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Each part of this book is made up of a series of short, instructional lessons, designed to help you understand basic information.

Each step is fully illustrated to show you how it looks onscreen.

Each task includes a series of quick, easy steps designed to guide you through the procedure.

Items that you select or click in menus, dialog boxes, tabs, and windows are shown in **bold**.

USING THE WINDOWS START MENU

All the software programs and utilities on your computer are accessed via the Windows Start menu. Your most frequently used programs and basic Windows tools are listed on the left side of the Start menu; your favorite programs are "pinned" as tiles to the right side. To open a specific program, just click the icon or tile.



Tips, notes, and cautions give you a heads-up for any extra information you might need while working through the task.

Introduction

Computers don't have to be scary or difficult. Computers can be *easy*—if you know what to do.

That's where this book comes in. *Easy Computer Basics, Windows 10 Edition* is an illustrated, stepby-step guide to setting up and using your new computer. You'll learn how computers work, how to connect all the pieces and parts, and how to start using them. All you have to do is look at the pictures and follow the instructions. Pretty easy.

After you learn the basics, I show you how to do lots of useful stuff with your new PC. You learn how to use Microsoft Windows to copy and delete files; use Google's Gmail and the Windows Mail app to send and receive email messages; use Microsoft Word to write letters and memos; use your web browser and Microsoft's new Cortana virtual assistant to search for information on the Internet; and use Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter to keep up with what your friends are doing. We even cover some fun stuff, including listening to music, viewing digital photographs, and watching movies and TV shows online.

If you're worried about how to keep your PC up and running, we cover some basic system maintenance too. And, just to be safe, I also show you how to protect your computer when you're online. It's not hard to do.

To help you find the information you need, I've organized *Easy Computer Basics, Windows 10 Edition* into 16 chapters.

<u>Chapter 1</u>, "<u>Understanding Personal Computers</u>," discusses all the types of personal computers out there and describes the pieces and parts of a typical computer system. Read this chapter to find out all about desktops, all-in-ones, notebooks, and tablets—and the things like hard drives, keyboards, mice, and printers that make them tick.

<u>Chapter 2</u>, "<u>Setting Up Your PC</u>," shows you how to connect all the pieces and parts of a typical PC and get your new computer system up and running.

<u>Chapter 3</u>, "<u>Connecting Peripherals and Other Devices</u>," shows you how to connect other things including your living room TV—to your new computer.

<u>Chapter 4</u>, "<u>Setting Up a Wireless Home Network</u>," helps you connect all the computers in your house to a wireless network and share a broadband Internet connection.

<u>Chapter 5</u>, "<u>Using Microsoft Windows 10</u>," introduces the backbone of your entire system—the Microsoft Windows 10 operating system—and shows you both basic operations and how to get the most out of it.

<u>Chapter 6</u>, "<u>Personalizing Windows</u>," shows you how to customize Windows 10's desktop and lock screen, how to change colors and backgrounds, and how to add new users to your system.

<u>Chapter 7</u>, "<u>Working with Software Applications</u>," walks you through everything you need to know about software applications, including how to find new apps in Microsoft's Windows Store.

<u>Chapter 8</u>, "<u>Using Microsoft Word</u>," shows you how to use both desktop and online versions of Microsoft's popular word processor to create letters and other documents.

<u>Chapter 9</u>, "<u>Working with Files and Folders</u>," shows you how to use File Explorer and Microsoft's OneDrive to manage all the computer files you create—by moving, copying, renaming, and deleting them.

<u>Chapter 10</u>, "<u>Using the Internet</u>," is all about how to get online and what to do when you're there including how to use the new Edge web browser to surf the Web, search for information, and shop for items online. You'll also learn how to use Cortana, Microsoft's virtual assistant, to search both the Internet and your own computer.

<u>Chapter 11</u>, "<u>Communicating with Email</u>," is all about using email to communicate with friends, family, and co-workers. The focus is on Windows 10's Mail app, as well as Google's Gmail service.

<u>Chapter 12</u>, "<u>Sharing with Facebook and Other Social Networks</u>," introduces you to the fascinating world of social networking—and shows you how to share with friends on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter.

<u>Chapter 13</u>, "<u>Watching TV and Movies Online</u>," shows you how to use your computer to watch television programming, movies, and other videos from Netflix, Hulu, and YouTube.

<u>Chapter 14</u>, "<u>Playing Digital Music</u>," shows you how to stream your favorite music online from Spotify and Pandora, as well as how to purchase and download music from Apple's iTunes Store— and listen to CDs on your computer with the Windows Media Player app.

<u>Chapter 15</u>, "<u>Viewing and Editing Digital Photos</u>," helps you connect a digital camera to your PC, transfer your photos to your PC, touch up problem pictures, and view them on your computer screen. <u>Chapter 16</u>, "<u>Protecting Your Computer</u>," is all about defending against online menaces, keeping your PC running smoothly, backing up your important files, and recovering from serious crashes.

And that's not all. At the back of the book, you'll find a glossary of common computer terms—so you can understand what all the techie types are talking about!

(By the way, if something looks a little different on your computer screen than it does in your book, don't dismay. Microsoft is constantly doing little updates and fixes to Windows, so it's possible the looks of some things might have changed a bit between my writing this book and your reading it. Nothing to worry about.)

So, is using a computer really this easy? You bet—just follow the simple step-by-step instructions, and you'll be computing like a pro!

Chapter 1. Understanding Personal Computers



Chances are you're reading this book because you have a new computer. At this point, you might not be totally sure what it is you've gotten yourself into. Just what is this mess of boxes and cables—how does it all go together, and how does it work?

We start by looking at the physical components of your system—the stuff we call computer *hardware*. A lot of different pieces and parts make up a typical computer system, and the pieces and parts differ depending on the type of computer you have.

You see, no two computer systems are identical. That's because there are several types of configurations (desktops, notebooks, and such) and because you can always add new components to your system—or disconnect other pieces you don't have any use for.

Types of Computers



Getting to Know Desktop PCs

A traditional <u>desktop computer</u> is one with a <u>monitor</u> designed to sit on your desktop, along with a separate <u>keyboard</u> and mouse and freestanding stereo speakers. The central component of a traditional desktop system is the <u>system unit</u>, which contains the PC's <u>central processing unit (CPU)</u>, <u>memory</u>, and <u>motherboard</u>. All the external components connect directly to the system unit.



Note: Connecting Components

The external components (called *peripherals*) of a desktop PC connect to the system unit via an assortment of connectors. Most peripherals today connect via USB connectors, but some components use other types of connections.



On a desktop PC, most of the primary components connect to ports found on the back (or sometimes the front) of the system unit. However, some peripherals connect wirelessly, usually via Bluetooth.

Getting to Know All-in-One PCs

An <u>all-in-one computer</u> is a desktop model in which the system unit is built in to the monitor. The monitor/system unit also includes built-in speakers, as well as all the ports you need to connect external peripherals. Many people like the easier setup and smaller space requirements of an all-in-one system.







Note: Touchscreens

Some all-in-one PCs feature touchscreen monitors; you can control them by tapping and swiping the monitor screen with your fingers.



Caution: All-in-One Drawbacks

The chief drawbacks to all-in-one systems are the price (usually a bit more than traditional desktop PCs) and the fact that if one internal component goes bad, the whole system is out of commission. It's a lot easier to replace a single component than an entire system!

Getting to Know Notebook PCs

Most new computers today are notebook models—sometimes called *laptops*. A notebook PC differs from a desktop PC in that all the pieces and parts are combined into a single unit that you can take with you almost anywhere. The built-in battery provides power when you're not near a wall outlet. And some notebook PCs include <u>touchscreen displays</u>, which let you operate Windows with a swipe of your fingertips.





Note: Types of Notebooks

There are three types of notebook computers. *Traditional notebooks* have screens in the 14-inch to 16-inch range, 500GB or larger hard drives, and, in many cases, built-in CD/DVD drives. *Desktop replacement notebooks* have larger 17-inch screens and more powerful processors, but shorter battery life. *Ultrabooks* have smaller screens in the 10-inch to 14-inch range, no CD/DVD drive, but much longer battery life. Many ultrabooks also use faster solid-state memory rather than hard drives for storage.



Tip: External Peripherals

Even though a notebook PC has the keyboard, mouse, and monitor built in, you can still connect external keyboards, mice, and monitors to the unit. This is convenient if you want to use a bigger keyboard or monitor or a real mouse (instead of the notebook's touchpad).

Getting to Know Tablet PCs

A tablet PC is a self-contained computer you can hold in one hand. Think of a tablet as the real-world equivalent of one of those communication pads you've seen on *Star Trek*. It doesn't have a separate keyboard; instead, you operate it by tapping and swiping the screen with your fingers. If you have a tablet that runs the Windows 10 operating system, you see a special tiled touch-centric interface. Some tablets come with optional keyboards and mice for <u>office</u> use.



Note: Popular Tablets

The most popular tablet PC today is the Apple iPad—which doesn't run Windows. (It runs Apple's own portable operating system, dubbed iOS.) There are numerous Windows-based tablets, however, including Microsoft's Surface tablets.



Note: Convertible PCs

Several manufacturers offer *convertible* or *hybrid PCs*. A convertible PC is a blend of the ultrabook and tablet form factors; think of a convertible PC as an ultrabook that converts into a tablet or as a tablet that converts into an ultrabook. For example, the Asus Transformer Pad looks like an ultrabook but features a screen that detaches from the keyboard—which then functions as a freestanding touchscreen tablet.

Connectors

Every external component you plug into your computer has its own connector, and not all connectors are the same. This results in an assortment of jacks—called *ports* in the computer world. The <u>USB</u> port is probably the most common, used to connect all sorts of external peripherals, including printers, keyboards, mice, and <u>disk</u> drives.



Most portable devices that you connect to your computer, such as smartphones and digital cameras, connect via USB—as do most larger peripherals.



Tip: HDMI

If you want to connect your computer to your TV to watch <u>Internet</u> videos on the TV screen, look for a computer with an HDMI port. HDMI carries digital audio and high-definition video in a single cable. Most of today's flat-screen TVs have multiple HDMI inputs.

Hard Disk Drives: Long-Term Storage

The hard <u>disk drive</u> inside your computer stores all your important data—up to 6 <u>terabytes (TB)</u> or more, depending on your computer. A <u>hard disk</u> consists of metallic platters that store <u>data</u> magnetically. Special read/write heads realign magnetic particles on the platters, much like a recording head records data onto magnetic recording tape.





Hard disk light





Tip: Formatting the Drive

Before you can store data on a hard disk, you must *format* the disk. When you format a hard disk, your computer prepares each track and sector of the disk to accept and store data magnetically. (Most new hard disks, such as the one in your new PC, come preformatted.)



Note: Ultrabook Storage

Many ultrabook PCs use solid-state flash storage rather than hard disks. Solid-state storage is lighter and faster than hard disk storage—but it's more expensive and has a smaller storage capacity.

Keyboards

A computer keyboard looks and functions just like a typewriter keyboard, except that computer keyboards have a few more keys (for navigation and special program functions). When you press a key on your keyboard, it sends an electronic signal to your system unit that tells your machine what you want it to do.





Many essential operations are triggered by use of the special Windows key on the computer keyboard. (For example, you open the Windows <u>Start menu</u> by pressing the <u>Windows</u> key.) This key is indicated by the Windows logo.



Tip: Wireless Keyboards

If you want to cut the cord, consider a wireless keyboard or mouse. These wireless devices operate via radio frequency signals and let you work several feet away from your computer, with no cables necessary.

Touchpads

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On a desktop PC, you control your computer's onscreen pointer (called a *cursor*) with an external device called a *mouse*. On a notebook PC, you use a small *touchpad* instead. Move your finger around the touchpad to move the cursor, and then click the left and right buttons below the touchpad to initiate actions in your program.





Tip: External Mice

If you'd rather use a mouse than a touchpad, you can connect any external mouse to your notebook PC via the USB port. Some manufacturers sell so-called notebook mice that are smaller and more portable than normal models.



Most external mice offer more control options than built-in touchpads. For example, some mice include a *scrollwheel* you can use to quickly scroll through a web page or word processing document.

Memory Card Readers

Many computers today include a set of memory <u>card</u> readers, usually grouped on the front or side of the unit. Memory cards store photos and movies recorded on digital cameras and camcorders. To read the contents of a memory card, simply insert the card into the proper slot of the memory card reader.





Note: Memory Card Formats

Different portable devices use different types of memory cards—which is why your computer has so many memory card slots. The most popular memory cards today are the Secure Digital (SD), Secure Digital High Capacity (SDHC), Secure Digital Extended Capacity (SDXC), and CompactFlash (CF) formats.

CD and DVD Drives

<u>Computer</u> or data CDs, DVDs, and Blu-ray discs look just like the compact discs and movies you play on your home audio/video system. Data is encoded in microscopic pits below the disc's surface and is read from the disc via a <u>drive</u> that uses a consumer-grade laser. The laser beam follows the tracks of the disc and reads the pits, translating the data into a form your computer can understand.









Note: CD, DVD, and Blu-ray

Many new PCs come with combination CD/DVD drives that can read and write both CDs and DVDs. Some models include Blu-ray drives for high-definition video. But most ultrabooks and tablets don't come with a CD/DVD drive, helping to decrease weight and increase battery life.



A computer CD drive can play back both data and commercial music CDs. A computer <u>DVD</u> drive can play back both data and commercial movie DVDs.

Computer Screens

Your computer electronically transmits words and pictures to the computer screen built in to your notebook or to a separate video monitor on a desktop system. These images are created by a *video card* or chip installed inside the computer. Settings in Windows tell the video card or chip how to display the images you see on the screen.





End



Some notebook PCs and desktop monitors (as well as all tablets) feature touchscreen displays. These displays function just like traditional displays but are also touch sensitive, which means that you can control your system by tapping and swiping the screen with your fingers.

Printers

To create a hard copy of your work, you must add a <u>printer</u> to your system. The two most common types are *laser* printers and *inkjet* printers. Laser printers work much like copy machines, applying toner (powdered ink) to paper by using a small laser. Inkjet printers shoot jets of ink onto the paper's surface to create the printed image.






Tip: Black and White Versus Color

Black-and-white printers are faster than color printers and better if you're printing memos, letters, and other single-color documents. Color printers are essential if you want to print pictures taken with a digital camera.

Note: Multifunction Printers

So-called multifunction printers offer copy, scan, and fax functionality, in addition to traditional printing.

Chapter 2. Setting Up Your PC



When you first get a new PC, you have to get everything set up, connected, and ready to run. If you're using a traditional desktop PC, setup involves plugging in all the external devices—your monitor, speakers, keyboard, and such. If you're using an all-in-one desktop, the task is a bit easier because the system unit, monitor, and speakers are all in a single unit; all you have to connect are the keyboard and mouse.

Setup is even easier if you have a notebook PC, because all the major components are built in to the computer itself. Same thing with a tablet; there's really nothing to connect.

If you're connecting a desktop PC, or even a notebook with external peripherals, start by positioning it so that you easily can access all the connections on the unit. You'll need to carefully run the cables from each of the external peripherals to the main unit, without stretching the cables or pulling anything out of place. And remember, when you plug in a cable, make sure that it's *firmly* connected—both to the computer and to the specific piece of hardware. Loose cables can cause all sorts of weird problems, so be sure they're plugged in really well.

Desktop Computer System



Setting Up a Notebook PC

Setting up a notebook PC is much simpler than setting up a desktop model. That's because almost everything is built in to the notebook—except external peripherals, such as a printer. Just connect the printer, plug your notebook into a power outlet, and you're ready to go.

Start

- If you have a printer, connect one end of your printer's USB cable to a USB port on your notebook; connect the other end of the cable to your printer.
- Onnect one end of your computer's power cable to the power connector on the side or back of your notebook; connect the other end of the power cable to a power source.
 - Connect your printer and other powered external peripherals to an appropriate power source.





Tip: External Peripherals

If you're using an external mouse or keyboard, connect it to a USB port on your notebook. If you're using an external monitor, connect it to your notebook's external video port.

Setting Up an All-in-One Desktop PC

In an all-in-one desktop PC, the speakers and system unit are built in to the monitor, so you have fewer things to connect—just the mouse, keyboard, and any external peripherals, such as a printer. This makes for a quicker and easier setup than with a traditional desktop PC.



Connect the mouse cable to a USB port on the back of the monitor.

Connect the keyboard cable to a USB port on the back of the monitor.

- Connect one end of your printer's USB cable to a USB port on the back or side of your system unit; connect the other end of the cable to your printer.
- Connect one end of your computer's power cable to the power connector on the back of your system unit; connect the other end of the power cable to a power source. Connect any powered peripherals to a power source.



End



Tip: Back and Side Connections

Most all-in-one PCs have USB ports on both the back and the side of the unit. It doesn't matter which of these ports you use, although connecting to the back ports is usually a little cleaner looking—it does a better job of hiding the cables from view.



Note: External Speakers

Some all-in-one PCs feature a speaker output you can use to add additional external speakers or perhaps a subwoofer (for better-sounding bass). On other all-in-ones, you can connect external USB speakers to an open USB port, if you like.

Setting Up a Traditional Desktop PC

If you have a traditional desktop computer, you need to connect all the pieces and parts to your computer's system unit before powering it on. After connecting all your peripherals, you can then connect your system unit to a power source. Just make sure the power source is turned off before you connect!



Connect the mouse cable to a USB port on your system unit.

Connect the keyboard cable to a USB port on your system unit.

Connect the blue monitor cable to the blue monitor port on your system unit; make sure the other end is connected to your video monitor. (If your monitor has a DVI or HDMI connection, use that instead.)





Most newer mice and keyboards connect via USB. Some older models, however, connect to dedicated mouse and keyboard ports on your system unit. You should use whatever connection is appropriate.



Tip: Digital Connections

Some newer computer monitors use a Digital Video Interface (DVI) or HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) connection instead of the older Video Graphics Array (VGA) type of connection. If you have a choice, a DVI or HDMI connection delivers a crisper picture than the older analog connection. HDMI is preferred if you're connecting to a flat-screen TV or home theater system because it transmits both video and audio.

- Connect the green phono cable from your main external speaker to the audio-out or sound-out connector on your system unit; connect the other end of the cable to the speaker.
- Connect one end of your printer's USB cable to a USB port on the back of your system unit; connect the other end of the cable to your printer.





