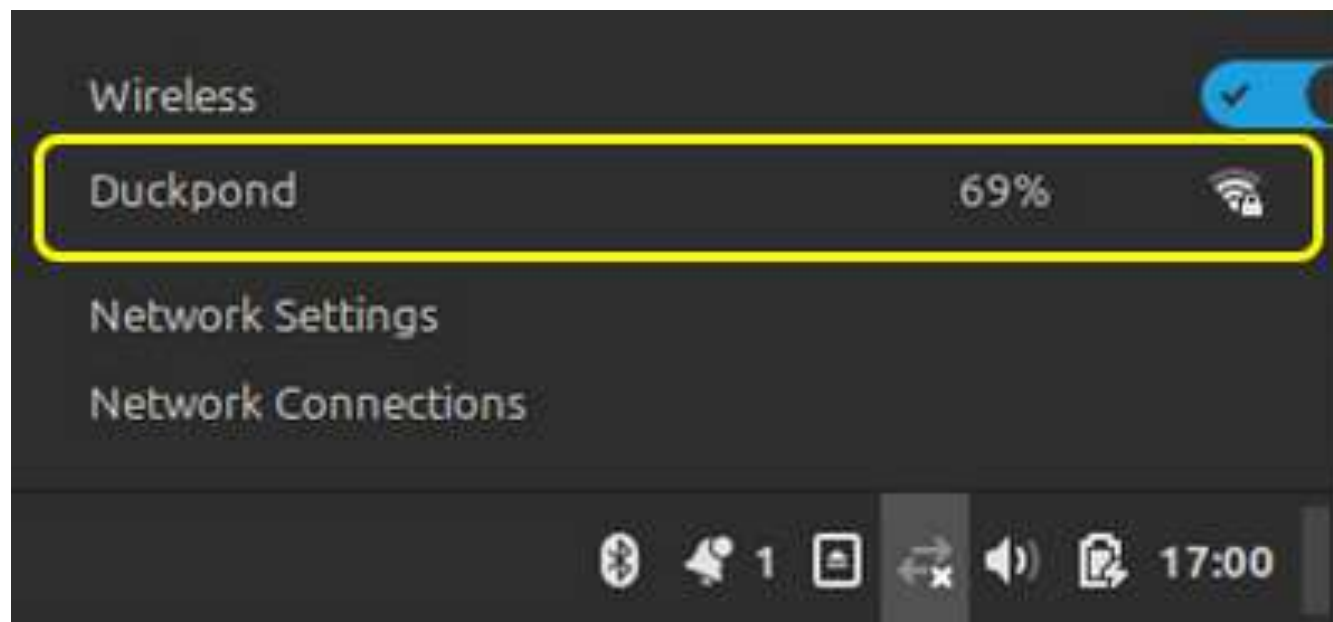
You may notice a pop-up window appearing briefly...



To connect to Wi-Fi...



Networking





Connection Established



You are now connected to the Wi-Fi network "Duckpond".

