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The meeting room is then straight ahead.)



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This Month's Main Meeting Topic:

**"Amazon's Web Site From a
Seller's Point of View — part 2"**
presented by member
Paul Baecker

**We collectively mourn the
passing of our club's Secretary
and Newsletter Publisher
Rick Kucejko.**

Guests and visitors are welcome. People can attend any SHCC meetings during two consecutive months before deciding to become a member or not. July and August don't count since there is no main meeting. Membership includes admission to all SHCC functions and the newsletter. Membership is open to anyone. It is not limited to the residents of Sterling Heights.

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Four Month Meeting Schedule

JANUARY 2019	MARCH 2019
8 - SHCC Main Meeting	5 - SHCC Main Meeting
2 - COMP meeting	6 - COMP meeting
13 - SEMCO meeting	10- SEMCO Meeting

FEBRUARY 2019	APRIL 2019
5 - SHCC Main Meeting	2 - SHCC Main Meeting
6 - COMP meeting	10 - COMP meeting
10- SEMCO Meeting	14- SEMCO Meeting

Other Computer Clubs

As a member of SHCC, you can attend meetings of other clubs where we have reciprocating membership agreements, at no charge.

Computer Club of Marysville and Port Huron (COMP)
Time: 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM
Place:
 St Clair Community College,
 Clara E McKenzie Library-
 Science Building, Room 201
 323 Erie St. Port Huron, MI
 (810) 982-1187
 Reciprocating: Yes

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO) (new location)
Time: 2nd Sunday at 1:15PM
Place: Lawrence Tech (Southfield Campus)
 21000 W. 10 Mile Rd, Southfield
 Wayne H. Buell Mgmt. Bldg,
 Room M213
 Web page:
<http://www.semco.org>
 Reciprocating: Yes

Royal Oak Computer Club
Time: Every Wednesday at 12:30
Place: Mahany/Meiniger Senior Community Center
 500 Marais Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073
 248-246-3900
 Reciprocating: No

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The President's Pen

by Don VanSyckel



Happy New Year. I hope you had a good holiday season, whatever that means to you. Some like lots of activities and some like it relaxing.

As most of you know, our club secretary, Rick Kucejko, died unexpectedly in mid-December. Unexpected in the fact that Rick was not suffering from any particular ailment. The last word I received is that he had a heart attack and passed quickly. I will be looking for a motion at both the January and February meetings to open nominations for club secretary. Officers serve from January through December, so this will be for the balance of the year. We will have an election in February after nominations are closed.

Rick was both secretary and newsletter editor. These two positions are not tied together; Rick just happened to hold both positions. Currently Paul Baecker has volunteered to be newsletter editor, at least for a while.

While both secretary and newsletter editor are important to the life and health of SHCC, I want to focus on the secretary position this month since we need to open nominations for the office. The SHCC Secretary duties are listed here:

The secretary maintains the membership database which is tracked in an Access database (SHCC owned). The secretary audits the treasurer report to make sure that the membership money collected matches the membership counts in the database, print the mailing labels for WYSIWYG mailing, prints a report for member check-in at the main meeting, and maintains several reports such as a membership list. The secretary mails out dues notices, and mails out the monthly WYSIWYG. (Preparing the

WYSIWYG is not the secretary's responsibility, but instead is the duty of the newsletter editor.). The secretary makes sure that check-in table materials needed at each regular meeting are there early before people start arriving.

None of the above are difficult, but it does require a few minutes each month. Also sitting at the check-in table you get to know everyone who attends. Consider running for secretary. You can nominate yourself, have a friend nominate you, or contact any officer and we'll get you nominated.

Again, being secretary does NOT mean you're doing the newsletter. They are separate positions. If you are interested in doing, or helping with, the newsletter, contact Paul Baecker.

Please help while we're short-handed by proactively renewing your SHCC dues if they're coming due. If you don't know when your membership expires, ask at the check-in table. Remember: Dues are now \$30, or \$50 with paper newsletter.

Cutting the cord continues at my house. My wife's still happy, about cable anyway, and I continue to get DVDs at the library and have just scratched the "free" movies that are offered on Crackle, Pluto TV, Roku Channel, Tubi TV, and Vudu, all of which I have signed up for. Plus there are others that I haven't checked into yet. No pay channels at all.

In fairness I should point out that I do have an HD antenna on each of the TVs to view the local channels. These antennas are small, about 4" X 9" X 1/8", and easily tuck behind something.

This month we are pleased to have SHCC member Paul Baecker present the second part of the presentation he started in September, "Amazon's Web Site From A Seller's Point Of View - part 2". Paul encountered some web site technical difficulties in September, all of which have been straightened out.

Last Month's Meeting:

Last month we were pleased to have Mr. Eric Malcolm of Malcolm Digital present "WordPress". Mr. Malcolm has presented to SHCC before and did a great job again. WordPress today has a lot more capabilities than WordPress of yesterday. Mr. Malcolm has offered to tutor / mentor a group of SHCC members about WordPress free of charge. It looks like this will be scheduled to start in March or April; when, where, and how many sessions depends on who signs up and how things move along. Contact any officer if interested.



Door Prizes

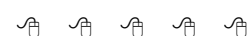
Door prize drawings are held at regular club meetings. The winner's circle for December included:

Door prize winner details from the last meeting were not available at press time.



Member Ads

Ads are available free to SHCC members, and are limited to computer-related items for non-commercial purposes. Any ad shall be a maximum of twelve newsletter lines of text.



Secretary vacancy

The recent passing of our club's Secretary has created an opening for this position, which is vital to the operation of our club. Because of this unique vacancy situation, nominations for the Secretary position will be opened at the January meeting. Nominations will be opened again at the February meeting with voting to follow.

The nomination process is simple. Any SHCC member is eligible to run for any office. You can nominate yourself or have another member nominate you. The term will be through December. Only SHCC members can vote. The election will be held during the business portion of the meeting. The person with the majority of the votes for the office is the winner. A person can only hold one office at a time.

