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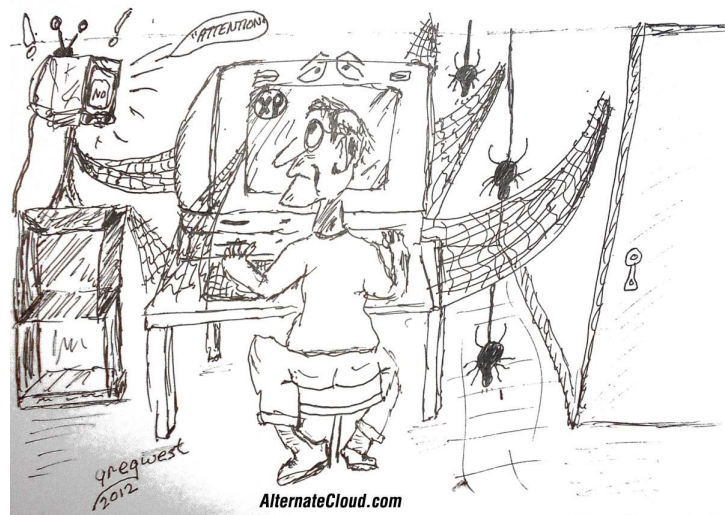
Did Congress Tabling SOPA/PIPA End the Anti-Piracy Internet Controversy this last January? No--Now it's ACTA!

Terry Fix will do a follow-up to the controversial SOPA/PIPA debate that stirred up internet users across the nation and world. Now, protests are taking place around the world over ACTA (Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement)--in which nations and businesses around the world (including the United States) can shut down internet sites suspected of harboring pirated copyright material.

In addition, the program will include how you can get "free" access to goodies from Microsoft--which in the past has been very expensive!

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 1525 McHenry Ave., for its Random Access Special Interest Group featuring questions and problems members are facing. At 7:30, following dinner, the presentation will start.

BOD Meeting - March 7, 7pm at Ridgeway's



NEWS FLASH... "WARNING...WINDOWS XP IS AGING FAST"

## President's Report

A number of years ago, when we published the PC Post, in each issue there was a President's Report on page 2.

I have been the president for about 18 months and this is my first president report. I can start out by saying thanks to Terry Fix for his hard work on the January general meeting and contacting members.

I know that members were concerned about the future of MPCUG. The first problem was to fix the way we paid our dues. As an Example, join in July, the next July, you paid your dues. Since there were no reminders sent out people forgot to pay their dues.

Now, we go yearly from January to January. At the January general meeting, we want to thank the following members for their dues.

Allen Romander, Donald Vera, Jerry Jackman, James Goodman, Ray Nichols, Ralph Astengo, Richard Lutz, Terry Fix and Thomas O'Brien. Jack Selover paid at the February board meeting.

For MPCUG, January was a good month. Now we are working on the February general meeting by Terry Fix "Now it's ACTA."

"Did Congress Tabling SOPA/PIPA End the Anti-Piracy Internet Controversy this last January? No--Now it's ACTA!."

Terry has 30 years of teaching; with a computer, projector and a large screen he can show you the inter workings of the internet.

This is it for now; see you at the February 23, general meeting.

Jim Goodman  
President, MPCUG

### A tip from Microsoft's Crabby Office Lady

This isn't an office tip, but if you suspect that your computer is being hacked or is subject to a nasty virus or head cold, right-click an empty space on the taskbar and then click Task Manager. Click the Processes tab and under Image Name, look at all .exe files listed there. Whatever you don't recognize (for me it's usually three-fourths of them) you can look up on a very cool site that will tell you what they are, if they're spyware, if you need them, and so on. If you find a house guest who wasn't invited, the End Process button will make your day.



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## Dynamic Pricing Gives Different Pricing to Different People

If you walked into Wal-Mart to purchase a camera and the sales person told you the camera you were interested in was \$300 and then he offered it to the next person in line for \$200, you would probably be aggravated. If the clerk explained that your higher price was based on the fact that he thought you were a very interested buyer who was ready to make a purchase, while the other person was not a serious buyer, you might be even more outraged.

Yet, that is exactly what is happening with online shopping. Online retailers are using cookies to track your moves. Although cookies are relatively harmless and unobtrusive, they show the retailer exactly which items you have looked at and how often you have view them. Retailers can also use click loggers, ad sites, and computer-generated statistics to track your shopping. If you look at the same item several days in a row, the retailer might decide that you will soon be ready to buy and raise the price.