Tip: Your Connection May Vary

Not all speaker systems connect the same way. For example, some systems run the main cable to one speaker (such as the subwoofer) and then connect that speaker to the other speakers in the systems. Other systems connect via USB. Make sure to read the manufacturer's instructions before you connect your speaker system.



Note: Connect by Color

Most PC manufacturers color-code the cables and connectors to make connecting things even easier. Just plug the blue cable into the blue connector and so on.

Connect one end of your computer's power cable to the power connector on the back of your system unit; connect the other end of the power cable to a power source.

Connect your printer, speakers, and other powered external peripherals to an appropriate power source.







Tip: Use a Surge Suppressor

For extra protection, connect the power cable on your system unit to a surge suppressor rather than directly into an electrical outlet. This protects your PC from power-line surges that can damage its delicate internal parts.



Caution: Power Surges

A power surge, whether from a lightning strike or due to an issue with your electric company, can do significant damage to a computer system. Too much power, even for just a second, can destroy your computer's <u>microprocessor</u>, memory chips, and other delicate components. In many instances, recovery from a power surge is either costly or impossible.

Powering On

Now that you have everything connected, sit back and rest for a minute. Next up is the big step: turning it all on!



Turn on your printer, monitor (for a traditional desktop PC), and other powered external peripherals.

If you're using a notebook PC, open the notebook's case so that you can see the screen and access the keyboard.

Press the power or "on" button on your computer.



End



Technical types call the procedure of starting a computer <u>booting</u> or booting up the system. Restarting a system (turning it off and then back on) is called *rebooting*.



Caution: Go in Order

Your computer is the *last* thing you turn on in your system. That's because when it powers on it has to sense all the other components—which it can do only if the other components are plugged in and turned on.

Logging On to Windows

<u>Windows</u> launches automatically as your computer starts. After you get past the Windows lock screen, you're taken directly to the Windows Start screen, and your system is ready to run.



When you start your PC, you see the Windows lock screen; press any key to display your logon information.



Enter your password (if necessary) and press Enter on your keyboard.



End



Tip: Starting for the First Time

The first time you start your new PC, you're asked to perform some basic setup operations, including activating and registering Windows and configuring your system for your personal use.



Note: Lock Screen Information

The Windows lock screen displays a photographic background with some useful information on top—including the date and time, power status, and <u>Wi-Fi</u> (connectivity) status.

Shutting Down

When you want to turn off your computer, you do it through Windows. In fact, you don't want to turn off your computer any other way. You *always* want to turn things off through the official Windows procedure.



Click the Start button at the far left side of the taskbar to display the Start menu.

Click **Power** to display the submenu of options.



Select Shut Down.







Tip: Sleep Mode

If you're using a notebook or tablet PC, Windows includes a special Sleep mode that keeps your computer running in a low-power state, ready to start quickly when you open the lid or turn it on again. In most instances, you enter Sleep mode by closing the tablet cover or the lid of your notebook.

Chapter 3. Connecting Peripherals and Other Devices



If you just purchased a brand-new, right-out-of-the-box personal computer, it probably came equipped with all the components you could ever desire—or so you think. At some point in the future, however, you might want to expand your system—by adding a printer, a webcam, a USB hub, or something equally new and exciting.

Everything that's hooked up to your PC is connected via some type of *port*. A port is simply an interface between your PC and another device, either internal (inside your PC's system unit) or external (via a connector on the back of the system unit). Different types of hardware connect via different types of ports.

USB Connector



Connecting Devices via USB

Most external devices—including printers and smartphones—connect to your PC via USB. This is a type of connection common on computers and other electronic devices; it carries data and provides power for some connected devices. USB is popular because it's so easy to use. All you have to do is connect a device via USB and your computer should automatically recognize it.



Connect one end of the USB cable to your new device.

Connect the other end of the cable to a free USB port on your PC.







USB, which stands for *universal serial bus*, is an industry standard developed in the mid-1990s. There have been multiple versions of USB to date. All USB cables use similar connectors, but each successive version transmits data faster than previous versions. The most common version is USB 3.0, although USB 2.0 ports and cables are still common. The latest, USB-C, is just beginning to show up in new hardware.



Tip: USB Hubs

If you connect too many USB devices, you can run out of USB connectors on your PC. If that happens, buy an add-on USB hub, which lets you plug multiple USB peripherals into a single USB port.

Connecting a Printer

Most printers today connect to your computer via an easy-to-use USB cable. After you've connected the printer, you can then configure it from within Windows.



Connect one end of a USB cable to the USB port on your printer.



Connect the other end of the USB cable to a USB port on your system unit.

Connect the printer's power cable to a power outlet.





Note: Older Printers

Many older printers used a different type of connection cable, called a *parallel cable*. Newer printers use USB connections because they can be connected without powering down, as was required with parallel connections. (In addition, USB cables are a lot thinner than parallel cables, which saves on space.)



You must now install the printer within Windows. Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu.

Click Settings to display the Settings window.





In the left-hand column, make sure Printers & Scanners is selected.

Scroll to the Printers section. If your printer is not listed, click the Add a Printer or Scanner button and let Windows search for it.

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	CutePDF Writer
	HP ENVY 4500 series Offline
	HP ENVY 4500 series (Network)
	Microsoft Print to PDF

End



Connecting Your PC to Your TV

If you want to watch Internet streaming video (from Netflix and other services) on your TV, you can simply connect your TV to your personal computer via HDMI cable. Connected this way, anything you watch on your PC will display on your TV screen.

Start

Connect one end of an HDMI cable to the HDMI port on your computer.

Connect the other end of the HDMI cable to an open HDMI connector on your TV.





HDMI, which stands for *High-Definition Multimedia Interface*, has become the connection standard for high-definition TVs. Most TV sets today have two or more HDMI inputs, typically used to connect cable boxes, Blu-ray players, and the like. HDMI transmits both audio and video signals.



Not all PCs have HDMI ports. Some have mini HDMI connectors, which require the use of a special HDMI cable with a mini plug on one end and a standard plug on the other.

Switch your TV to the HDMI input you connected to. Your computer screen should now appear on your TV display.

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To view programming full-screen, click the full-screen button in the app or window you're viewing.



End



Chapter 4. Setting Up a Wireless Home Network



When you want to connect two or more computers in your home, you need to create a computer *<u>network</u>*. A network is all about sharing; you can use your network to share files, peripherals (such as printers), and even a <u>broadband</u> Internet connection.

There are two ways to connect your network: wired and wireless. A wireless network is more convenient (no wires to run), which makes it the network of choice for most home users. Wireless networks use radio frequency (RF) signals to connect one computer to another. The most popular type of wireless network uses the Wi-Fi standard and can transfer data at 11Mbps (802.11b), 54Mbps (802.11g), 600Mbps (802.11n), or 1Gbps (802.11ac).



Setting Up Your Network's Main PC

The focal point of your wireless network is the *wireless router*. The wireless PCs on your network must be connected to or contain *wireless adapters*, which function as mini-transmitters/receivers to communicate with the base station.

Start

Connect one end of an Ethernet cable to the Ethernet port on your broadband modem.

2 Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to one of the Ethernet ports on your wireless router

-preferably the one labeled Internet or WAN.





Most routers have a dedicated input for your broadband modem, sometimes labeled Internet—although the <u>modem</u> can be connected to any open Ethernet input on the <u>router</u>.

Note: Internet Gateway

Some <u>Internet service providers (ISPs</u>) provide broadband modems that include built-in wireless routers, often called an *Internet gateway*. If you have one of these devices, you don't need to buy a separate router.

Connect one end of an Ethernet cable to another Ethernet port on your wireless router.

Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to the Ethernet port on your main PC.

Connect your wireless router to a power source and, if it has a power switch, turn it on. Your computer should now be connected to the router and your network.





Tip: Router Configuration

Some wireless routers require you to connect your main computer via Ethernet for initial configuration, as described here. Other routers will connect wirelessly to your main computer for the entire configuration process. When in doubt, follow the instructions that came with your router.



Tip: Wireless Security

To keep outsiders from tapping into your wireless network, you need to enable wireless security for the network. This adds an <u>encryption</u> key to your wireless connection; no other computer can access your network without this key.

Connecting Additional PCs to Your Wireless Network

Each additional PC on your network requires its own wireless adapter. Most notebook PCs come with a wireless adapter built in. Some desktop PCs come with built-in wireless adapters; others might require you to connect an external adapter.

Start

In the notification area of the taskbar, click the **Connections** icon to display the Settings window with the Wi-Fi panel displayed.



Click your wireless network; this expands the panel for this network.





Note: Connections Icon

If no network is currently connected, the Connections icon should be labeled Not Connected—Connections Are Available.



Tip: Wireless Adapters

A wireless adapter can be a small external device that connects to the PC via USB, an expansion card that installs inside your system unit, or a PC card that inserts into a laptop PC's card slot.

To connect automatically to this network in the future, check the **Connect Automatically** box. Click **Connect**.





Tip: Connect Automatically

When you're connecting to your home network, it's a good idea to enable the Connect Automatically feature. This lets your computer connect to your network without additional prompting or interaction on your part.



When prompted, enter the password (called the *network security key*) for your network.
Click Next.



When the next screen appears, click **Yes** to connect with other PCs and devices on your home network. You're now connected to your wireless router and should have access to the Internet.







Tip: Connecting Securely

If you've enabled wireless security on your wireless router, you will be prompted to enter the passphrase or security key assigned during the router setup, as noted in steps 5 and 6. If you haven't enabled wireless security, you should.



Tip: One-Button Connect

If your router supports "one-button wireless setup" (based on the Wi-Fi Protected Setup technology), you'll be prompted to press the "connect" button on the router to connect. You can connect via this button or by entering the network password as normal.

Adding Your Computer to a Homegroup

The easiest way to connect multiple home computers is to create a homegroup for your network. A *homegroup* is kind of a simplified network that lets you automatically share files and printers between connected computers.



Right-click the Start button to display the quick Access Menu, and then click **Control Panel**.





In the Network and Internet section, click Choose Homegroup and Sharing Options to

display the Share with Other Home Computers page.





Only PCs running Windows 7 or above can be part of a homegroup. PCs running older versions of Windows do not have the homegroup feature and must use the normal Windows networking functions instead.

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Olick the Create a Homegroup button to display the Create a Homegroup page.

Click Next to display the Share with Other Homegroup Members page.





Tip: File/Printer Sharing

When configuring your homegroup, you can choose to share your Documents, Music, Pictures, Videos, or Printers and Devices.



By default, Windows will share your pictures, videos, music, and printers and other devices but not your documents—with other homegroup members. Make a selection in the drop-down
list for each item to change the sharing permissions, then click Next.

Windows now displays the password for your new homegroup. You'll need to provide this to users of other computers on your network who want to join your homegroup, so write it down and keep it in a safe place.

Click the Finish button.

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You'll need to configure each computer on your network to join your new homegroup. Enter the original homegroup password as instructed.



Accessing Other Computers in Your Homegroup

After you have your home network set up, you can access shared content stored on other computers on your network. How you do so depends on whether the other computer is part of your homegroup. We'll look at homegroup access first.

Start

Click the File Explorer icon on the Windows taskbar or on the Start menu.



When File Explorer opens, click **Homegroup** in the navigation pane to display all the users in your homegroup.

Double-click the user whose files you want to access.

Windows now displays the folders shared by that user. Double-click a folder to access that particular content.



Note: Organized by User

The Homegroup section of File Explorer is organized by user, not by computer. Any given user might have accounts on multiple computers.



Accessing Other Computers on Your Network

A computer doesn't have to be connected to your homegroup for you to access its content. Windows lets you access any computer connected to your home network—although you can share only content that the computer's owner has configured as sharable.



Click the File Explorer icon on the Windows taskbar or on the Start menu.



When File Explorer opens, click **Network** in the navigation pane. This displays all the computers and devices connected to your network.

Double-click the computer you want to access.

Windows now displays the shared folders on the selected computer. Double-click a folder to view that folder's content.





On most older computers, shared files are stored in the Public folder. Look in this folder first for the files you want.



Chapter 5. Using Microsoft Windows 10



Microsoft Windows is a piece of <u>software</u> called an <u>operating system</u>. An operating system does what its name implies—it operates your computer system, working in the background every time you turn on your PC. The <u>desktop</u> that fills your screen is part of Windows, as is the taskbar at the bottom of the screen and the big menu that pops up when you click the Start button.

Windows 10 is the latest version of the Microsoft Windows operating system, the successor to Windows 8/8.1. If you used Windows 8 or 8.1, you'll appreciate the return to the traditional desktop and Start menu of the popular Windows 7.



Using the Mouse

To use Windows efficiently, you must master a few simple operations, all of which you perform with your mouse. Most mouse operations include *pointing* and *clicking*. Normal clicking uses the left mouse button; however, some operations require that you click the right mouse button instead.



To single-click, position the cursor over the onscreen item and click the left mouse or touchpad button.



2 To double-click, position the cursor over the onscreen item and click the left mouse or touchpad button twice in rapid succession.





Tip: Click to Select

Pointing and clicking is an effective way to select icons, menu items, directories, and files.



Tip: Mouse Over

Another common mouse operation is the *mouse over*, in which you hold the cursor over an onscreen item without pressing either of the mouse buttons. For example, when you mouse over an icon or a menu item, Windows displays a *ToolTip* that tells you a little about the selected item.

3 To right-click, position the cursor over the onscreen item and then click the *right* mouse button.



To drag and drop an item from one location to another, position the cursor over the item, click and hold the left mouse button, drag the item to a new position, and then release the mouse button.







Tip: Pop-Up Menus

Many items in Windows feature a context-sensitive pop-up menu or Jump List. You access this menu or list by right-clicking the item. (When in doubt, right-click the item and see what pops up!)



Tip: Moving Files

You can use dragging and dropping to move files from one folder to another or to delete files by dragging them onto the Recycle Bin icon.

Using the Windows Start Menu

All the software programs and utilities on your computer are accessed via the Windows Start menu. Your most frequently used programs and basic Windows tools are listed on the left side of the Start menu; your favorite programs are "pinned" as tiles to the right side. To open a specific program, just click the icon or tile.



Click the Start button to open the Start menu.

Favorite programs are "pinned" to the right of the main Start menu in resizable tiles. Click a

tile to open the application; scroll down to view more tiles. Click **All Apps** to display a list of all installed applications.

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In Windows 8 and 8.1, Microsoft removed the Start menu, instead forcing users to use a new Start screen, designed for touchscreen use. In Windows 10 the Start menu is returned and the Start screen is removed. (Although tablet users can display the Start menu in full-screen mode.)



Tip: Shut Down

To close Windows and shut down your computer, click the **Power** button on the Start menu and then select **Shut Down**.

Applications in the All Apps list are listed in alphabetical order, organized by letter; click an app to open it.

Some apps are organized in folders by publisher or type of application; click a folder to view its contents.

Click **Back** to return to the main Start menu.



End



Tip: Search for Apps

You can search for apps installed on your computer by entering a program name into the Cortana Search box on the taskbar.



Right-click the Start button to display the Quick Access menu. This is a menu of advanced options, including direct links to File Explorer and Control Panel.

Opening a Program

To open a program from the Start menu, all you have to do is click it. You can click an item in the applications list, or a tile on the right side of the menu.

Start

Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu.

- If the program you want isn't listed by default, click All Apps to display the complete list of applications.
- Click the icon or tile for the program you want to launch.





Using the Taskbar

The taskbar is the area at the bottom of the Windows desktop. Icons on the taskbar can represent frequently used programs, open programs, or open documents.

Start

- To open an application from the taskbar, click the application's shortcut icon.
- To view a list of recently opened documents for an application, right-click the application's icon to display a Jump List, and then select an item.
- To open a new blank document for an already-open application, right-click the application's icon to display the Jump List, and then click the application item.
- The far right side of the taskbar is called the notification area, and it displays icons for essential Windows operations. To view more details about any item displayed in this area, click that item's icon.





Tip: Taskbar Icons

A taskbar icon with a plain background represents an unopened application. A taskbar icon with a line underneath represents a running application. A taskbar icon with a shaded background represents the highlighted or topmost window on your desktop. An application with multiple documents open is represented by "stacked" lines under the icon.



Tip: Other Icons

At the left side of the taskbar is a search box for Cortana, Windows 10's virtual personal search assistant. (Learn more about Cortana in <u>Chapter 10</u>, "<u>Using the Internet</u>.") There's also an icon for Task View, which enables you to create multiple virtual desktops with their own sets of open applications. In the notification area are icons for power (on notebook and tablet PCs), wireless connection status, sound, and notifications (opens the Action Center).

Scrolling a Window

Many windows contain more information than can be displayed in the window at once. When you have a long document or web page, only the first part of the document or page is displayed in the window. To view the rest of the document or page, you have to scroll down through the window, using the various parts of the scrollbar.



Click the up arrow on the window's scrollbar to scroll up one line at a time.

Click the down arrow on the window's scrollbar to scroll down one line at a time.







Tip: Other Ways to Scroll

To move to a specific place in a long document, use your mouse to grab the scroll box (also called a slider) and drag it to a new position. You can also click the scrollbar between the scroll box and the end arrow, which scrolls you one screen at a time.



Maximizing, Minimizing, and Closing a Window

After you've opened a window, you can maximize it to display full-screen. You can also minimize it so that it disappears from the desktop and resides as a button on the Windows taskbar, and you can close it completely.

Start

To maximize the window, click the Maximize button.

To minimize the window, click the **Minimize** button.

To close the window completely, click the **Close** (X) button.







Tip: Restoring a Window

If a window is already maximized, the Maximize button changes to a Restore Down button. When you click the Restore Down button, the window resumes its previous (premaximized) dimensions.



Switching Between Open Windows

After you've launched a few programs, you can easily switch between one open program and another. In fact, Windows 10 offers several ways to switch programs.



Press Alt+Tab to display thumbnails of all open windows; repeat to cycle through the open apps. Release the keys to switch to the selected window.



2 Alternatively, click the **Task View** icon on the taskbar to view all open windows in this desktop.

Click the window you want to display.





If multiple documents or pages for an application are open, multiple thumbnails will appear when you <u>hover</u> over that application's icon in the taskbar.



When a program or document is open, an icon for that item appears in the Windows taskbar.
Mouse over that icon to view a thumbnail preview of all open documents for that application.
To switch to an open document from the taskbar, mouse over the icon for that item and then

click the thumbnail for that document.