Don't show this message again

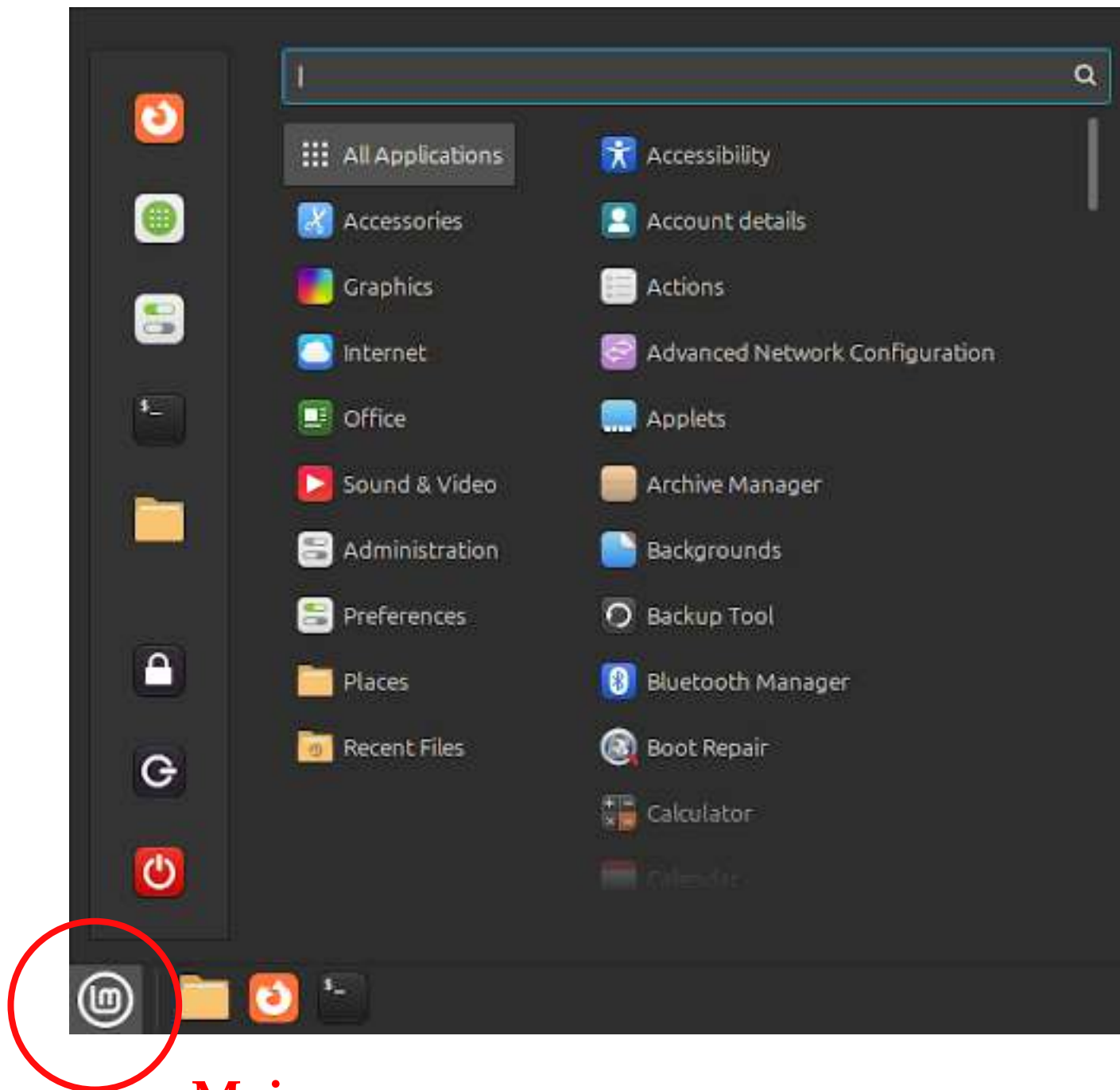


Firefox web browser



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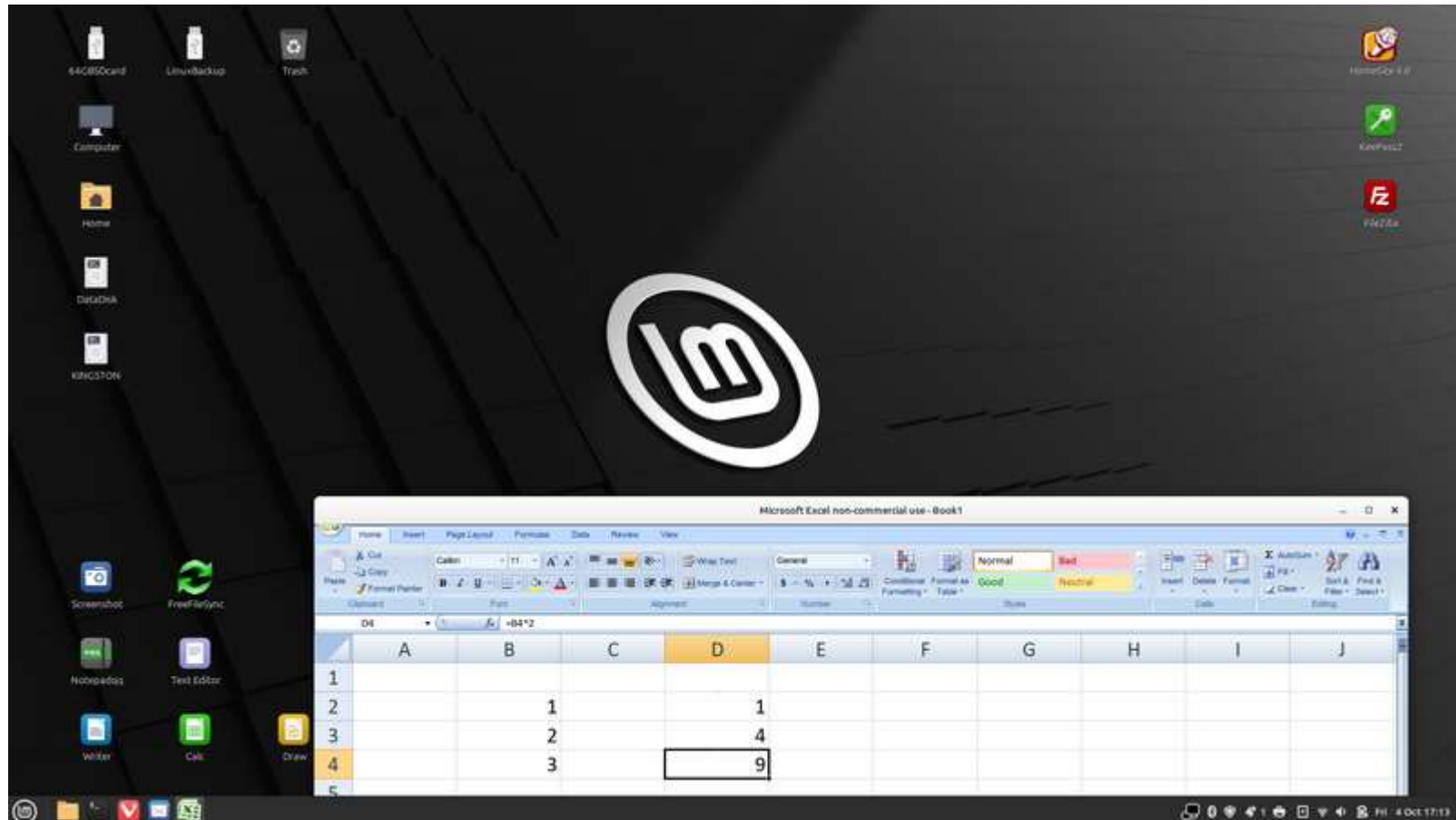
Main menu



So, if you opt to use Linux,
can you run Microsoft Excel?



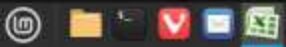
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Microsoft Excel non-commercial use - Book1

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- ✓ • Boot the computer into Linux from the USB
- ✓ • Check the hardware compatibility
- Review the applications bundled in the distro

Phase 2

- Install Linux dual-booted with Windows
- Boot into Linux and Windows from the grub menu

<More>

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visualping



- Do you frequently check websites for new material?
- Do you find it tedious to keep visiting the websites only to find nothing has changed?
- Let *visualping* monitor websites for changes
- Free
 - monitor up to 5 webpages
 - maximum frequency of once a day
- Paid accounts
 - monitor up to 100 pages
 - maximum frequency every 2 minutes

<https://visualping.io/>

URL to monitor

<https://www.cnet.com/tech-tips/>

Page appears here

- monitor entire page, or
- resize handles: pick part of page to monitor for changes
 - e.g. *THE LATEST* at CNET

Frequency of checking

- **Free:** monthly, every 2 weeks, weekly, daily
- **Paid:** every
 - 12/6/3/1 hours
 - 30/15/5/2 minutes

Frequency

Every Day

Threshold

Tiny (1%)

Threshold to trigger an alert

- Any, Tiny (1%), Medium (10%), Major (25%), Gigantic (50%)

Compare Type

☒ Visual ☐ Text

Select an area visually, we

Compare type

- *Visual vs. Text*

Perform Actions

Adjustments

[Open page in your browser](#)

Cancel

Create Job

Share

Email alert (changes detected)

Good summary of changes

Red overlay shows changes

- looks like everything changed!

What really happened?

- 2 articles added

Current

Previous

- 2 articles fell off

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Compare Type: Text

When are new events posted at OPCUG

<https://opcug.ca>

URL to monitor

Compare Type: Text

Compare Type

☐ Visual ☒ Text ☐ Element

Select all or partial text on a page, we'll check if it changes.

