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Tech Night, Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Microsoft Store to present the Surface Pro 4; also Windows 10

Summit Patel, business manager of the Microsoft Store at Fayette Mall, will join us to demonstrate and talk about the newest Surface Pro 4 and Windows 10. He will also explain about the new Surface Pen and the Signature Type Cover.

With the Surface Dock, the Surface Pro 4 can be turned into a desktop workstation.

The Surface Pro 4 is touted as the tablet that can replace your laptop. It's powered by Windows 10 and runs all your desktop software. It boasts a long-lasting battery. The Surface Pen has "precision ink" on one end and an eraser on the other.

They will discuss keeping your computer and information safe.


Surface Pro 4

The tablet that can replace your laptop.

Come find out about this newest Microsoft technology and more about Windows 10 on Monday, May 9. The program starts at 7 p.m.



There will be a drawing for the Directors' Prize, a six-month extension of your membership. The winner must be present to win.

Join us on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Visitors welcome. 

See what is in your newsletter this month

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas
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We constantly strive to increase CKCS's visibility

WE ARE HAVING SOME SUCCESS

It still disappoints me when new members tell me that they have never heard about CKCS before. This last month we had some success in our efforts to change that. The Publicity Committee has been continually working to increase CKCS's visibility in Lexington and the surrounding communities.

Television

On April 7, Joe Dietz and I again took to the noon air waves, this time on *WTVQ TV*, to talk about CKCS and our schedule of classes.

We were interviewed by Lauren Gawthrop. She is the *Good Morning Kentucky* and *ABC 36 News at Noon* co-anchor and was very enthusiastic about CKCS.



This is the second time in recent months we have had an opportunity to talk about CKCS on area television stations.

Newspaper

We had additional success in getting coverage in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* newspaper. It was CKCS member, Steve Gall, who put a bug in Herald-Leader columnist Tom Eblen's ear about CKCS and all the great things that go on here. Thank you, Steve!

Fortunately, Eblen was interested and his timing was ideal as we had a perfect occasion for him to visit the office. It was the 90th birthday of Joe Isaac, who has been teaching a Windows SIG for the



past 20 plus years. Joe was here to participate in the interview along with Bob Brown and Joe Dietz. Tom Eblen produced a great article on Joe Isaac, our "Computer Guru", and the great classes we provide. Eblen's column appeared on Sunday, April 10, taking about one-third of a page. If you missed it or want to see the story and pictures again, just use the following link:

<http://www.kentucky.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/tom-eblen/article70943422.html>


At right is an image of the start of that *Herald Leader* article that appeared on April 10.

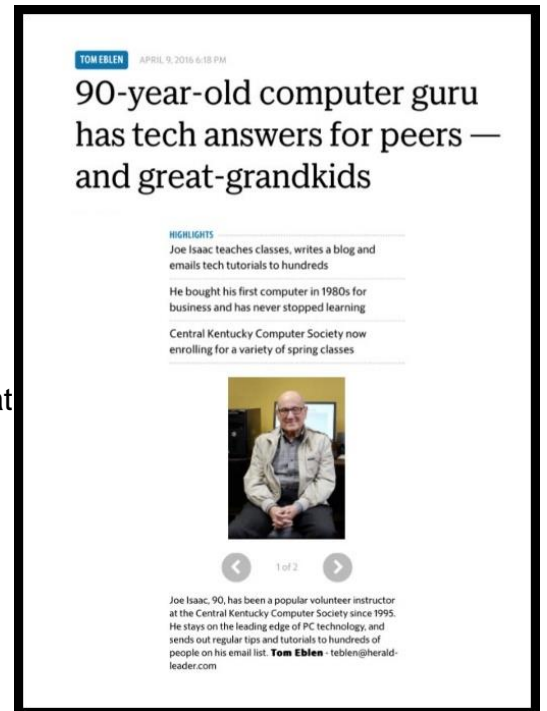
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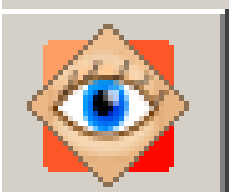
Joe Dietz, Mike Seiler, and Boone Baldwin, members of the Publicity Committee, designed and ordered car magnets for members to display on their cars. We invite you to pick up a magnet for your car next time you visit CKCS.



Give us a helping hand

If you have an idea how we can spread the word, or if you would like to participate on the Publicity Committee, please let me know. We are always looking for more opportunities to publicize our organization. 





Special FastStone Workshop


Do you want to fix up and work on your pictures without paying a lot of \$\$\$\$\$ on a digital imaging program? Well, take a look at FastStone. FastStone is a fairly extensive digital imaging program that is free and does lots of stuff.

In this workshop you will learn how to dress up your pictures, create contact sheets, create a slide show that can include music and lots more.

At home all you have to do is download the program and begin working. You also have the option of downloading their tutorial. This tutorial was 95 pages and as I went through it I was impressed with the “user friendly” approach that it had. (You download it to your computer – you don’t have to print it out!) And it is free also! Check out their web page for more information. <http://www.faststone.org>.

To help you get through the learning curve of a new program, we will be holding a hands-on three-hour work shop in the classroom for a maximum of eight people. We will demonstrate how to download the program and the tutorial along with information on how to maneuver around the program and use many of the tools.

Date – Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. For non-members, the cost will be \$30; for members \$24.

This class will fill up quickly. To reserve a seat, call 859-373-1000 or drop by CKCS to sign up and pay. 

Attention Android users

From Bob Brown

The majority of cell phones in the United States operate on two operating systems (OS). Both systems accomplish the same jobs, but they do it quite differently. If you have learned one, it is almost like starting over to learn the other.

The iPhone and Apple products use Apple's proprietary iOS. However, many other manufacturers such as Acer, HTC, Samsung, LG, Sony Ericsson and Motorola use the **Android** operating system created by Google. The Android OS powers most phones, watches, tables and several other devices produced by these companies.

Recently, CKCS has offered classes and seminars all involving Apple products, but nothing for Android users. The board of directors believes there is a need to expand our offerings for Android products as this OS is becoming more prevalent on the market and it works quite differently than the Apple iOS.