Tip: Help on the Web

End

If you need technical help with using Windows, see Microsoft's website, <u>www.microsoft.com</u>.



Using Windows in Tablet Mode

If you have a notebook or desktop PC, Windows is displayed in the traditional desktop mode. If you have a <u>tablet</u> or <u>hybrid</u> PC, however, Windows can display in Tablet mode, specially designed for devices you operate via touch instead of a keyboard or mouse. Tablet mode is optimized for smaller screen devices, displaying the Start menu and all applications full-screen.

Tap the **Start** button on the taskbar to display the Start menu full-screen.

Tap All Apps button to display the All Apps list.

Start

Tap any tile to launch the associated program in full-screen mode.



Tip: Manually Switch to Tablet Mode

To manually switch to Tablet mode, click the **Notification** button on the taskbar to display the <u>Action Center</u>, and then click the **Tablet Mode** tile.



Tip: Continuum Automatic Switching

The Windows Continuum feature automatically senses your device and displays in the correct mode. If you have a hybrid notebook/tablet device, when you remove the keyboard you will be asked whether you want to switch to tablet mode. When you reattach the keyboard, you'll be asked whether you want to switch to desktop mode.

To switch to other open apps, tap the Task View button on the taskbar.

To display the Action Center, swipe in from the right side of the screen or tap the Notifications icon in the taskbar.

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Using Windows with a Touchscreen Display

If you're using Windows on a computer or tablet with a touchscreen display, you use your fingers instead of a mouse to do what you need to do. So it's important to learn some essential touchscreen operations.

Start

On a touchscreen display, tapping is the equivalent of clicking with your mouse. Tap an item with the tip of your finger and release.



O To display additional information about any item, press and hold the item with the tip of your finger.





Tip: Right-Click = Press and Hold

Pressing and holding is the touchscreen equivalent of right-clicking an item with your mouse.

To scroll down a page or perform many edge-centric operations, swipe the screen in the desired direction with your finger.





Tip: Zooming In

To zoom in on a given screen (that is, to make a selection larger), use two fingers to touch two points on the item, and then move your fingers apart.



Tip: Zooming Out

To zoom out of a given screen (that is, to make a selection smaller and see more of the surrounding page), use two fingers—or your thumb and first finger—to touch two points on the item, and then pinch your fingers in toward each other.

Chapter 6. Personalizing Windows



When you first turn on your new computer system, you see the Windows lock screen, and then the Windows desktop, complete with Start menu. If you like the way these items look, great. If not, you can change them.

Windows presents a lot of ways to personalize the look and feel of your system. In fact, one of the great things about Windows is how quickly you can make Windows look like *your* version of Windows, different from anybody else's.

Settings Window



Customizing the Start Menu

The Windows 10 Start menu can be customized to display tiles for your favorite programs. You can also resize the menu to take up more or less space on the desktop.



- Click the **Start** button to open the Start menu. If necessary, click **All Apps** to view a list of all installed applications.
- 2 To "pin" a program to the right side of the Start menu, right-click the name of the app and then select **Pin to Start**.

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Note: Pinning

"Pinning" an app creates a permanent shortcut to that app. You can pin programs to either the Start menu or the taskbar.



To rearrange tiles on the Start menu, click and hold a tile, and then drag it to a new position.



O To resize a tile, right-click the tile, select **Resize**, and then select the desired size.
To remove a tile from the Start menu, right-click the tile and select **Unpin from Start**.



Note: Tile Sizes

Tiles come in four possible sizes: Small, Medium, Wide, and Large.



Note: Live Tiles

Tiles for some apps display "live" information—that is, current data in real time. For example, the Weather tile displays current weather conditions; the News tile displays current news headlines.

Changing the Desktop Background

One of the most popular ways to personalize the desktop is to use a favorite picture or color as the desktop background.



Right-click any open area of the desktop to display the options menu, and then click

Personalize to display the Personalization window.

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Click to select the **Background** tab.

To use a picture background, click the **Background** list and select **Picture**.

Select one of the image thumbnails, or click **Browse** to select another picture stored on your computer.





Tip: Choose a Fit

There are six options in the Choose a Fit list for displaying images that don't fit the entire desktop. **Fill** zooms into the picture to fill the screen. **Fit** fits the image to fill the screen horizontally—but might leave black bars above and below the image. **Stretch** distorts the picture to fill the screen. **Tile** displays multiple instances of a smaller image. **Center** displays a smaller image in the center of the screen, with black space around it. Select **Span** if you're using multiple monitors and want the same image to span the monitors.

To select a solid-color background, click the **Background** list and select **Solid Color**.

Click the color you want for your desktop background.





Tip: Background Slide Show

To display more than one image in a changing desktop slide show, click the **Background** list and select **Slideshow**. You can then click the **Browse** button to select which pictures appear in the slide show. Pull down the **Change Picture Every** list to determine how quickly images change.



Changing the Accent Color

Start

You can select any color for the title bar and frame that surround open windows on the desktop. You can also select a color for the background of the Start menu, taskbar, and Action Center pane.

Right-click any open area of the desktop to display the options menu, and then click **Personalize** to display the Personalization window.

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Click to select the Colors tab.

To select a specific color, click the Automatically Pick an Accent Color from My Background option to the Off position.

Select the color you want from the color chooser.





S To have Windows automatically suggest a contrast color based on the color of the current background image, set the **Automatically Pick an Accent Color from My Background** option to the On position.

To have the Start menu, taskbar, and Action Center show the selected contrast color, click the **Show Color on Start, Taskbar, and Action Center** control to the On position. To have these items display in black, click this control to the Off position.

To apply a transparent effect to the Start menu, taskbar, and Action Center, click the Make Start, Taskbar, and Action Center Transparent control to the On position.



End


Customizing the Lock Screen Picture

The lock screen is what you see when you first power on your computer or begin to log on to Windows. You can easily change the background picture of the lock screen to something you like better and add information from up to seven apps to the screen.

Start

Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu.

Click Settings to display the Settings window.





Click **Personalization** to display the Personalization screen.





Tip: Lock Screen

The lock screen appears when you first power on your PC and any time you log off from your personal account, switch users, or lock your computer. It also appears when you awaken your computer from Sleep mode.



The Windows lock screen is similar to the lock screens you see on various smartphones, such as the Apple iPhone, whenever you "wake up" the phone.

Click to select the Lock Screen tab.

Click the **Background** list and select **Picture**.

Click the thumbnail for the picture you want to use.

7 To display a slide show of pictures on your lock screen, click the **Background** list and select

Slideshow.



End



To use another picture as the lock screen background, click the **Browse** button. When the Open dialog box appears, navigate to and click or tap the picture you want to use, and then click the **Choose Picture** button.



Adding Apps to the Lock Screen

The lock screen can display a number of apps that run in the background and display useful or interesting information, even while your computer is locked. By default, you see the date/time, power status, and connection status, but it's easy to add other apps to the lock screen.

Start

Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu.

Click **Settings** to display the Settings window.



Click **Personalization** to display the Personalization screen.





Tip: Real-Time Information

The apps you see on the lock screen display information in real time.



Go to the Choose Apps to Show Quick Status section and click a + button to display the list of options.

Click or tap the app you want to add.

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Tip: Displaying Live Information

You can also opt for one of the lock screen apps to display detailed live information, such as unread messages or current weather conditions. To select which app displays detailed information, click the button for that app in the Choose an App to Show Detailed Status section.



Changing Your Profile Picture

When you first configured Windows, you were prompted to select a default image to use as your profile picture. You can, at any time, change this picture to something more to your liking.



- Click the Start button to display the Start menu.
 - Click your name or picture at the top of the Start menu to display the options menu.
- Click Change Account Settings to display the Settings window with the Accounts page displayed.



Go to the Your Picture section and click one of the images displayed there, *or*...
Click the Browse button to open the Open window.
Navigate to and click or tap the picture you want.
Tap or click the Choose Picture button.





Tip: Webcam Picture

If your computer has a webcam, you can take a picture with your webcam to use for your account picture. Scroll to the Create Your Picture section, click the **Camera** button, and follow the onscreen directions from there.



Setting Up Additional Users

Chances are you're not the only person using your computer; it's likely that you'll be sharing your PC with your spouse and kids, at least to some degree. Fortunately, you can configure Windows so that different people in your household can sign on to the computer with their own custom settings—and have access to their own personal files. You do this by assigning each user in your household his own password-protected user account.



Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu, and then click **Settings** to display the Settings window.

Click Accounts to display the Accounts page.

Click to select the Family & Other Users tab.

Click Add a Family Member to display the Add a Child or an Adult? window.





Tip: Two Types of Accounts

Windows lets you create two types of user accounts: online and local. An *online account* is linked to a new or existing Microsoft account; a *local account* is exclusive to your current computer, and doesn't link to any online services.



Note: Microsoft Account

By default, Windows creates new user accounts using existing or new Microsoft accounts. You need a Microsoft Account login to use many of the interactive features of Windows 10, such as linking your account to Facebook or Microsoft's OneDrive; a Microsoft account is also necessary to access features with live updates, such as the Weather and News apps.

Select either Add a Child or Add an Adult.

If the person has an <u>email</u> address, enter it and click Next.

If this person doesn't have an email address, click **The Person I Want to Add Doesn't Have**

an Email Address.



Tip: Three Ways to Log On

When you set up an account, you can choose from three ways to log on. You can log on to an account with a traditional password, a PIN code, or a picture password.





Enter the desired email username into the New Email box. (You might have to try several names to get one that isn't already taken.)

Enter the desired password into the **Password** box.

Enter this person's birthdate, and then click **Next** and follow the remaining instructions to create your new account.

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Tip: Child Accounts

If you're creating a child account, Windows automatically activates Family Safety Monitoring. With Family Safety Monitoring, you can turn on web filtering (to block access to undesirable websites), limit when the kids can use the PC and what websites they can visit, set limits on games and Windows Store app purchases, and monitor the youngsters' PC activity.

Switching Between Users

If other people are using your computer, they might want to log on with their own accounts. To do this, you'll need to change users—which you can do without shutting off your PC.

Start

Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu.

Click your name or picture at the top of the Start menu.

Click the desired user's name.

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Tip: Signing Out

When you switch users, both accounts remain active; the original user account is just suspended in the background. If you would rather log off completely from a given account and return to the Windows lock screen, click your username on the Start menu, and then click **Sign Out**.



Configuring Windows Settings

You can configure many other Windows system settings if you want. In most cases, the default settings work just fine and you don't need to change a thing. However, you can change these settings if you so desire. You configure most of these settings from the Settings window.



Click the **Start** button to display the Start menu.

Select Settings to display the Settings window.



Select an option to display the associated settings.





Tip: Settings

The following options are available in the PC Settings window: System, Devices, Network & Internet, Personalization, Accounts, Time & Language, Ease of Access, Privacy, Update & Recovery.

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Tip: Control Panel

You can also configure most system settings from the traditional Windows Control Panel. To open the Control Panel, right-click the lower-left corner of any screen to display the Quick Access menu, and then select **Control Panel**.



Chapter 7. Working with Software Applications



Most of the productive and fun things you do on your computer are done with *software programs* or *applications*, sometimes called *apps*. Some applications are work related, others provide useful information, and still others are more entertaining in nature. For example, the Weather app lets you check current weather conditions and forecasts; the Mail app lets you send and receive email messages over the Internet.

You open software programs from the Start menu. Each open program sits on the desktop in its own individual window. This enables you to have multiple open apps onscreen at the same time, with the windows stacked on top of or tiled next to each other.

Parts of a Window



Opening an Application

You can open programs from the Start menu, the taskbar, or the desktop.



From the Start menu, click the name of or tile for the app you want to open.



From the desktop, double-click the shortcut for the app you want to open.



Pinning a Program to the Start Menu

You can "pin" your favorite applications to the Start menu. Programs you pin appear as resizable tiles on the right side of the Start menu.



Open the Start menu and navigate to the application you want to pin. You might need to click All Apps to view all your installed programs.

Right-click the name of the application to display the options menu.

Click **Pin to Start**. A tile for the app will now appear on the Start menu.

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Tip: Moving Tiles

To rearrange tiles on the Start menu, click and drag any tile to a new position.



To resize a tile on the Start menu, right-click the tile, select **Resize**, and then select a different size.

Pinning a Program to the Taskbar

Instead of opening the Start menu whenever you want to launch a new program, you can instead "pin" shortcuts to your favorite programs to the desktop taskbar. You can then launch one of these programs by clicking the shortcut on the taskbar.

Start

Open the Start menu and navigate to the application you want to pin. You might need to click All Apps to view all your installed programs.

Right-click the name of the application to display the options menu.

Click **Pin to Taskbar**. An icon for the app will now appear on the taskbar.





Tip: Rearranging Taskbar Icons

To change the order of the apps you've pinned to the taskbar, use the mouse to click and drag an icon to a new position.



Creating a Desktop Shortcut

You can also add shortcuts to your favorite apps directly to the Windows desktop. These shortcuts appear as small icons on the desktop.



Click the **Show Desktop** button at the far-right side of the taskbar to minimize all windows on the desktop.



Open the Start menu and navigate to the application for which you're creating a shortcut. You might need to click **All Apps** to view all your installed programs.

Click and drag the app from the Start menu onto the desktop. The menu item remains on the Start menu, but a shortcut to that item is placed on the desktop.



Tip: Organizing Desktop Shortcuts

Use your mouse to click and drag shortcut icons to whatever position you want on the desktop.



Searching for Apps

If you have a lot of apps installed on your PC, finding the app you want, either on the Start menu or elsewhere, might be difficult. You can instead search for specific apps using Cortana, Windows 10's virtual personal assistant.

Start

Click within the **Cortana Search** (Ask Me Anything) box on the taskbar and start typing the name of the app you're looking for.

As you type, Cortana suggests apps that match your query in the Apps section of the Cortana panel. (Other types of matching items are also displayed.) Click the app you want to open.

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Tip: Complete Your Query

If Windows doesn't suggest the app you want, finish entering your query and then click or tap the magnifying glass button to start the search. You will then see a list of matching apps (and other items); click the app you want to open.



When you search for an app, you're using Windows 10's Cortana feature. Cortana is a type of virtual assistant that simplifies searching both within and outside Windows, and offers additional task and time management features. Learn more about Cortana in <u>Chapter 10</u>, "<u>Using the Internet</u>."

Using Universal Windows Apps

In addition to traditional desktop apps, Microsoft offers what are called Universal Windows apps. These apps are subtly different from traditional software programs, and designed specifically for the Windows 10 experience.



To review the basic settings of a Universal Windows app, click the **Options** button.

This opens an Options panel for that app. Click to access any app feature.

Click the Settings icon to configure additional settings.

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The apps we call Universal or Windows apps used to be called Metro, Modern, and Windows Store apps. (Microsoft apparently can't make up its collective mind.) The word "universal" refers to the fact that these apps run on various devices, including personal computers, tablets, and smartphones.



Universal Windows apps, then called Metro apps, were first introduced in Windows 8, designed for touch-first operation on smaller touchscreen devices. In Windows 8 and 8.1, these apps ran full-screen, not on the desktop. With Windows 10, however, Microsoft has enabled these apps to run on the traditional desktop, in normal windows, and without the need for a touchscreen display. That means you can run these apps in their own windows and operate them with your computer's mouse and keyboard.

Using Context Menus

Many onscreen elements have additional options that can be accessed via a "hidden" contextsensitive menu. You open this menu by right-clicking (instead of the normal left-clicking) the item.

Start

Right-click the item to display the context or options menu.

Click the action you want.



End



Tip: Keyboard Shortcut

You can also display the context menu for an item by highlighting the item, with either your mouse or the keyboard arrow keys, and then pressing the Menu key on your keyboard.



Using Pull-Down Menus

Many software programs use a set of pull-down menus to store all the commands and operations you can perform. The menus are aligned across the top of the window, just below the title bar, in what is called a *menu bar*. You open (or pull down) a menu by clicking the menu's name; you select a menu item by clicking it with your mouse.



End

Click the menu's name to pull down the menu.



Click the menu item to select it.





Tip: Not All Items Are Available

If an item in a menu, toolbar, or dialog box is dimmed (or grayed), that means it isn't available for the current task.



Using Toolbars

Some software programs put the most frequently used operations on one or more *toolbars*, usually located just below the menu bar. A toolbar looks like a row of buttons, each with a small picture (called an *icon*) and maybe a bit of text. You activate the associated command or operation by clicking the button with your mouse.





Tip: Long Toolbars

If the toolbar is too long to display fully on your screen, you'll see a right arrow at the far-right side of the toolbar. Click this arrow to display the buttons that aren't currently visible.



Using Ribbons

Some Windows programs use a *ribbon* interface that contains the most frequently used operations. A ribbon is typically located at the top of the window, under the title bar (and sometimes the menu bar). Ribbons often consist of multiple tabs; select a tab to see buttons and controls for related operations.

Start
Click a tab to select that particular set of functions.
Click a button on the ribbon to select that operation.





Note: Ribbons Versus Toolbars

The ribbon interface is found in many newer applications. Most older applications use toolbars instead.

Tip: Display or Hide

If the ribbon isn't visible, click the down arrow at the far-right side of the tabs. To hide the ribbon and its buttons, click the up arrow at the far-right side of the ribbon.

Using Windows 10's Built-In Apps

Windows 10 ships with a number of useful apps built in to the operating system. Most of these apps are Universal apps that you can launch from the Start menu.

Start

The Weather app displays current weather conditions as well as a multiday forecast and radar maps.

2 The Maps app displays a map of your current location, as well as step-by-step directions to any location you want to visit.




Tip: Scroll for More

Scroll down through the Weather app to view additional weather information, including an hourly forecast, various weather maps, and a graph for historical weather in your location. Click any item to view more detail.



The Maps app is based on Bing Maps, which is Microsoft's web-based mapping service.

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The Calendar app displays upcoming appointments in daily, weekly, or monthly views.

The Alarms & Clock app turns your computer into a digital alarm clock, and also includes timer and stopwatch functions.

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Tip: Watching Stocks

The Money app lets you create a "watchlist" of stocks you own or want to track. To add a new stock to your watchlist, click the + tile. When the Add to Watchlist panel appears, enter the name or symbol of the stock and then click **Add**.



Tip: Conversions

The Calculator app also performs conversions from one measure to another.

