



Happy New Year, 2018!



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Hello MAPCC'ers! Here we are, at the start of yet another year! They sure seem to roll on by pretty quick, don't they?

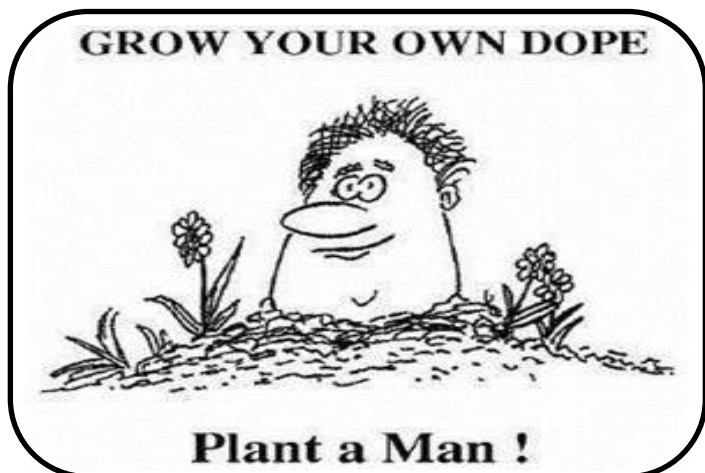
It's my hope that this new year finds you well and happy. We've had quite a number of sicknesses in our group the past months. It's my prayer that things will improve for you and we can all move ahead, feeling more energetic and ready to face the 'new' 12 months.

We have been fortunate in keeping our membership number fairly constant, but wouldn't it be nice to ADD some new folks to our group? Some people like to make 'new year resolutions', some don't. Let's instead just call it our 'goal' and all strive to add to our membership this year, ok? "In numbers there is strength", is a fairly true statement in this case. With more members we have the possibility of more ideas, suggestions and input toward growing our group.

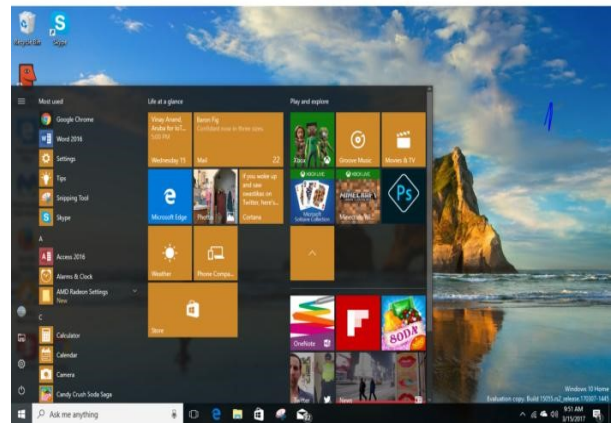
I want to thank all you faithful members who have stuck with us over the years and invite you into this new year with a renewed resolution toward this goal.

A very sincere "Happy New Year" wish from me and all my family to you and all of yours!

God Bless, Joe



Creator's Update (for Windows 10)



More control over Windows updates
Sometime this spring, probably in April, Microsoft will release the [Creators Update](#), one of the two major updates to Microsoft Windows 10 that will roll out this year.

What can you expect to see? For a start, ignore the name "Creators Update," because the release has very little to do with creating things -- with the exception of some virtual reality features and a minor app for creating 3D content.

However, there will be some real changes to the operating system. You'll get more control over Windows updates, some improvements to the Edge browser, some nice interface tweaks -- including to the Start menu -- and more.

Microsoft has been releasing preview builds of the Creators Update since August. Here's a preview of what to expect, based on the latest builds and information made public by Microsoft.

For full article go to:

https://www.computerworld.com/article/3180991/microsoft-windows/get-ready-for-the-windows-10-creators-update.html#tk.drr_mlt



Support might be over for the home user, but with a simple Registry hack XP users can get the downloads destined for the embedded version

While most of us have long since consigned Windows XP to the Recycle Bin of history, there are still plenty of PCs out there running Microsoft's long-since-defunct operating system. But if the recent swathe of ransomware attacks which have brought the NHS and companies across the globe to a standstill tell us anything, it's that Windows XP has become something of a liability.

As many companies have found to their cost, installing security updates can be the difference between a working PC and a desk-sized paperweight. Thankfully, although Microsoft has long since abandoned support for the operating system, Microsoft is still continuing to develop updates, even if they aren't strictly intended for Windows XP users. Rather, Microsoft is continuing to support Windows Embedded Industry for another five years until April 2019. Previously called Windows Embedded POSReady, this OS is a special version of Windows XP designed for use in industrial systems, such as cash registers and ATMs.

The beauty of the two systems being so inter-linked is that updates designed for one system should work on the other. As discovered on [BetaNews](#), tricking your home edition of XP into thinking its Windows Embedded POSReady means you get updates for the next five years.

Read more at:

<http://www.expertreviews.co.uk/software/8089/how-to-get-new-windows-xp-updates-for-free-until-2019-with-a-registry-hack>

Help protect my computer with Windows Defender

If you have Windows 10, you'll get the latest antivirus protection with Windows Defender. When you start up Windows 10 for the first time, Windows Defender is on and actively helping to protect your PC by scanning for malware (malicious software), viruses, and security threats. Windows Defender uses real-time protection to scan everything you download or run on your PC.

Windows Update downloads updates for Windows Defender automatically to help keep your PC safe and protect it from threats.

If you have an earlier version of Windows and are using Microsoft Security Essentials, it's a good idea to move to Windows Defender.

Schedule a scan in Windows Defender

Windows Defender regularly scans your PC to help keep it safe. If you want to set your own scan schedule:

1. Search for and open **Schedule tasks**.
2. In the left pane, expand **Task Scheduler Library** > **Microsoft** > **Windows** and then scroll down and double-click the **Windows Defender** folder.
3. In the top-center pane, double-click **Windows Defender Scheduled Scan**.
4. Select the **Triggers** tab, and then select **New**. Set your time and frequency, and then select **OK**.

If you have another antivirus app installed, Windows Defender will turn off automatically.

Turn Windows Defender real-time protection on or off

1. Select the **Start** button, then select **Settings** > **Update & Security**. Select **Windows Defender**, then turn **Real-time protection** on or off.

Source: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/17464/windows-defender-help-protect-computer>

Today's Quip

I know I'm supposed to back up my files, but I still haven't found reverse on my PC!

Wow! Just think....

This page could have displayed YOUR contribution to the monthly newsletter.

Wouldn't that have been nice?

Oh well, maybe in the February newsletter, eh?

.....Lazy Editor

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