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UPCOMING MEETING

EXTENDED ROUND-TABLE

Unlike years past we are depending on crowd sourced topics and presenters for main meeting program presentations. As of this time there are no main presentation topics in the queue and no presenters in the queue.

So we will be having just an extended round-table of free form topics.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As the club becomes smaller, it becomes more important than ever to respond to meeting invitations distributed from my Google Calendar. If I do not receive enough YES responses indicating member intentions to participate in a meeting, the meeting will be cancelled!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS** are \$10.00 if you join in Oct -> Mar. \$7.50 if you join in Apr -> Jun or \$5.00 if you join in Jul -> Sep. Make your check PAYABLE to MLCUG and SEND TO: John Deker, Treasurer, 2210 Lantern Lane, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-2211. Be sure to send a [MEMBERSHIP FORM](#) too.
 - **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** entitles you to receive a copy of the newsletter and access to our email list server, which is run for the benefit of our members. Please do not hesitate to post club and computer related notices and problems to it. If we can't solve your problem remotely, we can be alerted to it ahead of the monthly meeting where more hands-on may help resolve your problem.
 - A few of the regular attendees usually partake of [LUNCH AT THE CAMPUS CORNER RESTAURANT](#) near the intersection of Routes 30 and 320 just off the Villanova University campus. So, after the meeting, why not join us? It's an opportunity to get more help and to discuss our common interests.
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LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Attendance:

10 people in all attended the meeting on Saturday, October 11th. One of the attendees was a virtual attendee via Google+ Hangout video chat.

Main Meeting Q&A:

We began the meeting with our normal round of questions and announcements. Among the questions and announcements:

John D -

- Demonstrated the features and capabilities of his new 11.6" [Acer C720-3404 Chromebook](#). He also noted some of the limitations when stacked up against the capabilities of a PC. With apps a Chromebook is a bit more than just a browser.

Rich T -

- Spoke about his DSNNY IP camera and his search for supporting documentation and information related to networking it.
- Demonstrated and discussed his Windows user account problem during which it was discovered he had previously renamed an account rather than creating a new account and either deleting or de-activating the original user account.

Bill B -

- Noted that he likes and continues to make use of his 14" HP Chromebook.

Ed C -

- Discussed his problems installing RAM in an old Dell computer and how the RAM was not recognized in some of the motherboard memory slots.

Layton F -

- A bit off-topic, but he told us how his processor controlled Samsung washing machine failed and the difficulty he had getting service for it.

Joan S -

- Noted that she experienced a problem with Photoshop Elements that slowed her computer due to excessive CPU loading. She spoke of how she identified and terminated the cause of her computer's slowness.

Don W -

- As a novice computer user, Don expressed concern during Rich T's discussion of Windows user accounts when he noticed his computer was visible on the network in File Explorer on Rich's notebook. This led to a discussion and a recommendation that you should set up your computer with password protection.
- Noted a problem with his laptop during the meeting when it popped a warning message that there was another device on the LAN with the same IP address.

Tom J -

- Noted that Linux Mint can be installed alongside of Windows a couple of different ways - as a dual boot machine or as virtual machine. Linux Mint makes both options relatively easy.

Ted K -

- Discussed his issues and problems using NetZero webmail, especially all the advertising SPAM he receives.

John M -

- Continued to discuss Ted K's issue with NetZero email and suggested he consider learning to use an email client like Thunderbird instead of webmail.
- Again mentioned his transition from Gmail to MS email services as a primary email provider.

Main Meeting Program:

There was no main meeting program agenda.

RELATED SIDEBAR

This section contains web links & other info related to the club email or some of the subjects we

discussed during our round table discussions and main presentation.

WINDOWS COMMAND LINE - ELEVATED COMMAND PROMPT

<http://www.windows-commandline.com/elevated-command-prompt/>

What is elevated command prompt?

In pre-Vista Windows operating systems(XP, Server 2003, Windows 2000) when administrators open a window, it's opened with administrator privileges and in such command windows, users can perform all administrator privileged commands. But in Vista and Windows 7 & 8, when administrators open a command window, it's opened with normal user privileges, not with administrator privileges. From this command prompt administrator privileged commands can't be run even though the logged in user is part of administrators group . To be able to run administrator commands, we need to open the command window with the option of 'Run as administrator'. Such a command prompt is called elevated command prompt.