TO BEGIN

To begin a new SIG or classes we need knowledgeable volunteers to be a SIG leader, SIG assistant leader, class instructors and assistants. Also we will begin a list of members and guests who want to receive instruction on the use of Android products. We ask you to send an email to "android.sig@ckcs.org".

Also if you would be willing to be a leader or assistant of a SIG or a class for Android devices let us know what role for which you might volunteer or and the Android product you have or may be considering buying.

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SIG Leader
SIG Assistant Leader
SIG Part Time Helper
SIG Attend Meetings Only

Class Instructor
Class Assistant
or Student

Use this link: android.sig@ckcs.org



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TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac
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Time is running out to download Windows 10 for free



We downloaded Windows 10 and love it, love it, love it.





MAY! JUNE!

You've got May and June left, all those millions who waited until the last minute might jam the Internet in July.
AFTER JULY 28 YOU ARE THROWING AWAY \$120 – that is what they will be charging July 28 and afterwards.



IT IS THE GREATEST OPERATING SYSTEM YOU WILL EVER USE. YOU WILL LOVE CORTANA AND EDGE.





IF YOU SNOOZE YOU LOSE

Go to Control Panel, click on System and see if you have a 32-bit or 64-bit computer or laptop.

To download Windows 10 now and not wait for a notice from Microsoft. Click on this link for Windows 7, 8, and 8.1 and follow instructions:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10>

IMPORTANT: To upgrade, select **Upgrade this PC now.**

Download Tool Now (32-bit version)

Download Tool Now (64-bit version)




Then look for these images and select the appropriate download tool for your computer.



GREAT HELP IS AVAILABLE FREE

STAPLES STORES WILL INSTALL WINDOWS 10 ON YOUR COMPUTER FREE.

1. 2321 Sir Barton Way Suite 140, Lexington (859) 543-8485
2. Turfland Mall, 2081 Harrodsburg Road Lexington, (859) 277-2228
3. Mike Seiler will also install Windows 10 on your computer any Monday morning at 9 a.m. at CKCS. 



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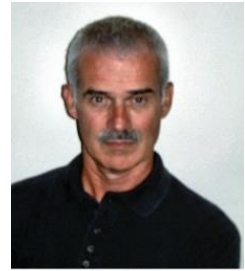
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Digital Photography Special Interest Group

May 24 2016 - 7 p.m.

Cropping

Cropping - How boring - I know how to crop!
NO - Wait - There is more to it than that.
Cropping is a tool that can define your images.



Joe Dietz
Digital Photography
SIG Leader

To crop or not to crop-that is the question. Some photographers leave all pictures intact because they don't want to remove any important details. Other photographers think it's fine to crop out an entire background from a photo and focus on just the faces in the pictures. Which method is best? The answer depends entirely on the situation. Find the perfect balance in knowing when to crop and how to crop by following some basic principles.

Tonight we will talk about the various reasons to crop your picture, cropping to a specific size, cropping to a shape, cropping people, cropping to the rule of thirds, cropping for symmetry and more.

Once you know how to crop a picture correctly, you will quickly find that your images begin to look a whole lot better than they used to.



May Photo Contest

This month's photography contest is on "Shadows". Submit your images to joedietz@aol.com no later than Monday, May 23, 2016. Join us at CKCS Tuesday May 24 at 7 PM.

Bring a friend.

joe.dietz@ckcs.org



April Digital Imaging Photo Contest

Category: Road and Trails



First Place

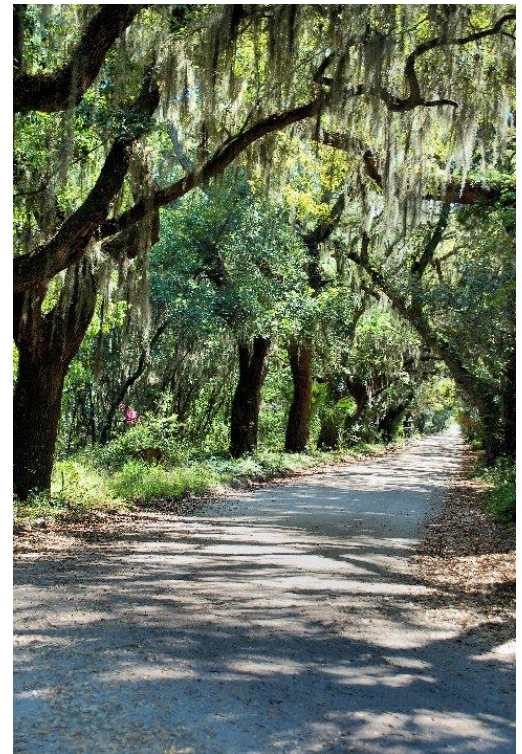
Kevin MacNaughton



**Tie for
Second Place**

Anne
Campbell

Janet
Cartmell



Apple now platform of choice at work

New survey shows 75 percent of employees will choose a Mac if given a choice; 79 percent of workers pick iOS as their mobile device operating system



By Kurt Jefferson,
SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac & iPad topics

“Individuals between the ages of 18 and 54 overwhelmingly choose Apple, while people who are 55+ feel more comfortable with Windows.”

— JAMF Software’s 2016 report, [Employee Choice Programs](#)



In February, nearly 500 business executives, managers, and IT pros answered questions about which types of computer devices their employees want to use at work. “Driven by ease of use, Apple devices lead the way as the preferred devices,” reports JAMF Software in its 2016 study.

Age is a factor. Workers between 18 and 54 preferred Apple’s Macintosh computers and mobile devices such as the iPad and iPhone. Older workers, 55 and older, preferred Windows computers.

Compared to past years, many companies now offer employee choice whereby workers get to choose which devices they may use at their desks and in the field away from the office. The JAMF Software study reveals that 61 percent of companies in the U.S. now offer employee choice, while 39 percent don’t offer that option and the worker uses whatever computer or device the employer provides.

