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With Christmas and New Year celebrations well and truly over, I've had more time to concentrate on computer things.

Page 4 of this newsletter has free programs and resources to assist with your computer journey. (Updated and different to last month's resources). While many of these resources are Windows, I am including Apple resources as I come across them.

Windows 10. There's a notice on this page regarding the SDCUC presentation on 15/2.

Opera Neon browser on page 3 is something different. It's still in development and doesn't have a lot of the features other browsers have, but it certainly has a different look.

PATIENCE

*is the companion of
wisdom*

St Augustine

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MICROSOFT PLANS TO NOTIFY USERS WHEN WINDOWS 10 CREATORS UPDATE IS AVAILABLE AND ALLOW THEM TO SCHEDULE INSTALLATION.

WINDOWS CREATORS UPDATE TO ALLOW UPDATES TO BE PAUSED

MICROSOFT ANNOUNCES A WINDOWS DEFENDER SECURITY CENTER AS PART OF CREATORS UPGRADE

iOS 10.3 to feature wireless tracking so you can find your AirPods



Gmail will block JavaScript attachments from February 13th Article in March newsletter

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB

February Meeting

Topic for the night;

Windows 10

What do we know?

Presenter : Lindsay Chuck

There's so much information available on Windows 10, both good and bad, it was difficult working out where to start with the presentation. I will cover history, what's coming, and some features. That's all there is time for.

I've been using Windows 10 for less than a year, upgraded 4 computers, rolled back one to Windows 7, and assisted a number of users with issues.

So if you want to pick up a few tips, or contribute to the meeting with a few of your own, come along and you can have a chat and cuppa after the meeting.

Wednesday 15th February

at 7.30pm. Entry \$3

St Mary's Catholic Church

Corner South and Bains Roads

Morphett Vale

<http://sdcuci.com>

WINDOWS 10 THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

The Good

Plenty of new features with more to come. Last Microsoft operating system.

The Bad

The way Microsoft tricked many users into upgrading to W10 and costing thousands of users money to get their computers fixed.

The Ugly

Reports that during January, Microsoft forced the Anniversary Update on users, even though they had chosen not to update at the time.

**ANDROID MARCHER**

Malware mimics Super Mario Run

Do you play games? If you have an android tablet or phone, you should be aware of this scam, Super Mario Run is a game only available for iOS. So fraudsters are using the opportunity to disguise Android Marcher as Super Mario Run. A fake webpage promotes the release of the game, and upon installation, a trojan requests multiple permissions, including administrative rights. The Trojan attempts to trick victims with fake finance apps.

Support coming to an end

Microsoft has announced it will end support for Microsoft Office 2007 in October 2017. They suggest you move to Office 2016 or Office 365.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO GET WINDOWS 10 FOR FREE

You can still upgrade to Windows 10 for free and it's a legitimate Microsoft offering.



Assistive Technology = Technology which aids disabled people to perform day to day functions as a normal person is called assistive technology. Microsoft hasn't given an end date for this offer so don't leave it too long.

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/windows10upgrade>

WINDOWS 10 CREATORS UPDATE DEVELOPMENTS**Installation**

Good news!!!! — Microsoft plans to advise users when the Creators update is available, so you can schedule installation yourself. Part of the installation scheduling process will involve users making choices about privacy settings in five categories.

Updates

onMSFT reports that the Windows 10 Creators Update will allow users to pause non security related updates for up to 35 days. Some say Microsoft is finally listening to users, and not before time considering the number of updates that have caused problems for users.

Good news for users of the Windows 10 Creators Update**In Other Developments**

App folders on the start menu will be enabled so you will be able to group multiple tiles into folders. Game Mode—For people who are into gaming on a PC. Game Mode is a feature that prioritizes system resources for gaming.

WINDOWS GAMES

Microsoft Solitaire Collection
Simon's Slots— Slot machine game includes over 24 different machines.

Hill Climb Racing— Race against the clock.

Draw a Stickman: EPIC—Doodle, draw a stickman and then solve puzzles, and go on adventurous quests.

