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Valentine Day Trivia

- February 15th was the date of the Roman festival of Lupercalia - where young men held a lottery to decide which girl would be theirs.

- In England, the Romans, who had taken over the country, had introduced a pagan fertility festival held every February 14. After the Romans left England, Pope Gelsius, who established St. Valentine's Day as a celebration of love in 496 A.D abolished the pagan ritual.

- During Medieval times, girls ate unusual foods on St. Valentine's Day to have a dream of their future husband.

- It wasn't until 1537 that St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday. England's King Henry VIII declared February 14th a holiday in 1537 for the first time.

- The Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately **one billion** valentine cards are sent world-wide each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas.

- The Greeting Card Association estimates that women purchase approximately **85 percent** of all valentines. Apparently, women really are more thoughtful

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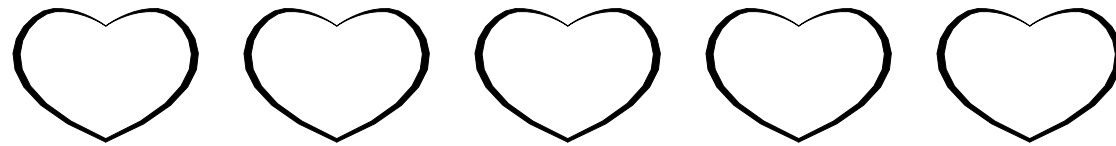
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Remote Offsite Data Backup

The only way to safely guard against a complete loss of data is to have some sort of off-site backup. Remote backup software has long been utilized by the big companies. They've been using offsite data storage for years. But offsite storage for small to mid-sized organizations was a long time coming. Now, The PC Manager is offering the Complete Backup Solution (CBS) for small businesses AND individuals.

Offsite backup software, like the Complete Backup Solution (CBS), virtually run by themselves once it has been set up. The wisdom in performing remote data backup is that your files will be safely and securely stored in a professional data center and available to you 24 hours a day, regardless of what happens at your company's physical location.

Many executives of companies who are our clients, have often told us that they know just how important backups are to their company's survival. But before we started offering our CBS backup solution, the employees responsible for making sure the backups got done correctly every night, felt tremendous stress that they would forget to change the tape or that the backup would fail and they wouldn't even know it had not backed up last night, or last week or even last month! In conducting backup audits, we have seen that this is a valid concern for way to many companies.

During the month of February The PC Manager is offering to setup your company on our CBS software **and** give you 2 free months of service on your first year of remote backups. And if you are dissatisfied with the software or our service at any time we will give you a complete refund. That is how sure we are that you will love this service. Call today us to-day at (949) 475-0404 for more information.



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- Remote Backup & Disaster Recovery
- Virus & Spam Protection
- Wireless Networking
- Network Design & Implementation
- Network Administration
- Custom Servers & Workstations
- Email & Internet Solutions
- Remote Access Solutions

DATA LOSS STATISTICS

- ◆ 30% of all businesses that have a major fire go out of business within a year. 70% fail within five years. (Home Office Computing Magazine)
- ◆ 31% of PC users have lost all of their files due to events beyond their control.
- ◆ 34% of companies fail to test their backups, and of those that do, 77% have found back-up failures.
- ◆ 60% of companies that lose their data will shut down within 6 months of the disaster.
- ◆ 93% of companies that lost their data for 10 days or more due to a disaster filed for bankruptcy within one year of the disaster. 50% of businesses that found themselves without data management for this same time period filed for bankruptcy immediately. (National Archives & Records Administration in Washington)
- ◆ Companies that aren't able to resume operations within ten days (of a disaster hit) are not likely to survive. (Strategic Research Institute)

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Some Very Cool Things About Windows 7

Windows 7 has only been out for 3 months and still all reviews have been glowing! We have been very busy at The PC Manager either upgrading client XP machines or setting up new systems running Windows 7.

The bottom line on Windows 7 is that it does save you money over XP because it provides faster access to your information and better integration with all hardware connected to your computer or network. Below are just a few of the coolest features available in 7.

