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Screensaver Control

You can control how quickly your screensaver starts by right-clicking your desktop, selecting the screensaver tab, and then increasing/decreasing the delay time to suit your needs.

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SeniorNet Canberra News

The format of the monthly meetings have been changed. Workshops will be held at the Tuggeranong Community Centre on the following Sundays this year: 21 Apr, 16 Jun, 18 Aug. 20 Oct, 15 Dec. Formal meetings with a guest speaker will be held at the Weston Creek Sports Club, Crowder Street, Stirling on the following Wednesdays: 27 Mar, 22 May, 24 Jul, 25 Sep, 27 Nov.

All meetings will commence at 1.30pm. An Executive meeting will be held prior to the meeting. Guest speakers for March: Cora Nun Genealogy on the internet and in May Shelly Duncan talking about anti virus from VET.

SeniorNet Canberra have a yearly subscription which is as low as \$10 to cover administrative costs. The subscription commences 1 July each year and members joining now will be covered until 30th June next year. If you have a computer problem and require assistance then contact George Lincoln who will arrange the necessary assistance. At this stage assistance can only be provided for Windows products.

This newsletter includes items of interest provided by members for your interest. Hope you enjoy—and contributions can be forwarded at any time to the President at hardwick@ozemail.com.au.



SeniorNet discount from HiMicro

Frank Fanayan of HiMicro (6/18 Whyalla Street, Fyshwick -- ph: 02 6280 7520) is a sponsor for SeniorNet Canberra.

He will give 5 per cent discount on computer hardware and repairs (PC) to anyone producing evidence that they are a member of SeniorNet Canberra.

Next time you want some hardware or repairs contact Frank.

**5% discount from HiMicro
for Senior Net members**

Phyllis McAlister has a say



I am 71 years old, and I use my computer at least four hours a day, mainly on emMcAlisterails from the seniors group in South Australia that I belong to, and through them, have learnt so much and become friends with so many people from SA and all over the world. It is a wonderful thing to be able to communicate with likeminded people from many countries, more so our own, and on a recent visit to Adelaide, we had a get-together and I met many of the group who live there. It was a fantastic day. It is strange, but we all felt as though we had really known each other for ages, even though we have never before met face to face. With a computer, you can really put the way you feel into words, and not be self conscious about it.

There are also so many interesting sites that you can visit, name it and it is there. One of my favourites in the Smithsonian Institute, where you can see all the paintings, sculptures, etc., just by sitting at your computer.

There are jokes, religious pieces, for instance I receive messages from a hermit in Montana, who will answer any personal questions I ask, jokes (clean ones) from another site, computer tips from another, music from another. If I had the time, I would spend more than 4 hours in front of this little "time-waster"!!

My granddaughter was in London for six months, and we were able to send and receive emails to each other, birthday cards, Christmas cards, and it was a real treat.

I have also learnt how to use beautiful stationery, put in "gifts", such as signatures, on messages, to name just a few. It is a lovely thing to learn.

Web Sites For
Genealogists
updated
homepage can
be found at
[http://www.
coraweb.com.au/](http://www.coraweb.com.au/)

Switching Between Screens

While holding down the Alt Key, press the Esc button. Doing so allows you to toggle between screens quickly without having to do the usual Minimize / Maximize routine. The only exception is the desktop screen. You must minimize all applications to get there

How to clean your monitor

Let the monitor cool down for ten minutes before cleaning it, so that moisture won't come in contact with it while it's still hot. If the casing is particularly dirty, you may need to use a bit of detergent and scrub a little. When cleaning around any control knobs or buttons, make sure that the cloth is only damp. Take a look at your monitor owner's manual. If it specifically warns the user not to use commercial glass cleaner, it's got a delicate anti-glare coating. In this case, you should follow the manufacturers recommended cleaning instructions. Rinse the Wettex cloth in hot water under the tap and squeeze dry, then wipe the screen of the monitor, then wipe over with a lint-free cloth. This removes fingerprints and grime. Rinse the cloth again and squeeze dry before wiping the monitor case. Then use the Degaussing feature of the monitor (which corrects the monitor's internal magnetic field). Consult the instruction book to find out how to do this.