This happened to me recently, when looking for a bird feeder for my husband. After several days looking at the item and mulling the purchase, the price of the bird feeder suddenly went from \$42 to \$51.

This is what is commonly referred to as dynamic pricing which is, in effect, changing the price of a good based on what the retailer thinks a buyer is willing to pay. If you think about it, you realize that dynamic pricing has been around for eons. In a street market hundreds of years ago, a person who was a better haggler may have paid less for the same item as someone who simply agreed to the first price given.

Today's online dynamic pricing is the practice of charging consumers different amounts based, not on their haggling ability, but on their characteristics as consumers. Evidently, as long as this does not include discriminatory criteria, like charging someone with blue eyes more than someone with green eyes, this is perfectly legal.

After all, airlines have been doing it for years. They typically charge more for flights that are popular with business travelers and they also have complex pricing schemes to fill unused seats. Last year the St. Louis Cardinals introduced dynamic pricing for tickets to their ball park. This allowed the Cardinals to charge more for "hot" games on popular days. A look at ticket prices showed that an infield pavilion seat for a Saturday night game was selling for \$42. The same seat on a weeknight might be a little as \$13.50. It was said that a few years ago, CocaCola did a test with their vending machines that charged more for soft drinks when the outside temperature rose.

Dynamic pricing doesn't always go against you. For instance, it might be advantageous if you are booking a last minute flight or looking for a cheap ticket to the Cardinal's game. When dealing with dynamic pricing online, however, the instances that I saw in my recent shopping have all been leading toward higher pricing. There is, however, something that you can do to counteract this when it goes against you.

When they raised the price on my bird feeder, I decided to check out the price of the feeder using another web browser that didn't have a cookie identifying me. Sure enough, the price was back to \$42. I was able to see the two different prices at the same website side by side when using two different web browsers.

You can do the same thing, just download a new web browser like Firefox ([www.firefox.com](http://www.firefox.com)), Chrome ([www.google.com/chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome)), or Opera ([www.opera.com](http://www.opera.com)). Then visit the website in question and look at their prices without logging in or giving any personal information. If you have been using one of these alternative browsers and want to use them for a price comparison, you should clear your cookies before you start your price search. A setting for doing that is usually found in the browser's Tools menu.

Dynamic pricing is not going away anytime soon. It looks like it will be a vital part of both off-line and online commerce for years to come. So get used to it, but don't get taken in by it.

## Windows 7 File Search & Libraries

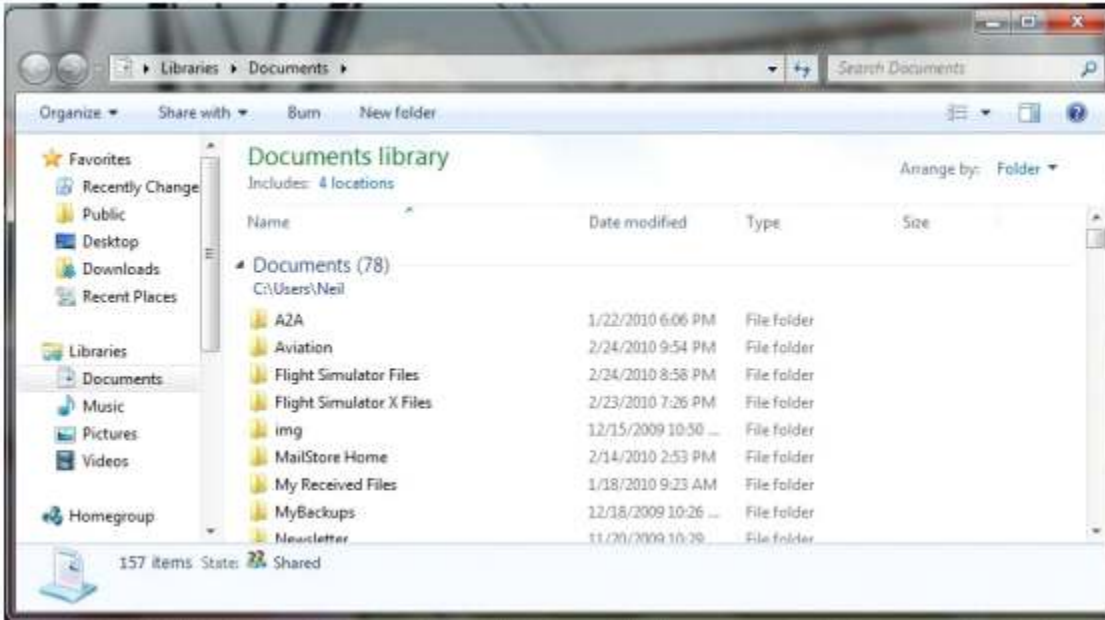
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This is one of my favorite Windows 7 features, file search and libraries. If you've used previous versions of Windows, one the first things you will notice in Windows 7 is that there is no "Search" function listed on the Start menu. Instead, when you click on the Start button, a search box appears directly above the Start button, the normal Start Menu items above it. In addition, any time you open an Explorer window, a search box appears in the upper right-hand corner.

