

# The Bytes of Las Vegas

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## SIGS (Special Interest Groups)

When you plan to attend a SIG meeting and have specific questions or problems you would like someone to work on or answer, please email us at [info@lvpcug.org](mailto:info@lvpcug.org). This will help assure that we will try to have someone there with the expertise. The email Subject Line: SIG Help

How to use the taskbar

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### GREAT NEWS



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**LAS VEGAS, NV 89146**

**WE HAVE A NEW MEETING PLACE FOR  
OUR CLUB.**

**SATURDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 11AM  
TO 2PM**

## HOW TO SEE YOU ALL THERE



### Topics discussed

1. A member had one of those pop-ups, call this number and they did. We went over the laptop and advised them how to check for and remove unwanted items. How to run "eset".
  2. How to control items in the auto startup section.
  3. How to update an old laptop that requires an external WiFi connection.
- <http://www.lvpcug.com/meetings.html>

**July 10, 2018**

Time 6 to 8PM sharp  
Topic suggestions

Roy's Innevation Center, located at 6795 S. Edmond Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118, 3rd floor. The room we meet in can vary, ask upon arrival.

The Innevation Center is located in the southwest part of town, just south of the 215 (South) and just west of Decatur. Exit southbound onto Decatur from the 215, turn right on Badura Avenue and then another right on S. Edmond Street. The Innevation Center is located in the west building. It's the building with the "Switch" logo.

All meeting open to Public No Charge

<https://www.meetup.com/Las-Vegas-PC-User-Group/events/247602743/>

**June 12 2018 Meetup**

### Topics discussed

1. Update laptops.
2. Remove AVG and Avast.
3. Turn on and update Windows Defender.
4. A windows shut down problem where a normal shut down is requested but the computer does not shut down unless the power button is held in.



## Find Album Info' Not Working In Windows Media Player? Try This

If 'Find Album Info' isn't working in Windows Media player, or you're getting a script error or a 'page not found' error message, this tip can help.

The last few months the Windows computers around here haven't been able to find album info in Windows Media Player. It's happened with more than one version of Windows (Windows 7 and 8.1). I went through various tips and suggestions until I finally found the culprit.

For some reason, the IP address for the service Microsoft uses to retrieve album information gets changed in the Windows HOSTS file.

Here's how to fix it:

Navigate to C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\  
Open the hosts file using Notepad (clicking on the hosts file should bring up a list of programs to open the file, or right click on the hosts file and choose 'Open with' and choose Notepad)

Check if the following line is in the hosts file:

2.18.213.82 redir.metaservices.microsoft.com

If the numbers next to redir.metaservices.microsoft.com are 0.0.0.0., change them to 2.18.213.82

Save the file

Copy the file back to the original folder (C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\).

Delete the .txt extension on the hosts file

<https://www.techsupportalert.com/content/find-album-info-not-working-windows-media-player-try.htm>



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"Somebody broke into your computer, but it looks like the work of an inexperienced hacker."

## 9 Good Reasons for Backups

1. Hard drives don't last forever. -- Studies on hard drive life expectancy show that 22% of hard drives will fail in the first four years, due to factory defects, random failures, and parts that wear out. Failures due to factory defects tend to happen in the first 18 months of service. How old is your hard drive, and how lucky do you feel?

2. Viruses, power surges, and natural disasters happen. -- Ransomware is spreading like wildfire online. It will lock all your files, and permanently delete them if you don't pay a hefty ransom within a few days. Power surges can scramble data or zap files. Fires, floods and F5 tornadoes can tear the stuffing right out of your shiny gadget.

3. Stuff gets lost or stolen. -- Even the most reliable hardware and top-notch virus protection won't help if your laptop, tablet or smartphone falls into unfriendly hands. Only a backup will save your bacon.

4. Mobile gadgets break or get wet. -- Have you ever dropped your mobile phone in a dirty slush puddle, or treated it to a wash/spin/dry joyride? I have. Have you ever dropped your laptop, watched it fall in slow motion, hoping that it will survive the fall? Been there, too.

