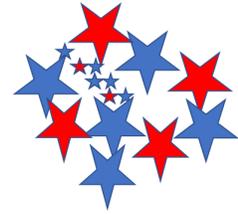


SCA Computer Club notes

Classes for the Month of Jul



Happy 4th of July!!

To enroll, log into the website at <https://computer.scaclub.org/>. Go to Calendars and select Classes/Events. Click on the class you want to take and under “Action”, click on “**Enroll**”. (Be sure to check the date as there may be multiple offerings of the class). If you need to cancel your enrollment, please log back in, select the class again and click on “**Drop**”. All classes are FREE to Computer Club members in good standing and are geared for **beginners** unless otherwise indicated. A member can take any class as many times as desired.

IMPORTANT: You must have your **SCA Resident ID** with you to check-in at the Monitor desk **AND AGAIN** in the front of the Classroom to ensure you are enrolled on the day of the class. Check-in will begin 20 minutes before the scheduled class time. If you are late, you may be bumped from the class by someone on the waiting list.

If you’ve recently joined our Club we highly encourage you to attend the **New Member Orientation** class to familiarize yourself with our Club’s activities. Learn how to sign up for classes, schedule a house call, volunteer to be a monitor and more. ***Current members not familiar with all of the benefits offered by our Computer Club are also encouraged to take this Orientation as a refresher.***

Buying a Computer: Are you considering buying a new computer for yourself or as a gift? Should you buy a desktop, a laptop or a tablet? What are the differences between them? Should you buy a Mac, PC or even a Chromebook? Will it be used for email, to watch movies, organize your photos, write a book, etc.? Have your questions answered before you shop and buy.

Members: we need your input as to what classes you would like seen offered. Log into our website at <https://computer.scaclub.org> and select “Contact Us” from the main menu bar. Select “Education”, then “Next” and fill in the form. Tell us what classes you would like to see offered. Are you wanting to learn about a specific application, want to learn how to change settings in your browser, want to know about setting up alternate email accounts, etc.? Want to learn more about your operating system, e.g. Windows, Mac, Chrome, iOS, Android, etc.? Share with us your thoughts and what it is that you are interested in and we’ll do our best to accommodate.

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest groups meet on a weekly or monthly basis. We invite ANY Computer Club member who is interested in learning more about a specific product/application or a specific topic to join in the discussions. All groups meet in the computer classroom. Participants ask questions and discuss various topics at each session.

If you are an Apple user, **Apple Talk** meets monthly to investigate Apple products. Did you recently buy a Mac, an iPad or MacBook Air? Do you have questions regarding specific Apple products or applications? Sit in on this month's meeting on **Saturday, Jul 10 from 10 AM - noon** and see if this is the group you have been looking to join.

The **Photography Group** will meet on **Monday, Jul 12 from 1-3 PM via Zoom**. Go to the Calendar and enroll. You will then receive an email invite to join the Zoom meeting. Be sure to check out the Photography Group's newsletters that provide both agendas and summaries of its meetings each month. They can be found on our website at: <https://computer.scaclub.org> On the menu tab, select "**Documents> Photography Group Newsletters**". See what the group has been up to. All experience levels, from beginners to experts, are welcome.

Computer Talk meets **weekly from 9 –10 AM every Thursday** and is designed as a "question and answer" session. Can't figure out how to do something? Do you have a question regarding a specific product or application? This group is computer related meaning discussions are not limited to any specific product. Bring your Android, Apple, Chromecast, Windows, etc. questions and we'll try to answer them. New members are always welcome.

Want to get more involved in your Club? Of course you do! How about tossing your name into the ring for an Officer or Director position in 2022? Now is the time to at least think about it. Our annual vote for Officers and Directors takes place at our November meeting. Mark your calendar now for this year's meeting: **Thursday, Nov 4 at 1:00pm in the Delaware Room, Anthem Center.**

What does such a position entail? Attending monthly meetings to discuss club operations such as how to improve club offerings, review club policies to ensure they are appropriate, etc. What experience is needed? Only a current membership and a willingness to help your club succeed. Many of our current Board members have served selflessly for a number of years and we need others to step up and give it a go. So think about it now and look for more information to come. Make a commitment now serve on your Computer Club's Board in 2022.

What is MagSafe and why should I care?

