



Microsoft announces Windows 10

From [Tim Fisher](#), your Guide to PC Support

Some probable changes

Windows 10 will introduce an updated Start Menu, a notification center, and support for virtual desktops.

It's also rumored that Microsoft will remove the Charms Bar in Windows 10, first introduced in Windows 8. Cortana may also be available as an app in Windows 10, even for traditional computers.

While this is not confirmed, I've also heard that Windows 10 may be a free upgrade for Windows 8 owners. It's very likely that Windows 10 will be released in three phases, similar to how Windows 8 was released.

First is *Windows 10 Enterprise Technical Preview*, which is a beta release for software and hardware makers, as well as testers. This version of Windows 10 was made available on October 1, 2014.

Second will likely be a *Windows 10 Consumer Preview* - or maybe *Windows 10 RC (Release Candidate)* - which is an almost-ready, limited-time-use version that Microsoft will release for free to a wider audience, in return for feedback. This should be released in early 2015.

The third and final release will be the final copy of Windows 10, which will be referred to at Microsoft and to computer makers as *Windows 10 RTM (Release to Manufacturing)*. This is the version of Windows 10 you will be able to purchase in April, 2015.

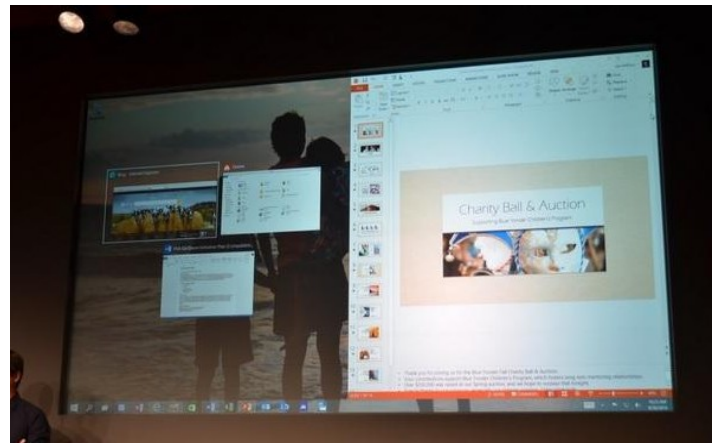
Windows 10 may be the last *major* version of Windows ever, with smaller, more incremental, improvements made via updates in to the future.

Windows 9 was assumed to be the name for Microsoft's operating system after Windows 8 but Windows 10 was announced instead.

Read more about Windows 10

<http://pcsupport.about.com/od/windows-10/fl/windows-10.htm?nl=1>

Peeking into a Windows 10 Feature



Task view and Snap Assist in action

Microsoft officially pulled back the curtains on [Windows 10](#) and with it, they are announcing many new features. For power users, as we had [exclusively reported over the summer](#), virtual desktops will play a key role.

The feature launches from the task bar and is called Task View that, as you guessed, is just like virtual desktop functionality that has existed on other platforms for many years. This will make power users happy with the new functionality especially in situations where multi-monitor setups are not possible.

Another new feature is called Snap Assist (shown above) that builds on the snapping functionality that first made its debut with Windows 8. This new multi-view makes it easier with multiple desktops open to jump between apps and again is targeted at the power user.

These two features make it clear that Microsoft, at least with the desktop, is going back to its old ways and appeasing the power user with new features.

?QUESTION?

With such a long time between meetings, from November to January, and no Dec. party, do you want to consider holding a regular meeting in December?

How many of these did you know?

SAN FRANCISCO (MarketWatch) -- There's some wild fad going on in the Facebook realm where you list 25 random facts about yourself or about something you are involved with. Yesterday it crept into the New York Times sports page. Everyone is doing it and if you Google "25 random facts" you get 32,000,000 hits. I'm on it with this list! (by John Dvorak)

The first personal computer was the Berkeley Enterprises "Simon" which sold for \$300 in 1950.

Seagate Technology was originally named Shugart Technology.

The precision quartz clock in a computer cannot keep accurate time.

Windows was originally named Interface Manager.

IBM which stands for International Business Machines, was an exaggerated name derived from NCR, National Cash Register.

Floppy disks in the late 1970s were 8 inches in diameter.

The VIC-20 computer from Commodore sold for \$299 in 1980 with 5K of RAM.

The world's first one gigabyte disk drive was announced in 1980. It weighed 550 pounds and had a price tag of \$40,000.