5. Passwords get lost. -- You followed the advice of the experts to use unique, secure passwords for your computer and your online accounts. But then you forgot... was it "2Much-L0ve4U" or "2Much-4U-2Love"? Dang it!

6. Accounts are compromised or frozen. -- Your password was "PASSWORD" and you're surprised you got hacked? Sometimes for no discernible reason, people get locked out of their Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, Facebook or other online accounts. Was it a software glitch, a denial of service attack, or did a hacker gain access to your account? You may never know. And without a backup, you may never again see your saved emails, contacts or files.

7. Data breaches are becoming commonplace. -- Every week, it seems there's another high-profile data breach, resulting in millions of usernames, passwords and other critical data becoming public. Yahoo, Target, Chase Bank, American Express, Home Depot, Apple, Sony... who's next, and how will it affect you?

8. Human error. -- None of us are immune to the occasional finger fumble, brain freeze, or senior moment. Files or folders may be accidentally deleted, and sometimes you don't notice until it's too late.

9. Incorrect assumptions. -- I've learned that some people just assume that their computer is automatically making backups. If you didn't do something to make it happen, it's not happening. And many users who have some sort of backup routine are not backing up the right files, or all the ones that need protection.

[https://askbobrankin.com/why\\_backup\\_here\\_are\\_nine\\_good\\_reasons.html?awt\\_l=84Lg7&awt\\_m=JUkmeO5T.eP6SL](https://askbobrankin.com/why_backup_here_are_nine_good_reasons.html?awt_l=84Lg7&awt_m=JUkmeO5T.eP6SL)



## Gizmo's Freeware: How To Stop "Unsupported Hardware" Message In Windows 7 and 8.1

**Microsoft has started blocking newer processors on devices that run Windows 7 and 8.1. Here's how to bypass the "Unsupported Hardware" message.**

**Microsoft blocks newer processors by AMD, Intel and Qualcomm on machines that run Windows 7 and 8.1. Windows Update is also blocked on machines using unsupported processors. If you get the message "Unsupported Hardware Your PC uses a processor that isn't supported on this version of Windows" here's how to remove it and enable Windows Update.**

**Windows 7 and 8.1 will install on machines that have newer processors but you'll get a message saying that the system is running unsupported hardware and Windows Update is disabled.**

**WuFuc is a small program that disables the "Unsupported Hardware" message and enables Windows Update on PCs with unsupported processors. You can read more details at Ghacks .**

**Wufuc has 32-bit and 64-bit versions. Download and install the version for your system (how to tell if you have a 32 or 64-bit processor ). Wufuc runs on Windows 7 and 8.1 and is malware free according to Virus Total. Read More:**



<https://www.techsupportalert.com/content/how-stop-unsupported-hardware-message-windows-7-and-81.htm>

## Easily Convert YouTube Videos To MP3's For Free

YouTube to MP3 Converter is a free (and ad-free) program that downloads videos from YouTube, Vimeo, SoundCloud, Dailymotion, Bandcamp, HypeMachine, Mix Cloud, VEVO and many others so you can listen to them offline. It's easy to use and runs on Windows, macOS and Linux.

If you enjoy music videos and want to listen to them offline this app makes it fast and easy. While there are online websites that convert YouTube and other videos to MP3's, the ads and pop ups often lead to questionable sites and the quality isn't that great. This program is ad-free, easy to use, produces better quality MP3's, runs on multiple platforms, and has a portable version. Among its features are the ability to save files in M4A, MP3, and OGG formats, choosing bit rate and quality, tag editing, drag and drop, clipboard support, a multilingual interface, iTunes playlist support, and supports downloading videos from numerous websites.

YouTube to MP3 Converter runs on: Windows 10, Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows 2003, Windows XP for PC systems (32bit/64bit), macOS 10.13 (High Sierra), macOS 10.12 (Sierra), OS X 10.11 (El Capitan), OS X 10.10 (Yosemite), OS X 10.9 (Mavericks), OS X

10.8 (Mountain Lion), Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion), Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard), Ubuntu Linux 14.04+.