Apple Magsafe is a magnetic charging technology that was introduced on the MacBook Pro in 2006 as a safety feature for charging that offered a secure and easy to unplug connection to the laptop. Apple phased out the MagSafe technology, opting for the USB-C charging when it introduced the 2017 MacBook Air. In 2020, Apple revealed the iPhone 12 will again support MagSafe charging, but in a slightly different form. The iPhone 12 has magnets in its rear casing instead of using a magnetic cable, allowing it to snap onto Apple's wireless charging puck. MagSafe has a maximum speed of 15W and charges much faster. So what's not to like?

Many of our older population have implantable devices such as pacemakers or an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD or AICD) or hearing devices. Today's technology is so intricate that it often interferes with other devices. Because the internal components are so sensitive to external forces, it can cause them to malfunction or damage them severely. And since medical devices like pacemakers are more common today (keeping millions of folks alive) the last thing one would want to do is potentially put themselves in harm's way using the convenience of an iPhone or iPad, right? Specific mobile devices can trigger such adverse effects in implants sensitive to magnetic fields. The American Heart Association (AHA) also found that MagSafe magnets present a "clinically significant" interference, having the "potential to inhibit lifesaving therapy". The AHA also stated that not all patients will exhibit the same behavior.

Apple's MagSafe charger magnets is a common feature in the latest Apple devices, including the iPhone 12. Initially, the iPhone 12 was singled out and tested to evaluate the impact that MagSafe can have on implantable devices. Research found that magnets in certain devices **can** affect implants like pacemakers. Although the list of gadgets that can cause unwanted reactions in implants was initially short, Apple expanded it to include a large selection of its devices.

Apple explained that "Under certain conditions, magnets and electromagnetic fields might interfere with medical devices. For example, implanted pacemakers and defibrillators might contain sensors that respond to magnets and radios when in close contact." Furthermore, Apple has published a list of at-risk devices. One can go to Apple support at this link [About potential magnetic interference with medical devices - Apple Support](#) to read more about it.

Apple additionally recommends that any electronic device, whether or not on the list, be kept at least six (6) inches away from any medical implant and that devices charging wirelessly should be kept twelve (12) inches away.

So what does this all mean? Basically, if you have an implantable medical device and you use certain Apple products, please be aware and exercise caution. The initial study related to the effects of interference concluded that MagSafe devices could cause abnormal electronic pulses or false readings. When a pacemaker responds to incorrect data, it could produce a much stronger pulse than what is needed by the patient. It is recommended that one should keep mobile devices that charge magnetically away from any medical implant.

What is MagSafe and why should I care? (continued)

Here is a list of at-risk Apple devices:

- AirPods and charging cases, AirPods and Wireless charging cases, AirPods Pro and wireless charging cases and AirPods Max and Smart case
- Apple Watch, Apple Watch bands with magnets, Apple Watch magnetic charging accessories
- HomePod and HomePod mini
- iPad, iPad mini, iPad Air, iPad Pro, iPad smart covers and smart Folios, Smart Keyboard and Smart Keyboard Folio, Magic Keyboard for iPad
- iPhone 12 models, MagSafe accessories
- Mac mini, Mac Pro, MacBook Air, MacBook Pro, iMac, Apple Pro Display XDR
- Beats Flex, Beats X PowerBeats Pro, UrBeats3

Many of you use our Club on a regular basis for a number of reason. Have you ever considered being a Monitor or an Instructor? As you might have noticed on our monthly calendar for Jul, there are not a lot of classes being offered? Why? One reason is because we haven't gotten a lot of requests lately, another reason is that we are short of instructors and of course, many of you take a summer hiatus to a cooler climate in the summer months.

A few years ago, Windows 7 and Windows 8 were popular choices. When Windows 10 came along, we expanded the classes into four (4) different sections; Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4 as the changes in Windows 10 were challenging to many of our members. Since then, Windows 10 has evolved, changing almost on a semi-annual basis and the pandemic of course shut us down for a year. We will again offer classes on Windows in the future as Windows 11 is coming out most likely later this year, possibly in Oct. More information on Windows 11 will be in the future Newsletters

Are there other classes that you might be interested in taking? Would it be helpful to have classes on the various browsers, e.g. Safari, Chrome, the new Windows Chromium Edge, Mozilla? Would you be interested in a class on Google Docs or Microsoft Word, or Apple Pages?