Many consider the Burroughs B-5000 (circa 1955) to be the single greatest computer ever designed.

IP means both Internet Protocol and Intellectual Property. Thus when you say a company is involved with IP, nobody will know what you are talking about.

The ticker symbol for Sun Microsystems was changed from SUNW to JAVA and the company has been struggling ever since.

SanDisk used to be called SunDisk.

Apple popularized the laser printer.

Adobe Photoshop was originally called Display, then ImagePro. It was not developed by Adobe, but licensed from a college student named Thomas Knoll in 1988.

Ink jet ink costs \$5000 per gallon.

The precursor to today's GPS car navigation system was released in 1985. It was the ETAK Navigator and used a computer with a dead reckoning program to navigate.

Intel's first microprocessor was the 4004. It was designed for a calculator, nobody imagined where it would lead.

SCO, the company that sold a version of Unix, used to be called the Santa Cruz Operation.

Computers should be turned off at night.

Peter Norton of the fabled Norton anti-virus program once said that there was no such thing as a computer virus and considered the whole idea some sort of hoax.

"Modem" means modulator/demodulator. This referred to the modulation and demodulation of an analog signal to make it digital. By this definition the device called a cable modem is a misnomer. It should be called a network adapter.

Dell Inc. was originally called PCs Limited.

The Apple I was the first computer developed by Apple and was nothing more than a bag of parts. The Apple II was the first finished product sold by the company.

Lenovo (992) means "new legend" -- "Le" for legend and "novo" for new.

In the 1950s computers were commonly referred to as "electronic brains."

Fun, huh?

Google Street View Images

(Some of this information has been edited to fit this page)

The Google Street View Car was in West Easton this past August. With everything West Easton faces this year I thought I might lighten it up a bit and show you some of what Google captures when the Google View Car comes through a town and snaps its panoramic images.



First, for those unaware, Google Maps does more than provide trip directions and a satellite view of the address you search for. Almost everywhere you can take a stroll along the streets, looking in any direction relative to your position. This is accomplished by the Google Street View Car that snaps millions of images during its journey, using GPS for its exact location and lasers to measure distance, in order to reconstruct the exact route it took and compute speed, direction of travel, and depth of the objects in relation to each other.



Further, a recently implemented program is run during reconstruction of the route to identify facial images and license plates that are then blurred for privacy concerns.

When Google first sent out the car in 2007 a lot of complaints came back to them about images captured showing personal information including being able to recognize an individual. With the new program, that rarely happens and there is even an option to inform Google that you want your entire body, or even your entire vehicle blurred from the route.

Others want anything but that.

One of the most well known is the images of two men in Norway who chased the Google car around town and were pretty successful in finding themselves on the Google Maps Street View that landed on the Internet. Dressed in scuba diving wet suits, complete with masks (to eliminate facial blurring), flippers, and pitchforks, they followed the car in their hometown, or took up a position on lawn chairs and waited for the car to come to them. Due to the notoriety they received Google has since blurred them completely out of most images, but a few still remain relatively untouched. They can be found by going to Google Maps and entering, "Rugdeveien 39, Bergen, Norway" on the Map search, going to ground level and looking around.



For those like me who want to do something crazy for the Google View Car, we missed our opportunity this past August when it rolled into town and updated the area. I failed to check the website that informs people where the cars (that's plural, as there are obviously more than one) If you are interested in a current location visit the [Google Maps Home](#) website and click on the link near the bottom. If you have family or friends in the area, tell them to wave, "hello."

Google has also started using their technology for walking individuals. A unit is now available in backpack form and has begun trekking through National Forests and other remote areas that aren't accessible by vehicles.

So how did West Easton do? A few people got caught.

My neighbor can be seen mowing his lawn, while his neighbors son sits watching him work, as usual. My neighbors dog, Toby, lounges on his swing seat waiting for beer, etc.

(This article submitted by member, Wm. Pennington). Thanks Bill!

Minutes of October 21st Meeting

President Joe Cavallaro called the meeting to order at 7:P.M. at Godfather's Pizza on West Broadway, with 13 members present.

Minutes and Treasury Report

Taylor Cavallaro read the past Minutes followed by Mary Alice reading the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read. The Auction was quite successful and boosted our Treasury Balance considerably. Nice work, all!

Wrong Information in Nonpareil

Wm. Pennington pointed out that the Nonpareil was still running an old ad we placed with the past Vice President's name and the later meeting time. Joe was to get it corrected.

