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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BREVARD USERS GROUP

WILL BE ON

Wednesday, April 21st, 2004

AT 7:00 pm

IN

the Melbourne Library

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The Lindows OS

By: Jim Townsend, BUG member.

Several BUG members are trying the Lindows 4.5 Operating System. Here are some comments on our experience early in the install of the system.

I first tried installing on an Abit KT7 Raid Motherboard with 512 Mb of SDRAM memory, and a AMD Althon 850Mhz CPU, with a S3 Trio 64V2 Video card. The monitor screen was confused and the install hung at 65%. I have determined that this was a conflict with the Video card, I was building a new machine at the time so I completed that and tried again.

New machine:

Asus - A7S266 VM/U2/LAN-UAYZ, Motherboard
With Sound, Video, and NIC on the motherboard.
AMD TBred 2400+ CPU
512 MB DDR 2100 memory.
BusLink 52x CD-RW
10GB Maxtor HD

Start Lindows install @ 7:05

Install finished @ 7:13

Reboot to the Lindows desktop @ 7:21

So that's a 9 or 16 minute install, depending on how you want to define "install". I didn't have to answer any questions, type any numbers, or "activate" the system.

The mouse was not detected, the mouse was a Genius scroll. I had to power off because I couldn't find how to shutdown without a mouse working. I connected a Microsoft scroll mouse and it was detected on the next reboot. It took two minutes for Lindows to start. This was from the first Lindows splash screen to the desktop, not including the boot time of the machine itself.

I had the network cable installed and have cable internet, the network and internet connection worked. I had to configure my E-mail account, and was online, sent a test mail to Jim H and myself as follows:

"Testing Lindows", when I clicked send, the spell check dialog box opened and suggested I change "Lindows" to "Windows".

Not what I would expect when using the Lindows Operating System. :-)

I have since installed Lindows on my backup machine an
ECS - K7S5A MB with onboard sound, and NIC
An Nvidia TNT2 AGP video card
AMD Althon 1500 CPU
256 MB of SDRAM memory
10GB Maxtor HD

The install on this machine also went without a problem, and took about the same time as the first. Again the network and internet were setup during the install process. I logged on to the "Click n Run" site and downloaded ten programs, all installed without a problem and seem to work OK. I haven't tried a dual boot with Windows on the same HD. With the HD drawer system on my machines, it's less trouble to keep each on it's own HD. I will be swapping out the Video card in the AMD 850 machine and will try the install on that again.

The main problem I have with Lindows is the time it takes to boot up, 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. It seems slow compared to Windows. The Help is sorely lacking for Lindows and the Click n Run programs that I downloaded. Jim Hally has been researching the available books and has only found one. It was for the 3.0 version and not very helpful.

Speaking of Jim H., he has installed Lindows also, and has a problem getting a dialup modem to work. His machine has a Diamond Supra internal modem. It is not a "Win modem" and he can not get it setup. Next he tried a US Robotics external modem, still no luck on that. I gave him a lot of help, ... told him to sign up with a cable service. As you read this he is probably still beating his head on the wall.

Tom Butler has Lindows installed on a 800 Mhz machine, and Chuck has the mobile version installed on a notebook. I'm sure we'll hear from them soon.

We are all "Newbies" to this operating system, so our comments on it from time to time may be helpful to others if they are thinking of trying this OS.



How to make the toolbar YOUR toolbar

By Patricia Hill, Editor / APCUG Representative
Computer Booters of Sun Lakes, Arizona

Do you find yourself having to access drop down menus and clicking several times to perform repetitive tasks in the Microsoft Office product line? Did you know the toolbar is highly customizable? If the toolbar contains icons you never use - and don't think you will ever use - get rid of them! If you are looking for an easier way - with fewer mouse clicks - to do certain things, then add an icon to the toolbar. Here's how . . .

This article was written using MS Word 2002; the instructions are similar, if not the same, for previous versions of Word and other Office products.