Finding New Apps in the Windows Store

When you're in need of a new app to perform a particular task, the first place to look is in the Microsoft Windows Store. This is an online store for Universal-style apps, both free and paid. You shop the Windows Store by clicking the <u>Windows Store</u> item on the Start menu or the taskbar.







Microsoft's Windows Store is similar in concept to Apple's App Store for iPhones and iPads, as well as the Google Play store for Android devices.



Tip: Updating Apps

Universal apps you download from the Windows Store do not have to be manually updated. When the publisher improves or <u>upgrades</u> an app, it is automatically updated on your PC.

To search for apps, enter an app's name into the Search box at the top-right corner of the screen, and then press **Enter**.



Click the price button to purchase and install a paid app, or click **Free** to download and install a free app.





Note: Pricing

Whereas a traditional computer software program can cost hundreds of dollars, most apps in the Windows Store cost \$10 or less—and many are available free.



Tip: Try Before You Buy

Most paid apps let you try them before you buy them. Click the **Free Trial** button to install a trial version of that app on your PC.

Chapter 8. Using Microsoft Word



When you want to write a letter, fire off a quick memo, create a fancy report, or publish a newsletter, you use a type of software program called a *word processor*. For most computer users, Microsoft Word is the word processing program of choice. Word is a full-featured word processor, and it's included on many new PCs and as part of the Microsoft Office software suite. You can use Word for all your writing needs—from basic letters to fancy newsletters and everything in between.

Several versions of Word are available. Microsoft Word Online is a free web-based version you access using Internet Explorer or another web <u>browser</u>. Then there's the traditional desktop software version of Word, which you can purchase from any consumer electronics store or download from Microsoft or various Internet retailers. Microsoft also makes a universal Word app, that's optimized for touchscreen tablets and phones running Windows. There are even versions of Word optimized for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets.

For many users, Word Online is sufficient, even though it lacks some of the advanced formatting and reference features of the more expensive desktop version. If you want to do sophisticated page layouts, mail merges, and similar functions, you'll need to purchase the desktop software version of Word. Otherwise, use the free online version—it's fine for writing memos, letters, and the like.

Comparing Desktop and Web Versions of Word



Launching Word Online

If you don't want to go to all the trouble of purchasing and installing an expensive piece of software, you can use the Microsoft Word Online free from your web browser.



From within Internet Explorer or another web browser, enter <u>www.office.com</u> into the Address box and press **Enter**.





You can also open and edit existing Word documents from Microsoft's OneDrive online storage service, located at <u>onedrive.live.com</u>. All the documents you create with Office Online are stored online with OneDrive.



Note: Microsoft Office Online

Microsoft Office Online is a suite of applications that include Word (word processing), Excel (<u>spreadsheets</u>), PowerPoint (presentations), and OneNote (notes and planning). Learn more about Office Online—and the desktop version of Office—online at <u>products.office.com</u>.

You now see the home page for Word Online. Files you've recently created are listed in the Recent pane on the left. To open an existing document, double-click it.

To open a new Word document, click one of the templates shown in the main part of the window *or*...

Click New Blank Document to open a blank document without a template.



The document opens with the filename Document 1 or something similar. To change the name of this document, highlight the existing filename at the top of the workspace and enter a new name.

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Note: Templates

A template is a document with preformatted styles and often placeholder text.



Microsoft offers a <u>universal app</u> version of Word (and of all Office apps), from the Windows Store. This version of Word really isn't designed for Windows 10 computers; it's optimized for use with Windows tablets, smartphones, and other touchscreen devices. You can, however, run it on your Windows 10 PC.

Launching the Word Desktop App

When you need to create more sophisticated documents, use the full-featured desktop version of Microsoft Word. It works similarly to the web version, but with more formatting options.



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Open the Windows Start menu and click the Word 2013 tile or item.



Word 2013 launches. Files you've recently created are listed in the Recent pane on the left. To open an existing document, double-click it.

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Note: Word 2013

The latest version of Microsoft Word is Word 2013. Older versions look somewhat different and operate slightly differently from what is described in this chapter.



Note: Office 365 Home Premium

You usually purchase Microsoft Word as part of the Microsoft Office suite of programs. Microsoft offers several editions of Office for purchase, but most home users will find the Home Premium edition the best fit, because it includes the Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, Access, and OneNote apps. You can also get Word (and the rest of Office) on an annual subscription basis; you'll pay \$99.99/year to install what Microsoft calls Office 365 on up to five PCs.

Navigating Word Online

Word Online, like the desktop version of Word, uses a ribbon-based interface with different ribbons for different types of operations. Each ribbon contains buttons and controls for specific operations. For example, the Home ribbon contains controls for formatting fonts, paragraphs, and the like; the Insert ribbon includes controls for inserting tables, pictures, clip art, and such.





Tip: Context-Sensitive Ribbons

Some ribbons appear automatically when you perform a specific task. For example, if you insert a picture and then select that picture, a new Format ribbon tab (not otherwise visible) will appear, with controls for formatting the selected picture.



Tip: Different Ribbons

The desktop software version of Microsoft Word contains additional ribbons (such as Design, References, and Mailings) not found in Word Online.

Entering Text

You enter text in a Word document at the *insertion point*, which appears onscreen as a blinking cursor. When you start typing on your keyboard, the new text is added at the insertion point.



End



Tip: Move the Insertion Point

You move the insertion point with your mouse by clicking a new position in your text. You move the insertion point with your keyboard by using your keyboard's arrow keys.



Anything you create with Word—a letter, memo, newsletter, and so on—is called a *document*. A document is nothing more than a computer file that can be copied, moved, deleted, or edited from within Word.

Cutting/Copying and Pasting Text

Word lets you cut, copy, and paste text—or <u>graphics</u>—to and from anywhere in your document or between documents. Use your mouse to select the text you want to edit, and then select the appropriate command from the Home ribbon.

Click and drag the cursor to select the text you want to copy or cut.

From the Home ribbon, click **Copy** to copy the text or **Cut** to cut the text.

Within the document, click where you want to paste the cut or copied text.

From the Home ribbon, click Paste.

Start





Tip: Keyboard Shortcuts

You also can select text using your keyboard; use the Shift key—in combination with other keys—to highlight blocks of text. For example, Shift + left arrow selects one character to the left.



Cutting text removes the text from the original location, at which point you can paste it into a new location. When you copy and paste text, the text stays in the original location and a copy of it is placed into a new location—essentially duplicating the text.

Formatting Text

After your text is entered and edited, you can use Word's numerous formatting options to add some pizzazz to your document.





Formatting Paragraphs

When you're creating a more complex document, you need to format more than just a few words here and there. To format complete paragraphs, use Word's Paragraph formatting options on the Home ribbon.

Start

Click anywhere within the paragraph you want to format.

Click the desired button in the Paragraph section of the Home ribbon—including Bullets,

Numbering, Decrease Indent, Increase Indent, Line Spacing, or any of the Align Text options.

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Tip: Spell Checking

If you misspell a word, it appears onscreen with a squiggly red underline. Right-click the misspelled word and select the correct spelling from the list.



Saving Your Work

If you're working on a file in the Word desktop app, you need to save your edits periodically. This is an easy process.



Select the File ribbon to display the Info panel.









Tip: Saving Your Work Online

If you're using Word Online, you don't have to manually save your work. The online app automatically saves any changes you make—so you can ignore the instructions on this page!



Printing a Document

When you've finished editing your document, you can instruct Word to send a copy to your printer.



Click the **File** ribbon.



Click **Print** to display the Print pane.

Click the **Print** button to display the **Print** panel.

Onfigure any necessary options, and then click the **Print** button to print the document.

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Chapter 9. Working with Files and Folders



All the data for documents and programs on your computer is stored in electronic files. These files are then arranged into a series of folders and subfolders—just as you'd arrange paper files in a series of file folders in a filing cabinet.

In Windows 10, you use File Explorer to view and manage your folders and files. You can navigate to folders and files on your computer and connected devices, or to those on other computers on your network.

File Explorer



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Launching File Explorer

There are three ways to open File Explorer in Windows 10.



Click the File Explorer icon on the taskbar.



Olick the Start button to open the Start menu, then click File Explorer.



Right-click the Start menu to display the Quick Access menu, and then click File Explorer.



End



Note: Windows Explorer

In some previous versions of Windows, File Explorer was known as <u>Windows Explorer</u> —or, more colloquially, as either the My Computer or My Documents folder.



Exploring the Ribbon

Most file-related operations are located on the ribbon at the top of the File Explorer window. The File Explorer ribbon consists of three tabs and the File drop-down menu.



3 Select the **View** tab to change the way files and folders appear in File Explorer, as well as sort and group items.





Click the File menu to open a new window, the DOS command prompt (used on older operating systems), or the Windows PowerShell (a more advanced version of the command prompt). You can also use the File menu to delete recent history, open the Help system, or close the File Explorer window.



Navigating with the Navigation Pane

The Navigation pane on the left side of the File Explorer window displays both favorite links and hierarchical folder trees for your computer, network, and OneDrive online storage. Click the arrow icon next to any folder to display all the subfolders it contains. Click a folder to display its contents in the main File Explorer window.



Select Quick Access to view frequently accessed folders and recent files.



Select <u>OneDrive</u> to view files and folders stored online on Microsoft's OneDrive cloud storage service.



Select This PC to view your default folders (Desktop, Documents, Downloads, Music, Pictures, and Videos), as well as all drives and devices connected to your PC.

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Note: Major Folders

The Documents, Music, Pictures, and other folders displayed when you click **This PC** are not the only folders on your PC, but they are the ones most likely to contain data files. Other folders, which can be displayed if you click the **Local Disk** icon, are more likely to contain programs and apps rather than documents and data.





Select Network to view all computers connected to your network.



Working with Folders

You can navigate through the folders and subfolders in File Explorer in several ways.

A given folder might contain multiple subfolders. Double-click any item to view its contents.
To move back to the disk or folder previously selected, click the **Back** button on the toolbar.
To move up the hierarchy of folders and subfolders to the next highest item, click the **up arrow** button on the toolbar.





Start



Tip: Breadcrumbs

The list of folders and subfolders in File Explorer's Address box presents a "breadcrumb" approach to navigation. You can view additional items by clicking the **separator arrow** next to the folder icon in the Address box; this displays a pull-down menu of the contents of the item to the left of the arrow.



Changing the Way Files Are Displayed

You can choose to view the contents of a folder in various ways. The icon views are nice in that they show a small thumbnail preview of any selected file.





Tip: Which View Is Best?

Any of the larger icon views is best for working with graphics files. Details view is best if you're looking for files by date or size.



Sorting Files and Folders

When viewing files in File Explorer, you can sort your files and folders in a number of ways. To view your files in alphabetic order, choose to sort by **Name**. To see all similar files grouped together, choose to sort by **Type**. To sort your files by the date and time they were last edited, select **Date Modified**.

Start	
Click the View tab on the ribbon.	
Olick the Sort By button.	
Choose to sort by Name, Date Modified, Type, Size, Date Created, Authors, Categorie	es,
Tags, or Title.	
By default, Windows sorts items in ascending order. To change the sort order, click	
Descending.	



Tip: Different Sorting Options

Different types of files have different sorting options. For example, if you're viewing music files, you can sort by **Album**, **Artists**, **Bit Rate**, **Composers**, **Genre**, and the like.



Creating a New Folder

The more files you create, the harder it is to organize and find things on your hard disk. When the number of files you have becomes unmanageable, you need to create more folders—and subfolders—to better categorize your files.

Start

Navigate to the drive or folder where you want to place the new folder.

Click the **Home** tab on the ribbon.

Click the New Folder button.

A new, empty folder now appears with the filename New Folder highlighted. Type a name for your folder and press **Enter**.



End



<u>Folder</u> names and filenames can include up to 255 characters—including many special characters. You *can't*, however, use the following "illegal" characters: $\backslash / : *? " <> \mid$.


Renaming a File or Folder

When you create a new file or folder, it helps to give it a name that describes its contents. Sometimes, however, you might need to change a file's name. Fortunately, Windows makes renaming an item relatively easy.



- Click the file or folder you want to rename.
- Click the **Home** tab on the ribbon.
- Click the **Rename** button; this highlights the filename.
- Type a new name for your folder (which overwrites the current name), and press Enter.





Caution: Don't Change the Extension

The one part of the filename you should never change is the extension—the part that comes after the final "dot" if you choose to show file extensions. Try to change the extension, and Windows will warn you that you're doing something wrong.



You can also rename a file by selecting the file and pressing **F2** on your computer keyboard. This highlights the filename and readies it for editing.

Copying a File or Folder

There are many ways to copy a file in Windows. The easiest method is to use the **Copy To** button on the Home ribbon.



End



Moving a File or Folder

Moving a file or folder is different from copying it. Moving cuts the item from its previous location and pastes it into a new location. Copying leaves the original item where it was *and* creates a copy of the item elsewhere.



- Click the item you want to move.
- Click the **Home** tab on the ribbon.
- Click the **Move To** button and select one of the suggested locations or click **Choose Location** to move the file to another location.
- When the Move Items dialog box appears, navigate to the new location for the item, and then click the **Move** button.



Searching for a File

As organized as you might be, you might not always be able to find the specific files you want. Fortunately, Windows offers an easy way to locate difficult-to-find files, via the Instant Search function. Instant Search lets you find files by extension, filename, or keywords within the file.



From within File Explorer, enter one or more keywords into the Search box and press Enter.

Windows now displays a list of files that match your search criteria. Double-click any item to open that file.





Tip: Search Index

Instant Search indexes all the files stored on your hard disk (including email messages) by type, title, and contents.



Deleting a File or Folder

Keeping too many files eats up too much hard disk space—which is a bad thing. Because you don't want to waste disk space, you should periodically delete those files (and folders) you no longer need. When you delete a file, you send it to the Windows Recycle Bin, which is kind of a trash can for deleted files.

Start

Click the file you want to delete.

Click the **Home** tab on the ribbon bar.

Click the **Delete** button.





Tip: Other Ways to Delete

You can also delete a file by dragging it from the folder window onto the Recycle Bin icon on the desktop or by highlighting it and pressing the **Delete** key on your computer keyboard.



Restoring Deleted Files

Have you ever accidentally deleted the wrong file? If so, you're in luck. Windows stores the files you delete in the Recycle Bin, which is actually a special folder on your hard disk. For a short time (in most instances, several days), you can "undelete" files from the Recycle Bin back to their original locations.



End

From the Windows desktop, double-click the **Recycle Bin** icon to open the Recycle Bin folder.



Click the file you want to restore.

Click the Manage tab on the ribbon bar.

Click the Restore the Selected Items button.



Emptying the Recycle Bin

By default, the deleted files in the Recycle Bin can occupy 4GB plus 5% of your hard disk space. When you've deleted enough files to exceed this limit, the oldest files in the Recycle Bin are automatically and permanently deleted from your hard disk. You can also manually empty the Recycle Bin and thus free up some hard disk space.

Start
From the Windows desktop, double-click the Recycle Bin icon to open the Recycle Bin
folder.
Recycle Bin
Or Click the Manage tab on the ribbon bar.
Click the Empty the Recycle Bin button.
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File Home Share View Manage
Empty Recycle Bin Restore Restore the all items selected items
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When the Delete Multiple Items dialog box appears, click Yes to completely erase the files.



Tip: Fast Empty

You can also empty the Recycle Bin by right-clicking its icon on the Windows desktop and selecting **Empty Recycle Bin** from the pop-up menu.



Compressing a File

Really big files can be difficult to copy or share. Fortunately, Windows lets you create *compressed* folders, which take big files and compress them in size (called a "zipped" file). After the file has been transferred, you can then uncompress the file to its original state.



- Click the files you want to compress. (To select more than one file, hold down the **Ctrl** key while clicking.)
- Click the Share tab on the ribbon bar.
- 3 Click the Zip button. Windows now creates a new folder that contains compressed versions of the files you selected.





Extracting Files from a Compressed Folder

The process of decompressing a file is actually an *extraction* process. That's because you extract the original files from the compressed folder to the desired location on your computer's hard drive.



Select the compressed folder.

Click the **Extract** tab on the ribbon bar.

Click the Extract All button.

When the Extract Compressed (Zipped) Folders dialog box appears, click the **Browse** button to select a location for the extracted files, and then click the **Extract** button.





By default, compressed files are extracted to a new folder with the same name. You can change this, however, to extract to any folder you like.



Compressed folders are distinguished by the little zipper on the folder icon.

Working with Files on OneDrive

Microsoft offers online storage for all your documents and data, via its OneDrive service. When you store your files on OneDrive, you can access them via any computer or mobile device connected to the Internet. You manage all your online files from the OneDrive website, using your web browser.







Tip: Syncing Folders

You can synchronize folders between your computer and the OneDrive service. From within File Explorer, move a given folder into the OneDrive folder. That folder now appears on the OneDrive website and on your PC. Make changes in one location and those changes are automatically applied to the other. Click OneDrive in File Explorer's Navigation pane to view your synced folders.



Note: Cloud Storage

Online file storage, such as that offered by OneDrive, Apple's iCloud, and Google Drive, is called *cloud storage*. The main advantage of cloud storage is that files can be accessed from any computer (work, home, or other) at any location. You're not limited to using a given file on a single computer only.

Click a file to view it or, in the case of an Office document, open it in its host application.

To copy, move, or rename a file, right-click the file to display the options menu, and then select the action you want to perform.

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Tip: Download a File

To download a file from OneDrive to your local hard disk, right-click the file to display the options menu, and then click <u>Download</u>.



Note: Storage Plans

Microsoft gives you 15GB of storage in your free OneDrive account, which is more than enough to store most users' documents, digital photos, and the like. If you need more storage, you can purchase 100GB of storage for \$1.99/month, 200GB storage for \$3.99/month, or 1TB storage for \$6.99/month.

Chapter 10. Using the Internet



It used to be that most people bought personal computers primarily to do work with productivity software—word processing, spreadsheets, <u>databases</u>, that sort of thing. But today, many people also buy PCs to access the Internet—to send and receive email, surf the Web, and keep in touch with Facebook and other social media.

If you're using your notebook or tablet PC on the road, accessing the Internet is as easy as finding a public Wi-Fi hotspot, like the kind offered at Starbucks, McDonald's, and other businesses. Of course, if you're at home, you access the Internet from your home wireless network. You connect your computer to the hotspot or wireless network, which then connects you to the Internet. Easy.