Taskbar

The thing I want to start with is the *taskbar*. The new taskbar in Windows 7 shows each application as a graphic thumbnail. You can also place every program exactly where you want on the taskbar. If you hover the mouse over the thumbnail, the window expands to a full-screen preview. Icons are a bit bigger so you can easily select them using the touch features in Windows 7.



Cool Tools

In Windows 7 there are some other cool (enhanced) tools. Calculator has a new look and some new features. You can now easily

Famous Quote - To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer. ~ Farmers Almanac

calculate dates and convert units. Another (new) application is *Sticky Notes*. Sticky Notes support ink and text input.

Wireless Devices

Windows 7 supports several new wireless devices like Bluetooth 2.1 devices, Ultra Wideband (UWB) and Wireless USB (WUSB) devices.

Windows Connect Now (WCN)

Windows supports *Wi-Fi Protected Setup* (at last!) to reduce the complex method of setting up connection to the wireless router (or access point). Connecting to a wireless network was never this easy!

Devices and Printers

With Devices and Printers you have a single place of access to all of your connected and wireless devices. You can manage settings, browse files or simply interact with them. After the device is connected, you'll see it in the Device and Printers folder.

The Device and Printers folder offers you a central location to interact with all of your print, fax and scan devices, replacing the multiple locations you had to go to manage those functions in the past.

Multiple locations, Multiple Printers

If you have a laptop then you can relate to this problem. At work you use *Printer A* as default and at home *Printer B* is the default printer. Windows 7 now selects your default printer depending on the network you're connected too. So when you're at work you'll *always* print through *Printer A* and when you're at home you'll *always* print through *Printer B*.

Windows Touch

One the coolest features of Windows 7 is the support for touch screen monitors.

Computer Humor!

Customer: "The printer has been acting up. Could that be the cause of our backups failing?"

Customer: "What do you mean, other tape? When it said second volume, I just hit enter again."

Tech Support: "Have you made backups of your software and data?"

Customer: "I didn't know it had a reverse."

Customer: "I've just done a new Word document, saved it, then accidentally deleted it. Is there anything you can do to get it back?"

Tech Support: "Sorry, no, the backup isn't run until night time."

Customer: "Ohh, can we restore it tomorrow, then?"

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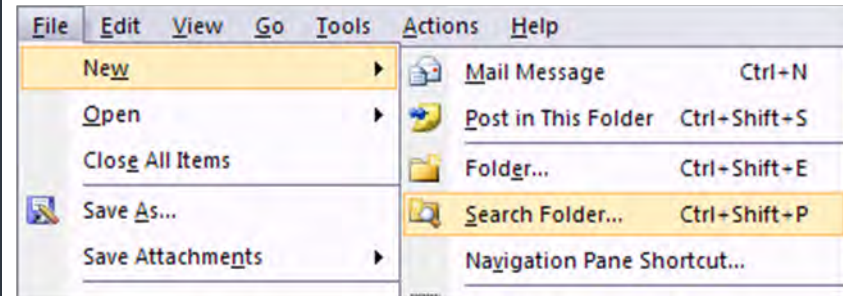
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Save Time With Search Folders in Outlook