One Hundred Dollar Drawing

Dee Hindman was the lucky winner of our \$100.00 drawing, held at the summer picnic. A new drawing was begun at this meeting with several \$5.00 tickets quickly being sold. Get your ticket now and split \$100.00 with our Treasury.

Christmas (Holiday) Party

Discussion took place concerning our Annual Christmas party. Lynn Fehr suggested we hold a party in January to by-pass the Holiday confusion. The members approved this idea by a huge majority. It was decided to hold it on a Sunday in January and Mary Alice Fehr was to secure the hall rental at their church. Joe will inform all members as of the date when he learns it. It will be a Pot Luck affair with the Club purchasing fried chicken. We will play Pokeno for Gold Dollars and possibly have a special drawing.

Drawings

Taylor drew Mary Cavallaro's name for the 'Pizza' drawing. Mary was presented a ticket for a free Buffet and soft drink. Keeping it in the family, Papa Joe was the winner of the "Stick-Around" drawing and split \$13.00 with our Treasury, \$6.50 each.

Demo

The evening's demo was to be on Window 8 using Jerry Bell's laptop but due to a death in their family, Jerry was unable to attend. David Lee was to bring his Windows 8 computer but was not present, so we 'winged-it' with good conversation and plans for the Holiday Party instead.

November's demo will (hopefully) be on Windows 8. We'll see if Jerry will bring his laptop and as a backup, Dean Cumpston offered to bring his.

Meeting Adjourned

After a one-hour meeting, and with no other business to conduct, Joe adjourned at 8 P.M.

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It's on the way... It'll be here soon!

Well here we are at another wind-up of the year with our last meeting of the year scheduled for the 18th of this month. I know I always say 'this is an important meeting' when promoting attendance to our monthly meetings, but this last of the year meeting is really of 'top priority' importance. Why? Because there will be such a l-o-n-g break between meetings, with the next scheduled meeting to take place **next year** on January 20th. That's nearly TWO MONTHS from now! (Should we consider holding a meeting during December??)

Of course I will try to send notices to you a little ahead of time like I usually try to do so I don't end-up down at Godfather's with only me and a lonesome pizza sitting there!

But I do want to encourage you about the Holiday Party we're making plans for. We're shooting for early February. Members decided at the October meeting to 'lay-off' parties for a while and let the Christmas and New Year Holidays be at the center of our attention, which is probably a good idea. It will be just one less date to mark on your calendar during that busy time of the year.

Our Club has been quite successful this past year and I want to personally thank each and every member who has attended meetings, contributed time and effort toward getting things done, and those who took the time to promote our group to others in an effort to increase our membership. We're pretty well holding our own, keeping membership numbers about the same. More would be nice but with the growing trend that makes the computer pretty much a household appliance these days, I feel we're doing pretty good just maintaining our numbers. Of course we should be eager to add new members and here's hoping each of us will take the time and effort to invite any prospective member. There are and always will be some folks who need a little assist in battling these electronic monsters, and we can be helpful to them. Let's not forget our club motto: "PASS IT ON".

During this November meeting, let's strive to make attendance a top-notch priority so we will all be aware of the plans for our party... call it what you like, "Late Christmas Party", "Early Spring Party", "Cold Weather Party", "Just Get-Together Party". As the old saying goes, 'What's in a name?'

Will you please make a little extra effort to invite and or encourage some of those members who have been sort of 'AWOL' recently? Give 'em a call and let them know they're missed. Let's ALL get together this month and make some FUN plans together, ok?

I've enjoyed serving you as President and Lord willing will continue to do so as long as I'm able and for as long as you choose to stick me with this job:o)

Hope to see you at the November 18th meeting.

..... Joe

M.A.P.C.C.

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Meetings:

3rd Tuesday each month 7 p.m. at Co. Bluffs Godfather's Pizza, 30th Broadway

Elected Officers:

President: Joe Cavallaro

Vice President: Joe Cavallaro 3rd

Secretary: Lynn Fehr

Treasurer: Mary Alice Fehr

Appointed Officers:

Librarian: Lem McIntosh

A-Team Mom: Dee Hindman

Ticket Master: Cheryl Pennington

Publicity Representative: Jerry Bell

Official Minute Reader: Taylor Cavallaro

Annual Membership Dues:

Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$20.00

Club Motto:

“Pass It On”

Club Logo:



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