The Secretary's duties include:

- Maintaining the membership database (Access database, SHCC owned)
- Auditing the treasurer report to assure dues collected match the membership database
- Providing list of mailing labels for WYSIWYG mailing to newsletter editor
- Maintaining several reports such as a membership list
- Mailing dues notices
- Printing a report for member check-in at the main meeting
- Helping at member check-in table

Expenses incurred are reimbursed.

Officers attend the officers' meeting that takes place during the week after the main club meeting. The date, time, and location are flexible to the agreement of all officers. Historically these meetings have been at 7:30 PM on the Monday or Tuesday after the regular meeting.

We hope everyone considers this invitation; this call to service. It does involve some work, but can be a lot of fun. Normally it takes a few hours a month beyond the main and officers' meetings.

If you have any questions concerning the duties, feel free to contact any of the officers.



If your e-mail or mail address changes,
please e-mail:
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Asked To Pay By Gift Card? Don't!

by Jennifer Leach
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Has someone asked you to go get a gift card to pay for something? Lots of people have told us they've been asked to pay with gift cards – by a caller claiming to be with the IRS, or tech support, or a so-called family member in need. If you've gotten a call like this, you know that the caller will then demand the gift card numbers and PIN. And, poof, your money is gone.



Scammers are good at convincing people there really is an emergency, so lots of people have made the trip to the Walmart or Target or

CVS to buy gift cards to send these callers. And scammers love gift cards – it's one of their favorite ways to get your money. These cards are like giving cash – and nearly untraceable, unless you act almost immediately.

So here's the most important thing for you to know: anyone who demands payment by gift card is always, always, always a scammer. Try this gift card buying exercise out at home – especially when anyone asks you to pay with a gift card:

Q: Should I buy an iTunes, Google Play, Steam, Kroger, Walgreens, BestBuy, Amazon, CVS, Rite Aid or ANY OTHER gift card for someone who demands payment? For any reason?

A: NO.

Gift cards are for gifts, not payments. If you've bought a gift card and lost money to someone who might be a scammer, tell the company who issued the card. (The contact info might be on the card, but might require some research.) Call or email iTunes or Amazon or whoever it was. Tell them their card was used in a scam. If you act quickly enough, they might be able to get your money back. But – either way – it's important that they know what happened to you. And then please tell the FTC about your loss. Your report helps us try to shut the scammers down.

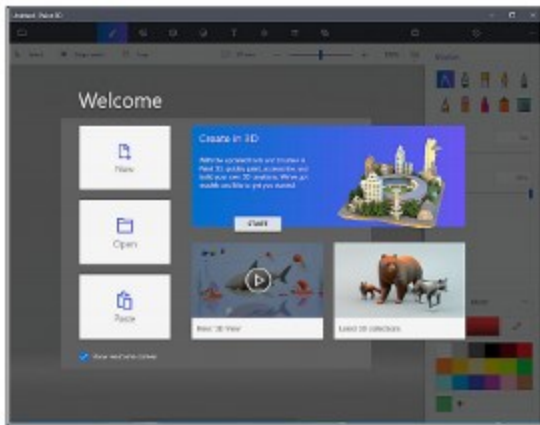


Windows 10 Paint 3D

By Len Nasman, Editor, Bristol Village Computer Club, OH

<http://bvres.org/bvcchome.html>

Microsoft has included a simple paint program with all earlier versions of Windows. In the latest update to Windows 10, a new version of Paint, called **Paint 3D**, is included. The addition of being able to create and edit 3D images is a significant change to the Paint program. You can open Paint 3D from the Start menu.



If you search YouTube for Paint 3D, you will find a long list of efforts by various individuals to create Paint 3D tutorials. Microsoft has provided their own introduction video.



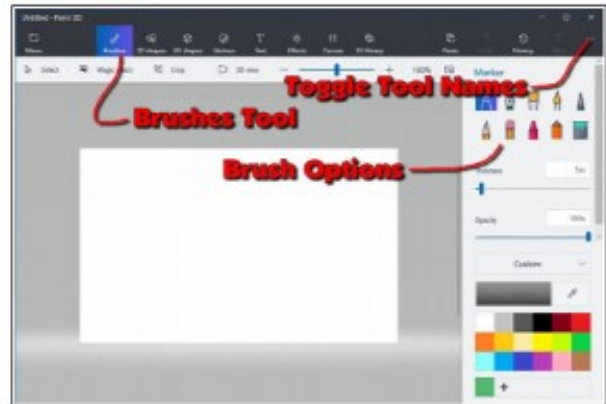
If you want to see a list of YouTube videos from Microsoft that deal specifically with Paint 3D, click on this link.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWs4_NfqMtozAC5tdXutbdiu28Tk4rG5j

For 3rd party YouTube tutorials for Paint 3D, enter Paint 3D tutorials in the YouTube search box.

Microsoft has not provided a user manual for Paint 3D. Instead they seem to be relying on YouTube videos to demonstrate various features of the program. If you are new to this stuff, it might be helpful to learn some of the basics of the user interface. Here are a few tips for using Paint 3D.

- ✓ Open Paint 3D.
- ✓ Select **New** to start a new project.
- ✓ Select the **Brushes** tool from the top menu.



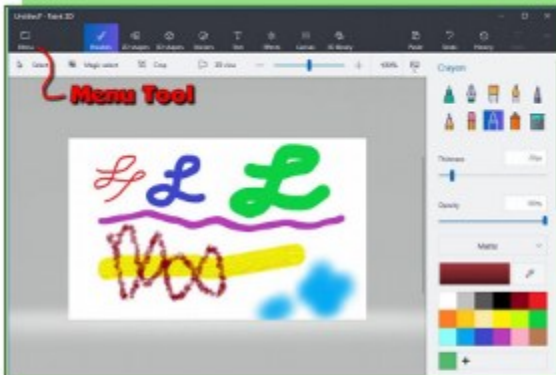
Selecting the Brushes tool displays 10 brush options in the right-side panel. This panel also provides options for Thickness, Opacity, Material, and Color. You can adjust Thickness and Opacity either by entering a value in a text box, or by using a slider found beneath the option.