Inside Story Headline

Yes! Today I had a TV card installed in my computer and can now watch the cricket or the news while I slog away at my editing and writing tasks. Well, nearly. By the time I'd pulled off all the connections at the back of the computer in order to take it to our SeniorNet computer shop at Fyshwick, Hi-Micro, I was crumpled in a nasty heap under my computer desk.

The job of installing the TV took half an hour or so, so I took some editing work with me to do while I waited -- that meant taking the laptop along with me too.

All finished and demonstrated most beautifully in the shop, so I took it all home again. Now where did that plug go? Thanks to colour coding these days, it's marginally less difficult to get the plugs mixed up, but I still managed to end up with a mouse that wouldn't work. So, from under the desk, I called Hi-Micro and discovered I could reverse the plugs for the modem and the mouse and all would be well. Great! No. Didn't work. Another phone call. Silly me, I forgot I had to shut the computer down before reversing the plugs. All OK now.

And now to switch on the TV news. Oh dear. I think I'll leave the rest of this story until I get rid of the nasty blur of pictures and channels that don't work at all are all fixed. My knees have had it from being scrunched up under my desk today and my eyes smart from trying to sort out plugs and plugholes and a spaghetti bolognese of cables. Next issue I hope to be able to tell you how I've been enjoying TV while I work. Elizabeth Murphy

Folder Shortcuts

If you have folders that you use very frequently, create a shortcut on your desktop or within a high level folder to the lower folders for easier access. Simply right-click and drag the folder you want to the location in which you wish to create the shortcut. Release the right mouse button and choose "Create Shortcut."

Microsoft releases 2 new game packages - Zoo Tycoon and Classic Board Games

In Zoo Tycoon you set up and create a zoo, complete with animals and all the paraphernalia, and run it something similar to games like Sim City. A great game and battle of wits for retired managers or those who fancy themselves as Managers.

Classic Board Games includes Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Chinese Checkers, 4-in-A-Line, Reversi, Dominoes, Taipei, Gomoku, Chinese Chess, Shogi and Go. Apart from the games you'll be familiar with there are sure to be some others that will tempt you into having a ball.

Taipei is also known by other names such as Shanghai and Mahjong and is a tile game that keeps you interested. It has some new variations in terms of layout and some will really test your ability. Information on how to play each game is included under help, so there's no excuse not to try something new. You will need to keep the CD handy as all the games are loaded from it each time.

When you have the energy and the money, you haven't got the time! When you have the energy and time, you haven't got the money! When you have the money and the time, you haven't got the energy!

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Thanks to everyone for their contributions which we'll see over the next few newsletters. Keep the contributions coming - send to Elizabeth Murphy at emmurphy@ozemail.com.au - this is what OUR newsletter is all about!

Nikki asks: Hello, I visited your site at senior net and am emailing you to ask if you would include the following details at your next meeting or in your newsletter as I am finding it very difficult to contact people who are carers of people with Alzheimers disease. In anticipation thank you for your time and consideration. Nikki

Author seeks testimonials from carers of people with Alzheimers disease with the view of publishing a light hearted, sensitive and easy to read book for carers. Useful info. would include strategies for coping with difficult behaviour, activities for the Alzheimer's suffer, carer coping and humorous situations that have occurred. My address is Nikki Sinclair 1 Cobborah Rd Dubbo NSW 2830 Australia My email is ssincl03@postoffice.csu.edu.au

Web Shortcuts

Do you like to visit specific Web sites on a regular basis? To simplify your life, you can either create Favorites within Explorer, or you can actually create a shortcut on your desktop that, when clicked, takes you directly to the Web page you want to view. Here's how:

Open Explorer. Then open the Web page. Place the mouse in an area of the Web page with no links or banners. Right-click that area and select Create Shortcut.

Now, when you're connected to the Web, simply click the new desktop icon, and it will bring up Explorer and take you to your favorite Web site

Starting A Program

If there is a program that you would like to automatically start each time you start Windows, place a copy of the startup or executable icon in the Programs/Startup folder. One thing to keep in mind is that doing so will increase your boot time.

Double-Click Problems

If you're finding that you are having to repeatedly double-click over and over to get Windows to perform an action, you may have your double-click timing too high.

Go to the Control Panel and double-click the mouse icon. Once within this option, select the Buttons tab and move the slider more toward the slower end. You can test the speed by double-clicking the Jack-In-The Box to get the right speed. Click Apply and try again. If it's still too fast, or now it's too slow, adjust it.