However you go online, you use a *web browser*, such as Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome, to browse that part of the Internet called the <u>World Wide Web</u>. (Or just Web, for short.) Information on the Web is presented in <u>web pages</u>, each of which contains text, graphics, and links to other web pages. A web page resides at a <u>website</u>, which is nothing more than a collection of web pages. The main page of a website is called the <u>home page</u>, which serves as an opening screen that provides a brief overview and a sort of menu of everything you can find at that site.

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Connecting to an Internet Wi-Fi Hotspot

If you have a notebook PC, you have the option to connect to the Internet when you're out and about. Many coffeehouses, libraries, hotels, and public spaces offer wireless Wi-Fi Internet service, either free or for an hourly or daily fee.



On the taskbar, click the **Connections** button to display the Connections pane.



You see a list of available wireless networks. Click the network to which you want to connect.





Note: Wireless Hotspots

A *hotspot* is a public place that offers wireless access to the Internet using Wi-Fi technology. Some hotspots are free for all to access; others require some sort of payment.



Note: Finding the Wi-Fi Signal

When you're near a Wi-Fi hotspot, your PC should automatically pick up the Wi-Fi signal. Just make sure that the Wi-Fi adapter in your computer is turned on (some notebooks have a switch for this, either on the front or on the side of the unit), and then follow these directions to find and connect to the nearest hotspot.





If the hotspot has free public access, you can now open your web browser and surf normally. If

the hotspot requires a password, payment, or some other logon procedure, Windows should automatically open your web browser and display the hotspot's logon page. Enter the appropriate information to begin surfing.







Tip: Airplane Mode

If you're using your notebook or tablet on an airplane and don't want to use the plane's wireless Internet service (if available), you can switch to Airplane mode so that you can use your computer while in the air. To switch into Airplane mode, click the **Connections** button on the taskbar to open the Connections pane, and then click the **Airplane Mode** tile. You can switch off Airplane mode when your plane lands.

Web Browsing with Microsoft Edge

You can use any web browser to visit websites online. Windows 10 comes with a new web browser called Microsoft Edge. You can also use browsers from other companies, including Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox. They all work in similar ways, but this chapter's examples use Microsoft Edge.

Start

Open Microsoft Edge and enter a web page address into the <u>Address</u> box. (You may need to click near the top of the browser to display the Address box.)

As you type, Edge displays a list of suggested pages. Click one of these pages or finish entering the web page address and press **Enter**.





Tip: Downloading Other Web Browsers

Most other web browsers are free and can be easily downloaded over the Internet (using Microsoft Edge or another web browser). To download Google Chrome, go to **www.google.com/chrome/**. To download Mozilla Firefox, go to <u>www.mozilla.org/firefox/</u>.



Tip: Start Page

Microsoft Edge lets you set a *start page* that automatically opens whenever you launch the browser. (Edge's default Start page displays a list of your Top Sites and a Bing search box.) To set a new start page, click the **More Actions** (three-dot) button and click **Settings**. When the Settings pane appears, go to the Open With section and select **A Specific Page or Pages**. Click the page list, select **Custom**, and then enter the URL of the page you want into the **Enter a Web Address** box.

To return to the previous web page, click the **Back** (left arrow) button beside the Address box.

To reload or refresh the current page, click the **Refresh** button.

Pages on the Web are linked via clickable <u>hyperlinks</u>. Click a link to display the linked-to page.



Note: Internet Explorer

Microsoft Edge replaces the Internet Explorer web browser, which was the default browser included with previous versions of Windows. Edge is a faster and more modern browser, compatible with more of today's state-of-the-art websites.



Tip: Revisit History

To view a list of pages you've recently visited, click the **Hub** (three-line) button and select the **History** (timer) tab. Click the page you want to revisit.

Saving Favorite Pages

All web browsers let you save or bookmark your favorite web pages. In Microsoft Edge, you do this by adding pages to the Favorites list.



Navigate to the web page you want to add to your Favorites list, and then click the <u>Favorites</u> (star) icon in the Address box.

Click to select the **Favorites** tab.

- Confirm or enter a name for this page.
- Click the Add button.







Tip: Favorites Folders

You can organize your favorite pages into separate folders in the Favorites list. After you click the Favorites icon, select a folder from the Create In list or click **Create New Folder** to create a new folder.



Tip: Reading View

Some web pages are overly cluttered with advertisements and other distracting elements. To display a web article with just text and accompanying pictures, click the **Reading View** button on the Edge toolbar. This removes the unnecessary elements and makes reading easier.

Returning to a Favorite Page

To return to a page you've saved as a favorite, open the Favorites list and make a selection.

Start

Click the **Hub** button to display the Hub panel.

Click the **Favorite** (star) tab to display your Favorites list.

Click the page you want to revisit.







Tip: Favorites Bar

For even faster access to your favorite pages, display the Favorites bar at the top of the browser window, under the Address bar. Click the **More Actions** button and select **Settings** to display the Settings page, and then set the **Show the Favorites Bar** control to the On position.



Tip: Web Notes

If you're doing research on the Web, you might want to mark up a given web page with notes, highlights, and such. You can do this with Edge's Web Notes tool. Click the **Make a Web Note** button to display the Web Notes toolbar; use the appropriate markup tool to make your notes.

Opening Multiple Pages in Tabs

Most web browsers, including Microsoft Edge, let you display multiple web pages as separate tabs, and thus easily switch between web pages. This is useful when you want to reference different pages or want to run web-based applications in the background.

Start
To open a new tab, click the + next to the last open tab.
To switch tabs, click the tab you want to view.
Click the X on the current tab to close it.
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Home - Michael Miller
Que: Computing & Technolo +

millerwriter.com



Tip: Anonymous Browsing

If you want to browse anonymously, without any traces of your history recorded, activate Edge's InPrivate Browsing mode in a new browser window. Click the **More Actions** button and then select **New InPrivate Window**.



Searching the Web with Google

You can find just about anything you want online by using a web *search engine*. The most popular search engine today is Google (<u>www.google.com</u>), which indexes billions of individual web pages. Google is very easy to use and returns extremely accurate results.

Start

Go to <u>www.google.com</u>.

Enter one or more keywords into the **Search** box.

Press Enter or click the Google Search button.

When the results are displayed, click any page link to view that page.





Tip: Fine-Tune Search Results

You can fine-tune your results by using the search tools located at the top of the search results page. Click **Search Tools** and select to filter by time, location, and other criteria.



Microsoft offers its own competing search engine, dubbed Bing. You can search Bing at <u>www.bing.com</u>. Bing also powers the search within the Cortana virtual assistant, which is discussed in the next section.

Smart Searching with Cortana

Windows 10 includes a virtual personal assistant, called *Cortana*, that can help you search for files on your computer and information on the Web. You can query Cortana by typing into the search box on the taskbar, or with voice commands by speaking into your computer's microphone.

Click within the Ask Me Anything search box in the taskbar and begin typing your query.

Start



As you type, Cortana displays items that match your query in the results pane. This might include apps and files on your computer, as well as results from the Web. Click an item to display or open it.





Tip: Voice Commands

If your computer has a built-in microphone, or if you have a microphone connected to your computer, you can control Cortana with voice commands. Click the microphone within the Cortana search box or speak, "Hey, Cortana," into your computer's microphone, followed by whatever it is you're asking.



To display news items, stock prices, weather conditions, and other items personal to you, click within the search box to display the Cortana pane.



To personalize which content Cortana displays, click the **Notebook** icon and then click the content you want to customize.



[3] To see reminders, click the **Reminders** tab.

Click the + to set a new reminder.



Tip: Virtual Assistant

The more you use Cortana, the more it will learn about you and display information you find useful. You can use Cortana to track weather conditions, traffic conditions, stock prices, airline flights, and more.



Tip: Cortana in Edge

You can also use Cortana to display more information about a given topic from within the Edge browser. Highlight a word or phrase on a web page, right-click, and select Ask Cortana. You now see a Cortana pane within Edge displaying additional information.

Shopping Online

The Internet is a great place to buy things, from books to clothing to household items to cars. Online shopping is safe and convenient—all you need is your computer and a credit card.





Tip: Traditional Retailers Online

Most brick-and-mortar retailers have equivalent online stores. For example, you can shop at Target online at <u>www.target.com</u>, or Macy's online at <u>www.macys.com</u>. Most catalog merchants also have their own websites where you can order online.



Tip: Online-Only Retailers

Many big online-only retailers sell a variety of merchandise. The most popular of these include <u>Amazon.com</u> (<u>www.amazon.com</u>) and <u>Overstock.com</u> (<u>www.overstock.com</u>).

Examine the product by viewing the photos and information on the product listing page.

Order the product by clicking a **Buy It Now** or **Add to Cart** button on the product listing page. This puts the item in your online shopping cart.

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Tip: In-Stock Items

The better online retailers tell you either on the product description page or during the checkout process whether an item is in stock. Look for this information to help you decide how to group your items for shipment.


Tip: Shop Safely

The safest way to shop online is to pay via credit card, because your credit card company offers various consumer protections. (Smaller merchants might accept credit cards via PayPal or a similar online payment service; this is also acceptable.) Also make sure that the retailer you buy from has an acceptable returns policy, just in case.

Buying Items on Craigslist

When you're looking to buy something locally, you can often find great bargains on Craigslist (<u>www.craigslist.org</u>), an online classified advertising site. Browse the ads until you find what you want, and then arrange with the seller to make the purchase.



Go to www.craigslist.org.

Click the name of your city or state.

Go to the For Sale section and click the category you're looking for.

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Note: Classified Ads

Listings on Craigslist are just like traditional newspaper classified ads. All transactions are between you and the seller; Craigslist is just the "middleman."



Tip: Contacting the Seller

When you contact the seller via email, let him know you're interested in the item and would like to see it in person. The seller should reply with a suggested time and place to view and possibly purchase the item.

Click the link or picture for the item you're interested in.

Read the item details, and then click the **Reply** button to email the seller and express your interest.





Tip: Pay in Cash

When you purchase an item from a Craigslist seller, expect to pick up the item in person and pay in cash.



Caution: Buyer Beware

Just as with traditional classified ads, Craigslist offers no buyer protections. Make sure you inspect the item before purchasing!

Selling Items on Craigslist

The Craigslist site is also a great place to sell items you want to get rid of. Just place an ad and wait for potential buyers to contact you!

Start

From the Craigslist site, click the **Post to Classifieds** link.

Click the type of ad you want to place—typically For Sale by Owner.

Click the category that best fits what you're selling. (If necessary, click through to an appropriate subcategory.)





Depending on where you live, you might be prompted to select a more exact location than just the larger metropolitan area.



For your protection, Craigslist displays an anonymized email address in your item listing. Buyers email this anonymous address and the emails are forwarded to your real email address.

Enter the necessary details about what you're selling, including the listing title, asking price, and description, and then click **Continue**.

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You are now prompted to add pictures of your item. (Items sell better if buyers can see what's for sale, although such photos are optional.) Click the **Add Images** button to select digital photos of your item.

Click the **Done with Images** button.



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Caution: Safety First

Make sure someone else is with you before you invite potential buyers into your home to look at the item you have for sale—or arrange to meet buyers at a safe neutral location.



Tip: Other Services

The Craigslist site isn't just for buying and selling merchandise. You can also use Craigslist to look for or offer services, jobs, and housing.

Chapter 11. Communicating with Email



An email message is like a regular letter, except that it's composed electronically and delivered almost immediately via the Internet. You can use email to send both text messages and computer files (such as digital photos) to pretty much anyone who's online.

You can use a dedicated email program, such as the Windows Mail app, to send and receive email from your personal computer. Or you can use a web mail service such as Gmail or Yahoo! Mail to manage all your email from any web browser on any computer. Either approach is good and lets you create, send, and read email messages from all your friends, family, and colleagues.

Windows Mail App



Viewing Your Inbox and Reading Messages

Windows 10 includes a built-in Mail app for sending and receiving email messages. By default, the Mail app manages email from the Outlook.com or Hotmail account linked to your Microsoft Account. This means you'll see Outlook and Hotmail messages in your Mail Inbox and be able to easily send emails from your Outlook or Hotmail account. Launch the Mail app from the Start menu.

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When the Mail app launches, you see two panes within the window. The pane on the left is the navigation pane. Select **Inbox** from the navigation pane on the left to display a list of all your current messages in the Messages pane.

Click the Maximize button to maximize the Mail window and display a third pane on the right.



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Note: Read and Unread

The headers for unread messages are displayed with a blue line on the left. Messages you've read display normally.



Tip: Tile Info

If you pin the Mail app to the Start menu, it becomes a "live" tile. Your most recent unread messages scroll across the face of the tile, and the number at the bottom left indicates how many unread messages you have.

Click a message to view it in the content pane on the right. (If you haven't maximized the Mail window, the content of the selected message replaces the messages list.)

- If a message includes a photograph, that photo's thumbnail image displays beneath the message text. (You might have to click the placeholder thumbnail to view the image.)
- If the message has a photo or another file attached, right-click the item and click Save to download the file to your computer.







Beware of receiving unexpected email messages with file attachments. Opening the attachment could infect your computer with a <u>virus</u> or <u>spyware</u>! You should *never* open email attachments that you weren't expecting—or from senders you don't know.



Moving a Message to Another Folder

New messages are stored in the Mail app's Inbox, which is actually a folder. Mail uses other folders too; there are folders for Drafts, Sent Items, Outbox (messages waiting to be sent), Junk (<u>spam</u>), Deleted Messages, and Stored Messages. For better organization, you can easily move messages from one folder to another.



To view a list of folders, click More.

Right-click the message you want to move and click Move. This displays the Move To pane.

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Note: Drafts and Flags

A *draft* message is one you've started but not yet sent. You *flag* a message (by clicking the Flag button in the options bar) when you want it to have increased importance.



Replying to an Email Message

Replying to an email message is as easy as clicking a button and typing your reply. The bottom of your reply "quotes" the text of the original message.



From an open message, click **Reply** at the top of the screen.

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Enter your reply at the top of the message; the bottom of the message "quotes" the original message.

Click the **Send** button when you're ready to send the message.

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Composing a New Email Message

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Composing a new message is similar to replying to a message. The big difference is that you have to manually enter the recipient's email address.







Click within the **To** box and begin entering the name or email address of the message's recipient.

Anil displays a list of matching names from your contact list; select the person you want to email.





When you're composing a message and you want to apply formatting to your text, click to select the Format tab. You can then use the Bold, Italic, Underline, and other buttons to format your message.



Tip: Copying Other Recipients

You can also send carbon copies (Cc) to additional recipients. (With a blind carbon copy, recipients cannot see the names of the Bcc recipients.) Click the Cc & Bcc link to display the Cc and Bcc boxes, and enter recipient names accordingly.

Click within the main body of the message area and type your message.



End



Tip: Attaching Files

One of the easiest ways to share a digital photo or another file with another user is via email, as an *attachment* to a standard email message. When the message is sent, the file travels along with it; when the message is received, the file is right there, waiting to be opened.



Be wary of sending extra-large files (2MB or more) over the Internet. They can take a long time to upload—and just as long for the recipient to download when received.

Adding Other Accounts to the Mail App

By default, the Mail app sends and receives messages from the email account associated with your Microsoft account. You can, however, configure Mail to work with other email accounts, if you have them.



From within the Mail app, click the **Settings** button (at the bottom of the navigation pane) to display the Settings pane.





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Tip: Switching Accounts

To view the Inbox of another email account in the Mail app, click the right arrow next to the current account in the navigation pane and then select the other account.



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When the next screen appears, enter your email address and password.

Click the **Sign-In** button when done.





The Mail app lets you add Outlook.com, Exchange, Google (Gmail), Yahoo! Mail, iCloud, and other POP/IMAP email accounts.



Managing Your Contacts from the People App

The people you email regularly are known as *contacts*. When someone is in your contacts list, it's easy to send her an email; all you have to do is pick her name from the list instead of entering her email address manually. All your Windows contacts are managed from the People app; this app connects to the Microsoft account you used to create your Windows account, so all the contacts from your main email account are automatically added. Launch the People app from the Start menu.



- To search for a specific contact, enter that person's name into the **Search** box then press **Enter**.
- Click or tap a person's name to view that person's contact information.
- Click the person's email address to send this person an email in the Windows Mail app.
- To add a new contact, click the + to display the New Contact screen.





Note: Social Contacts

The People app centralizes all your contacts in one place, so you'll find not only email contacts but also Facebook friends and the people you follow on Twitter. So if a given person is a Facebook friend and is also in your email contact list, his Facebook information and his email address appear in the People app.



Note: First-Time Use

The first time you launch the People app, you're prompted to add your Microsoft Account to the app. Do so, by entering your email address and password. You can later add other email accounts to the app.

Enter the person's full name into the Name box.

Optionally, enter the person's mobile phone number into the Mobile Phone box.

Optionally, enter the person's email address into the **Personal Email** box.

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To include additional email addresses, phone numbers, street addresses, or other information for this person, click + **Email**, + **Phone**, + **Address**, or + **Other** and enter the necessary information.



Reading Web-Based Email with Gmail

Google's Gmail is one of the most popular free web-based email services. Anyone can sign up for a free Gmail account and then use any web browser to access his email from any computer with an Internet connection. Create a new Gmail account and access Gmail from mail.google.com.





Note: Other Web-Based Email

Other popular web-based email services include Microsoft's Outlook.com (<u>www.outlook.com</u>) and Yahoo! Mail (<u>mail.yahoo.com</u>).



Most Internet service providers assign you an email account using the POP or IMAP protocols, which require the use of a separate email program, such as Microsoft Outlook. Web-based email doesn't require any new software programs, and you can use a web browser to access it from any computer or mobile device.

Replying to a Gmail Message

It's easy to reply to any message you receive. Just click Reply and then enter your new message!



3 Click the Send button to send your reply to the original sender.

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The text of the original message is automatically "quoted" at the bottom of the reply message.



Composing a New Gmail Message

Composing a new message is similar to replying to a message, but you do it in a separate new message pane. The big difference is that you have to manually enter the recipient's email address.



Click the **Compose** button from any Gmail page to display the new message pane.



Enter the email address of the recipient(s) in the **To** box and then enter a subject in the **Subject** box.

3 Move your cursor to the main message area and type your message.

When your message is complete, send it to the recipient(s) by clicking the Send button.