Minecraft

The above are all free.

\$229 million—Total amount lost to scams in Australia in 2015

\$363,270—Total reported loss from phishing scams in Australia 2015

**ANDROID APP**

Ctrl+F

Available from the Play Store— App lets you search for words within pages of books and magazines that you scan using the app. App converts any scanned pages to a high resolution PDF. Ideal for saving pages.

**START MENU X 6.00**

www.startmenux.com

Available for W7, 8, 8.1, 10

Free version

Don't like your start menu? Why not give this one a try. Version 6 allows you to add up to 5 more folders of menu items and the start menu can be replaced with a different icon.

**PRIVAZER**

<http://privazer.com/>

Removes over a 100 types of junk files. Including broken shortcuts. Files left behind by uninstalled programs and remnants of Windows upgrade files.

**ADVANCED IP SCANNER**

<http://www.advanced-ip-scanner.com/>

Available for Windows XP to 10

For when you have multiple PCs on your network, and want to access files and transfer them between PCs.

**WEB-BASED PRIVACY DASHBOARD**

Microsoft has launched a Web based privacy dashboard so you can see and control your activity data with Microsoft. Includes location, search, browsing and Cortana notebook data across multiple Microsoft devices.

**SECRETS—MAC/iOS PASSWORD MANAGER**

Generate unique secure passwords, autofill website logins in Safari, (as well as Chrome), Sync between Mac and iOS devices via iCloud. Securely store passwords. And its free.

INTERESTING

The most common user password in 2016 with a percentage of 17% was

123456 If you are using this password maybe you should change it.



TEAM VIEWER 12

www.teamviewer.com

Windows 7, 8, 8.1 or 10

Originally created for business, Team Viewer is a free program which can be very useful and should have a place on your PC.

This new version is claimed to be

- 20 times faster
- More reliable
- Provides smoother video
- Transfer speeds up to 200Mbps
- Redesigned interface
- Easier to use
- You can leave sticky notes on other PCs
- Allows you to share live secure video stream of your screen with someone anywhere.
- Can be used to resolve another person's problem.
- Quick and easy to set up.
- Share photos with other people.
- Secured by unique ID codes and passwords.
- Share files between computers by clicking files & extras.
- Click speech bubble to start a chat with the person on the other computer.
- A draw back is the way Team Viewer wants you to purchase a licence when you close it.

There's a business paid version which has options to connect to phones and tablets.

Various Team Viewer You Tube videos are available to illustrate and help you benefit from using the program.

TIPS

Select all files within a folder—Press **Ctrl+A**

Select multiple files—Press **Ctrl** then click on the files you want to select.

You can deselect the files in the same manner. Great for deleting files.



OTHER ANDROID JOURNAL APPS

Journey—This free app has passcode and fingerprint security to keep your memories protected, and includes numerous fonts and blog styles.

NO LONGER SUPPORTED

The Google Drive desktop utility no longer supports Windows XP, Vista and 2003 server, unless it was installed prior to the 1/1/17.

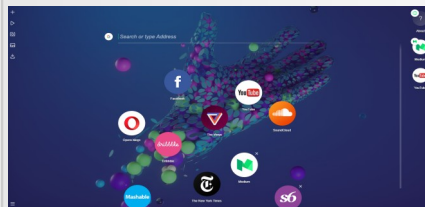
Use of the Google website is still available. Dropbox stopped support in April 2016, and as with Google, access is available via the website.

OPERA NEON BROWSER

<https://www.opera.com/computer/neon>

I downloaded this new concept browser for a look. Very different to other browsers. Although a work in progress, its available for Windows and Macs.

A screen shot of my laptop.



INTERNET OF THINGS SCANNER

Firstly, the Internet of Things—ie Smart TVs, security cameras, and household devices, like coffee machines you can turn on with a smart phone.