Windows tip: Whenever you want to undo and action, for example drawing a line in a Paint program, press **Ctrl+Z**.

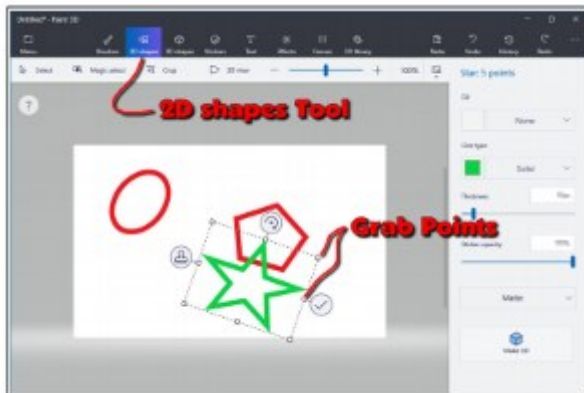
If you hover the mouse cursor over a brush, a tool tip will pop up showing the name of the brush.

- ✓ Choose a **brush** and draw lines by clicking the left mouse button at a start point, and then (with the left button pressed) drag the cursor to make a line.

✓ Experiment with the different brushes. Try different colors and thickness settings.



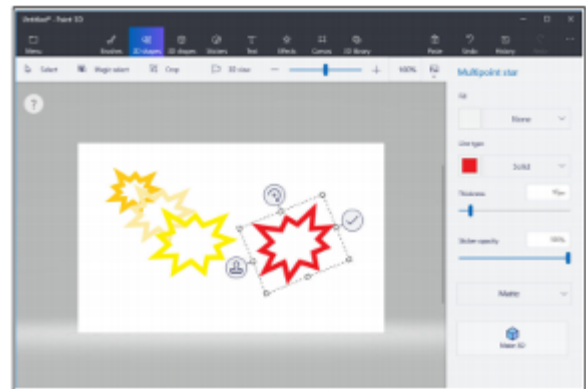
- ✓ From the **Menu**, select **New**. You will get options to **Save**, **Don't Save**, or **Cancel**.
- ✓ Experiment with the **2D shapes** options.
- ✓ Once you have selected a shape, drag out (left click at the start point and hold down the left mouse button and drag to the end point) the shape on your drawing.



Once you drag out a shape, the right-side panel will show options for modifying the shape:

- Change the Fill, Line Type, Thickness, and Opacity options.
- Grab Points at the corners and mid points of the shape let you change the size and proportions of the shape.
- Rotate tool is used to rotate the shape.
- Check mark tool completes the shape. You can also complete a shape by clicking somewhere away from the shape.
- Clone tool makes a copy of the shape. Here is an

example of using the clone tool. See if you can duplicate the drawing.

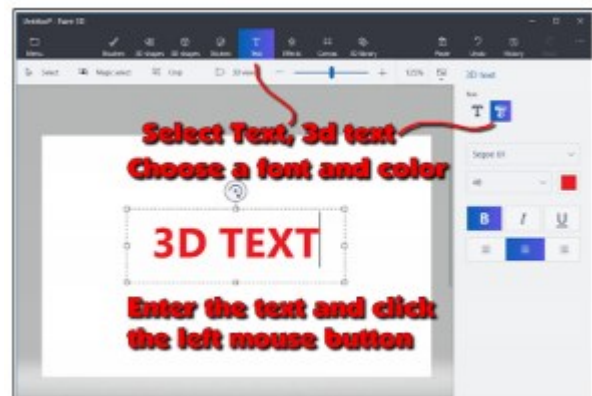


First a multipoint star was dragged out. The clone tool was selected, and the new star was moved, resized, and the color was changed.

This clone process was repeated to make the yellow star. The process was repeated again, and the red star was rotated.

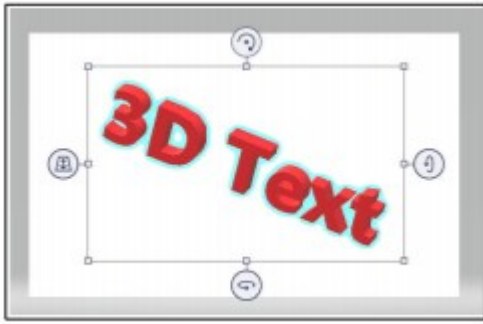
What about 3D? Here is an example of creating 3D text. Select the Text tool, and then select the 3D Text option.

✓ Select the desired **Font**, **Size**, **Color**, **Style**, and **alignment** options, then enter your text.

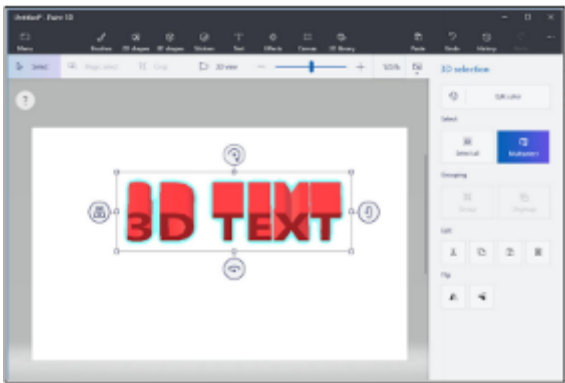


✓ When you have entered the text, click the mouse cursor outside the text box.