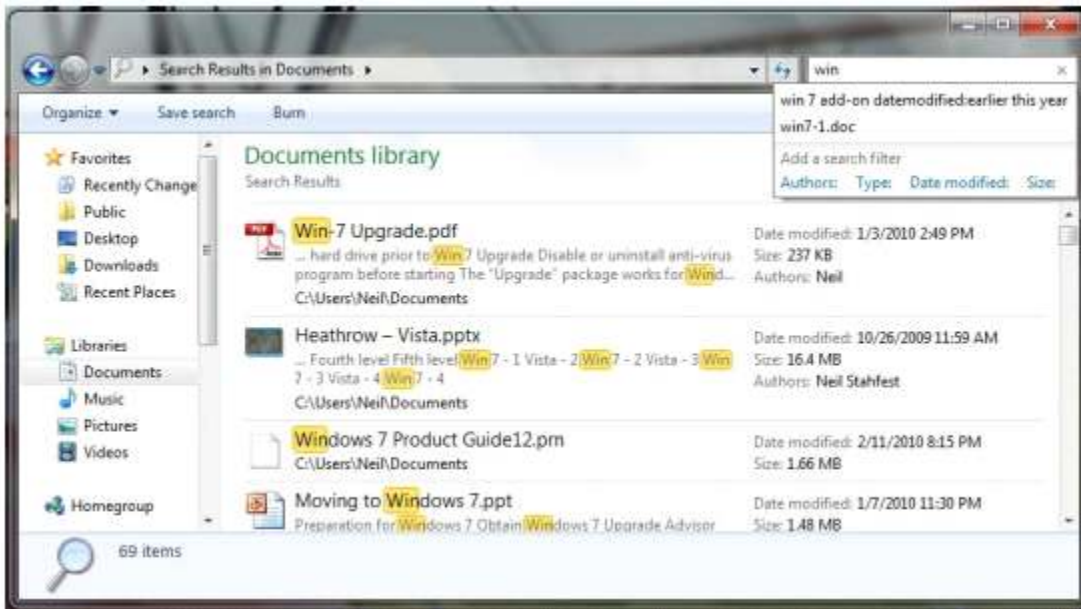


Libraries are a new Windows 7 feature. They make it easier to find things by keeping track of similar files, no matter where you store them. By default, Windows 7 has four libraries: Documents, Pictures, Videos and Music (the Videos library doesn't appear on the Start Menu but we'll address that at another time). To find a document, I can click on the "Start" button and then "Documents." This opens a window which shows my Documents library as shown below.