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Tip: Send to Multiple Recipients

You can enter multiple addresses in the **To** box, as long as you separate the addresses with a semicolon, like this: <u>books@molehillgroup.com</u>; <u>gjetson@sprockets.com</u>.



Tip: Cc: and Bcc:

Gmail also lets you send carbon copies (Cc:) and blind carbon copies (Bcc:) to additional recipients. (With a blind carbon copy, recipients of the email cannot see the names of the Bcc recipients.) Just click the **Cc** or **Bcc** links to add these addresses.

Sending a File via Gmail

Like all other email programs and services, Gmail lets you attach photos and other types of files to your outgoing email messages.



Start with a new message and then click Attach Files.

Navigate to and select the file you want to send.

Click Open.

Complete the message as normal and then send it by clicking the Send button.







Chapter 12. Sharing with Facebook and Other Social Networks



Social networking enables people to share experiences and opinions with each other via communitybased websites. It's a great way to keep up-to-date on what your friends and family are doing.

In practice, a social network is just a large website that aims to create a community of users. Each user of the community posts his or her own personal profile on the site. You use the information in these profiles to connect with other people you know on the network or with those who share your interests.

The goal is to create a network of these online "friends," and then share your activities with them via a series of posts or status updates. All your online friends read your posts, as well as posts from other friends, in a continuously updated *News Feed*. The News Feed is the one place where you can read updates from all your online friends and family; it's where you find out what's really happening.

The biggest social network today is a site called Facebook; chances are all your friends are already using it. Other popular social networks include Pinterest and Twitter, both of which have their own unique characteristics.

Comparing Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter



Finding Facebook Friends

Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com</u>) is the number one social network today, with more than 1 billion active users worldwide. After you've signed up, you can use Facebook to track down and keep in touch with all your friends and family—including old schoolmates and co-workers. You can then invite any of these people to be your Facebook friend; if they accept, they're added to your Facebook friends list.



Click the Friend Requests button on the Facebook toolbar to display the drop-down menu, which lists any friend requests you've received and offers a number of friend suggestions from Facebook in the People You May Know section.
 Click the Add Friend button next to a person's name to add that person to your friends list.

3 To search for more friends, click **Find Friends** at the top of the menu to display your Friends page.

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A Facebook account is free. Sign up at <u>www.facebook.com</u>.



Note: Suggested Friends

Facebook automatically suggests friends based on your personal history (where you've lived, worked, or gone to school), people you might know (friends of people you're already friends with), and Facebook users who are in your email contacts lists.

- Scroll down the page to view other suggested friends from Facebook in the People You May Know section.
- Filter the friend suggestions by making selections in the Hometown, Current City, High School, College or University, Employer, and Graduate School sections.
- In the Add Personal Contacts section, click **Find Friends** to find people in your email contacts lists who are also on Facebook.

Click the Add Friend button for any person that you'd like to have on your friends list.

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Facebook doesn't automatically add a person to your friends list. Instead, that person receives an invitation to be your friend and can accept or reject the invitation.



Tip: Accepting a Friend Request

To accept or reject any friend requests you've received, click the **Friend Requests** button on the Facebook toolbar.

Reading the News Feed

Facebook's News Feed, found on your Facebook home page, is where you keep abreast of what all your friends are up to. When a person posts a *status update* to Facebook, it appears in your personal News Feed.





Tip: Top Stories

By default, Facebook sorts the posts in your News Feed by importance—what Facebook calls your Top Stories. The problem is that Facebook's idea of what's important might not be what you find most important. To display *all* posts instead, click the **down arrow** next to News Feed in the sidebar menu and click **Most Recent**.



[2] If a status update includes a link to a web page, click that link to open that page.

- [5] If a status update includes one or more photos, click a photo to view it in its own *lightbox*—a special window displayed on top of the News Feed.
- If a status update includes a video, it might begin playback automatically. If not, click the **Play** arrow to play the video.



Tip: Sidebar Menu

Use the sidebar menu on the left side of the home page to jump to different parts of the Facebook site.


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Tip: Share an Update

If you'd like to share a friend's post with your own friends, click **Share** under the post and then click **Share** in the pop-up menu to display the Share This Status dialog box. Click the **Share** button and select **On Your Own Timeline**, enter any comments you might have on this post into the Write Something box, and then click the **Share Status** button.

Posting a Status Update

The easiest way to let people know what's what is to post what Facebook calls a *status update*. Every status update you make is broadcast to everyone on your friends list, displayed in the News Feed on their home pages. A basic status update is text only, but you can also include photos, videos, and links to other web pages in your posts.

On the Facebook home page, go to the Publisher box (labeled What's On Your Mind?) at the top of the page and click **Update Status**. (It's probably selected by default.)

Type your message into the What's on Your Mind box. As you do this, the box expands slightly.

If you're with someone else and want to mention that person in the post, click the **Tag People** in **Your Post** button and enter that person's name.

If you want to include your current location in your post, click the Add a Location to Post button and enter the city or place where you're located.





Caution: Social Networking Safety

Make sure that you and your kids don't post overly personal information or incriminating photographs on Facebook or other social networks; you could attract online stalkers. Similarly, don't broadcast your every move on your profile page—and don't automatically accept friend requests from people you don't know.

5 To include a picture or video with your post, click the **Add Photos to Your Post** (camera) button, and then select the photos or video you want.



To include a link to another web page, simply enter that page's URL in your status update.

Facebook should recognize the link and display an image from the web page. If there is more than one image, click the right or left arrow buttons to select the one you want.



7 To determine who can read this post, click privacy button and make a selection.

When you're ready to post your update, click the **Post** button.







Tip: Delete the URL

If you don't want to display the web page's URL in the body of your status update, you can delete the address after the Link panel appears. The link and accompanying image still display under your status update even after you delete the web page URL from your text.



Tip: Who Sees Your Posts?

You can opt to make any post Public (anyone who's subscribed to your posts can read it), visible only to your Friends, visible only to yourself (Only Me), or Custom (you select individuals who can and can't view it). Alternatively, you can select which friends list can view the update.

Viewing a Friend's Timeline

You can easily check up on what a friend is up to by visiting that person's Timeline page. A Timeline page is that friend's personal profile on Facebook; it contains all of that person's personal information, uploaded photos and videos, and a "timeline" of that person's posts and major life events.

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Click a person's name anywhere on the Facebook site to display his or her profile or Timeline page.



View this person's full personal profile by clicking About.

View a list of this person's friends by clicking Friends.

View a person's status updates in reverse chronological order (newest first) on the Timeline.



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Tip: Read the Book

Learn more about Facebook in my book *My Facebook for Seniors*, 2nd Edition (Que, 2014).



Tip: Posting on a Friend's Page

You can post a message on your friend's profile page by entering your text into the Write Something box near the top of the Timeline.

Personalizing Your Timeline Page

You can personalize your own profile page in a number of ways. You can change your profile picture, edit your personal information, and add and delete items to and from your Timeline.

Click your name in the Facebook toolbar or your picture in the sidebar menu to display your Timeline page.



To change your profile picture, click the picture and select Update Profile Picture.

To change your personal information, click the Update Info button.



To add a "life event" (something major in your life, such as getting a new job or getting married), go to the Publisher box, click **Life Event**, and choose the kind of life event you're adding.



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Tip: Cover Image

To add a cover image (banner) to the top of your Timeline page, mouse over the image area and click the Add a Cover button. To change an existing cover image, click the **Update Cover Photo** button.



Tip: Hide a Status Update

If you've posted a status update that you'd rather not have visible, click the **down arrow** at the top-right corner of that item. Click **Hide from Timeline** to hide (but not delete) the status update. Click **Delete** to permanently remove the update from Facebook.

Viewing a Friend's Photos

Facebook is a social network, and one of the ways we connect socially is through pictures. Facebook lets any user upload and store photos in virtual photo albums. It's easy, then, to view a friend's photos on the Facebook site.



Go to your friend's Timeline page and click **Photos** to display his Photos page.



Click Albums to display all of your friend's photo albums.

Click to open the desired photo album.





Note: Other Photos

You can also select, from the top of the Photos page, to view Photos of This Person (all photos in which this person appears) or This Person's Photos (all the photos this person has uploaded, not organized into albums).



Click the thumbnail of the picture you want to view.

Go to the next picture by mousing over the current picture to display the navigational arrows,

and then clicking the **right arrow**.

Click the X to close the photo viewer.



Tip: Commenting and Liking

To comment on the current picture, enter your message into the comments box. To like a photo, click Like.



Tip: Downloading a Picture

To download the current picture to your own computer, mouse over the photo, click **Options**, and then click **Download** from the pop-up menu.

Sharing Your Photos on Facebook

Facebook is a great place to share your personal photos with family and friends. You can upload new photos to an existing photo album or create a new album for newly uploaded photos.



Open your Timeline page and click **Photos** to display your Photos page.





Note: Photo Requirements

Facebook accepts photos in all popular file types, including JPG, PNG, GIF, TIFF, and BMP. Your picture files have to be no larger than 15MB in size and can't contain any adult or offensive content. You're also limited to uploading your own photos—that is, you can't copy and then upload photos from another person's website.



Tip: Uploading to an Existing Photo Album

You can also upload photos to an existing photo album. From your Photos page, click **Albums** to display your existing photo albums, and then click to open the desired album. Click the **Add Photos** button to select new photos to upload to this album.

- Enter information about this new album into the Untitled Album, Say Something About This Album, Where Were These Taken, and other boxes.
- B Enter information about each new photo beneath each photo.
- If there are people in the photo you've uploaded, Facebook displays the album page with boxes around the faces. To "tag" that person in Facebook, click a face and then enter that person's name.
 - Click the **Post** button when ready.





Tip: High-Quality Photos

To upload photos at their original <u>resolution</u>, check the **High Quality** option. This enables your friends to download your pictures at an acceptable resolution for printing.



Tip: Photo Privacy

To determine who can view the photos in this album, click the **Privacy** button and make a selection—Public, Friends, Only Me, or Custom.

Sharing Interesting Images with Pinterest

Click the Pinterest logo to return to the home page.

Pinterest (www.pinterest.com) is a social network with particular appeal to women and people who like do-it-yourself projects. Unlike Facebook, which lets you post text-based status updates, Pinterest is all about images. The site consists of a collection of virtual online "pinboards" that people use to share pictures they find interesting. Users "pin" photos and other images to their personal message boards, and then share their pins with online friends.



Board where image was pinned

End

Start



Note: What's in a Name?

Pinterest is all about pinning items of interest—hence the name, a combination of *pin* and *interest*.

Note: Pinterest Is Popular

Pinterest boasts more than 70 million users. The average Pinterest user is a rural female, age 30 to 49, with a college degree and household income in the \$50,000 to \$75,000 range.

Finding People to Follow on Pinterest

When you find someone who posts a lot of things you're interested in, you can follow that person on Pinterest. Following a person means that all that person's new pins will display on your Pinterest home page.

Start

When you find a pin you like, click the name of the user who pinned it.

You now see that user's personal page. Click the **Follow** button to follow this user.

To follow a single board, instead of all of a user's pins, click the Follow button for that board.



Tip: Popular Categories

The most popular categories on Pinterest are Home, Arts and Crafts, Style and Fashion, and Food. Of these, Food is the category most likely to be repinned.



Finding and Repinning Interesting Pins

Some people say that Pinterest is a little like a refrigerator covered with magnets holding up tons of photos and drawings. You can find lots of interesting items pinned from other users—and then "repin" them to your own personal pinboards.



About 80% of the pins on Pinterest are actually repins.



Tip: Searching for Boards and People

To search for boards instead of pins, click **Boards** at the top of the search results page. To display Pinterest users who match your query, click **Pinners**.

• When the Pick a Board panel appears, accept the previous user's description or add your own to the Description box.

Scroll through the board list and select which board you want to pin this item to. The item is now pinned to that board.





Tip: Keep or Replace

You can keep the original pinner's description or replace it with a new description of your own. If you want to truly personalize your pins, it's best to use your own descriptions, even when you repin.



Pinning from a Web Page

You can also pin images you find on nearly any web page. It's as easy as copying and pasting the page's web address.

Start

Click the + button at the bottom right of any Pinterest page to display the menu of options.

Click **Pin from a Website** to display the Pin from a Website panel.

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Enter the web address (<u>URL</u>) of the page you want to pin into the text box. Click the Next button.





Tip: Pinnable Images

When you're looking for items to pin, consider the image on a web page. Look for images that look good at thumbnail size and will be appealing to other users.

Tip: Easier Pinning

Make pinning easier by installing a Pinterest button in your web browser. Learn more at <u>about.pinterest.com/goodies/#browser</u>.

- Pinterest now displays a page containing all the images found on the selected web page. Click the Pin It button for the image you want to pin.
- When the Pick a Board panel appears, enter a short (500 characters or fewer) text description of or comment on this image into the **Description** box.
- Scroll down the board list and select the board to which you want to pin this image. The image is now pinned to this board.



End



Tip: Description

Although a text description is optional, it's always a good idea to describe or comment on the item you're pinning. If you don't enter a description, people won't be able to find your pin by searching.



Tweeting with Twitter

Twitter is a *microblogging* service that lets you create short (up to 140 characters in length) text posts that keep your friends and family informed of your latest activities. Anyone subscribing to your posts receives updates via the Twitter site.

Go to Twitter's home page (<u>www.twitter.com</u>) and click the Home icon in the toolbar.
2 Enter up to 140 characters into the What's Happening box.

Click the **Tweet** button.

Start





Note: Microblogging

A *blog* (short for *web log*) is a means of sharing personal observations over the Internet, kind of like a web-based diary. Whereas a normal blog post can be of any length, a *microblog* is limited to very short messages—like the text message you send via mobile phone.



Following Other Twitter Users

Twitter lets you "follow" what other users are doing on Twitter. After you've registered and signed in, the Twitter home page displays "tweets" from users you've decided to follow.

Start

From Twitter's Home page, go to the Who to Follow section and click View All.

Twitter suggests people and accounts to follow. To follow a given person, click the Follow button.

3 To search for specific people on Twitter, enter that person's full name or Twitter username into the search box and then click **Search Twitter**.

Twitter displays users who match your query. Click **View All** to view more people; click the **Follow** button to follow a user.







To find any of your email contacts who are on Twitter, go to the **Who to Follow** section of the Home page, click **Find Friends**, and then click the **Search Contacts** button for a given email address book.



Chapter 13. Watching TV and Movies Online



Want to rewatch last night's episode of *The Voice*? Or the entire season of *Big Bang Theory*? How about a classic music video from your favorite band? Or that latest "viral video" you've been hearing about?

Here's the latest hot thing on the Web: watching your favorite television shows, movies, and videos online, via your web browser. If you have a fast enough Internet connection, you can find tens of thousands of free and paid videos to watch at dozens of websites, including YouTube, Hulu, and Netflix. You can even purchase and download videos to your PC—and watch them anytime, at your convenience.

Playing Movies with the Windows Movies and TV App



Watching Movies on Netflix

Start

Arguably the most popular site for streaming movies is Netflix (<u>www.netflix.com</u>), which offers a mix of both classic and newer movies, classic television shows, and original programming. You can watch Netflix in your web browser or via the Netflix app for Windows.

Launch the Netflix app from the Start menu. The first section you see displays videos you haven't yet finished watching (Continue Watching). Scroll right to view other sections.

Click the title of any section to view more options of that type.

Click the **Options** button to view the available genres.





Note: Netflix App

Download the (free) Netflix app from the Windows Store. After it's installed, you can create a new Netflix account or log in with an email address and password from an existing account.



Tip: User Profiles

The Netflix website lets you create separate user profiles for up to five viewers in your household; each profile includes recommendations specific to that viewer. To change viewers from within the Netflix app, click the user profile at the top-right corner and make a different selection.



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Tip: Subscription Fees

Netflix isn't free. You pay \$8.99/month for unlimited streaming video online.



You can also access Netflix directly from any web browser. Just go to <u>www.netflix.com</u> and sign up or sign on.

5 To search for a specific movie or show, click the **Search** (magnifying glass) icon to display the search pane.



The search box and the movie or show into the Search box and then press Enter.



When you find a movie or show you want to watch, click it. The detail page for that movie or show displays.





Note: Streaming Video

Most movies and TV shows you watch online are not downloaded to your computer. Rather, they flow in real time from the host website to your PC, over the Internet, using a technology called *streaming video*. With streaming video, programs can start playing back almost immediately, with no time-consuming downloading necessary.



Note: DVD Rental

Netflix also offers a separate DVD-by-mail rental service, with a separate subscription fee.



- Netflix begins playing the movie or show you selected. Click the **Full-screen** button at the top of the window to display the movie full-screen.
- Right-click anywhere on the screen to display the options bar. Click the **Pause** button to pause playback; the Pause button changes to a Play button. Click the **Play** button to resume playback.
 - Click and drag the scrub (slider) control to move directly to another part of the movie.

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The "Star Trek" reboot continues with this action sequel that finds Kirk and Spock fighting a terrorist threat to Starfleet

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Tip: TV Shows

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If you choose to watch a TV show, you can usually choose from different episodes in different seasons. Select a season to see all episodes from that season and then click the episode you want to watch.



Watching TV Shows on Hulu

If Netflix is the best website for movies, Hulu is the best site for television programming. Hulu offers episodes from major-network TV shows, as well as new and classic feature films, for online viewing. The standard free membership offers access to a limited number of videos; a full membership is \$7.99/month for a larger selection of newer shows.



There is also a Hulu app available (free) from the Windows Store. Unfortunately, this Universal app works only with a full Hulu subscription (\$7.99/month). When you use the Hulu website, you can access both the free and the subscription service.



C To view programs by genre, click the **Genres** tile.

To search for a specific show, enter the name of the show into the top-of-page Search box and then press Enter.





Tip: Movies

Hulu also offers a variety of movies for online viewing. The standard free membership has a very limited selection of movie programming, typically documentaries and movie trailers. The \$7.99 Hulu Plus membership offers a much larger selection of movies.



Tip: Network Websites

Most major broadcast and cable TV networks offer their shows for viewing from their websites. These include ABC (abc.go.com), CBS (www.cbs.com), Comedy Central (www.comedycentral.com), CW (www.cwtv.com), Fox (www.fox.com), NBC (www.nbc.com), Nick (www.nick.com), Showtime (www.sho.com), TNT (www.tntdrama.com), and USA Network (www.usanetwork.com).