Workers Prefer Macs

“Three out of four employees choose Mac over their Windows counterpart, confirming reports that Apple adoption is increasing in the enterprise,” reports JAMF. Reasons provided for choosing the Mac include:

- Easier to Use (43 percent)
- Offers the Apps I Want (17 percent)
- More Secure (11 percent)
- Other (29 percent – includes reliability and the “cool” factor)



Workers Prefer iOS (Apple’s mobile operating system)

79 percent of workers responding to the JAMF study prefer Apple’s mobile devices such as the iPhone and iPad. Reasons given include:

- Easier to Use (41 percent)
- Offers the Apps I Want (27 percent)
- More Secure (16 percent)



- Other (16 percent)

Generation Gap

Who Prefers the Mac?

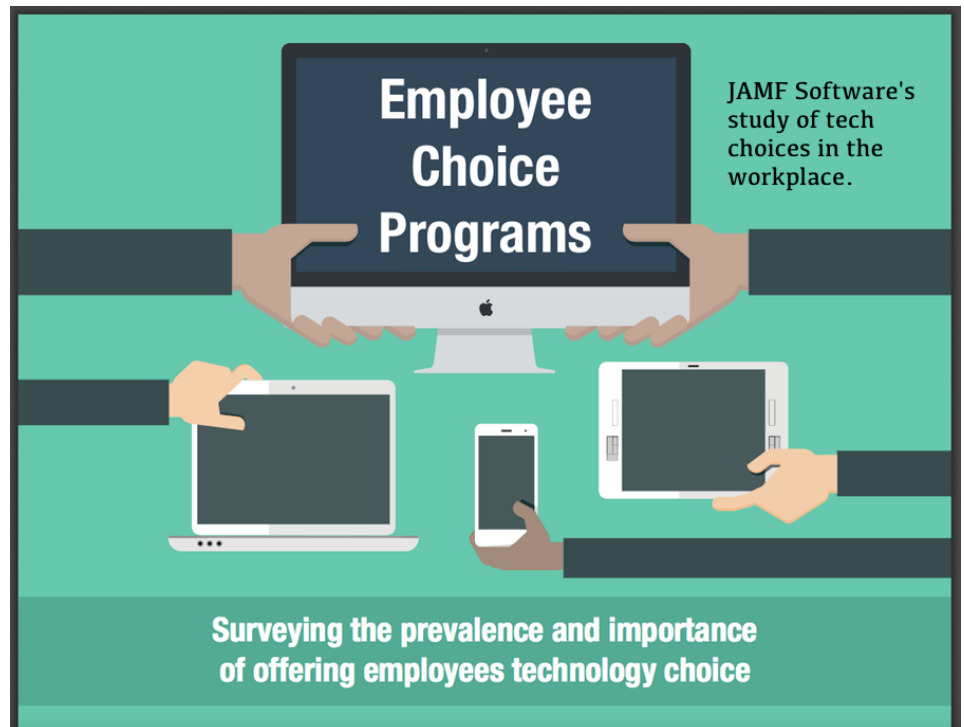
- 18–34 year old workers (80 percent prefer the Mac at work)
- 35–54 (77 percent prefer the Mac at work)
- 55+ (59 percent prefer the Mac at work)

Who Prefers iOS?

- 18–34 year old workers (79 percent prefer iOS)
- 35–54 (81 percent prefer iOS)
- 55+ (71 percent prefer iOS)

Why provide employees a choice of computer or mobile device?

Computerworld’s Jonny Evans writes: “Some argue that offering employees the choice of which platform to use is unnecessary, insisting workers will do as they are told. This authoritarian position is utterly irrelevant to the needs and expectations of today’s incoming workers (so-called Millennials). A PwC report confirms millennials, “expect the technologies that empower their personal lives to also drive communication and innovation in the workplace.”



PwC refers to a study titled, “Millennials (born between 1980 and 2000) at Work, Reshaping the Workplace” done in 2011. More than 4,300 college graduates in 75 countries were part of the study. It says, “Millennials’ use of technology clearly set them apart. One of the defining characteristics of the millennial generation is their affinity with the digital world. They have grown up with broadband, smartphones, laptops and social media being the norm and expect instant access to information. This is the first generation to enter the workplace with a better grasp of a key business tool than more senior workers.”

Many of these workers expect to use their preferred computer devices — and studies show they prefer Apple computers and mobile devices.

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News to use

Nomination Committee Report for June 2016 election

As is the tradition, each June at the annual CKCS picnic, an election is conducted for the four CKCS officer positions and for five board of director positions. Officers are elected for one year and director positions are for two years.

This year's Nominations Committee has established that each current office holder and each director whose term expires on June 30 is volunteering to run for their position again.

The slate is: President – Brooke Thomas; Vice President – Joe Dietz; Secretary – Larry Trivette; Treasurer – Jim McCormick. Five director volunteering to run for reelection are Boone Baldwin, Jan Landers-Lyman, Darlene Mosley, Ben Rice and Mike Seiler.

We are still searching for any members who would like to run for any of these positions. If you are interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Janet Cartmell, Sterling Duvall, Eugene Potter, Larry Mitchum or Bob Brown. Brown is the committee chair.

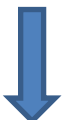
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Unchecky

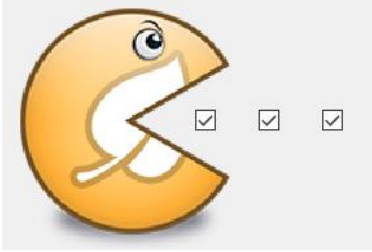
Ken Goodman is a friend in Florida who teaches a weekly computer class. From him, I have learned of a program called UNCHECKY which is free and might be very useful to most of us.

Have you ever gone to a website to obtain an “app” that you learn about and think – gee, I would like that on my computer. (APP means application, but more recently is used in place of the word program.) So you go to download that app, and with the word **DOWNLOAD** comes several pages of legal jargon and information most of us never try to read – even if you understand all that legal stuff. So you click **AGREE**. And YEA! we get the app we wanted. Then often you get a surprise.

Along with that app you wanted, one, maybe two or three other apps with unrelated offers may also be downloaded to your computer. It might be an advisement or coupon provider, an app to check the health of your computer, repair or fix your computer or whatever. Unrelated apps you did not want or don't need which just take space on your computer.



