Stan's Computer Korner

Microsoft is working on a major Windows 10 update for October. There have been reports that some folks have had important files deleted. (Like all their photos) This is people that are doing beta testing for them. Microsoft has stated that they will not release the update until this and other problems are fixed. This should make you wary of automatic updates.

 Are you missing Internet Explorer 11 in Windows 10? Some folks like it a lot better since they are used to it. It is in Windows 10. It has a lot of improvements. You have to go to the Start button and scroll down to Windows Accessories. Windows Explorer 11 is there. You have to pin it to the task bar or pin to the Start. Open it up and select your options and begin using it. I guess I am used to Edge now, so I have not opted to go back to Explorer.

A long list of items will be deleted or depreciated from the next upgrade to Windows 10. Most are not a problem for normal users.

The only thing that bothers me is the loss of Snip. I use it all the time to grab whatever is on my screen. Partly because my scanner is somewhere in storage and I do not get it back until I have somewhere to put it.

Microsoft claims that Snip & Sketch is similar, but it is not quite the same. You activate it with the windows key + shift S. It puts what you select in the clipboard. Then you can insert it in any document or whatever. Another way is to use print screen to activate it. Then you will have the option of saving it to Dropbox or the clipboard.

Have you ever tried Task View? It is the Icon next to Cortana. If you have a bunch of windows open and you need to find one you can't see, just click on it. Win key + Tab will do it too. I usually have 10 windows or more open. It also has the neat feature of creating a virtual desktop to store various windows on to keep some of the clutter off the screen you are working on. You can jump to that other desktop when you need something there. You can even create a 3rd desktop if you wish. It kind of eliminates the need for a larger screen or a second computer.

OK here is another one for you. **Have you used Timeline?** Open Task View again and then scroll down on the left to Earlier Today. Below that it will show activities you have had during the day. Scroll down through those to see things that you might want to go back to. It will show down through the day before. On the right you will see a time bar to show where you are at.

Below that on the left will be the option to Turn On older Windows back for 30 days. If you were working on a document and saved the wrong version or some other problem came up, you can go back in time and bring up an earlier version of your document or what was on that web page you cannot find again. It even has a search capability. You can search for a partial name of a document or project and it will bring up possible matches. You can do a specific date.

Cortana has had a number of improvements. It can now connect to smart devices and other platforms that use Cortana. Currently Cortana is compatible with Spotify, iHeart and Tunein services.

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