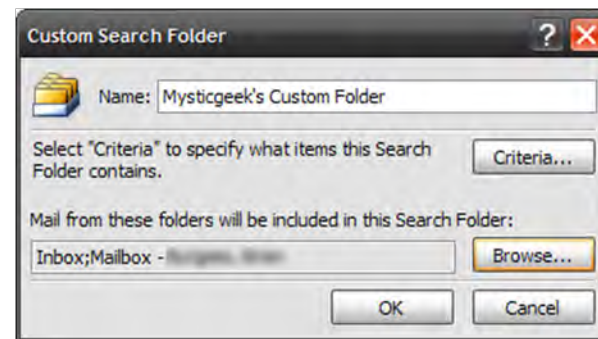
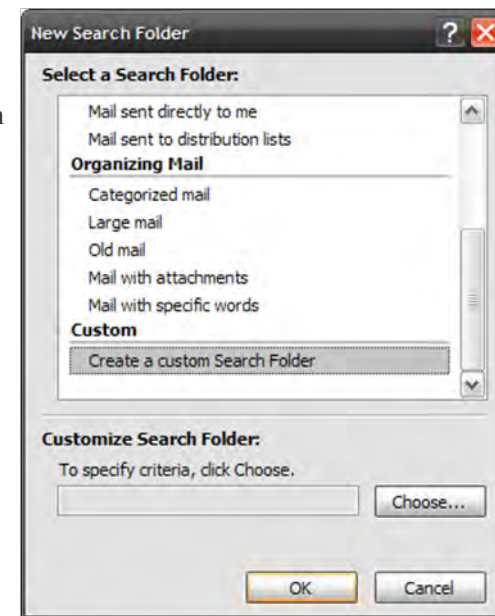
Managing your email can be a daunting task, but Outlook provides a great feature called Custom Search Folders that can save you time if you are constantly searching for the same things, or just as a way to organize your email into virtual folders similar to the Labels feature in Gmail, except more powerful.

Outlook already has three search folders created from the default install which you can rename, modify, or delete – but we'll create a new search folder to walk you through the process.

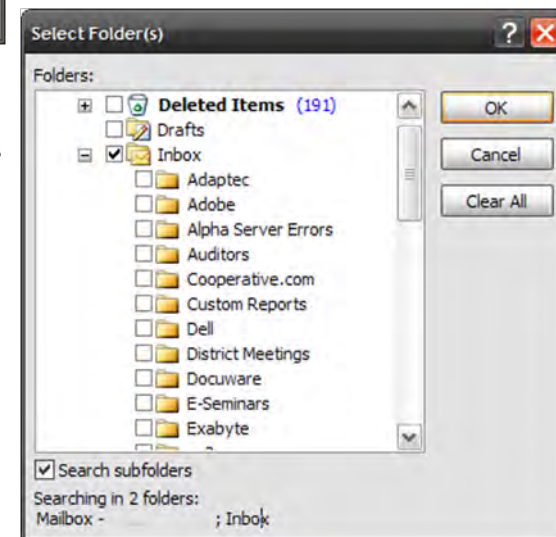


To create a new search folder, click File \ New \ Search Folder, or you can use the Ctrl+Shift+P shortcut key.

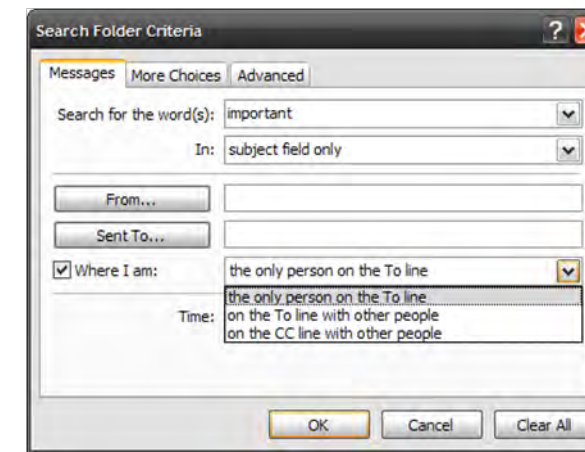
In the resulting screen scroll down and select "Create a Custom Search Folder", and then click the Choose button to customize your criteria. You could also use one of the other search folders as a base if you choose.



In the name field type in a name for your folder.