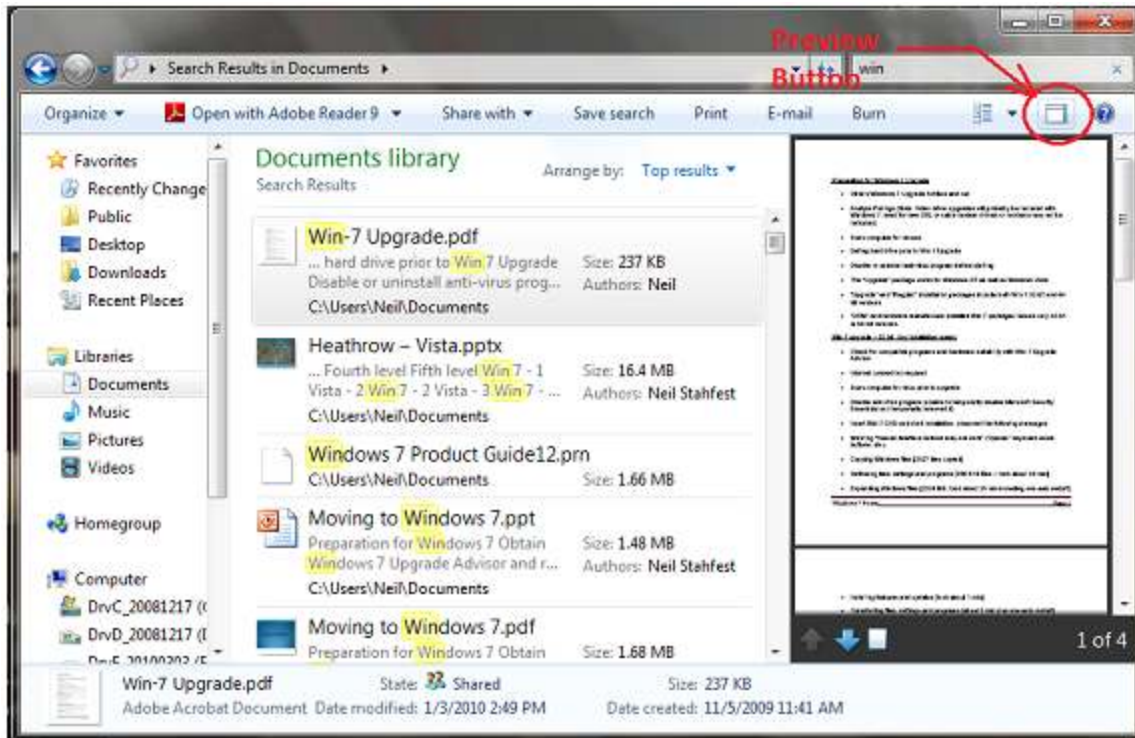


I could look for the document I want by opening folders but Windows 7 gives us an easier way. In the upper right corner of the library window is a search box. As I start to type the name of the document I'm looking for in the box, the list in the main window changes to reflect names that contain the letters or words that I have typed.



As I type more letters, the search is refined and fewer names appear as the search criteria is refined. Note that the letter or word that I have typed appears high-lighted in the list of files. I also have the option of adding search filters to restrict my search a range of dates, file size, etc. In my example we see that a number of files match my brief search criteria, "win." I could click on each of these files to see which one I want but Windows 7 gives us an easier way. I can point and click once on a file to highlight it, and then click on the "Preview" button in the

upper right corner of the search window to see what's inside of the file without actually opening it.



By now I think you're starting to see the value of libraries to find files. But suppose you have folders that are not in one of your libraries? For instance, I have folders of pictures stored on an external hard drive. All I have to do is click on the "Start" button, click on "Computer" and go to the icon for my external hard drive. After I click to open the hard drive, I select the folder containing my pictures and right-click. In the window that appears I select "Include in library." Among the library choices that appear I select the "Pictures." Now the pictures on my external hard drive are included in my "Pictures" library and any search of the Pictures library will include them.

You can change where a library saves files and the order that it searches them. Just click the "Start" button and then one of the library names, such as "Pictures." In the library window, above the file list and next to "Includes," click on "Locations." A new window will open, in this example called "Picture Library Locations." From here you can select click on buttons to add or remove folders. Digital cameras often include image editing and storing software when you purchase them. Many times create new folders to store the pictures from your camera. This "Add" button allows you to include your camera's pictures folder in the Windows 7 library so that they are easily searchable. In addition, if you right-click on a library folder, you can set it as the default folder, where all new related files will be added. You can also change the order in which the listed folders are searched.

You may have noticed in the step above, in addition to selecting one of my default libraries, one of the options was to create a new library. Can you see how you might use this? Suppose you had a folder for Genealogy records. You could select that folder and create a Genealogy library. Similarly, you could select a folder which appears in your Pictures library

that contains Genealogy related pictures add it to your Genealogy library. Now you can access the Genealogy pictures through either your Pictures or Genealogy library. As you can see, libraries are a very powerful and useful tool. They provide an easy way to find the files you use most frequently without imposing a rigid organization structure. Next time we'll look at more ways you can find files and how to create new libraries.

