

Laptop Group Meeting – Dec 8, 2010

Lists submitted by members:

Member A

1. Windows Live is new, a basic understanding is required.

<http://www.neowin.net/news/review-windows-live-essentials-2011---complete-overview>

<https://accountservices.passport.net/ppnetworkhome.srf?vv=900&mkt=EN-US&lc=1033>

2. File backup no doubt necessary. (He meant Recovery Disk creation.)

<http://support.acer.com/acerpanam/desktop/0000/Acer/AspireE360/AspireE360faq40.shtml>

<http://aps2.toshiba-tro.de/kb0/HTD9102IR0000R01.htm>

Member B

1. Pros and cons of partitioning our hard drives, then actually completing it, as a group.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disk_partitioning

http://www.pcworld.com/article/185941/how_and_why_to_partition_your_hard_drive.html

2. Discussion and then create a plan for organizing favorites, Bookmarks and Email.
3. Developing a Daily, Weekly and Monthly maintenance schedule routine and checklist.
4. Downloading a multi-player "on-line" game for here that we can continue individually.
5. Peer to Peer file sharing (torrents), risks and rewards.

Member C

1. How to use Excel setting up a income/expense program

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/1902913/RENTAL%20PROPERTY%20SUMMARY%20SHEET%20%28rev%200610%29.xls>

2. WiFi among others

Member D

(These questions represent parts of one discussion about members' experience with laptop economies and repair.)

1. What breakdown or inherent construction problems are unique to laptops?
2. When is a computer replacement a better investment than a service repair?
3. What reliable servicing facilities other than the big box stores are available in the area.
4. All laptop members outline what their professional servicing experiences have been, and what necessitated the repairs.

Member E

1. Cursor keeps freezing

The following list was made by a member as he started using his brand new laptop.

[Windows 7 Ramblings & Topics for discussion.](#)

A Overwhelmed, then try: Start / Getting Started / Discovering Windows 7.

B Forget Windows Word! WIN 7 WORD PAD is good enough for me.

C I activated McAfee Antivirus free trial for 2 months. Then will go to MSE.

(opinion: not recommended, delete all traces of McAfee or Norton, go directly to MS Essentials)

D Is G-parted still my best choice to partition my 320GB WD drive? (right click Computer, select Manage, Storage, Disk Management)

E Admin vs user accounts and permissions? I don't know what to do?

<http://www.wilderssecurity.com/showthread.php?t=282394>

F I activated Windows Live Email to replace my previous Outlook Express. (there's no choice, OE dies with XP)

G I exported my email contacts list from Outlook and imported to Windows Live Mail.

- H I added email Message rules to divert some incoming emails to specified folders.
- I I did create a "Driver & Applications Disc" called "AppDrv1" 16 minutes.
- J I did create the Windows recovery 4 Discs disk set.
- K Acer recovery is also stored by Acer on a hidden portion of my C: drive. (access with ALT F10 on boot for any Acer)
- L I changed my Date format from dd/mm/yy to mm/dd/yy.
- M I changed Language default from English to Canada/US .
- N Confused, distinguishing Bookmarks in Google from Favorites in Library.
<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/windows-7-libraries-%E2%80%93-and-why-you-want-them/>
- O Three Favorites, Fav Bar, Fav on IE Browser, Fav on IE Icon on Task bar (consider Google Bookmarks & iGoogle homepage)
- P Win Key + Tab, Tab, Tab Clears desktop and rolls through open windows.
- Q I think that Chrome came along with Google Earth and I'm not ready for it!
- R Is Office Starter on my computer now?
- S Microsoft Office 2010 free trial. I will Uninstall it and use my Office 2007. (sometimes easier to just use Product Key)
- T Norton free trial. I will uninstall it and use my back-up drive with Acer.
- U Macro security is set to Very High and the application encounters a signed macro.
- V Want to add Windows Defender and other Windows (sic) Essentials. (included with MS Essentials)
- W My Dlink network is installed on my XP Desktop and I can access my Win 7 Laptop.
- X I cannot access my XP desktop, from my Win 7 laptop. Router is DIR615. WPA. (Check WORKGROUP)
- Y Do I need AVG and Windows Security Essentials? Or just one and which one? (only 1 installed AntiVirus app at a time)