Why does that happen? It is because you clicked AGREE to all that small print. Buried in there, they may be advising you they are providing additional programs they want you to have. They included a checked box after each app confirming you agree..



That is where UNCHECKY comes in. It REMOVES those check marks in those boxes. In the past I try to remember to look to make sure I am not getting any surprises with my downloads. But they are sneaky and hide and you can easily miss some of them. UNCHECKY takes care of that

automatically! It is an active program that monitors every download you do.

It takes just a few seconds to install Unchecky using your web browser. Try it. Let me know if you like it. – jerry.heaton@ckcs.org

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Make your newsletter better – be a contributor

Did you learn something new today? Maybe some trick on the computer? Write it up because I'll bet it will help someone else. We will give you credit for the tip. All contributions are welcome. Send it to newsletter@ckcs.org.

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April Tech Night—a visit to the city Traffic Management Center



Photo by Boone Baldwin

In April, CKCS members headed downtown to the Traffic Management Center to get a glimpse of how the traffic engineers and the computerized traffic signals help keep Lexington traffic flowing and safe.

Chris Quan, traffic information technician, and Joel Weber, traffic engineer, gave us an overview of the workings of the Traffic Center and answered our questions. Here are some of the tidbits from the evening.

“Real-time” traffic ticker is where you can see, on your computer, a list of collisions, stalled vehicles and traffic hazards. Just go to LexingtonKY.gov click on Traffic Updates to find the site. Also the 511 app will give you good information on delays in Kentucky. You can also follow them on their twitter site at [Twitter@LexWrecks](https://twitter.com/LexWrecks).

Lexington has more than 80 cameras throughout the city. In May, they are scheduled to be online where anyone can access them from their computer but won't be able to control them. That is only available to the traffic engineers. The traffic engineers can pan, tilt and zoom these cameras to get a pretty good view of the area.


The little blue lights on the backs of the traffic lights are ‘tattle-tail’ lights that police officers can use to tell if a motorist has run a red light.


Video detection cameras and in-pavement vehicle detection loops are two ways traffic signals can detect a waiting car. If you pull up too far or not far enough, the vehicle may not be detected and a traffic light will not change the signal to let you proceed. The in-pavement vehicle detection loop detects the metal in a car that has stopped for four seconds in the field.



Several CKCS members learned from city traffic engineer Chris Quan, at right, that city traffic lights weigh only 40 pounds. All now use high efficiency long-life LED bulbs saving the city \$10,000 a month over the previous traffic signals.

Photo by Brooke Thomas

Traffic Management is in the latter stages of installing fiber optic cable along major corridors. This will allow better communication with traffic signals and streaming video. 

The engineers suggested that if you notice that a traffic light doesn't seem to be working correctly, you should call 311 (LexCall) and leave a message for the Traffic Management Center about the problem. The engineers will check it out. 

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Have you recently learned a computer trick?

If you recently discovered how to do something on your computer that makes your computer experience easier or more enjoyable, please write it up and send it to newsletter@ckcs.org and you may find it in the next issue. Sharing what we learn with others is the whole purpose of CKCS. Sharing tips and experiences with other members will likely benefit others like yourself. Once you send it the editor will be in contact with you.

New Members and Renewals

During the period from 3/23/2016 to 4/24/2016

We welcome the following new members who joined CKCS during this reporting period:

**Gayle B. Abbott
Nancy Kolacz
Sylvia L. Lovely
Pam J. McGee
Rickie Miller
Kitty Richardson
Fredwyn Schwendeman**

We thank and welcome back the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period:

**Susan S. Beard
James Brown
Jerry K. Brown
Bill Collins
Beulah Erwin
Robert Hackett
Richard A. Hall
Sarah T. Henry
Walter J. Keller
Glenn E. Kelley
Jan Landers-Lyman
Edith Lockard**

**Larry Mitchum
Leonard & Arritta Morris
Joe Pilla
Janet E. Powell
Flores G. Reynolds
Francis Roberts
Brooke D. Thomas
Gene O. Wheeler
Penny. Wildman
Dan A. Williams
Denise Wright
Charlie Zehnder**

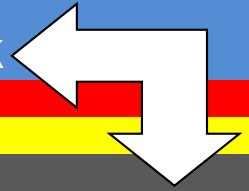
Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice



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**Not a member ?
We invite you to join CKCS**

Here is how: It is simple and quick



Call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you.

or

Stop by the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive, Lexington 40503.

Office hours Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

**We need you and will welcome you as a full-fledged member.
Members are eligible to attend all Special Interest Group sessions.**

Members receive a discount on all classes, workshops and seminars

**Did you see a great picture worth including in
the next issue of our newsletter?**

If you have a picture that is worth sharing, send it to newsletter@ckcs.org.
Once you send it, the editor will get in touch with you. Just copy and send
it, We will give you credit for what you furnish.

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May 2016 CKCS SIG Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared the SIG calendar for this newsletter

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02 May	03 May	04 May	05 May	06 May	07 May
	1:30 PM Word Processing LARRY TRIVETTE		9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 1:30 PM Tech Chat & Problem Solving BOB BROWN <hr/> 7:00 PM Board of Directors		10:00 AM – NOON Members Only! Dr Fixit Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help iHelp Bring in your iPhone, iPad, and Mac device and get one-on-one assistance
09 May	10 May	11 May	12 May	13 May	14 May
7:00 PM Tech Night Microsoft Store See page 1	7:00 PM Windows 7, 8.1, 10 JOE ISAAC		9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON		
16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May
			9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Database Access STUART ZAHALKA		
23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May	27 May	28 May
7:00 PM Database FoxPro GARLAND SMITH	7:00 PM Digital Photography JOE DIETZ		9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Unix/Linux LEWIS GARDNER		
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This Month's Best Videos / Shows

SUGGESTIONS:

If you use GOOGLE CHROME. Hold down the control key before you click on the link below. It creates a NEW TAB at the top. Once you view the video, simply close that tab to return to this page.

If you use INTERNET EXPLORER, we recommend you copy and paste the links below into a new search bar rather than clicking the links below. This will allow the newsletter to remain open in the background while you view the video. Using this system, you should not have to go through several steps to get back to this page.