## Prepare and File Your Federal Income Taxes for Free

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### WEBSITES:

<https://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-income-tax-filing-software.htm>

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It is that time of year again. We are in the process of receiving W-2 forms, 1099's of various types, and other documents that we will need in order to prepare our income taxes. While many people still use the paper-pencil-calculator method of completing the mandated Federal tax forms, there are a variety of free online and downloadable tax software packages that are available, as well as several popular commercially available income tax packages, with TurboTax and H&R Block at Home (formerly known as TaxCut) being the top selling commercial packages. For those who prefer to have others prepare their taxes, CPA firms and store front tax services are readily available.

As it has done in the past, the IRS has compiled a list of 16 approved online tax preparation services on its FreeFile website ([apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/](http://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/)) that will for free, prepare and e-file Federal income taxes for eligible individuals. While the eligibility standards for each of the IRS listed free services varies, the IRS still claims that about 70% of all individuals are eligible for the free filing services. What is new is that the IRS (through a third party, [www.freefilefillableforms.com](http://www.freefilefillableforms.com)) has now made electronic versions of many of its forms available which can be completed by anyone for free, and e-filed without using one of the other free online services or other commercial tax preparation products. These free fillable forms can be filled out on the computer or printed and filled in by hand, and then e-filed. Unlike the online and commercial tax software that computes the users' taxes, the free fillable forms are just interactive blank forms, and do not carry out any calculations or give any advice.

Something else that is available this year is an independent third-party rating of the free tax services by Gizmo's TechSupportAlert.com. The Gizmo community based service has tested and rated all of the free tax services listed on the IRS FreeFile website, and has posted its reviews, ratings, and recommendations ([www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-income-tax-](http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-income-tax-)

filing-software.htm). While the IRS FreeFile list has 16 services listed, the Gizmo ratings can only recommend eight of those listed. In addition to the eight free online services recommended by Gizmo, there is also one top-rated "10 Star" stand-alone tax program that can be downloaded and run on the user's computer. This downloadable free program is TaxACT Free Edition, and has earned "Gizmo's Freeware award as the best product in its class!"

([www.taxact.com/s\\_taxact/free\\_taxact.asp](http://www.taxact.com/s_taxact/free_taxact.asp)). Available for Windows computers only, this free program is limited to a single tax return, but can process almost all Federal forms and schedules. College students may find TaxACT Free Edition helpful as it also includes a "College Student Financial aid worksheet".

Gizmo's community of reviewers, in its ratings and evaluations, has recommended the following free online tax preparation services in this order based on their overall score: TaxACT Free Edition Online (rated a "10"), was also listed as "Gizmo's Freeware award as the best product in its class!"; H&R Block's Free File (9 star rating), which also offers free state filing for residents of AL, AR, GA, IN, MI, MN, MO, NY, NC, OK, OR, SC, VA; TaxHawk (8 star rating); FreeTaxUSA IRS Free File Edition (8 stars); FileYourTaxes.com (7 stars); Jackson Hewitt Online (6 stars); TaxSlayer (6 stars); and TurboTax Freedom Edition (6 stars).

The Gizmo community also reviewed the IRS' new "IRS Free File Fillable Forms", but only gave it a rating of 5 stars (below Gizmo's minimum recommended rating of 6 stars). While these free fillable forms are available to everyone, without limitations, Gizmo states that these, "... online versions of paper forms [are] designed for people comfortable preparing their own tax returns. No interview process. No help screens. Many values must be transferred manually from the Schedules to other places in the return. Many calculations must be done manually, ... Federal only, no state returns."

While the IRS claims that 70% of taxpayers can use the free online tax services for preparing and e-filing their taxes, eligibility for each of the 16 listed services varies. Generally, users of these free online services must have an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$57,000 or less (the \$57,000 AGI is the upper limit for the IRS approved FreeFile services), with some services having even lower eligibility requirements. The TurboTax Freedom Edition is one example, offering its free service to anyone with an adjusted gross income of \$31,000 or less, unless active duty military, then the \$57,000 or less eligibility kicks in. Anyone eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit can also use the TurboTax Freedom Edition. Several of the services have eligibility restrictions based on the states of residence, and are either available only to residents of certain specified states, or are available to the residents of any states except those explicitly listed. For example, there are several of the free filing services listed by the IRS that are available to residents of most states, but not Texas (and others). Those services as listed by the IRS that are explicitly not available to Texas residents are

The screenshot shows the IRS Free File website. The header includes the IRS logo and navigation tabs for various user groups. The main heading is "Free File: Do Your Federal Taxes For Free". Below this is a "freefile" logo and a video player. To the right of the video is a section titled "EVERYONE IS ELIGIBLE TO FILE FREE!" with a list of eligibility criteria. At the bottom, there are three numbered steps: 1. Get Ready, 2. Choose a Free File Option, and 3. e-file Your Return for Free! Each step has a brief description and a "Learn More" link.