How to open elevated command prompt in Windows 7?

There are two ways to open elevated command window. These are explained below.

1. Click on the Start button in the taskbar. Type 'cmd' in the search box. In the results, you will see 'cmd' application. Right click on it, and select the option 'Run as administrator'. User Account Control will prompt 'Do you want to allow the program to make changes to your computer?' Click on 'Yes' and elevated administrator command prompt window will be opened.
2. The alternative way is to search for cmd in the start menu search button as mentioned above. Press Ctrl-Shift and click on the 'cmd' application.

WINDOWS COMMAND LINE - USER ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

<http://www.windows-commandline.com/enable-disable-administrator-account/>

<http://www.windows-commandline.com/enable-disable-guest-account/>

As an example,

To enable guest account from command prompt:

Open elevated administrator command prompt and run the below command.

```
net user guest /active:yes
```

Example:

```
C:\>net user guest /active:yes
The command completed successfully.
C:\>
```

To disable guest account:

```
net user guest /active:no
```

The above commands would work on Windows 7, Windows 8 and also on older versions like XP, Server 2003 etc.

To enable or disable another user account from the command line just substitute the name of the user for "guest".

To query the status of a user account:

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net user name_of_user
```

Be sure to substitute the actual name of the user account for "name_of_user" in the above command.

ACER C720-3404 CHROMEBOOK

<http://us.acer.com/ac/en/US/content/model/NX.SHEAA.016>

This Chromebook is a cut above most of the others in terms of CPU power, amount of RAM, and size of SSD. It comes with a higher price to match. If there is a downside it is the mediocre 11.6" display screen.



Model Name: C720-3404

Part Number: NX.SHEAA.016

\$ 379.99 list price

Main Features

- Chrome OS™
 - Intel Core i3-4005U Dual-core (2 Core) 1.70 GHz
 - 11.6" HD (1366 x 768) 16:9
 - Intel HD 4400 with Shared Memory
 - 4 GB, DDR3L SDRAM
 - 32 GB SSD
 - 8.5 hours maximum battery run time
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SOFTWARE WORTH A LOOK

4 FREE WINDOWS 7 EMAIL CLIENTS

Here's a list of FREE email clients I've used. My current favorite is eM Client, but I use Zimbra for the club newsletter because of its better support for pasting HTML content. Zimbra is also available for other OS platforms that I use.

Windows Live Mail

- <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-live/essentials>
- though part of a suite of software, it should allow you to select only the items you want to install
- ideal integration with MS email services of Outlook.com, Live.com, or Hotmail.com and their associated Contacts and Calendar services
- easy setup for other popular email providers like Yahoo, Gmail, AOL, and possibly NetZero, but no integration with their calendar services
- iffy integration with their contact services
- can also be setup for lesser known service providers with more effort
- supports S/MIME email encryption

eM Client

- <http://www.emclient.com/>
- FREE if less than 3 email accts and non-commercial use
- good integration with calendar and contact services of Gmail, Yahoo, and MS's Hotmail / Live / Outlook
- easy email setup for most other popular service providers
- can also be setup for lesser known service providers with more effort
- supports S/MIME email encryption

Thunderbird

- <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/thunderbird/>
- easy email setup for most popular service providers, but not Microsoft
- can also be setup for lesser known service providers with more effort
- no integration with cloud based calendar and contact services
- slower performance compared to the other clients, especially when retrieving email msgs from servers
- supports S/MIME email encryption and additionally PGP with extension

Zimbra Desktop

- <http://www.zimbra.com/downloads/zimbra-desktop>
- easy setup and good integration with Gmail and Google Calendar & Contact services
- easy setup for Yahoo mail
- no support for Microsoft services
- can also be setup for other service providers with more effort
- no support for email encryption
- cannot paste pictures directly into emails, but allows for loading attachments including inline attachments

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING ROOM

Meetings are in the St. Augustine Center (SAC) at Villanova University. These monthly sessions normally meet in Room 110.



Enter from the ITHAN AVENUE main gate, then proceed to the upper deck of the 2-level parking garage adjacent to the St. Augustine Center on the Ithan Avenue side of the building. ([Click for link to Google Map](#))

NOTE: additional map & direction links on our website home page - <http://mlcug.org/>

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November 8	TBA
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January 10	TBA

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