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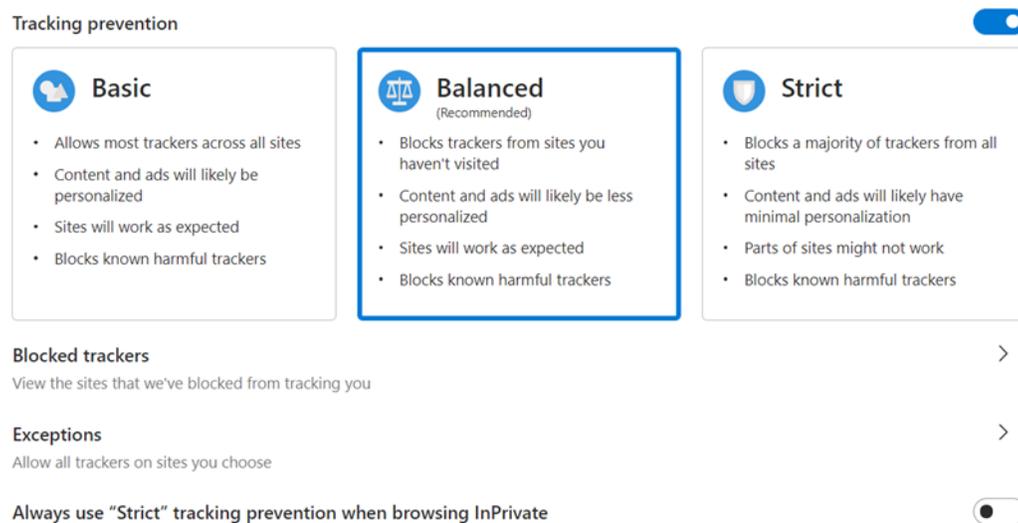
Please share with us your thoughts, as we are not mind readers. Sign into the club website by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking here [Home | Sun City Anthem Computer Club \(scaclub.org\)](https://www.scaclub.org) and selecting "Education" then "Next" and fill out the form to share your thoughts with us.

Tips and tricks you might want to try

Did you know that most websites use trackers to collect information about your browsing? They do this so they can use the information to improve sites and to show you content e.g. personalized ads, based upon what you have been browsing. But, some trackers also use tracking to send your information to websites that you haven't even visited, or may not even want to visit.

In Microsoft Edge, tracking prevention is built in and you can choose what level of prevention you want when using the Edge browser. **Basic** allows tracking across all sites, but blocks known harmful trackers. **Balanced**, which is what Microsoft recommends, blocks trackers from sites you haven't visited and also blocks known harmful trackers. **Strict** blocks a majority of trackers from all sites as well as known harmful trackers.

You can also view the sites that have been blocked and choose which sites you want to make an exception for and allow trackers from that particular website. When browsing *InPrivate*, you can use Strict tracking prevention. See chart below. Toggle on *Tracking prevention*, then select which level you prefer. If you want to use "Strict" InPrivate browsing, be sure to toggle that on also.



Ever try to print an article from a website and it didn't come out as it was displayed on the site? Last month we told you how save articles from your web browser to a pdf and also to print them. But have you found that sometimes you want to adjust the margins of the article so that they fit better on the page you printed? Well, you can do so in the Edge browser. Here's how:

- Open the web page you want to print
- Press the combination keys, **Ctrl + P** and this opens the Edge print drop-down menu
- In the left-hand margin, scroll down and click on **More Settings**. Now you will see more options.
- Scroll down to the **Margins** drop-down box. Options there include Default, None, Minimum and Custom
- Choose **Custom**. Now you will see four additional boxes: Top, Bottom, Left and Right
- Enter any margin changes you desire
- Click **Print** and your file should print with the changes you made.

If you print articles and save them in a three ring binder, keep in mind that the holes can be between .25" and .5" from the left so set your print margins accordingly.

Windows 10-10 and listening in

Last month, Microsoft enabled a News and Weather widget on the Windows 10 taskbar. So what does it do? The “News and Interests” widget displays weather, sports scores, news, etc. On 9 Jun 2021, the News and Interests widget was enabled for all fully updated Windows 10 PCs. If you do not see it on the right side along your task bar, you may need to update to the latest version of Windows. By default, it will show the current temperature at your location and a brief weather forecast. Hover your mouse cursor over it (or click on it) and will display more information..