Click the tile for the show you want to watch.

When the detailed program page appears, scroll down to view available episodes, clips, and extras.

To view seasons by episode, click Available Seasons and then click the season you want.

Click the tile for the episode you want to watch.



Hulu begins playing the program you selected. Move your mouse over the screen to display the playback controls.

Click the **Pause** button to pause playback; the Pause button changes to a Play button. Click the **Play** button to resume playback.

Click and drag the scrub (slider) control to move directly to another part of the program.

Click the Full-screen button to view the program full-screen on your computer display.



Watching Videos on YouTube

The most popular video site on the Web is YouTube. This site is a video-sharing community; users can upload their own videos and watch videos uploaded by other members. YouTube also offers a variety of commercial movies, TV shows, and music videos.

Start

From your web browser, enter <u>www.youtube.com</u> into the Address bar, and then press Enter. You now see YouTube's home page.

To search for a video, enter one or more keywords that describe the type of video you're looking for into the Search box, and then press **Enter** or click the **Search** (magnifying glass) button.

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In addition to its user-uploaded videos, YouTube offers commercial movies. Some movies are free; others can be rented on a 48-hour pass for as low as \$1.99.



Tip: Playlists

To add a video to a playlist, click the Add To button under the video player, and then click a playlist. You can view your playlists by clicking the Menu button next to the YouTube logo (at the top of the page); click a playlist to begin playback.

- When the video page appears, the video begins playing automatically.
- Click the **Pause** button to pause playback; click the button again to resume playback.
- Click the Full-screen button to view the video on your entire computer screen.
- Click the **thumbs-up** button to "like" the video.




Tip: Sharing Videos

Find a video you think a friend would like? Click the **Share** button under the video player. You can then opt to email a link to the video, share the video on Facebook, or tweet a link to the video on Twitter.



Tip: Uploading Videos to YouTube

To upload your own home movies to YouTube, click <u>Upload</u> at the top of any page. On the next screen, click **Select Files from Your Computer**, and then navigate to and select the video you want to upload. After the video is uploaded, you can add a title and description and choose a thumbnail image for the video.

Purchasing and Downloading Movies and TV Shows from the iTunes Store

One downside to Netflix, Hulu, and other streaming video services is that they don't offer more current theatrical movies. When you want to watch a movie fresh out of the theaters, you have to purchase or rent it, instead—which you can do online via Apple's iTunes Store.

Start

- Launch the iTunes app from the Start menu, and then click **iTunes Store** at the top of the window.
- From within the Store, click either the **Movies** or **TV Shows** icon in the top-left corner.
- Navigate to and click the movie or show you want to purchase.



Note: Install the iTunes App

To access the iTunes Store, you first need to install the iTunes software on your computer. You can do this, free, from <u>www.apple.com/itunes/</u>.



Tip: Other Online Video Stores

You can purchase movies and TV shows from several other sites online. These include Amazon Instant Video (<u>www.amazon.com/primeinstantvideo</u>), CinemaNow (<u>www.cinemanow.com</u>), and Vudu (<u>www.vudu.com</u>).



If a program is available for rental, you see a Rent button with the price listed. Click **Rent** to download the movie for limited-time viewing.





Tip: Apple Account

Before you can purchase items from the iTunes Store, you have to create an Apple account and enter your credit card information. You might be prompted to do this the first time you click to purchase, or you can create your account manually, at any time, by clicking the **Sign In** button at the top right of the iTunes window and, when prompted, clicking the **Create New Account** button.

Note: Purchase Versus Rent

When you purchase a movie or TV show, it downloads to your computer and you're free to watch it as often and as long as you like; it's yours, you bought it. When you rent a program, however, it's available to you only for a limited time. With most rentals, you have 30 days to start watching the program, and then must finish watching it within 24 hours of first clicking the Play button.

Watching Videos with iTunes

The iTunes app isn't just for browsing Apple's iTunes Store. You also use iTunes to watch all the movies and TV shows you download.





When the video begins to play, move your mouse to display the playback controls.
Click the Pause button to pause playback; click the button again to resume playback.
Click the Full-screen button to view the video on your entire computer screen. Press Esc to return to the normal iTunes window.



Watching Digital Videos with the Movies and TV App

Windows comes with its own app for viewing digital videos stored on your PC. You can use the Movies and TV app for viewing home movies you've created or videos you've downloaded from elsewhere.



Launch the Movies and TV app from the Start menu, and then click the **Menu** button to expand the navigation sidebar. (You might also want to expand the window to make it larger on your desktop.)

Click Videos in the navigation sidebar to view those videos stored on your PC.

Click the video you want to watch.





Microsoft offers its own Movies Store and TV Store for purchasing and renting movies and TV shows online. You access these stores from the Movies and TV app; just click **Shop** in the navigation sidebar.



3 Mouse over the video to display the playback controls.

Click the **Pause** button to pause playback; click the button again to resume playback.

Click and drag the scrub (slider) control to move to a specific point within the video.

Click the **Full-screen** button to display the video full-screen.



Chapter 14. Playing Digital Music



Your personal computer can do more than just compute. It can also serve as a fully functional music player!

You can use your PC to listen to music played from Spotify, Pandora, and other streaming music services. You can download and play music you purchase from the iTunes Store and other online music stores. You can even use your PC to listen to music the old-fashioned way, from compact disc!

Comparing Streaming Music Services



Streaming Music Online with Spotify

If you're a music lover, you can listen to pretty much any song you like online, from one of a number of *streaming music services*. These services don't download music files to your computer; instead, music is streamed to you in real time, over the Internet. One of the most popular of these music services is Spotify (<u>www.spotify.com</u>), which offers both free and paid plans.

Start

Launch the Spotify app from the Windows Start menu, and then create a new account or sign into your existing account. (You can also log in with your Facebook account, if you have one.)

To browse by genre, click Genres & Moods.

Click a genre tile to view music of that type.

To search for a specific song, album, or artist, enter your query into the top-of-page Search box and then press **Enter**.





Spotify offers a web-based version you can access via your web browser, or a standalone Spotify app that offers enhanced functionality. Access both at <u>www.spotify.com</u>.



Spotify's basic membership is free, but you're subjected to commercials every few songs. If you want to get rid of the commercials (and get on-demand music on your mobile devices too), you need to pay for a \$9.99/month subscription.

[3] Click a playlist, an album, or an artist to view all included songs.

Click the green **Play** button to play all the songs in the playlist or album, or by that artist.

Double-click a song title to play that particular track.

Use the playback controls at the bottom left to pause, rewind, or fast-forward playback, or to raise or lower the volume.



End



Note: On-Demand Versus Personalized Services

There are two primary types of delivery services for streaming audio over the Internet. The first model, typified by Spotify, lets you specify which songs you want to listen to; we call these *on-demand services*. The second model, typified by Pandora, is more like traditional radio in that you can't dial up specific tunes; you have to listen to whatever the service beams out, but in the form of personalized playlists or virtual radio stations.



Note: Other On-Demand Streaming Music Services

In addition to Spotify, other on-demand streaming music services include Apple Music (<u>www.apple.com/music/</u>), Google Play Music All Access (<u>play.google.com/about/music/</u>), Rdio (<u>www.rdio.com</u>), Rhapsody Premier (<u>www.rhapsody.com</u>), and Slacker Premium (<u>www.slacker.com</u>). Most subscriptions run \$9.99/month.

Streaming Music Online with Pandora

Pandora differs from Spotify in that you can't pick specific tracks to play. It's more like a traditional radio station, in that you listen to the songs Pandora selects for you, along with accompanying commercials. You create your own personalized stations, however, by choosing a song or an artist and then letting Pandora select other songs like the one you picked. You access Pandora from your web browser, at <u>www.pandora.com</u>.



From the Pandora website (<u>www.pandora.com</u>) create a new account or log in to your existing account.



2 To create a new station, enter the name of a song, a genre, an artist, or a composer into the **Create Station** box at the top-left corner, and then press **Enter**.

3 The new station is added to your station list on the left side of the page. Click a station to begin playback; information about this track and artist is now displayed.





Note: Free Versus Paid

Pandora's basic membership is free, but ad-supported. (You have to suffer through commercials.) To get rid of the commercials, pay for the \$4.99/month Pandora One subscription.



To pause playback, click the **Pause** button at the top of the page. Click **Play** to resume playback.

To like the current song, click the **thumbs up** button. Pandora will now play more songs like

this one.

If you don't like the current song, click the **thumbs down** button. Pandora will now skip to the next song, not play the current song again, and play fewer songs like it.

To skip to the next song without disliking it, click the **next track** button.





Note: Other Personalized Radio Streaming Music Services

In addition to Pandora, other personalized radio streaming music services include Apple's iTunes Radio (<u>www.apple.com/itunes/itunes-radio/</u>), Rhapsody unRadio (<u>www.rhapsody.com</u>), and Slacker Radio (<u>www.slacker.com</u>). Most offer both free (adsupported) and paid services.



Note: Local Radio Stations Online

If you'd rather just listen to your local AM or FM radio station—or to a radio station located in another city—you can do so over the Internet. Both iHeartRadio (<u>www.iheart.com</u>) and TuneIn (<u>www.tunein.com</u>) offer free access to local radio stations around the world.

Downloading Music from the iTunes Store

If you use an iPhone or iPad, chances are you download your music from Apple's iTunes Store, which has more than 37 million tracks available for downloading at prices ranging from 69¢ to \$1.29 each. You play music purchased at the iTunes Store with Apple's iTunes music player application—which you also need in order to access the iTunes Store.





You use the iTunes app to shop the iTunes Store, play the music you purchase, and manage the content of your iPhone, iPad, or iPod. Download the iTunes app free at <u>www.apple.com/itunes/</u>.



The iTunes Store offers more than just music for download. iTunes also sells movies, TV shows, music videos, podcasts, audiobooks, and eBooks (in the ePub format).

To browse music by category, click **All Genres** on the right and select a category.

To view all the tracks in an album, click the album cover.



To purchase an individual track, click the **Buy** (price) button for that track.

To purchase an entire album, click the **Buy** button for that album.

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Tip: Apple Account

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Tip: Other Online Music Stores

The iTunes Store is the store of choice if you have an Apple iPhone, iPod, or iPad; it fits in seamlessly with the Apple infrastructure and offers music in the AAC file format. If you prefer to get your digital music in the more universal MP3 file format, check out the Amazon Digital Music Store (www.amazon.com/mp3/) and Google Play Music store (play.google.com/store/music).

Playing Digital Music with iTunes

You use the iTunes app to play all digital music that you've downloaded from the iTunes Store or that is otherwise stored on your computer.



Launch the iTunes app from the Start menu, and then click My Music at the top of the window.



To view all the tracks in your library, click the **down arrow** at the top-right corner and click **Songs**. To view your music organized by original album, click **Albums**. To view your music organized by artist, click **Artists**. To view your music organized by genre, click **Genres**.



Navigate to the track, album, artist, or genre you want to play, and then double-click that item.
Olick the Pause button to pause playback; click the Play button to resume playback.





Tip: Playlists

You can put multiple songs together into a single *playlist* for future playback. To view and play back your playlists, click **Playlists** at the top of the iTunes window; a new Playlists pane opens on the left. To create a new playlist, click the + button at the bottom of the Playlists pane and then click **New Playlist**. To add songs to a playlist, drag individual tracks from the Content pane into the Playlists pane.



Tip: Shuffle Playback

To play an album or a playlist in random order, click the **Shuffle** icon in the mini-player at the top of the iTunes window.

Playing a CD with iTunes

If your computer includes a CD or CD/DVD drive, you can use it to play music CDs. The iTunes app doubles as a music player for your CDs.

Start

- Launch the iTunes app, and then insert the music CD into your PC's CD/DVD drive. The CD should automatically appear in the iTunes window, with all the tracks listed.
 - Click the **Play** button to begin playback; click **Pause** to pause playback.
 - Click the Forward arrow to skip to the next track on the CD. Click the Back arrow to skip to the previous track.
- Double-click a specific track to jump to that track.

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15	Roving Gambler [Demo]	3:04 Simon & Garfunkel	Sounds Of Silence	Pop					

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Tip: Ripping CDs

The iTunes app can also import or "rip" CDs to digital files, stored on your computer. Just insert the CD and then click **Import CD** in the iTunes app.



Purchasing Music from the Groove Music App

Windows 10 includes the Groove Music app for both playing digital music and purchasing music online from the Windows Store.



Launch the Groove Music app from the Windows Start menu, and then click the Shop for Music icon to open the Windows Store app.



Scroll down to browse new albums, top-selling songs, top albums, top artists, and genres.
 Click an item to view and purchase.



You can also use the Groove Music app to play digital music stored on your computer.

Start

Launch the Groove Music app from the Windows Start menu. To display all the albums in your

collection, click Albums.

To display music organized by artist, click Artists.

To display individual tracks, click **Songs**.

Double-click an artist or album to view all tracks within.



Click the **Play** button to play all tracks within that artist or album.

Double-click a specific track to play only that track.

Click the **Pause** button to pause playback; click **Play** again to resume playback.

Click the Turn Shuffle On button to play tracks in a random order.

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Tip: Search for Music

To search for specific tunes or artists in your collection, click the **Search** button in the Navigation pane and enter the name of the song or artist you're looking for.



Chapter 15. Viewing and Editing Digital Photos



The traditional film camera is a thing of the past. These days, everybody uses a digital camera or smartphone camera—which you can easily connect to your PC. After it's connected, you can transfer all the photos you take to your computer's hard disk, view them on your computer monitor, share them with friends and family via Facebook and other social media, and even edit your pictures to make them look better.

The Photos app included with Windows 10 helps you find and view all the photos stored on your PC. It even lets you touch up your photos with easy-to-use editing functions.



Transferring Pictures via USB

Whether you have a digital camera or a smartphone, you can easily transfer photos from that device to your PC, simply by connecting the two with the USB cable that came with your device. After they're connected, Windows sees your camera or smartphone as another drive on your system; it's then a simple matter to copy files from your device to your PC.



With your camera or smartphone connected to your PC, click **File Explorer** on the taskbar to open File Explorer.



Click **This PC** in the Navigation pane, and then double-click the icon for your camera or smartphone.

Navigate to and open the folder where the photos reside (usually labeled DCIM), and then hold down the **Ctrl** key and click each photo you want to transfer.

Select the Home ribbon and click Copy To, and then select Pictures.



Tip: Automatic Action

Windows might recognize when you connect your camera or smartphone and ask what you want to do. You can ignore this prompt and proceed manually, or click it and tell Windows to copy the photo files.

Tip: Different Folder Names

Some cameras and smartphones might use a name other than DCIM for the main folder.

Transferring Pictures from a Memory Card

If you have a digital camera, you can also copy photos to your computer from the camera's removable flash memory card. Just insert the memory card into your PC's memory card reader and proceed from there.

Start

Insert your camera's flash memory card into your PC's memory card reader and click File **Explorer** in the taskbar to open File Explorer.



- Click This PC in the navigation pane and then double-click the drive for your memory card reader.
 - Navigate to and open the folder where the photos reside (usually labeled DCIM) and then hold down the **Ctrl** key and click each photo you want to transfer.
 - Select the Home ribbon and click Copy To, and then select Pictures.





Note: Copying Automatically

Windows might recognize that your memory card contains digital photos and start to download those photos automatically—no manual interaction necessary.



Caution: Other Opening Apps

Depending on what apps you have installed on your system, you might get multiple prompts to download photos when you connect your camera. If this happens, pick the program you prefer to work with and close the other dialog boxes.

Viewing Your Photos in Windows

When you want to view the photos stored on your PC, you can use the Photos app included with Windows 10. The Photos app organizes your photos, lets you view them one at a time or in a slideshow, and even lets you edit them. You open the Photos app from the Windows Start menu.

Start

- Open the Photos app from the Windows Start screen. By default, the Collection view is selected, and you see photos organized by date taken, wherever they happen to be stored.
 To view photos by album, click Albums, and then click an album to view its contents.
- Click through the folders and subfolders until you find a photo you want to view, and then click that photo to view it full-screen.





The Photos app automatically organizes and displays photos stored on your computer (and on all connected drives and devices), as well as those stored online in your OneDrive account.



- To enlarge the picture, click the + button at the lower-right corner of the screen. To make a picture smaller, click the button.
- To move to the next picture in the collection, album, or folder, click the **right arrow** onscreen or press the **right arrow** key on your keyboard. To return to the previous picture, click the **left arrow** onscreen or press the **left arrow** key on your keyboard.
- To view a slide show of the pictures in this folder, click the picture to display the menu bar at the top of the screen, and then click the **Slide Show** (play) button.

7 To delete the current picture, display the menu bar and click **Delete**.





Tip: Lock Screen Picture

To use the current picture as the image on the Windows lock screen, open the photo, click to display the menu bar, click **Options** (three dots), and then click **Set as Lock Screen**.



Tip: Sharing Pictures

To share the current picture with your friends, click to display the menu bar, click the **Share** icon, and then select to share via either Facebook or Mail.

Editing Your Photos with the Photos App

Not all your pictures turn out perfectly. Maybe you need to crop a picture to highlight the important area. Maybe you need to brighten a dark picture, or darken a bright one. Or maybe you need to adjust the tint or color saturation. Fortunately, you're in luck—you can do all these basic touch-ups within the Windows Photos app.



- From within the Photos app, open the picture you want to edit, and then click it to display the options bar at the top of the screen.
- The Photos app might try to automatically enhance the picture; if so, you see the Enhance tool selected. If you don't like the results, click **Enhance** to deselect this tool. (Click **Enhance** again to automatically enhance the original picture.)
- To rotate the picture clockwise 90 degrees, click Rotate.
- To further edit the picture, click Edit.



Note: Non-Destructive Editing

Any changes you make are applied to a copy of the photo. The original unedited version of the photo is retained on your computer in case you ever want to revert to it.



Click **Basic Fixes** to access basic fixes.

Click **Crop** to crop the edges of the picture. When the crop screen appears, use your mouse to drag the corners of the white border until the picture appears as you like, and then click **Apply**.

Click **Red Eye** to remove the red-eye effect from the picture. The cursor changes to a blue circle. Move the circle to the eye(s) you want to fix, and then click the mouse button to remove red-eye.

Olick **Retouch** to smooth out or remove blemishes from the photo. The cursor changes to a blue circle. Move the circle to the area you want to repair, and then click the mouse button to do so.