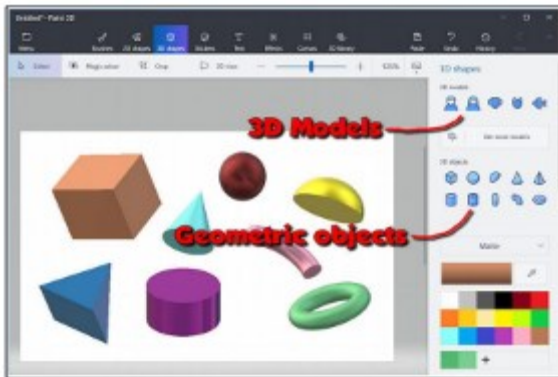
This will open 3D text control tools. When the control tools are open, the text will be highlighted in cyan.



To increase the text depth, use the right side rotate tool to rotate the object more than 45 degrees. Then use the top mid-point grab point to drag the text to a new depth.

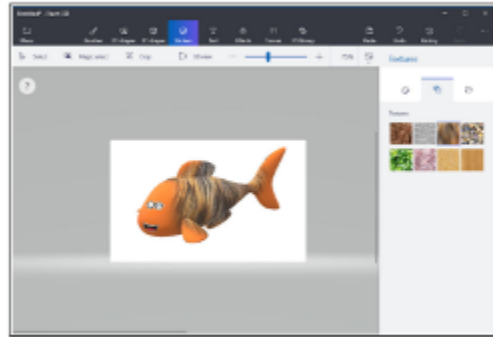


Paint 3D provides a collection of geometric shape that can be added to a drawing. Here are some 3D shapes:



In addition to 3D geometric shapes, several 3D models are available.

Once you have created and selected a 3D Model, you can use the Stickers tool to add stickers or textures to the surface of the model.

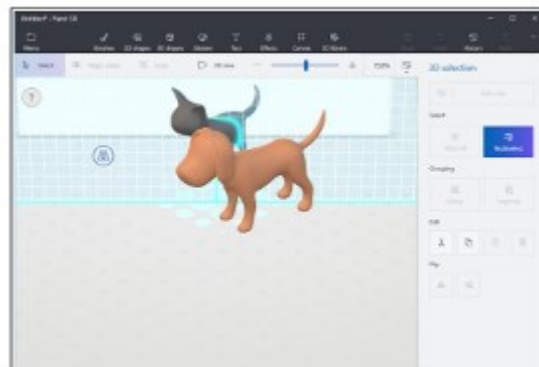


There is a large collection of 3D models available online. Use the 3D Library tool to get models.

One last thing to discuss is how the canvas is related to the position of 3D models. The canvas is like a sheet of paper that lies somewhere in the 3D space.



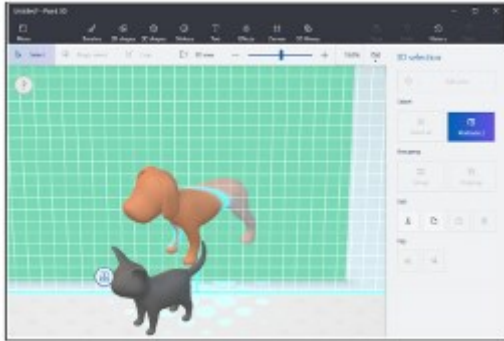
The illustrations show a dog and a cat. These models live in 3D space somewhere with respect to the canvas, and you can control who is in front of whom.



The tool on the left side of the selected 3D model is used to slide the model in and out of the 3D space.



In the next illustration, the fill brush was used to paint the canvas green.



The dog model was selected and then dragged so that dog model was half in front of the green canvas, and half behind the canvas.



This provides a very brief tour of some of the features of **Paint 3D**. Perhaps it will give you enough information so that the YouTube videos about Paint 3D will make a little more sense.

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10 Free Online Photo Editors

From the Ask Bob Rankin Newsletter

<https://askbobrankin.com>

A reader asks: 'What do you recommend for quick photo editing when you're away from your own computer and you don't have PhotoShop or something similar available?' It turns out there are quite a few online image and photo editors, and the features they offer are quite impressive. Check out these web-based image editing tools that are just a click away...

The Internet offers many venues for sharing photos and images. In response to the popularity of sites like Flickr and Facebook, several websites have popped up offering online image editing services that you can use for free. Some of them rival the features found in expensive professional image software.

Because they're free and web-based, these programs don't require cash, downloads or commitments. However, they do have some limitations. Let's take a look at some of these web-based photo editing tools, to see what they offer and how they can make your digital photography tasks easier.

Pixlr

The folks behind Pixlr aren't shy... they claim to have "the most popular online photo editor" in the world. And wow, I was amazed at the breadth and depth of the editing features they offer. Both casual and professional users will find the tools they need to accomplish the

most common photo and image editing operations. I recommend that you start with [Pixlr Express](https://pixlr.com/express/) (<https://pixlr.com/express/>), a simplified (but powerful) interface that offers crop, resize, rotate, autofix, sharpen, red eye removal, color effects, image overlays, borders and text annotation. You can open an image from your hard drive, a web address or webcam. The Express version can only save images on your computer's hard drive. (Ed. note: Pixlr Express will soon be replaced with [Pixlr X](https://pixlr.com/x/) (<https://pixlr.com/x/>)).

The full [Pixlr photo editor](#) has a fully stocked image editing toolset, offering all of the above, plus drawing tools, layers, dozens of image adjustment tools, format conversions (JPEG, PNG, BMP, TIFF), and the ability to fetch or store images via Facebook, Flickr or Picasa account. Pixlr runs on any computer with a web browser and an internet connection - there's nothing to download or install. You can also find mobile versions that run on your iPhone, iPad or Android devices. Did I say wow? Wow.

FotoFlexer

[FotoFlexer](#) also makes the bold claim to be "the most advanced online image editor." FotoFlexer lets you upload your own image, or grab one from your Photobucket, Facebook, Flickr, Picasa or Smugmug library. You'll find a wide range of tools, with a focus on photo editing.