The widget has different panels of information called “cards”, that display sport scores, stock prices, weather forecasts, local traffic, etc. Scrolling down will let you see new stories automatically pulled from the web. To see more information on a particular card, just click on it.

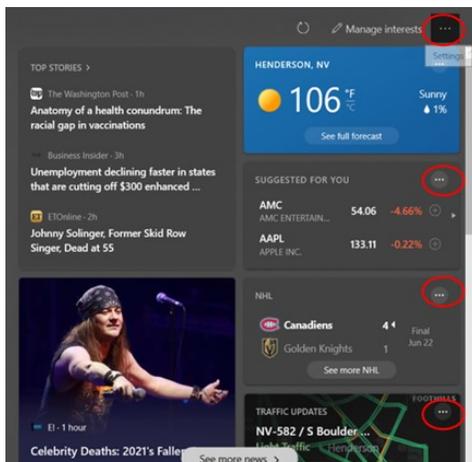


Fig. 1

If you want to configure how a card works, e.g. change the location in the weather card or add a ticker symbol in the finance card you can do so by simply clicking the menu button in the upper-right corner of the card pane where the three (3) dots appear. (Fig. 1) A display will then appear showing options for configuring that specific card. (Fig. 2)

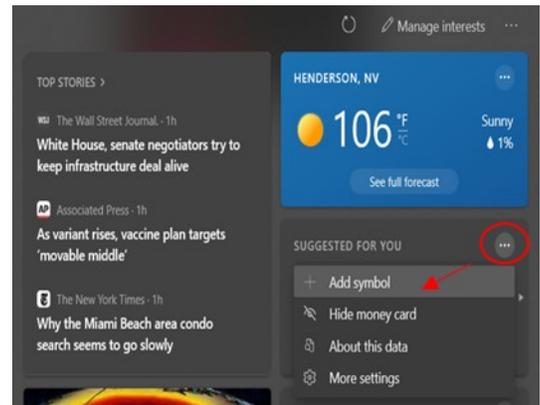


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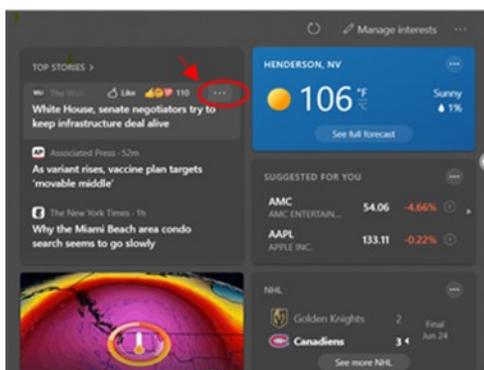


Fig. 3

If you don't see the three (3) dots in the upper right corner (like in the Top Stories articles in Figs. 1 & 2) simply

hover your mouse over the upper right corner of the article and the dots will then appear. (Fig. 3) Now click on the three (3) dots and it will display additional options for you. (Fig.4)

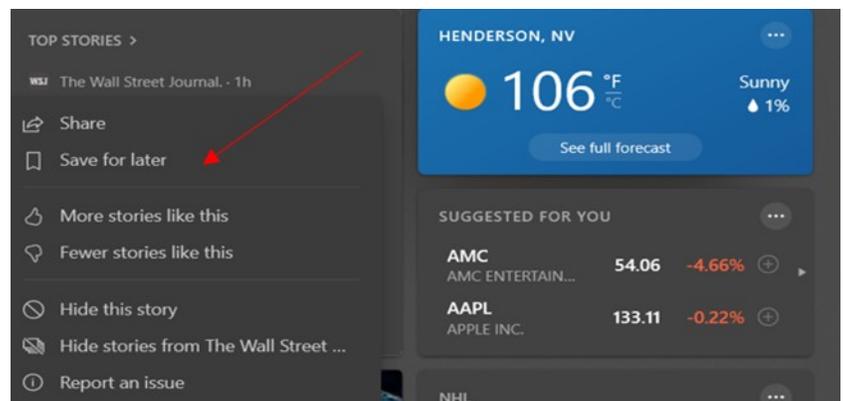


Fig. 4

The News and Weather widget will refresh itself during the day, but if you want to do it manually, you can by clicking on the “Refresh” button (that looks like an arrow in a circle at the top of the widget window.