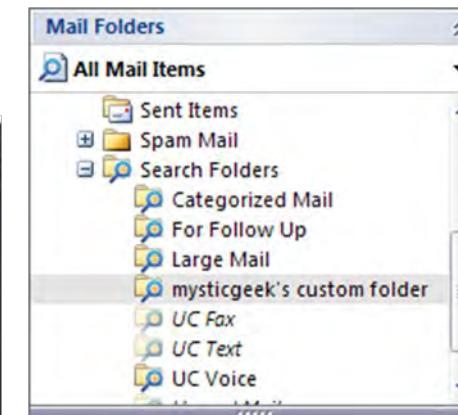
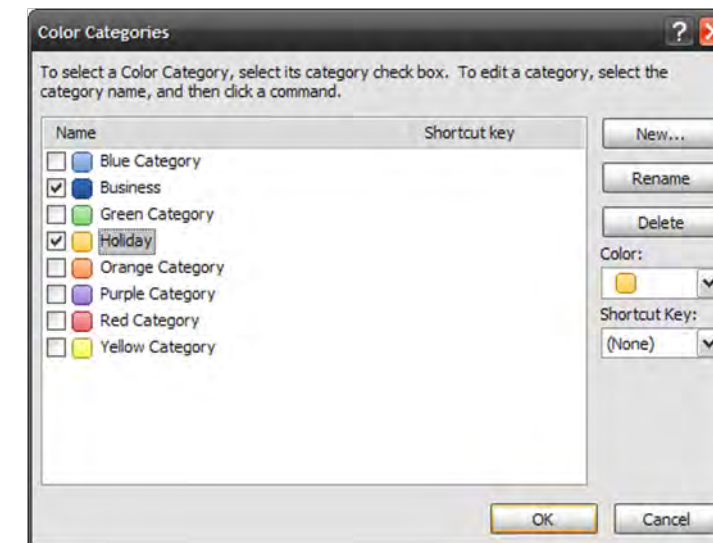


Next, click the browse button to specify which folders to include in your custom search folder. Choose as many or few as you want, and then click OK to proceed.



You're probably going to want to choose the specific criteria for the new folder as well. The Criteria button is where you can really customize the search. By words, importance, sent, received, etc...

Under the more choices tab you can even select your searches by Color Categories.



When you're all done with making all the customizations to your custom search folder click OK. Outlook will then create the custom search folder and add it to your folder view.

This feature is incredibly powerful, and once you get used to it you won't ever go back. Here's some examples of search folders you can create:

- ◆ For email to and from your boss.
- ◆ For email with unresolved follow-up flags by category (For instance, you could find only the unresolved items in the personal category)
- ◆ For email with high importance
- ◆ For all email to and from a client (use their @domain in the search box and choose to search all fields)
- ◆ Anything else you can think of...

INTERNET BROWSERS

Firefox 3.6

A few outstanding features include tabbed browsing, an integrated search engine and many additions of all types. This high-performance browser also has a massive selection of great customization features and tools to help you personalize your Web experience.

New to version 3.5 of Firefox is improved speed, a private browsing mode, even more security than in previous versions, open audio and video formats, and a bunch of additional improvements.

Google Chrome 4

Google Chrome is a browser that combines a minimal design with sophisticated technology to make the Web faster, safer, and easier. Use one box for everything--type in the address bar and get suggestions for both search and Web pages. Thumbnails of your top sites let you access your favorite pages instantly with lightning speed from any new tab. Desktop shortcuts allow you to launch your favorite Web apps straight from your desktop.

Internet Explorer 8

There are several new and interesting features. Web Slices lets you save predefined sections of a Web page for at-a-glance viewing. Instead of going to a traffic Web site for updates, the latest commuting news comes to you. Similarly, Accelerators make repetitive tasks one-click behaviors, for instance finding directions or blogging. InPrivate browsing introduces a cache and history on-off switch, while related tabs are color-coded and automatically reorganized as you open them. There's also tab sandboxing, which means that when a tab crashes, IE itself won't, and it even tries to resurrect the page that crashed.

There's a greater emphasis on Web standards and security than before. The SmartScreen and cross-site scripting filters throw up a red warning page when you're about to visit an unsafe site. There's also domain highlighting, which grays out the name of the URL you're looking at except for the domain itself. This sounds simple, but effectively draws attention to spoofed site URLs. There's also a compatibility button so that sites designed specifically for IE 7 and earlier can still be viewed.