Auto fix, red eye correction, cropping, resizing and rotating are all easy to find on the Basic menu. The effects menu lets you posterize, "heartify", go retro, pixelate, or apply a variety of cool effects such as Blur Edges, Comic, Blueprint or Painting.

You'll have a blast playing with these. The Decorate menu lets you add text, stickers, draw, do color fills, or add borders. The Beautify menu lets you focus on the face, with options to smooth, sharpen, fix blemishes or remove wrinkles. Advanced users will want to explore the Distort, Layers and Geek menus. FotoFlexr might not have all of the advanced image editing tools found in Pixlr, but I give it an A+ for the fun factor, and ease of use.

Sumo Paint

[Sumo Paint](https://www.sumopaint.com) (https://www.sumopaint.com) claims to be the most versatile photo editor and painting application that works in a browser. It has all the features you'd expect in a basic image editor, such as crop, resize, rotate, and the ability to add lines, text and shapes. Advanced features include transforming objects, layering, color adjustments, and a variety of filters (sharpen, pixelate, textures, blur, noise, light effects, and edge detection).

I especially like that you can start working right away without creating an account or logging in. Images can be opened or stored from either your local hard drive or cloud storage. Sumo's interface and feature set reminds me a lot of the PaintShop Pro software that's installed on my office computer. The one thing lacking on the website is a description of the features available, and how to use them. There are some Sumo Paint video tutorials on Youtube.

Adobe Photoshop Express

If you want to work with an online photo editing site that is associated with a well known and trusted brand name, then consider [Adobe Photoshop Express](https://www.photoshop.com/tools?wf=editor) (https://www.photoshop.com/tools?wf=editor). This browser based photo editing site is free to use, and provides you with many of the most common editing tools offered by Adobe Photoshop products. Some of the tools offered on this site include crop, straighten, rotate, flip, adjust color, and red eye removal. You can adjust colors, add effects and finish off your creation with a border or frame.

PicMonkey

[PicMonkey](https://www.picmonkey.com) (https://www.picmonkey.com) starts you off

in the Basic Edits tab which offers crop, rotate, exposure, colors, sharpen and resize options. If you need more, explore the Effects, Touch Up, Text, Overlays, Frames, Textures or Themes. The Effects tab lets you apply a variety of photographic effects to your image; Touch Ups are great for fixing faces. You can open files from your hard drive, Dropbox, Facebook or Flickr, and save them back to your local drive or Dropbox.

LunaPic

Another online photo editor worth mentioning is [LunaPic](https://www196.lunapic.com/editor/) (https://www196.lunapic.com/editor/). It offers basic editing functions, as well as color and exposure corrections, scaling, watermarks, and the ability to create animated GIFs. If you already have an animated GIF, you can edit it, too. One nice feature that you'll find on the LunaPic home page is a series of links that

take you directly to a specific editing function, such as Crop Image, Add Text, etc. There are also several video tutorials that show how to use many of its features. You can save your edited image to your computer or to several web sites including Facebook and Tumblr.

Fotor

[Fotor](https://www.fotor.com) (https://www.fotor.com) has some editing tools that let you fine-tune the look of a photo-

graph. But I mention it also because it offers some nifty tools for social media. On the Design tab, you'll find a set of tools that help you create a cover image for Facebook, Youtube, Twitter or Google+. You can also whip up an image for an Instagram or Facebook post.

BeFunky

With so many claiming to be the World's Best Photo Editor, why not toss another into the fray? [BeFunky](https://www.befunky.com) (https://www.befunky.com) makes that bold claim on its home page, and starts off by letting you load a photo from your hard drive, webcam, Facebook, Flickr, Photobucket, Picasa, or BF's own cloud storage. The Essentials tab lets you crop, resize, rotate, change colors & exposure, sharpen, blur, or Beautify. The Touch Up tab lets you smooth, fix redevye, change eye color, add lipstick, whiten teeth, or remove wrinkles. Other tabs let you apply text, effects, and borders. You can save your work in any of the source options, with the obvious exception of the webcam.

Flickr

While researching this article, I made a discovery. [Flickr](https://www.flickr.com) (https://www.flickr.com), the online photo storage and sharing service, also has a pretty awesome built-in

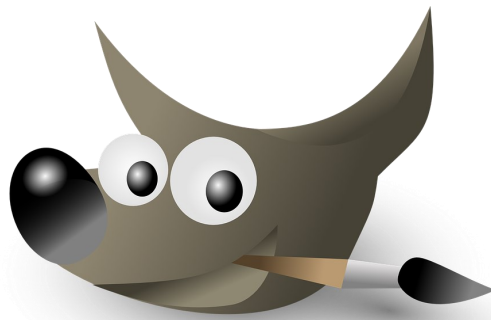


photo editing tool. This might be old news to some Flickr users, but it sure wasn't obvious to me. To use the photo editor, open a photo in your Flickr photostream, then click the icon that looks like a pencil in a box, in the lower right of the Flickr window. The "Edit with Aviary" option will open the photo editor.

Pros and Cons of Online Photo Editing Sites

So, online photo editing sites provide you with basic editing, markup tools and some advanced image manipulation options. This is great if you're away from your home computer and have photos you want to share, or when you don't have photo editing software of your own. Another advantage offered by these sites is that they are usually connected to social network sites and you can quickly send your images to your favorite websites. (See also my companion article: [Free Online Photo Storage and Sharing](#).)

On the other hand, while these sites are free, fun and functional, there are limitations to what they have to offer. First of all if you have a dial up or satellite Internet connection these sites will be very slow or laggy. Also, if you're a power user of PhotoShop or other advanced desktop image editing software, you may not find all the fancy tools to which you're accustomed. But for most people, the range of features offered by the online photo editors is more than adequate.

And here's one important tip to remember... Don't hit the Back button in your browser while editing a photo. Always use the navigation buttons provided by the website, or you could lose all your edits in a single click.