If you don't want to see a particular widget, click on the menu button (three (3) dots in the circle in

Windows 10-10 and listening in (continued)

the upper right corner and when it displays its options, look for “Hide.xxx”. For example, on the Sports Card, it will display “Hide Sports card” and on the “Traffic Updates” card, it will display “Hide traffic card”. See Fig. 5

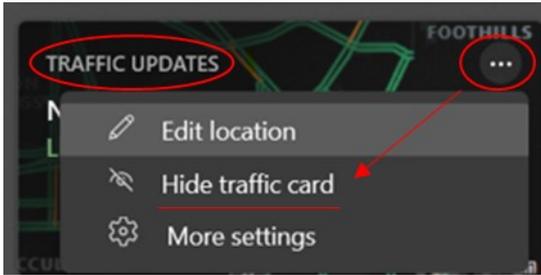


Fig. 5

You can also turn off or turn on different cards from the unified menu. Look for the three (3) dots in the upper-right corner of the News and Interests Widget window, It is just to the right of “Manage interests”. Select “Language and Content” from the drop down list of options. If you don’t want to see a card, toggle it off . Once you make the change you want, open the widget in the taskbar and refresh it by clicking on the Refresh button (arrow in a circle).

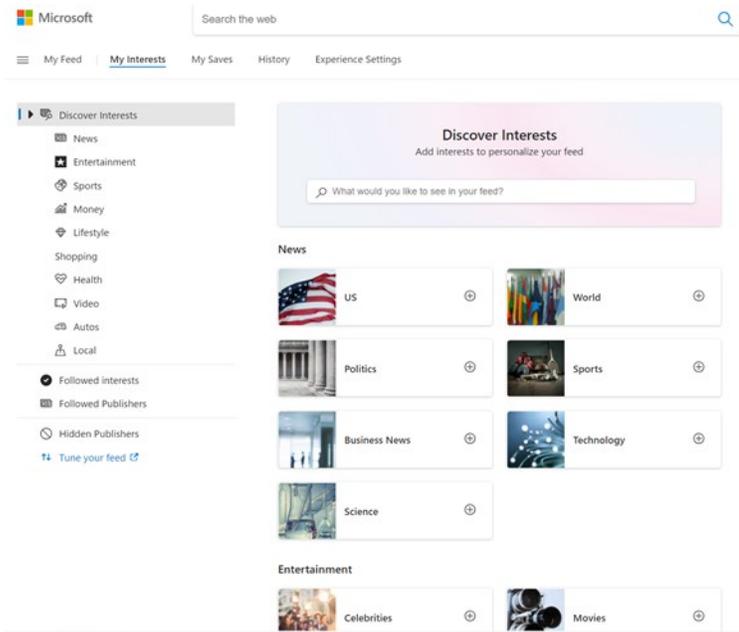


Fig. 6

You can also manage which news Microsoft pulls from the web to show in your News and Interests widget by selecting “Manage Interests” at the top of the widget window. A special MSN.com web page will then appear allowing you to select and deselect interests by subject. (Fig.6) After selecting/deselecting your choices, go back and open the News & Interests widget and refresh it.

If you don’t want to see certain news reports you can hover over the individual news panel and click on the “X” in the upper right corner. (Fig. 7) Clicking on the “X” will presents options to provide feedback and customize what you see. (Fig. 8)