REMEMBER Enjoy these videos full screen by clicking on the symbol in the bottom right corner of your video. Clicking that same symbol returns to the minimized screen.

How you build a Dreamliner in four minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJZk9vNS8NE>

Furnished by Mike Seiler

One planet – a must see

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/mMq1FqiM8Qc>

Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

Soaring Valor Veterans visit a World War II memorial – look at these spry vets, the youngest is probably in the upper 80's

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/l3P15s4zWNQ>

Furnished by Carl Peter

Some amazing videos taken by drones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoPiLg8DZ3A>

Furnished by D Stans

150 old steamboat covered in mud – an amazing discovery

<https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=9214C3016874330C!9128&authkey=!ALhJBp8-cNNwnlc&ithint=file%2cdocx>

Furnished by arvey Shackelford

Brothers free trapped bald eagle then take a selfie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcSILi2XHoE>

Furnished by D. Stans

Mischief the white-necked talking raven

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

Furnished by D Stans

Eskimos go under the ice with only minutes to spare

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Z0qGvC3vqaA>

Furnished by Mike Seiler

MacDonald's commercial for the Brazil 2014 world cup

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T7zyezBkuY>

Furnished by Carl Peter

Old film building a B24 bomber

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0>

Furnished by Carl Peter

Sunset Selfies

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

Furnished by Jim Webb

Woman has America's longest legs

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

Furnished by D Stans

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A Few Funny Pages / Useful Information

Just thinking.

I was standing in the park, wondering why a Frisbee looks larger the closer it gets – then it hit me.

Furnished by D. Stans

The Many, Many Uses of Cornstarch

Cornstarch is one of those mysterious items you have in your pantry. It only costs a dollar, so you probably bought it at least one time and now you're unsure what it's good for. Well in case you're out of ideas, I'm going to show you why this cheap item is actually one of the best materials to have around the house, can make your life much easier.

In the kitchen

1. Thicken sauces: A touch of cornstarch can help thicken sauces, soups and stews. It's a healthy gluten-free option for deliciously thick food. Add half a tablespoon per cup of liquid, and whisk in a tablespoon of cold water to create a slurry, which can be added to hot liquid.
2. Fluff eggs: Add a sprinkling of cornstarch to eggs before you whip them. This helps the eggs become fluffier.

Laundry tricks

3. Remove leather stains: Get rid of any spilled oil or grease on your favorite leather jacket by sprinkling cornstarch over the stained section. Let it set in overnight and rub it off gently with a damp paper towel in the morning.
4. Homemade spray starch: Save money by making your own spray starch for wrinkle-free shirts. Make up the starch from household items. Start by heating 2 cups of water in a small saucepan. Add 1 tablespoon of cornstarch and whisk, then bring to a boil. Add 1 teaspoon of vinegar as a disinfectant and 10 drops of essential oil for a fresh scent. When it cools, store in a spray bottle and shake well before use.

Household cleaning

5. Clean windows without leaving streaks: Since cornstarch is a natural abrasive, it can help clean windows and mirrors without leaving any messy streaks. I recommend adding a tablespoon of cornstarch to this homemade window cleaner: In a spouted measuring cup, mix together 1 cup of white vinegar and 1 cup of water. Add 1/4 cup of lemon juice and a few drops of essential oil. Pour this mixture in a spray bottle. After you use the solution to clean the windows and mirrors, wipe with a paper towel. Your windows will become completely transparent.
6. Grease-free carpets: If you have stains on your carpet, pour cornstarch over the greased areas. Let this set in for 20 minutes and then vacuum. The fine powder will absorb the grease.



7. Polish silver: Instead of buying expensive and strong-smelling silver cleaners, use a mix of cornstarch and water to make your silverware shine like new.

8. No more squeaky floors: Cornstarch can stop the awful noises caused by cracked floors. Sprinkle the floor with cornstarch and then sweep. The powder will work itself into the nooks and cracks, ridding you of any squeaks or creaks.

9. Clean wooden furniture: Regular household cleaners can leave a residue that builds up over time. You can buff away any grease marks from your beloved wooden furniture or household items with cornstarch. Remove these stains by mixing equal parts water and cornstarch, and then rubbing them strongly on the wood.

Smells

10. No more stinky shoes: Cornstarch is very absorbent. It can soak up those awful smelling sneaker or pump odors. Sprinkle a bit inside the soles and let it set in overnight. Shake and pass a damp cloth inside before wearing them.

11. Give your old books a fresh whiff: Sprinkle cornstarch over musty smelling books and soon you'll notice how fresh these old volumes smell.

Cosmetic secrets

12. Chafing: Prevent the burn of chafing by rubbing a pinch of cornstarch on the problem area before you get dressed. It will prevent the sweating and lubrication that usually cause this condition.

13. Body powder: Save some money by making your own body powder. You can do so by mixing cornstarch with essential oils. Mix one cup of cornstarch with a few drops of your favorite essential oil, and then shake to produce a body powder you'll love.

14. Dry shampoo: This can be a real time saver if you don't have a minute to spare for a shower. Apply cornstarch to your hair by dusting it along the crown of your hair and the base of your neck, then rubbing it in gently. After applying, brush it out, or else it will leave your hair with a grey tinge.

15. Natural deodorant: First wipe your underarms with rubbing alcohol or soap to get rid of any unpleasant smells. You can then apply cornstarch. This absorbs moisture and keeps the area dry.

16. Soothe sunburns, bug bites and bees stings: Applying a paste of water and cornstarch over the sensitive area can offer a natural relief to burns and bites. The paste will need to dry before the effect takes place.

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Have you seen a video or funny story somewhere?