I'm finding more and more free software that's totally web-based, meaning that it runs right in your browser, and there's nothing to download. I like this trend, because it really simplifies my life. Nothing to install, and I can access my programs and files from any computer with an Internet connection. Web-based software will also insulate you from operating system upgrades that sometimes cause software to stop working.

All in all, free online photo editing websites are very useful. For many users, they can serve as a replacement for the traditional "download and install" photo editing software.

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Why Can't I Paste Images?

by Cyn Mackley
Cyn Mackley's Tech Tips

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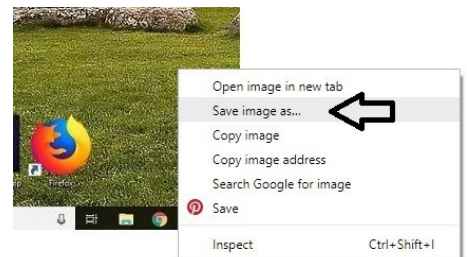
A reader is having an issue pasting images:

"On a message board that I follow, was a photo that I wanted to send to a friend. I copied image, went to email, hit paste and the photo appeared. Sent it but the image did not 'attach' itself to the email. Seems this is happening on a regular basis lately. Have any ideas?"

You don't see any attachments when you copy an image displaying in a forum or online because you aren't actually inserting an image into your email. What you see when you view an image online is a display that results from HTML coding that tells the page, forum, or email to show an image that's stored on a server somewhere. When you copy that image, you're really just copying the HTML code to your email with the instructions to display. You may find that the image

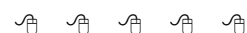
won't display for some email programs because they block the display of external images. Even if the image does display, if someone were to delete from its original location online, it would disappear from your email.

To actually save a copy of an image, you'll want to right-click on it and choose the save option if it's available. Not all online images have this option.



Then you can attach the image or insert into your email. Another alternative is to take a screenshot, paste it into a program like Paint, trim it down to the size you want, and save.

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Night Light: A Little-Used Feature of Windows 10

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An increasing amount of scientific evidence now indicates that bluish-white light—the kind that typically occurs at noon of a clear day—tends to stimulate the brain centers that keep us awake. On the other hand, light from the red-orange bands of the spectrum—the type that usually occurs at dawn or evening—either makes us sleepy or at least does not actively excite the “waking centers” of our brains.

Unfortunately, bluish-white light is precisely what the screens of most computer monitors and other digital devices usually emit. Thus, for example, reading yourself to sleep with an e-book can actually keep you awake, as can taking that spread sheet home from the office so you can work on it after dinner.

Microsoft’s latest operating system, Windows 10, has a feature that can mitigate this problem. It’s called “Night Light,” and is frequently ignored when setting up or customizing a PC. I myself initially thought it was designed to have monitors glow softly at night, thereby making the computer easier to find in a darkened room. I finally blundered into the correct use of Night Light almost by accident. Night Light is easily set up. Merely go to your Desktop and right-click your mouse. (Left-click if you use a left-handed mouse, as I do.) The familiar screen shown in Figure 1 shows up. Now click on “Display Settings.” The screen shown in Figure 2 now appears. Finally, move the slide switch labeled “Night Light” (circled in red) to the ON position.

Two comments before finishing:

(1) *Night Light knows when to turn on.* If you look closely at Figure 2, you’ll see that the day I wrote this article, my PC switched to Night Light at sunset: 8:58 P.M. Obviously, I was writing during the summer! Windows 10 knows your approximate location by, among other things, your IP address, and will adjust for time zone, latitude, longitude, and Daylight Savings Time.

(2) *Turn Night Light OFF if you are working on something that requires true color rendition.* For example, if that project you brought home from the office is not a spread sheet, but rather an advertising campaign with lots of graphics, you don’t want the color distortion that Night Light will inevitably generate.

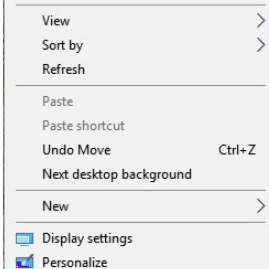


Figure 1

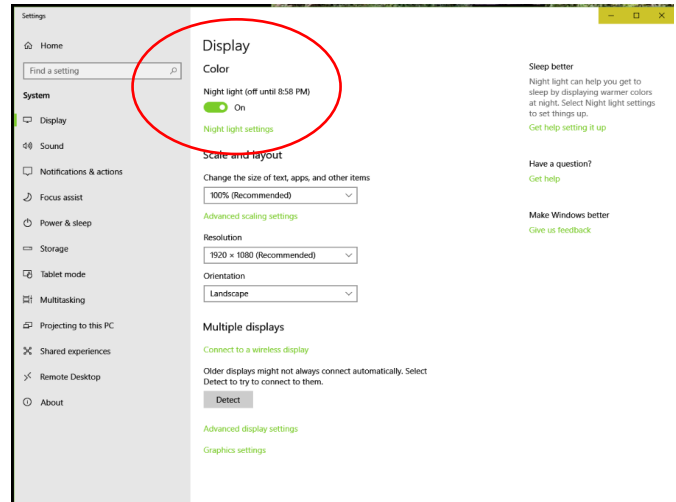


Figure 2

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Did You Know...???

News and/or Opinion from Paul Baecker

The US Postal Service has announced postal rate changes, effective Sunday January 27, 2019.

For example, the First Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) rate jumps a whopping 10% from 50 cents to 55 cents.



So, if you still pay your bills through the mail (maybe due to security concerns), or you want to be prepared for next year’s holiday card chaos, stock up now.

After all, where else can you get a *guaranteed* 10% return on your investment??