It's a small download (around 28Mb, depending on platform) and is free of malware according to Virus Total. Read More

[https://www.techsupportalert.com/content/easily-convert-youtube-videos-mp3s-free.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+gizmosbest+%28Gizmo%27s+Best-ever+Freeware%29](https://www.techsupportalert.com/content/easily-convert-youtube-videos-mp3s-free.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+gizmosbest+%28Gizmo%27s+Best-ever+Freeware%29)

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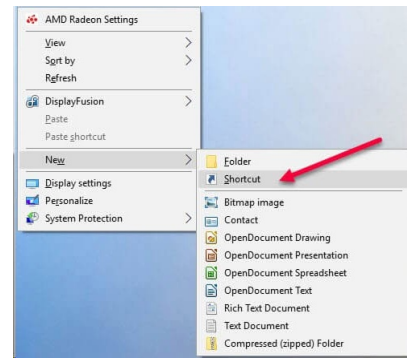
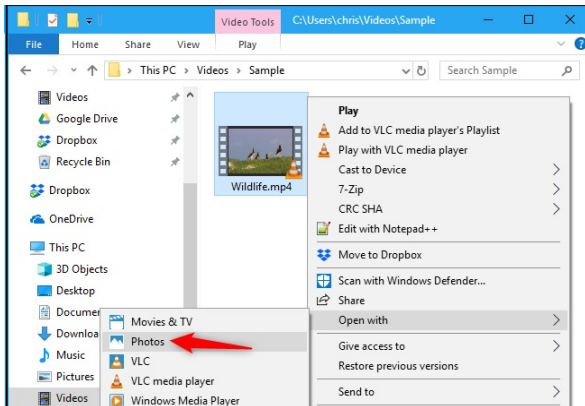
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# How to Use Windows 10's Hidden Video Editor



## How To Create A Shortcut (Icon)

Windows 10 has a hidden video editor that works a bit like Windows Movie Maker or Apple iMovie. You can use it to trim videos or create your own home movies and slideshows. You can even have it create videos automatically.

This feature is part of the Photos app. It's what remains of Windows 10's "Story Remix" application, which Microsoft announced for the Fall Creators Update back in May, 2017.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/355524/how-to-use-windows-10s-hidden-video-editor/>

Since the beginning of time, about the time I was born, Windows has had a desktop icon system in place. You click on an icon and it miraculously opens a program, document, or just about anything else you want. Of course, you are already familiar with these types of icons. But wait— you can set up other, more specialized icons, and this week's Quick Tips article is going to show you how to set up a few unique ones.

[https://davescomputertips.com/windows-10-quick-tips-special-desktop-links/?utm\\_source=wsija&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Weekly+Recap+Newsletter](https://davescomputertips.com/windows-10-quick-tips-special-desktop-links/?utm_source=wsija&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Weekly+Recap+Newsletter)

## How do I make Windows 10's File Explorer open "This PC" by default?

As of build 9926 (at least - it may have been an earlier build), this is configurable via the GUI. Open Explorer and go to View, then click Options (or Change folder and search options). In General tab you can change Open File Explorer to This PC

<https://superuser.com/questions/819521/how-do-i-make-windows-10s-file-explorer-open-this-pc-by-default>



## 18 time-saving tips for the Chrome Android browser

1. Switch tabs the simpler way
2. Manage tabs like a pro
3. Close all of your tabs at once
4. Copy a site's URL in no time
5. Save a page for offline viewing
6. Convert a page into a PDF
7. Act on text within a web page
8. Find what you need faster
9. Zoom single-handedly
10. Zoom where you wanna zoom
11. Make the web easier to read
12. Refresh with a flick
13. Slide your way through Chrome's commands
14. Pick up where you left off
15. Find that site you surfed to earlier
16. Make a site especially easy to access
17. Speed up your browsing and use less data
18. Swim into a wilder channel

<https://www.computerworld.com/article/2975137/android/18-time-saving-tips-for-the-chrome-android-browser.html>

## 5 Free Software That Are Actually Great! 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSa2UPDH2yc&feature=youtu.be>

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## 10 Useful Websites You Wish You Knew Earlier! 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlbnKBx88E>

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## Top 7 Free Windows Programs (You Need Right Now)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZshuiJskMY>

Stupid computer  
keeps saying  
"you got mail"





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