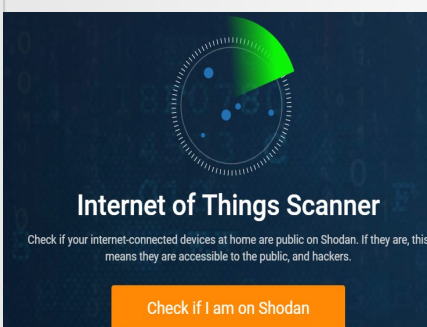
Secondly, Shodan, which has been around since 2009 and claims to be the world's first search engine for internet connected devices. Users may open an account for a one time charge of \$49 and have access to screenshots from vulnerable webcams from around the world. The search engine indexes all kinds of internet connected devices.

<https://www.shodan.io/>

Thirdly, Internet of Things Scanner

Check whether you have been compromised. Click on the link below and see if you appear on Shodan.

<http://iotsscanner.bullguard.com/>



INSTAPAPER

www.instapaper.com

Available for PC, Android, iOS or kindle. A free service that allows you to save online content and read it later. Features Ad free browsing and text searches. It's similar to Pocket which I've mentioned previously and use myself, but it has more features.

LISTEN TO YOU TUBE WITHOUT YOUR SCREEN ON

Android iOS

The latest version of the Firefox app for tablets/phones allows you to listen to the content without watching it.

FREE ANTIVIRUS

Free antivirus software tests by Bit (BusinessIT) shows Avira Antivirus Pro is top of the ladder.

Avira Antivirus Pro
AVG Internet Security
Qihoo 360 Anti Virus
Avast Free Antivirus
Panda Security Free Antivirus
Microsoft Security Essentials

DIARO

For Diary, Journal, Notes.



Free for Android and iOS

This app has been designed and focused to record activities, experiences, thoughts and ideas during your day. You are also able to browse previous diary notes. Also sync your memories across all your devices.



OTHER APPLE JOURNAL APPS

The following free apps include Momento, Grid Diary and Foodnotes, an app for collecting all your restaurant critiques and food adventures.

Worth a try and delete if you dislike.

RESOURCES

<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AvVXZM2BZ461pQTypkGHs-6EHpH6>

This link provides you with past copies of the SCG newsletter and a PDF of websites.

NAME	URL	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Adelaide Tech Guy	https://www.adelaidetechguy.com.au/	Support	Useful tips and tricks. Listen to his radio segments
Ccleaner	https://www.piriform.com/ccleaner	Program	Program removes unwanted cookies, wipes browser history, deletes unnecessary files, etc
Coretemp	http://www.alcpu.com/CoreTemp/	Program	A compact no fuss small footprint but powerful program to monitor processor temperature and other vital info.
Diario	http://www.diarioapp.com/	Program/ Apps	A free journaling app. Available for Android, iOS Web. Keep your daily thoughts, experiences, etc
FreeMacSoft	https://freemacsoft.net/appcleaner/	App	Apple - Small application allows you to thoroughly uninstall unwanted apps.
Geek Uninstaller	https://www.geekuninstaller.com/download/		Free version. Uninstaller for versions of Windows. A pro version is available.
Gimp	https://www.gimp.org/	Program	Image editor - Provides sophisticated tools for getting the job done.
Google Docs	https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/?showDriveBanner=true#	Online	Basic editing capabilities
ImgBurn	http://imgburn.com/	Program	Lightweight CD/DVD/HD DVD/Blu ray burning application
KeePass	http://keepass.info/	Program	Password manager. Free open source, lightweight, easy to use.
Major Geeks	http://www.majorgeeks.com/	Support	Looking for a program? Windows/Mac/Android - Worth a look.
Ninite	https://ninite.com/	Program	A Program that allows you to pick a variety of programs to download and use on your computer. Great for a PC.
Paint.net	http://www.getpaint.net/index.html	Program	Image editor which should satisfy most people.
PC Decrapifier	https://www.pcdecrapifier.com/	Program	Brings up a checklist of bloatware installed on your computer and helps you wipe them away.
OBS Studio 0.16.4	https://obsproject.com	Program	Records video clips of what you are playing on your computer. Free.