Tip: Aspect Ratio

By default, Windows maintains the original aspect ratio when you crop a photo. To crop to a different aspect ratio, click the **Aspect Ratio** button and make a new selection.



Red-eye is caused when a camera's flash causes the subject's eyes to appear a devilish red. Removing the red-eye effect involves changing the red color to black in the edited photo.



Click Light to edit the brightness and contrast of the photo.

Click the control you want to adjust—Brightness, Contrast, Highlights, or Shadows.



The selected control changes to a circular control. Click and drag the control clockwise to increase the effect, or counterclockwise to decrease the effect.





Note: Lighting Controls

The Brightness control makes the picture lighter or darker. The Contrast control increases or decreases the difference between the photo's darkest and lightest areas. Use the Highlights control to bring out or hide detail in too-bright highlights; use the Shadows control to do the same in too-dark shadows.
S Click Color to edit the tint and saturation of the photo.

Click the control you want to adjust—Temperature, Tint, Saturation, or Color Boost.

b The selected control changes to a circular control. Click and drag the control clockwise to increase the effect, or counterclockwise to decrease the effect.

To apply vignette and selective focus effects to your picture, click **Effects** in the left sidebar and then click the effect you want to apply.



End



The Temperature control affects the color characteristics of lighting; you can adjust a photo so that it looks warmer (reddish) or cooler (bluish). The Tint control affects the shade of the color. The Saturation control affects the amount of color in the photo; completely desaturating a photo makes it black and white. And the Color Enhance control lets you click an area of the photo to increase or decrease color saturation.

Chapter 16. Protecting Your Computer



"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is a bit of a cliché, but it's also true—especially when it comes to your computer system. Spending a few minutes a week on preventive maintenance can save you from costly computer problems in the future.

To ease the task of protecting and maintaining your system, Windows includes several utilities to help you keep your computer running smoothly—and recover your data in case of some sort of malfunction.

Windows Action Center



Using the Windows Action Center

Start

The Windows 10 Action Center is the quick way to find out what's happening on your computer system and take immediate actions of various sorts. You can use the Action Center to turn on or off your PC's wireless functionality, access various configuration options, and switch to Tablet mode.

Click the Notifications icon on the taskbar to display the Action Center.

The top section of the Action Center displays new system notifications, new email messages, and similar notices.

The bottom section displays Quick Actions; click a tile to initiate a given action.

Click All Settings to display the Settings window.



End



Another useful utility is the Windows Control Panel, which runs on the desktop and offers control of many system settings. To open the Control Panel, right-click the **Start** button and scroll until you can click **Control Panel**.



Defending Against Malware with Windows Defender

Computer viruses and spyware (collectively known as malicious software, or *malware*) install themselves on your computer, typically without your knowledge, and then either damage critical system files or surreptitiously send personal information to some devious third party. You can protect your system from viruses and spyware by using an anti-malware program, such as Windows Defender, which is built into Windows 10.

Start

Windows Defender runs in the background, monitoring your computer against malware threats. To open Windows Defender, click the **Start** button to open the Start menu, click **All Apps**,

scroll to and click to open the Windows System folder, and then click Windows Defender.



2 Defender automatically scans your system on its own schedule, but you can perform a manual scan at any time by clicking the Scan Now button.



End

Tip: Other Anti-malware Utilities

Your computer manufacturer might substitute or supplement Windows Defender with other antivirus utilities, such as AVG AntiVirus (<u>www.avg.com</u>), Kaspersky Anti-Virus (<u>www.kaspersky.com</u>), McAfee AntiVirus Plus (<u>www.mcafee.com</u>), and Norton AntiVirus (<u>www.symantec.com</u>). Other anti-spyware utilities include Ad-Aware (<u>www.lavasoftusa.com</u>) and Spybot Search & Destroy (<u>www.safer-networking.org</u>).



Caution: How to Catch a Virus

Computer viruses and spyware are most commonly transmitted via infected computer files. You can receive virus-infected files via email or instant messaging, by downloading files from unsecure websites, or by clicking links in Facebook or Twitter that link to malware-infested sites.

Deleting Unnecessary Files

Even with today's humongous hard disks, you can still end up with too many useless files taking up too much hard disk space. Fortunately, Windows includes a utility that identifies and deletes unused files. The Disk Cleanup tool is what you should use when you need to free up extra hard disk space for more frequently used files.

Start

- Click File Explorer on the taskbar to open File Explorer, navigate to the This PC section,
 - right-click the drive you want to clean up (usually the C: drive), and click **Properties**.
- 2 When the Properties dialog box opens, select the General tab (displayed by default), and
 - click the Disk Cleanup button.
- 3 Disk Cleanup automatically analyzes the contents of your hard disk drive. When it's finished analyzing, it presents its results in the Disk Cleanup dialog box. Select which types of files you want to delete.
- Click **OK** to begin deleting the selected files.



End



Tip: Which Files to Delete?

You can safely choose to delete all these files *except* the setup log files and hibernation files, which are needed by the Windows operating system.



Deleting Unused Programs

Another way to free up valuable hard disk space is to delete those programs you never use. This is accomplished from the Settings tool.



Click the Start button and then click Settings to open the Settings window.



Click System to open the System page.

Click to select the Apps & Features tab.

Click the program you want to delete and then click Uninstall.





Tip: New PC Bloatware

Most brand-new PCs come with unwanted programs and trial versions installed at the factory. Many users choose to delete these "bloatware" programs when they first run their PCs.



Backing Up Your Files

The data stored on your computer's hard disk is valuable, and perhaps irreplaceable. That's why you want to keep a backup copy of all these valuable files, either on an external hard disk connected to your PC or online to your OneDrive account.



Click the **Start** button and then click **Settings** to open the Settings window.



Click Update & Security to open the Update & Security page.

Settings

SETTINGS

Find a setting





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Tip: External Hard Drives

To create a local backup, purchase and install an external hard disk drive. These drives provide lots of storage space for a relatively low cost, and they connect to your PC via USB.



Click to select the **Backup** tab.

Click + Add a Drive to select the drive or device where you want to store your backup copies.

File History is automatically activated. To turn off this automatic backup, click the **Automatically Back Up My Files** option to the Off position.

To select which folders are backed up, and how often, click More Options.



End



Restoring Your Computer After a Crash

If your computer system ever crashes or freezes, your best course of action is to run the System Restore utility. This utility can automatically restore your system to the state it was in before the crash occurred—and save you the trouble of reinstalling any damaged software programs. It's a great safety net for when things go wrong!

Start

Right-click the Start button and click **System** to display the System window.

Click System Protection in the navigation pane to display the System Properties dialog box.

3 Make sure that the System Protection tab is selected, and then click the System Restore button.

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Tip: Restoring Your System

Be sure to close all programs before you use System Restore because Windows will need to be restarted when it's done. The full process might take half an hour or more.



System Restore will help you recover any damaged programs and system files, but it won't help you recover any documents or data files. This is why you need to use the File History utility to back up all your data on a regular basis—and restore that backed-up data in the case of an emergency.



When the System Restore window appears, click Next.





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Click the **Finish** button to begin the restore process.

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End



Windows 10 lets you "refresh" your system with the current versions of important system files, in case those files become damaged or deleted. Click **Update & Security** from the Settings window. On the next screen, select the **Recovery** tab, go to the Reset This PC section, and click **Get Started**. When prompted, click the **Keep My Files** option.



Tip: Resetting Your System

In the event of a catastrophic system problem, you can reset your system to its factoryfresh condition by wiping clean the hard disk and reinstalling Windows from scratch. Click **Update & Security** from the Settings window. On the next screen, select the **Recovery** tab, go to the Reset This PC section, and click **Get Started**. When prompted, select the **Remove Everything** option. Note, however, that this option deletes all the programs and files on your computer—use it only in the case of an emergency.

Glossary

A

Action Center The pop-up pane that appears when you click Notifications in the Windows taskbar; it displays system messages and quick links to key Windows functions.

add-in board A device that plugs into a desktop computer's system unit and provides auxiliary functions. (Also called a *card*.)

address The location of an Internet host. An email address might take the form <u>johndoe@xyz.com</u>; a web address might look like <u>www.xyztech.com</u>. See also <u>URL</u>.

all-in-one computer A desktop computer in which the system unit, monitor, and speakers are housed in a single unit. Often the monitor of such a system has a touchscreen display.

app See <u>application</u>.

application A computer program designed for a specific task or use, such as word processing, accounting, or missile guidance.

attachment A file, such as a Word document or graphics image, attached to an email message.

B

backup A copy of important data files.

boot The process of turning on your computer system.

broadband A high-speed Internet connection; it's faster than the older dial-up connection.

browser A program, such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, that translates the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) of the Web into viewable web pages.

bug An error in a software program or the hardware.

С

cable modem A high-speed, broadband Internet connection via digital cable TV lines.

card Also called an *add-in board*, this is a device that plugs into a desktop computer's system unit and provides auxiliary functions.

CD-ROM (compact disc read-only memory) A CD that can be used to store computer data. A CD-ROM, similar to an audio CD, stores data in a form readable by a laser, resulting in a storage device of great capacity and quick accessibility.

computer A programmable device that can store, retrieve, and process data.

Cortana The virtual assistant built into Windows 10, designed to provide personalized information and search capabilities.

CPU (central processing unit) The group of circuits that direct the entire computer system by (1) interpreting and executing program instruction and (2) coordinating the interaction of input, output, and storage devices.

cursor The pointer that tracks with the movement of your mouse or arrow keys onscreen.

D

data Information—on a computer, in digital format.

database A program for arranging facts in the computer and retrieving them—the computer equivalent of a filing system.

desktop The graphical user interface within Windows on which running apps appear.

desktop computer A personal computer designed for use on a typical office desktop. A traditional desktop computer system consists of a system unit, monitor, keyboard, mouse, and speakers.

device A computer file that represents some object—physical or nonphysical—installed on your system.

disk A device that stores data in magnetic or optical format.

disk drive A mechanism for retrieving information stored on a magnetic disk. The drive rotates the disk at high speed and reads the data with a magnetic head similar to those used in tape recorders.

domain The identifying portion of an Internet address. In email addresses, the domain name follows the @ sign; in website addresses, the domain name follows the www.

download A way to transfer files, graphics, or other information from the Internet to your computer.

driver A support file that tells a program how to interact with a specific hardware device, such as a hard disk controller or video display card.

DSL (digital subscriber line) A high-speed Internet connection that uses the ultra-high-frequency portion of ordinary telephone lines, allowing users to send and receive voice and data on the same line at the same time.

DVD An optical disc, similar to a CD, that can hold a minimum of 4.7GB, enough for a full-length movie.

E

Edge The new web browser included with Windows 10.

email Electronic mail; a means of corresponding with other computer users over the Internet through digital messages.

encryption A method of encoding files so that only the recipient can read the information.

Ethernet A popular computer networking technology; Ethernet is used to network, or hook together, computers so that they can share information.

executable file A program you run on your computer system.

F

favorite A bookmarked site in a web browser.

file Any group of data treated as a single entity by the computer, such as a word processor document, a program, or a database.

File Explorer The utility used to navigate and display files and folders on your computer system. Previously known as Windows Explorer.

FiOS A type of broadband Internet service delivered over fiber-optic cable.

firewall Computer hardware or software with special security features to safeguard a computer connected to a network or to the Internet.

Fire Wire A high-speed bus used to connect digital devices, such as digital cameras and video cameras, to a computer system. Also known as *i.LINK* and *IEEE-1394*.

folder A way to group files on a disk; each folder can contain multiple files or other folders (called *subfolders*). Folders are sometimes called *directories*.

freeware Free software available over the Internet. This is in contrast with *shareware*, which is available freely but usually asks the user to send payment for using the software.

G

gigabyte (GB) One billion bytes.

graphics Pictures, photographs, and clip art.

Η

hard disk A sealed cartridge containing a magnetic storage disk(s) designed for long-term mass storage of computer data.

hardware The physical equipment, as opposed to the programs and procedures, used in computing. home page The first or main page of a website.

homegroup A small network of computers all running Windows.

hover See *mouse over*.

hybrid computer A portable computer that combines the functionality of a touchscreen tablet and a traditional notebook PC.

hyperlink A connection between two tagged elements in a web page, or separate sites, that makes it possible to click from one to the other.

I–J

icon A graphic symbol on the display screen that represents a file, a peripheral, or some other object or function.

Internet The global network of networks that connects millions of computers and other devices around the world.

Internet service provider (ISP) A company that provides end-user access to the Internet via its central computers and local access lines.

K–L

keyboard The typewriter-like device used to type instructions to a personal computer.

kilobyte (KB) A unit of measure for data storage or transmission equivalent to 1024 bytes; often rounded to 1000.

LAN (local-area network) A system that enables users to connect PCs to one another or to minicomputers or mainframes.

laptop A portable computer small enough to operate on one's lap. Also known as a *notebook* computer.

LCD (liquid crystal display) A flat-screen display in which images are created by light transmitted through a layer of liquid crystals.

M–N

megabyte (MB) One million bytes.

megahertz (MHz) A measure of microprocessing speed; 1MHz equals one million electrical cycles per second.

memory Temporary electronic storage for data and instructions, via electronic impulses on a chip.

microprocessor A complete central processing unit assembled on a single silicon chip.

modem (modulator demodulator) A device capable of converting a digital signal into an analog signal, typically used to connect to the Internet.

monitor The display device on a computer, similar to a television screen.

motherboard Typically the largest printed circuit board in a computer, housing the CPU chip and controlling circuitry.

mouse A small handheld input device connected to a computer and featuring one or more button-style switches. When moved around on a flat surface, the mouse causes a symbol on the computer screen to make corresponding movements.

mouse over The act of selecting an item by placing your cursor over an icon without clicking. Also known as *hovering*.

network An interconnected group of computers.

notebook computer A portable computer with all components (including keyboard, screen, and touchpad) contained in a single unit. Notebook PCs can typically be operated via either battery or wall power.

O-P

Office Microsoft's suite of productivity applications-Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more.

OneDrive Microsoft's cloud-based storage service.

operating system A sequence of programming codes that instructs a computer about its various parts and peripherals and how to operate them. Operating systems, such as Windows, deal only with the workings of the hardware and are separate from software programs.

path The collection of folders and subfolders (listed in order of hierarchy) that hold a particular file.

peripheral A device connected to the computer that provides communication or auxiliary functions.

phishing The act of trying to "fish" for personal information via means of a deliberately deceptive email or website.

pixel The individual picture elements that combine to create a video image.

port An interface on a computer to which you can connect a device, either internally or externally. **printer** The piece of computer hardware that creates hard copy printouts of documents.

Q-R

RAM (random access memory) A temporary storage space in which data can be held on a chip rather than being stored on disk or tape. The contents of RAM can be accessed or altered at any time during a session but will be lost when the computer is turned off.

resolution The degree of clarity an image displays, typically expressed by the number of horizontal and vertical pixels or the number of dots per inch (dpi).

ribbon A toolbarlike collection of action buttons, used in many Windows programs.

ROM (read-only memory) A type of chip memory, the contents of which have been permanently recorded in a computer by the manufacturer and cannot be altered by the user.

root The main directory or folder on a disk.

router A piece of hardware or software that handles the connection between your home network and the Internet.

S

scanner A device that converts paper documents or photos into a format that can be viewed on a computer and manipulated by the user.

screensaver A display of moving designs on your computer screen when you haven't typed or moved the mouse for a while.

server The central computer in a network, providing a service or data access to client computers on the network.

shareware A software program distributed on the honor system; providers make their programs freely accessible over the Internet, with the understanding that those who use them will send payment to the provider after using them. See also *freeware*.

software The programs and procedures, as opposed to the physical equipment, used in computing.

spam Junk email. As a verb, it means to send thousands of copies of a junk email message.

spreadsheet A program that performs mathematical operations on numbers arranged in large arrays; used mainly for accounting and other record keeping.

spyware Software used to surreptitiously monitor computer use (that is, spy on other users).

Start menu The pop-up menu, activated by clicking the Start button, that lists all installed programs on a computer. Microsoft removed the Start menu in Windows 8/8.1 but returned it—in an enhanced fashion—in Windows 10. Microsoft sometimes refers to the Windows 10 Start menu as the Start Experience.

system unit The part of a desktop computer system that looks like a big beige or black box. The system unit typically contains the microprocessor, system memory, hard disk drive, floppy disk drives, and various cards.

T–U–V

tablet computer A small, handheld computer with no keyboard or mouse, operated solely via its touchscreen display.

terabyte (TB) One trillion bytes.

touchscreen display A computer display that is touch sensitive and can be operated with a touch of the finger.

trackpad The pointing device used on most notebook PCs, in lieu of an external mouse.

ultrabook A type of small and thin notebook computer with no built-in CD/DVD drive and a smaller display.

Universal app A type of application designed to run on a variety of Microsoft operating systems on different types of devices—PCs, tablets, and smartphones.

upgrade To add a new or improved peripheral or part to your system hardware. Also to install a newer version of an existing piece of software.

upload The act of copying a file from a personal computer to a website or an Internet server. The opposite of *download*.

URL (uniform resource locator) The address that identifies a web page to a browser. Also known as a *web address*.

USB (universal serial bus) The most common type of port for connecting peripherals to personal computers.

virus A computer program segment or string of code that can attach itself to another program or file, reproduce itself, and spread from one computer to another. Viruses can destroy or change data and in other ways sabotage computer systems.

W-X-Y-Z

web page An HTML file, containing text, graphics, and/or mini-applications, viewed with a web browser.

website An organized, linked collection of web pages stored on an Internet server and read using a web browser. The opening page of a site is called a *home page*.

Wi-Fi The radio frequency (RF)-based technology used for home and small-business wireless networks and for most public wireless Internet connections. It operates at 11Mbps (802.11b), 54Mbps (802.11g), 600Mbps (802.11n), or 1Gbps (with 802.11ac). Short for "wireless fidelity."

window A portion of the screen display used to view simultaneously a different part of the file in use or a part of a different file than the one in use.

Windows The generic name for all versions of Microsoft's graphical operating system.

Windows Explorer See *File Explorer*.

Windows Store Microsoft's online store that offers Universal apps for sale and download.

World Wide Web (WWW) A vast network of information, particularly business, commercial, and government resources, that uses a hypertext system for quickly transmitting graphics, sound, and video over the Internet.

Zip file A file that has been compressed for easier transmission.



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