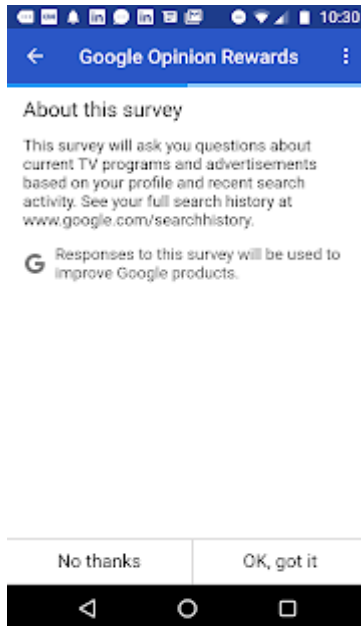
A Lack of (Contextual) Integrity

by Rod Scher
The Geekly Weekly

<http://www.thegeeklyweekly.com>

I must have the people over at Google thoroughly confused. They now think that I am an impoverished-but-wealthy black, gay, Jewish female who is into cooking and who races Formula 1 cars in France on the weekends. I'll get to why they think this in a moment. (This is assuming that there are people at Google, and that these days it's not simply a pulsating, gelatinous glob of algorithmically driven hive-mind protoplasm. Although that would be very cool too, and would make an awesome B movie. It's too bad that Tab Hunter is dead.)

You see, like Facebook, Twitter, and the rest, Google has always been about collecting, manipulating, and mining the data we happily supply it. The Goog then takes the data and sells it to people who use it to sell stuff to us, sometimes further manipulating and mining the data along the way. In this fashion, marketers can build up surprisingly accurate—and often chillingly complete—dossiers on us. These are used to present to us items for sale in which we may be interested. (This is only a little unsettling, and could even be helpful.) Sometimes the marketers use the information they've purchased from The Goog in order to sell us things related to things they know we like. For instance, if I've purchased vinyl records, it's probably a good guess that A) I'm interested in turntables and B) I may have a man-bun. If I've purchased (or even simply viewed) a baseball glove from an online vendor, it's a decent bet that I could be interested in, say, sports memorabilia, season tickets to a sporting event, or perhaps a particular brand of sportswear. (That's getting just a bit creepy.) But what if I have not viewed or commented on or reviewed an item, let's say a guitar, but I have friends who have done those things? For a marketer or data salesperson, it's perfectly reasonable to assume that, since people with like interests tend to hang out together, I may begin seeing guitar-related ads on my



various social media feeds or in sidebar ads on websites that I happen to frequent, not because I've looked at such items online, but because my friends have done so. (Okay, now we're getting a seriously creepy.)

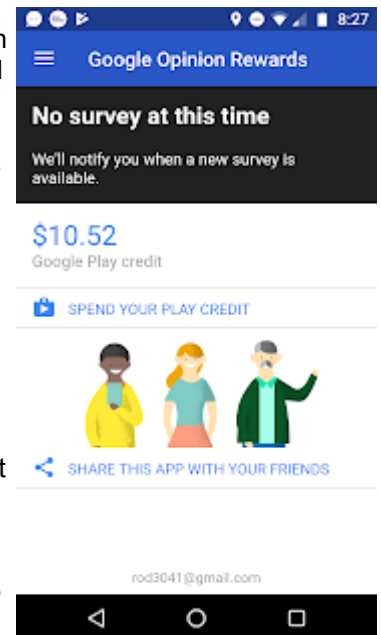
What we've encountered here is what some social scientists have called "dataveillance." We're being surveilled digitally, based on the data trail we leave when we traverse the Web. Now, that's not always a terrible thing: sometimes these ads are helpful, just as Facebook's "people you may know" list is occasionally useful and surprisingly accurate.

But we have very little control (read: almost no control) over how that data is

used. The real issue with dataveillance, as Cornell University's Helen Nissenbaum has noted, is that it often constitutes a violation of what she calls "contextual integrity." We give someone certain information with a particular understanding of the context in which that information is to be used. I don't mind giving my doctor very private information about myself and my (growing number of) physical ailments. But I would mind very much if she were to share that information with a drug rep or insurance salesman. I explicitly give The Goog data about my travels on the Web, but I did not (knowingly and willingly) give The Goog permission to mine that data, manipulate it, compare it to my friends' data, and then sell it to people who will further refine it and who may then turn around and resell it or combine it with other datasets, the existence of which I am unaware. (If you're dying to read more about Dr. Nissenbaum's work, I interviewed her for my book, which—not at all coincidentally—is available here.)

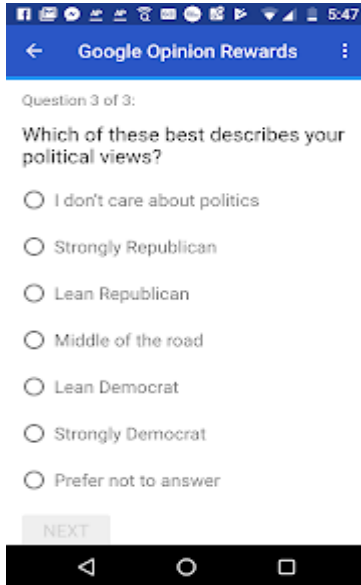
Of course, The Goog pretends that this is all harmless and that its data collection is benign, incidental, and in fact helpful.

Except that they're not even pretending anymore. You may have encountered a Google program called Google Opinion Rewards. If you sign up, The Goog will pay you to fill out "opinion surveys." For each brief survey, Google will add from 10 to 30 cents or so to your Google Play account; you can then turn around and



use that money to buy books, music, apps, etc. on the Google Play store.