Can't select *partial text*!

- entire page will be checked

Perform Actions

Adjustments

Keyword Alert (Text Compare only)

Cancel

Create Job

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Email alert (changes detected)

From Visualping <hello@visualping.io> @
To chris.taylor@opcug.ca @
Subject **Difference detected on HOME - Ottawa PC Users' Group**

12:16 a.m.



We detected a change on
HOME - Ottawa PC Users' Group

Summary

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Wednesday Oct 02 09

8:30 9:00 pm

~~Q&A Sessions~~ Regular Monthly Meetings

A total of 201 changes have been detected. Click "View Changes" for more details.



Current



Previous

[Learner](#)

Was this relevant?



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[SETTINGS](#)

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Confusing email

Summary of changes

Green: new material
Red: removed material

Should have shown

- Q&A Session removed from top
- a new item added to end

Instead showed interlaced mish-mash

- 201 changes

Snapshots: Current vs. Previous

- didn't show any part that changed

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Wednesday Oct 10 2019

8:30:00 pm

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VIEW CHANGES

Learn more

Was this relevant?

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We have launched a new way to visualize changes. Do you prefer to visualize the old way?

Aha!

Summary of changes

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WEDNESDAY OCT 09 2019

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Video conference

Q&A Sessions Regular Monthly Meetings

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

OPCUG

Tips and techniques for better restoring old photos (Ottawa Public Library)

Learn, in simple terms, how your camera works. This lecture is a demonstration of how to enable you to take better photos bring old photos back to life! The lecture will cover

THURSDAY OCT 03 10

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Presseman Daye Brook

Branch

Ottawa Public Library

Mish-mash of changes

- should have shown large blocks of changes

Zoomed way out

- to see whole page

Visualize the old way

Red: removed material

Much cleaner way of showing changes

- events that happened disappear from top
- more upcoming events appear at bottom

Green: new material

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Plans

- Paid plan pricing based on annual subscriptions
 - starting at US\$120/year
- Free probably good enough for most people

The image shows a pricing page with four subscription plans. The 'Free' plan is highlighted with a red border. The 'Personal 5k' plan is marked as 'MOST POPULAR'.

Free	Starter	Personal 5k	Personal 10k
150 checks per month	1,000 checks per month	5,000 checks per month	10,000 checks per month
Get Started	Subscribe \$10/mo*	Subscribe \$25/mo*	Subscribe \$50/mo*
5 Pages Per Day	25 Pages Per Day	100 Pages Per Day	200 Pages Per Day
Daily Max Frequency	Hourly Max Frequency	15 Min Max Frequency	5 Min Max Frequency
☒ Email alerts	☒ Email alerts ☒ Email support	☒ Email alerts (+1 in CC) ☒ Text message alerts ☒ Email support	☒ Email alerts (+1 in CC) ☒ Text message alerts ☒ Email support

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Summary

- I find
Compare Type: Text more useful than *Visual*
- Email alerts always confusing
 - use *View Changes* in email followed by *visualize the old way* for a better way of seeing what changed
- Comprehensive help guide
 - <https://help.visualping.io/en/>
- Advanced features
 - track changes in a URL to a PDF file
 - track when a keyword is added or removed from a site
 - optionally block ads and cookie banners
 - so they don't trigger a change detection