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- » **Do Image Backups of your computer:** of the whole computer (OS, programs, settings, everything) and **no only your documents and personal files;** use Acronis Backup Software to do monthly (and weekly) completely unattended image backups of your computer to a second hard drive (a USB connected one but preferable an internal one).
- » **Use MalwareBytes software to protect against malware:** and better yet use the Premium version (only \$15 per computer per year);
- » **Windows 10 is GOOD and free** (for existing Windows 7 and Windows 8 computers)! Welcome back to the Windows 7 like interface that most everybody feel at home with. Please be also aware that Windows 10 expand the amount of information obtained by Microsoft from your computer usage (more on it can be read at many places online including <http://www.polygon.com/2015/7/31/9075531/windows-10-privacy-how-to>).
- » **Make sure that you are visiting the website that you really want to visit;** there are many misleading sites that try to trick you into believing that they are the intended legit site ... but they are not! Be careful with the spelling of the name of a site; be careful with the first "findings" of the search engines; most times they are no findings but (many times deceptive) advertising.
- » If somebody call you about the "problems of your computer" **simply hang off;** they are not legitimate people so do not even waste your time even threatening them.

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CKCS List of Special Interest Groups

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers nine Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members. Starting times of SIGs are as indicated in the listing.

SPECIAL NOTE; Always check the "Monthly Schedule" and the "Newsletter" link on the CKCS home page for any schedule change www.ckcs.org

1 2 DATABASE SIG

3 **Meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. –**
4 **Leader Garland Smith**

5 6 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 7 SIG

8 **Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. –**
9 **Leader Joe Dietz**

10 The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is a forum to
11 provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG
12 frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics
13 that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics
14 have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best
15 out of your point and shoot camera, effective lighting when
16 taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The
17 goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital
18 imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and
19 how to improve their images with digital imaging software such
20 as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or
21 other program. Each meeting starts with a photo contest with
22 a variety of different categories.
23

24 DR. FIXIT SIG & iHELP SIG

25 **Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. –**
26 **Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice, Harry Ellison, James**
27 **Osborne, and Mike Seiler.**

28 CKCS members are eligible to bring in sick computers for
29 evaluation. Our 'experts' will diagnose the problem and if
30 possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the
31 CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse and monitor on hand.
32 This is a free service for members only. One may join in
33 membership to avail themselves of this special service.

34 MAC AND iPad SIG

35 **Meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. –**
36 **Leader Kurt Jefferson**

37 The Mac and iPad SIG tackles issues to help make both
38 Apple's Mac computers and its iPad tablet easier to use and
39 more enjoyable. We deal with a variety of topics ranging from
40 Mac OS X (pronounced "10") to iOS, the operating system
41 running Apple's iPad. We share tips at every meeting and
42 provide insights to empower users to get more out of their
43 Macs and their iPads. Users are encouraged to bring their
44 Mac laptops and iPad tablets to experience firsthand the tips
45 provided at each meeting. Whether you're a beginner to the
46 Mac or iPad, of you've been using both devices for several
47 years, you'll walk away with plenty of tips, tricks, and advice to
48 make your computing experience more enjoyable.

49 MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

50 **Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. –**
51 **Leader Stuart Zahalka**

52 53 TECH TALK

54 **Meets monthly on the first Thursday at 1:30 p.m.**

55 Keeping up with personal and home technology is getting
56 harder. New products and new Internet services are coming
57 rapid fire. The purpose of the Tech Chat Group is to talk about
58 technology as it happens. We are trying to stay aware of
59 new ideas and understand what impact they will have on us.
60

61 WINDOWS SIG

62 **Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. –**
63 **Leader Joe Isaac**

64 The Windows SIG or Workshop for Windows 7, 8.1, and 10
65 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.. Topics
66 covered may be: Windows, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome,
67 Windows Live Mail, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Control
68 Panel, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Disk
69 Cleanup, etc. To see which topic will be covered next go to
70 <http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/>
71 To see a year's worth of email Tips and Reviews go
72 to: <http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf>
73

74 WORD PROCESSING SIG

75 **Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.**
76 **Leader Larry Trivette**

77 The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from
78 classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help
79 provide solutions and answers. In fact, many of the topics
80 presented during each session come from questions received
81 by email during the month. Topics are presented so that new
82 as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending.
83 This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during
84 the SIG.

85 UNIX / LINUX SIG

86 **Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. –**
87 **Leader Lewis Gardner**

88 The Linux SIG handles a wide range of technical topics. Linux
89 is based on Unix which is the granddaddy of modern
90 networking. We spend a considerable amount of time on
91 servers, networks, routers, access points and general network
92 configuration. These operating systems are at the heart of
93 many devices in our increasingly connected world. Come out
94 and we will try to get your questions answered, your problems
95 troubleshoot or devices configured.
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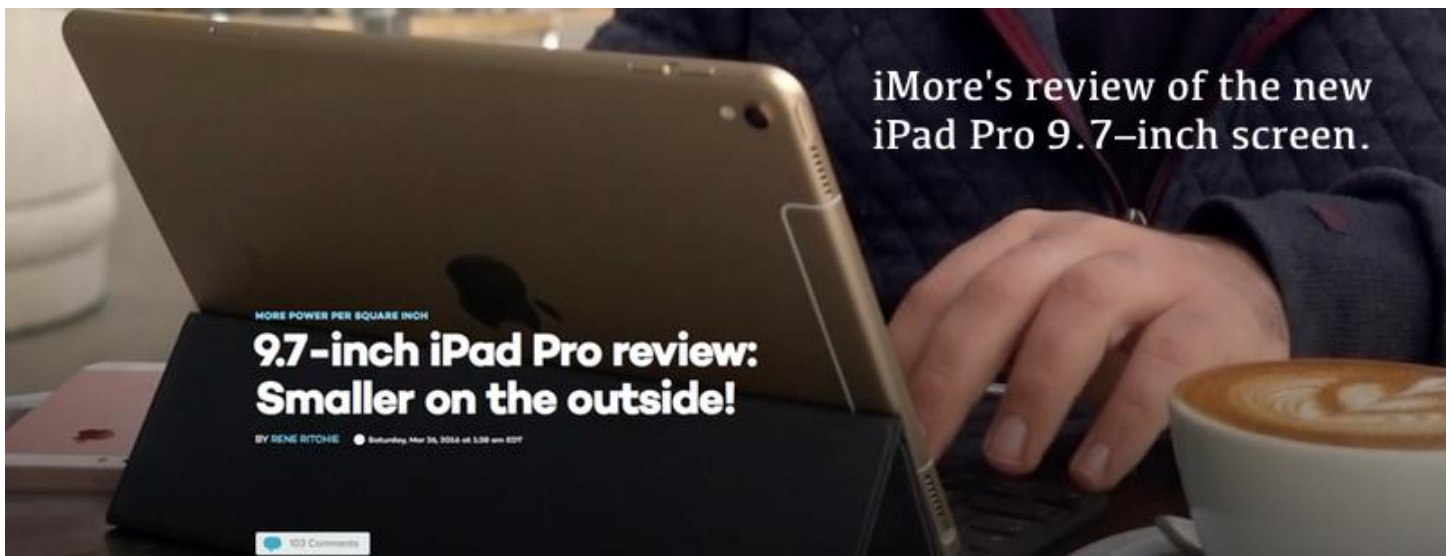
The report adds, “Millennials routinely make use of their own technology at work and three-quarters believe that access to technology makes them more effective at work. However, technology is often a catalyst for intergenerational conflict in the workplace and many millennials feel held back by rigid or outdated working styles.”