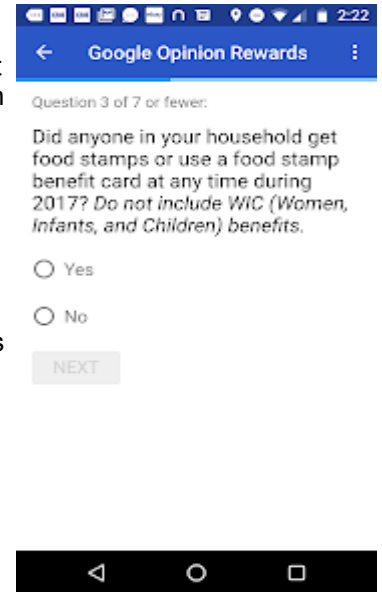
But these surveys rarely actually ask your opinion about something. By and large, The Goog doesn't want to know what you think; it wants to know what you are. How much money you make. Whether you rent or own. What sort of car you drive, and if you're likely to be in the market for a new one soon. Here are some sample survey questions:



- What is the likelihood that you will get a flu shot this year?
- Did anyone in your household get food stamps . . .In 2017?
- What is the combined income of all members of your family In 2017?
- Are you covered by any kind of insurance or health plan?
- What medical condition or concern are you most embarrassed to ask your doctor about?
- Which [of the following categories] best describes your political views?

But I've gamed the system: I simply give wildly inaccu-

rate (and often contradictory) answers to the survey questions. Thus, The Goog is now completely confused about who I am, which is only fair, given that I am *also* confused about who I am. (I mean, in an existential sense, aren't we *all* confused about who we are, about our place in the world? My personal existential crisis began in 1973 with an attempt to understand the lyrics to songs by the Steve Miller band.) I think it's only fair that Google's algorithms should be just as confused as the rest of us. Perhaps the algorithm in charge of all of Google's other data-mining algorithms has called an 8 a.m. meeting to discuss what went wrong and to argue about which of the junior algorithms was supposed to bring doughnuts to the meeting.



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Presenters Wanted

The officers invite any member to make a presentation at the main meeting.

If there is some software you have been using and think others may be interested as well, or there is a computer topic you would like to present to other members, please call or e-mail Don VanSyckel. Making presentations is not that difficult. The hour goes by before you know it and there is always enough material to cover in a software package so that the hour is easy to fill.

If there is a topic you are interested in or something you would like demonstrated, please see any of the officers. They are always interested in what the members would like to see.

Club Dues Amounts

The dues were raised to \$30 per year at the November 2018 meeting. This includes a digital version of the newsletter sent monthly, except for July and August, when the club does not meet.

A paper version of the newsletter is available in place of the digital newsletter, for an additional \$20 per year.

Associate memberships, for a second member of a household, remain at an additional \$15 per year.

VISIT THE SHCC WEB SITE:
<http://www.SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org>

SHCC Emergency Cancellation

Sterling Heights Computer Club meets at Baker College In Clinton Township. We will meet if Baker College is open and will not meet if Baker College is closed. Baker College closure is announced with other school closings on many local TV and radio stations and on their web site. All members of SHCC have an email address. One of the SHCC officers will send an email to the addresses SHCC has on file alerting members to the event cancellation. If your email is broken, call an officer; and don't leave a message. Call another officer if you don't talk to someone live. It is your responsibility to keep the email address you have listed with SHCC current.

WYSIWYG WEB WATCH (www)

by Paul Baecker webwatch@sterlingheightscomputerclub.org



This column attempts to locate sites containing valuable, amusing, and free content, with no overbearing pressure to purchase anything. Club members are encouraged to submit favorite sites (a description is optional) to the e-address noted above, for inclusion in a future WYSIWYG issue.

Also check the SHCC web site ("Web Page Reviews") for previous gems.

Collaborative database of Creative Commons Licensed sounds. Browse, download and share many thousands of sounds. Search by tags, geotags (geographical), and packs (collections).

<https://freesound.org>

Careful! Windows 10's 'Check for updates' button may download beta code which you may not want installed on your PC.

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3326833/windows/careful-windows-10s-check-for-updates-button-may-download-beta-code.html>

Microsoft's Edge browser is expected soon to morph into a Chromium-based, cross-platform browser for Windows 7, 8.1, 10, and macOS.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsofts-edge-to-morph-into-a-chromium-based-cross-platform-browser/>

After complaints from Microsoft, Indian police arrested tech support scammers at 26 call centers, posing as tech support staff at Microsoft, Google, Apple, and other major tech companies.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/after-microsoft-complaints-indian-police-arrest-tech-support-scammers-at-26-call-centers/>

Are you considering cutting your TV cable service? How do flat-panel antennas compare against each other? What do you get by spending more?

<https://www.techhive.com/article/3302851/consumer-electronics/flat-panel-antennas-what-you-get-by-spending-more.html>

When you visit a coffee shop, a mall, or a laundromat, and you jump on their free Wi-Fi to use your smartphone, tablet, or laptop, do you understand the significant risks? Heed the cautions in this infographic.

<https://www.vpnguys.com/11-things-to-consider-when-connecting-to-free-wifi/>

How cookies track you around the web, what they collect about you, and what you can do to control them.

<https://privacy.net/stop-cookies-tracking/>

Creating a unique device to irritate porch pirates. (10-min. video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoxhDk-hwuo&feature=youtu.be>

Wait...What? Toilet paper tablets? (7-min. video)

<https://selfreliancecentral.com/2018/11/19/wait-what-toilet-paper-tablets/>

Hoopla helps you enjoy your local library from the comfort of your home, including movies and television shows, comics, music, and even audiobooks.

<https://lifehacker.com/hoopla-helps-you-enjoy-the-library-from-the-comfort-of-1826489986>

Do you blindly add an app to your phone just because a friend says that he/she did so? How to tell if an Android app is potentially dangerous.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/188519/how-to-tell-if-an-android-app-is-potentially-dangerous/>

NOTE: Many of the links in the digital newsletter connect to the Internet if clicked. For those that do not, copy and paste the link into your Internet browser.

World Wide Web Column on the Club Web Site

Check out the WebPageReviews section on the club's web site. You can see past web sites reviewed in this column on our club web site. They are arranged into various key word categories to help locate a specific site.