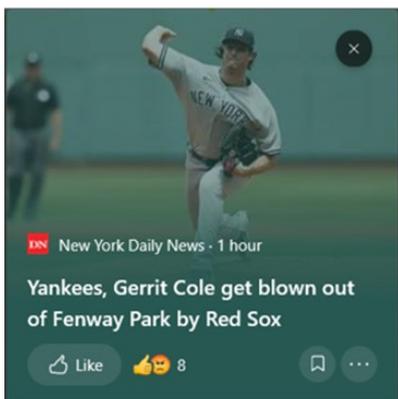


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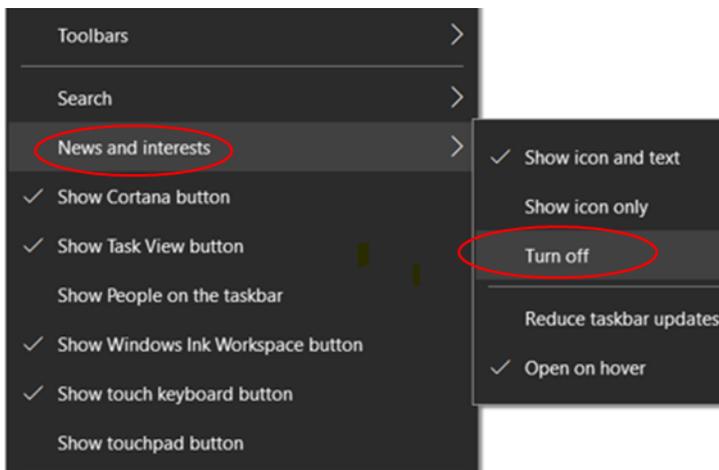
So there you have it. Try it out. Customize it the way you would like it and let us know what you like or don’t like about this newest change to the Task bar.

Useful things you may want to know, or Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

that we made up ourselves

Q. I received an update in Windows and noticed a new setting on my taskbar. It displays the temperature and a short description of the weather. If I click on it, it displays a number of things, like news stories, "suggested for you", sports, etc. I am rather a minimalist and don't like anything on my screen that I don't find useful. In researching, I found that this is a new "News & Interests" widget that is automatically defaulted with the latest Windows 10 update. How do I get rid of it?

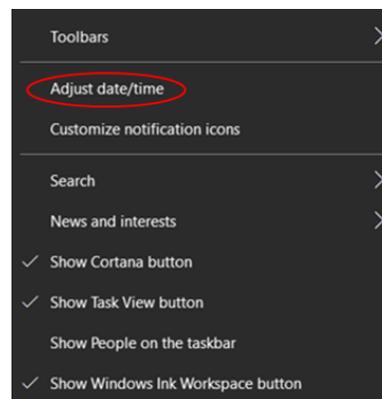
A. You are correct. This is an entirely new widget that Microsoft added in its latest Windows 10 update. I



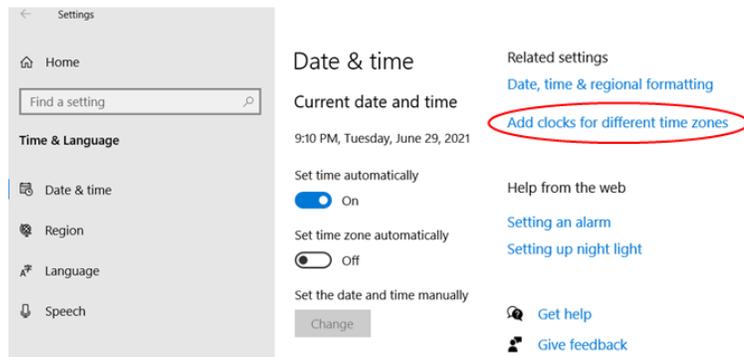
guess they were thinking that a shortcut to news, sports, weather, etc. is something that everybody wants. Perhaps that is why they made it a default. It is an entirely new widget called News & Interests that is customizable, but if you have no need for it or it is irritating, you can hide it. To do so, right-click on your taskbar, then select "News and interests", then select "Turn Off" from the options that appear. If you ever change your mind and want to see it, right-click on your taskbar, then select "News and interests" and then select "Show Icon and Text".

Q. I live here in Sun City Anthem and have children who live in Gainesville, Florida and Seoul, Korea. I have a hard time remembering the time differences and have to calculate it each time I want to call them on birthdays, or just to say hi to the grandkids. Is there an easy way to find the time zones on the computer?

A. Well, one could just "Google" what time is it in [name the location] each time, but there is a better way if you are a Windows user. Did you know that Windows allows one to add up to two (2) clocks in addition to your local time/zone. But, by hovering the mouse pointer over that time and right-clicking, it will open up a menu. Now click on "Adjust date/Time". This will take one to the **Settings, Date & time page**. Now choose "Add



clocks for different time zones."