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SmartApps

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



SuggestionBox@opcug.ca

Can also be a program for the PC

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NokoPrint

NokoPrint - Mobile Printing

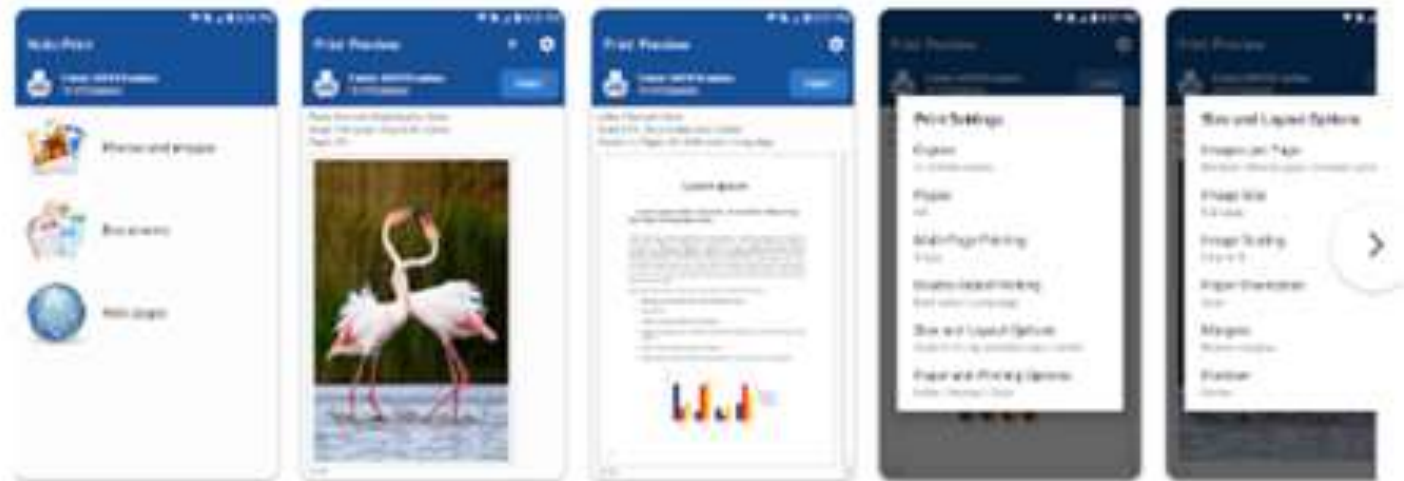
NokoPrint LLC

Contains ads • In-app purchases

4.5★
338K reviews

10M+
Downloads

E
Everyone



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

Bill Bradwin

Features include:

- Print directly from your Android phone or tablet:
 - photos and images (JPG, PNG, GIF, WEBP)
 - MS Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint documents
 - PDF files and websites (HTML pages)
- Color or monochrome (black and white) printing
- Duplex (one or two-sided) printing
- Print multiple images per sheet
- Print on WiFi, Bluetooth,
USB-OTG connected printers





Want to test a music file organizer?

- MusicBrainz Picard
 - cross-platform, free & open-source music tagger
 - recommended by Graham Cluley, Smashing Security
 - supports all popular music formats
 - MP3, FLAC, OGG, M4A, WMA, WAV, and more
 - uses open and community-maintained MusicBrainz database
 - provide accurate information about millions of music releases
 - tags for album/track name, artist, record label, year of issue, etc.
 - uses AcoustID audio fingerprints
 - identify files by the actual music, even if they have no metadata
 - lookup entire music CDs with a click
 - find and download correct cover art for your albums
- Anyone interested in checking out *MusicBrainz Picard* & doing a share?



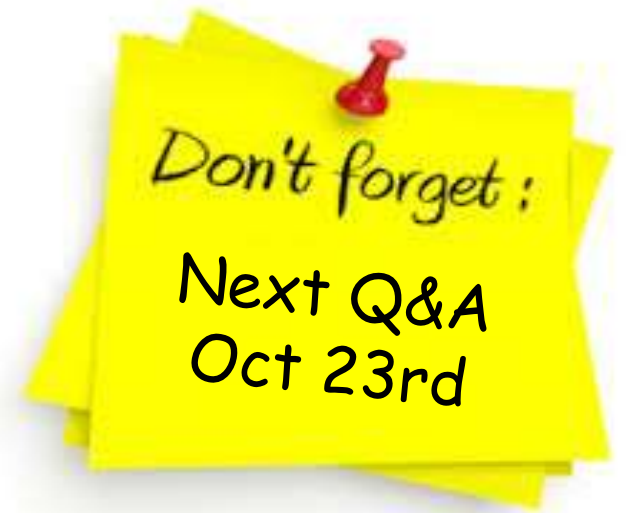
**Any other:
Questions
Comments
Shares?**



Gremlins at work!

- There is currently a glitch on our web hosting service that may prevent making Q&A postings as usual
- The PowerPoint, audio recording and chat files will be available – somewhere on the Internet!
- The download link will be distributed in the regular post-meeting message on the members' forum
- Anyone else wishing to download the files should contact alan.german@opcug.ca





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

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** Questions, comments, and shares can be anonymous if requested*