Select Tools, Customize from the menu bar. You'll see three tabs in the Customize window; Toolbars, Commands and Options. Notice there is a check mark next to the toolbars that are always displayed when you enter Word. In the Toolbars tab select the toolbar you want to customize. It's probably the Standard Toolbar.

Once you've selected the Standard Toolbar (it will be highlighted or colored in), go to the Commands tab.

Let's add a File Save As button. File should already be selected in the left Categories pane. Scroll down the right Commands pane in the Customize window until you see Save As.... Drag and drop the button to where you want it in the toolbar. Select Save As... by holding down the left mouse button. Still holding down the button, drag the button to where you want it on the toolbar and release the mouse button. Now you're looking at lots of buttons and something that says Save As... This isn't exactly what you'd like to see, so let's modify it. It takes a few steps, but you'll be glad you took the time to do it.

Click the Modify Selection bar; then Default Style. The Default Style is a button that shows the button activity when you hover your mouse over it. The button is now blank. Click Modify Selection again and then Change Button Image. Click on the piggy bank, the third object from the left on the top row.

Your button now shows the piggy bank icon. It's a boring piggy bank - so color it in. Select Modify Selection bar a final time and Edit Button Image...

Pick a color and hold down your left mouse button

and color the piggy bank. There's a small preview pane that's rather useless and you can move the icon within the button boundaries using the arrows.

If you're not sure in which Category a function you're looking for resides, scroll down the Category pane to All Commands and click on that.

If you want to add a new button that already has an icon, repeat the instructions in paragraph 3. Let's add the Grow Font and Shrink Font icons to the Standard Toolbar. Click on Format in the left pane of the Customize window. Scroll down the right pane until you see the Grow Font and Shrink Font icons. Select them one at a time and drag and drop them to where you want them on the toolbar. Because there is an icon already available, that's all you have to do. You don't have to mess with modifying it and selecting the Default Style.

To delete any icons you don't think you'll use, drag and drop the icon to anywhere in the Customize window. The key is to have the Customize window open. If you decide you want to put it back, reverse the process.

Another way to delete or add icons from the toolbar is to click on the down arrow at the far right of any toolbar. Click on Add or Remove Buttons and then Standard Toolbar. You'll see a list of all icons currently displayed on the Standard Toolbar. Some are black and some are grayed out. The black ones are the original toolbar setup when you first installed Word. The gray ones are the ones you used to customize your toolbar. If you want to add an original button to the toolbar, click on it and it'll move to the toolbar. If you want to remove buttons, then click on them and they disappear from the toolbar. Remember, though, if you want to group your buttons differently than Microsoft originally set them up, the Tools, Customize window must be open.

Drag, drop, customize, modify to your heart's content. Set up your programs so that they make sense to you and are easier for you to use. Make the toolbar YOUR toolbar.

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WINDOWS SIG

Meets 7:00 PM Thursdays

1st & 3rd Thursday at Eau Gallie Library.

All Other Thursdays at Melbourne Library on
Fee Avenue.

BEGINNERS SIG (Newbies)

Meets at 6:30 pm. The 2nd and 4th Thursdays,
at Fee Ave. Library, before the Windows SIG.

NEW ... Time and Place

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Glenbrooke Retirement Community Club House
815 Briar Creek Blvd. NE, Palm Bay.

IMAGING SIG

Meets at 7:30 PM the second and fourth
Thursdays, after the Windows SIG, at the
Fee Ave Library in Melbourne.

NEWSLETTER SIG

Meets twice a month on the Saturdays before
and after the BUG monthly meeting.

Members interested in helping develop the
newsletter are welcome.

Place is Jim Townsend's home
call 728-5979 for directions.

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Call 952-0199 to verify meeting and directions.

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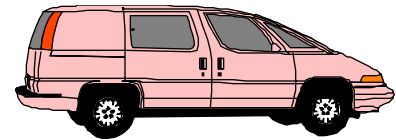
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