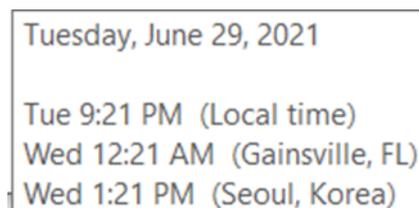
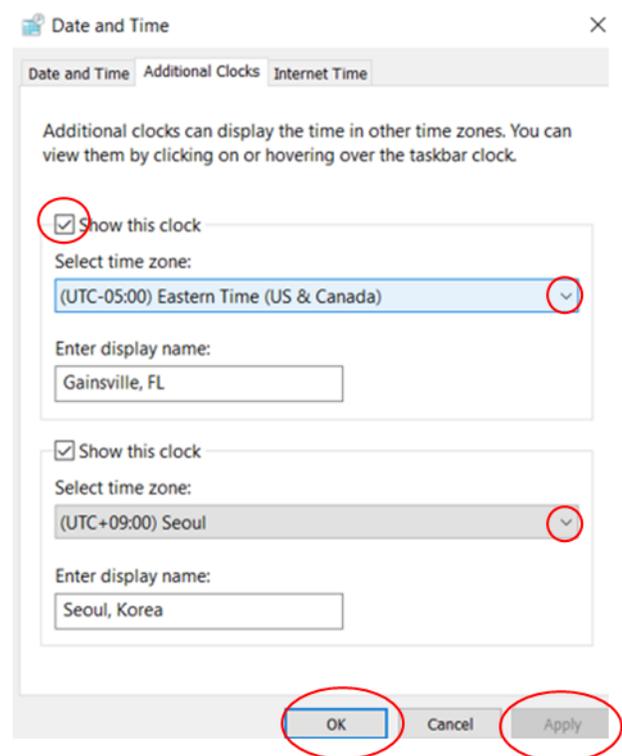
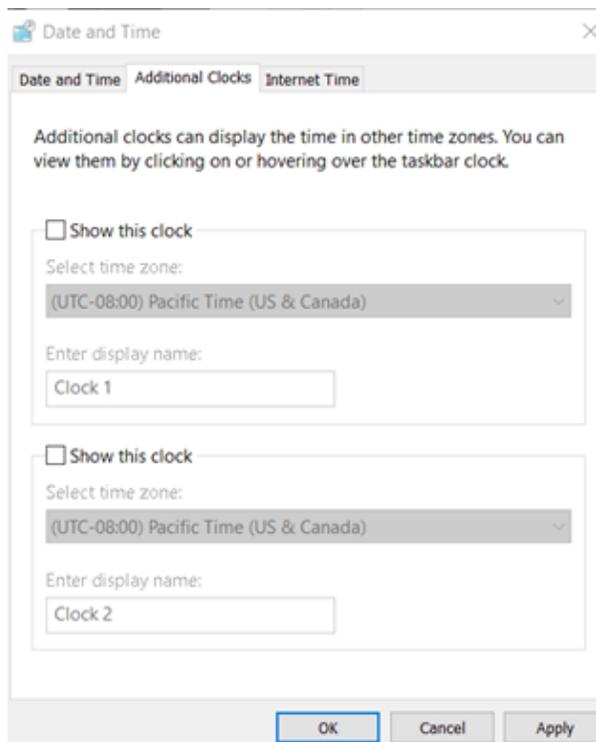


It will now open up another display allowing you to add up to two (2) additional clocks. You can give them a name, for example Clock 1 can be Gainesville, FL and Clock 2 can be Seoul, Korea. All you need to do is check the box to add a clock, then you can name it and then scroll down to select the correct time zone. See the next page for examples.

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After you choose the appropriate settings, be sure to select **Apply**, then **Save**. This is how it should look after you make the changes.



Now when you look at your taskbar you can simply hover your mouse pointer over the local time and your other two clocks should appear. No need to “Google” the time anymore. We hope this helps!

Q. *I sometimes have a hard time seeing the fine print under pictures in articles I read on the Internet. I know I can go to Settings> System> Display and adjust the scale to enlarge the text, etc. But I don't need to increase the size of everything, just some things I read. Is there an easy way to do that?*

A. Yes and that is a good question. Windows does have a magnifier tool that allows one to “zoom in” when needed. You can use it to see more detail in pictures or enlarge the print so you can read it more easily. It is very easy to use. All one needs to do is hold down the Windows key  and tap on the plus (+) key (on the top row or on the numeric key pad). That will bring up the Magnifier Tool. You can then



either click on the + sign to zoom out or simply tap again on the Windows key and the + sign. Each tap will zoom in further. To zoom back out, hold down the Windows key and tap the minus (-) sign. When you are done, “X” out of the Magnifier in the

upper right hand corner of the tool.