[JAMF Software: Employee Choice Programs](#)

[Computerworld: Apple wins the battle for enterprise hearts and minds](#)

[PWC: Millennials at Work – Reshaping the workplace](#)

New iPad Pro 9.7–inch is a “Power Laptop Replacement for Casual Users”



If it's time to replace your aging iPad, or considering buying one for the first time, consider the new iPad Pro with the 9.7–inch screen. Here's what several reviewers are saying about the new iPad Pro (not to be confused with its larger brother, the iPad Pro with a 12.9–inch screen):

“...If I were to pick the iPad that came closest to perfection, it would be this one. It's a portable dream. The tiniest little productivity tool Apple makes. It's got performance, better sound and display, and – what am I looking for that's really missing? Nothing, except I want the iPad to be more like a laptop. Just a bit. — [C|Net, Scott Stein](#)



“It’s kind of mind–blowing how much power there is in this lightweight tablet. Benchmark numbers are just as good as the ones I saw on the 12.9–inch iPad Pro, despite the fact that the 9.7–inch iPro has half as much RAM...” — [Mashable, Lance Ulanoff](#)

“The real reason this is the best iPad yet built is because it combines a stunning display, stonking audio and relentless processing power into a tablet that’s extremely portable...The new Pro also has a keyboard to go with it, attached by the Smart Connector buttons on the tablet’s edge...And it turns the iPad Pro into an extremely effective laptop alternative...” — [The Independent, David Phelan](#) (Popular British newspaper)

“This can still be your everyday iPad, and better so than ever, but it can also be your ultra–mobile productivity machine, with little in the way of compromises...For people who’ve had a 9.7–inch iPad for a while but haven’t seen a need to upgrade, and for those with aging Windows system looking for modern alternative, the 9.7–inch iPad Pro will be compelling.” — [iMore, Rene Ritchie](#)

“If you have an iPad 2, the third- or fourth-generation Retina iPads, or the original iPad Air and you find yourself using your iPad more often than whatever other computer you have in your house, the iPad Pro is a no-brainer upgrade. It’s fast and light, and its Apple Pencil and multitasking support make it a surprisingly capable computer if you don’t have some specific app or use case that demands a PC.” — [ars technica, Andrew Cunningham](#)

“...the 9.7-inch iPad Pro is Apple's first attempt at a mass-market iPad that is much more focused at giving users a real alternative to a PC or notebook. It is, if you will, the iPad reborn. It is the iPad formula rebooted and revamped, with a much wider repertoire of capabilities, coupled with the processing power necessary to take it to the next level. Whether this will help get iPad sales moving forward in the short term is something that remains to be seen. That said, it is certainly Apple's most compelling vision yet for the future of mobile computing, and one that will certainly have wide appeal.” — [Mac News Network, Sanjiv Sathiah](#)

All About the iPhone: Stats, Stats, and more Stats

After switching on your Apple device, do you enter a passcode or use Touch ID to gain access to your apps, files, and data? If so, you’re in the majority. Apple says 89 percent of users with Touch ID–enabled iPhones or iPads use the fingerprint–analyzing technology to unlock their phone or tablet.

Another interesting tidbit – the average iPhone user unlocks his or her device 80 times a day!

That’s just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to statistics about Apple’s popular smart phone. (Thanks to the [Expanded Ramblings](#) web site and [Appleinsider](#).)

Here are more tidbits:

Date of first iPhone release:

June 29, 2007

Number of iPhone users in the U.S.

101 million (as of Nov. 2015)



Estimated amount an iPhone will cost you in energy every year:

25 cents

Most popular mobile device for reading email:

iPhone

iPhone 6 orders globally in first three days it was available:

10 million

Number of iPhones in China:

42 million

Percentage of iPhone 6 owners that are previous iPhone owners:

85 percent

Percentage of web traffic coming from an Apple device:

54 percent

Read more iPhone stats:

[AppleInsider](#)

Apple Introduces new 12-inch MacBook

An ultra-thin notebook, weighing just two pounds, wrapped in a unibody all-metal enclosure, with a full-size keyboard and Force Touch trackpad.

You're reading a description of Apple's newest MacBook laptops.

Possibly the biggest improvement is in battery life – 10 hours on a single charge versus 9 hours with the original 12-inch MacBook. The new MacBooks are fanless and have no moving parts or vents.

The newest MacBooks also offer the newest Intel processors (called Skylake), faster graphics, and a new color (called Rose Gold).

Learn more about the new MacBooks here:

[MacRumors](#)

[9to5Mac](#)



Opera Web Browser for OS X Offers Free Virtual Private Network

If you regularly log onto Wi-Fi networks away from home (from a coffee shop, motel, supermarket, etc.) it's possible that someone could be monitoring your Internet activity.

That's why more and more folks are using VPNs – virtual private networks. Two of the most popular VPN apps for Apple's mobile devices and the Mac are [TunnelBear](#) and [Cloak](#). (There are many other VPN apps available at the iOS App Store and Mac App Store.)

You normally buy a VPN app, and then pay either a monthly or annual fee to use the service to securely connect over the Internet. MacRumors writes, "A VPN creates an encrypted tunnel from the user's computer to the VPN server, hiding browsing activity from other users on the local network and enhancing security and privacy online. A VPN shields a user's real IP address, allowing them to bypass firewalls, block tracking cookies, and access geo-restricted content regardless of their true location."

That's why using a VPN makes sense.

Now, the Opera browser for Mac (developer version) offers free, unlimited VPN service built right into the browser. That service is currently only available in the developer release version of the browser, but eventually will be coming to the public release – designed for folks who don't develop software.

"According to the Global Web Index," writes MacRumors, "more than half a billion people (24 percent of the world's online population (have tried or are currently using VPN services.)"

More details about the new Opera browser with VPN built-in:
[MacRumors](#)

400 million vulnerable Androids are out there

Talk about your eye-opening headlines.

The one above appeared in a recent online edition of the British newspaper, *The Register*.

The report indicated that Google concluded 29 percent of all mobile phones and tablets running The Chocolate Factory's operating system (a version of the Android OS) are running out-of-date code. That puts those cell phones and tablets at risk.

The *Register* reports, "It illustrates the challenge that Google – and the Android user – face: a patch gets written at Mountain View, picked up by a manufacturer sometime, handed off to a service provider, and pushed to the user over-the-air. Blogging the release of the report, Android Security lead engineer Adrian Ludwig writes that Google now scans six billion apps and 400 million devices each day."

If you own an Android phone or tablet, you should download updates and make sure your device is running the very latest version of the operating system and apps available.



Learn more about outdated Android software:

[The Register](#)

New tool blocks Ransomware on Mac OS X

You've no doubt seen stories about that large Los Angeles hospital paying hackers after they held its computer network hostage. The hospital is Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center. It paid about \$17,000 to the hackers to regain control of its network, which included patient records. (Before the ransom was paid, nurses and doctors could be seen walking hospital hallways carrying clipboards with patient records since computer records were unavailable.)

Now a security researcher has developed a free security tool to block ransomware attacks on Macs running OS X. The tool is called RansomWhere?, and it's designed to detect and block the encryption of files by untrusted individuals or processes.

[PCWorld.com](#) (sister to the Web site [macworld.com](#)) reports, "Until recently, ransomware creators have almost exclusively targeted Windows computers, but that has started to change. There are already ransomware variants that infect Linux-based Web servers, and researchers have created proof-of-concept ransomware programs for OS X to show the platform can be affected."

Learn more about blocking Ransomware on your Mac:

[PCWorld](#)

[RansomWhere?](#)



Evolution of OS X – Mac System 1 to El Capitan

If you know computers, you know that all modern Macs and Windows computers trace their roots to the 1980s (and even before then.)

BetterBuys took a trip down memory lane by posting animated screen shots of various versions of OS X (the Mac operating system) and Windows.

The Mac Observer's Bryan Chaffin recently [viewed the screen shots](#) and wrote: "OS X and Windows both have their roots in the 1980s—that's more than 30 years of change, growth, gradual evolution, and in some cases revolution...they show both the remarkable refinement and relative lack of change in the paradigm of desktop computing."

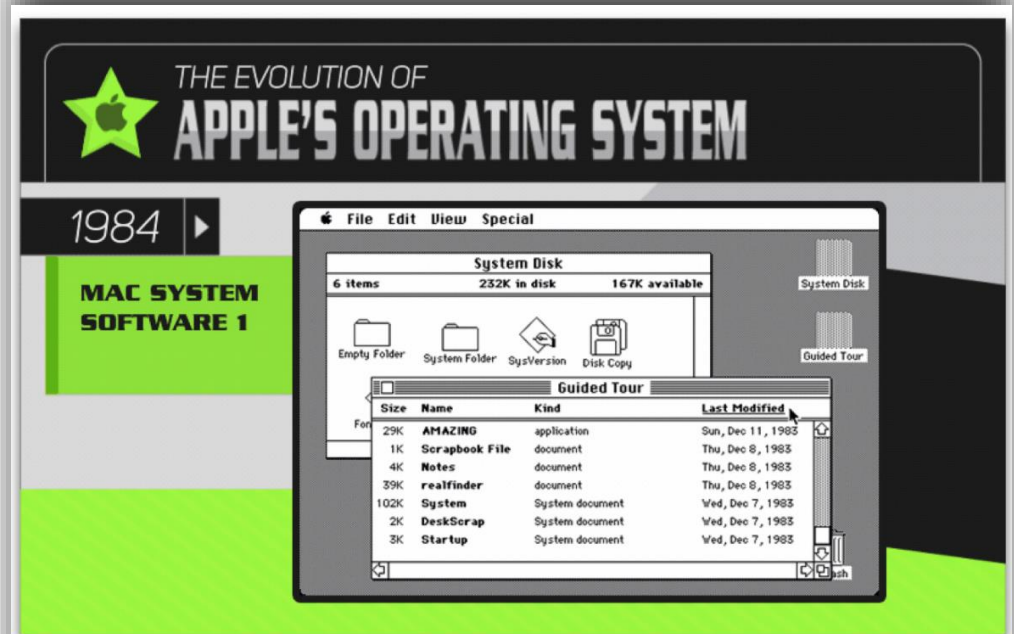
Speaking of OS X, there have been a number of reports hinting that Apple is going to rebrand its Mac operating system – now called OS X (pronounced 10), to MacOS. (You might remember that earlier Apple called its Mac operating system Mac OS X, but dropped the "Mac" in recent years.)

9to5Mac reports, "It makes sense for Apple to rebrand its OS X operating system to MacOS. It puts the naming more in line with watchOS, tvOS, and iOS. Although, it's somewhat interesting that Apple has referred to it here as MacOS and not 'macOS.' The difference, however, could be that Mac is a proper noun while 'tv' and 'watch' technically aren't without the Apple stuck in front of them. Nevertheless, it is looking more and more conclusive that Apple will soon rebrand OS X as MacOS."

See more screenshots of how OS X evolved:

[9to5Mac](#) 

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The Evolution of Apple's Operating System[s] from BetterBuys

Mac System Software 1 which started it all back in 1984.

Courtesy: BetterBuys via The Mac Observer Web site