OnlineTaxPros.com, Free1040TaxReturn, Tax Simple, 1040NOW.NET, and ezTaxReturn.com. The other 11 free services listed by the IRS allow eligible Texas residents to use their services. Some of the services are for the residents of all states, while a few are only for residents of a small number of states; obviously this can be a strong influence on which service to select based on the state of residency.

Some of the free services are only available for tax payers of certain age ranges (with some exceptions); TaxSlayer is for people age 25 or younger (with some exceptions), while FreeTaxUSA IRS Free File Edition is only available to people between the ages of 23 and 64. 1040NOW.NET is for age 72 or younger, while Free TaxACT is for those between 19 and 55. Details and eligibility requirements for each of the IRS approved FreeFile providers is available on the IRS website at [apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile](http://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile), and should be reviewed before selecting a free online tax preparation service.

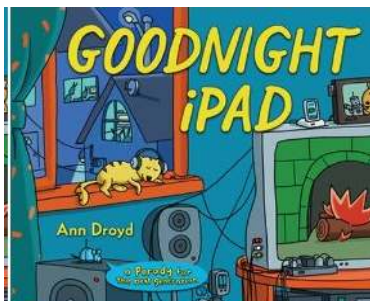
Since the eight Gizmo top-rated free online tax preparation services, and the free downloadable software from TaxAct, all use an interview method to collect relevant tax information, make all necessary calculations, and check for errors before e-filing, those would be the ones that I would recommend to eligible taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of less than \$57,000. Since 70% of taxpayers can use these free online services to prepare and e-file their federal income taxes, eligible taxpayers can save a lot of time and money by utilizing these services.

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## Goodnight iPad, a Parody for the next generation and a modern bedtime story

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I imagine many of you read Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown to your children as well as your grandchildren....over and over again.



You will want to get a copy of Goodnight iPad to renew the pleasure you had in reading the original book but this one is a hoot.

The book begins with a Blue Rider Press License Agreement that covers all of the copyright information, etc. There's a notation that says "Don't bother reading this. No one does. Just scroll down to the bottom of the page and click." You have the choice to click on *I have read the License Agreement Terms and Conditions* – I

*AGREE* or *I have not read the License Agreement Terms and Conditions – I AGREE anyway*. Don't most of us just click on the EULA without reading to the bottom and finding we have just agreed to having our e-mail addresses given to 3<sup>rd</sup> party partners and everyone else in the whole free world.

This book is for the hopelessly plugged in.

iPads, Doom, eReaders, Angry Birds, a huge LCD Wi-Fi HDTV, Facebook, e-mails, tweets and more are all going on and a grumpy Grammy is trying to sleep.

You remember how the original book goes: Goodnight room, red balloon, etc. as they go through the nighttime ritual of going to sleep. Much to her family's dismay this is what happens in this book until only one member of the family is not asleep but listening to Grammy read Goodnight Moon.

The book will make you smile and the illustrations are classic. I asked my 14- and 12-year old grandsons (hopelessly plugged in) if they remembered the original Goodnight Moon – they both did. The book made them smile too but, of course, they didn't want things to be unplugged since they can't imagine life without their Xbox', headsets, games, iPods and iPhones.

Ann Droyd is the pseudonym for an IRA/Children's Choices winner who has written and illustrated more than 25 books for young readers. She has been trying to unplug for at least 15 years. "In Goodnight iPad," she says, "I sing the praises of powering down, at least for one night, in hopes I might convince myself to do the same."

Perhaps we could power down for one night, too.

Goodnight iPad

Ann Droyd <[www.anndroyd.com](http://www.anndroyd.com)> (you will be redirected)

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## Own the Cloud with ownCLOUD!

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I love the cloud. I love the accessibility, and freedom it provides. Unfortunately that freedom is limited because the host can go offline; hold my files for ransom, or worse! Then there is question about privacy and lack of control over your own content. Proprietary formats create a vendor-lock-in that traps you unwittingly to their services.

Maybe one solution could be a "private cloud" where it gives you the advantages of the cloud, yet you have full control over the content. That's the premise behind ownCloud1.

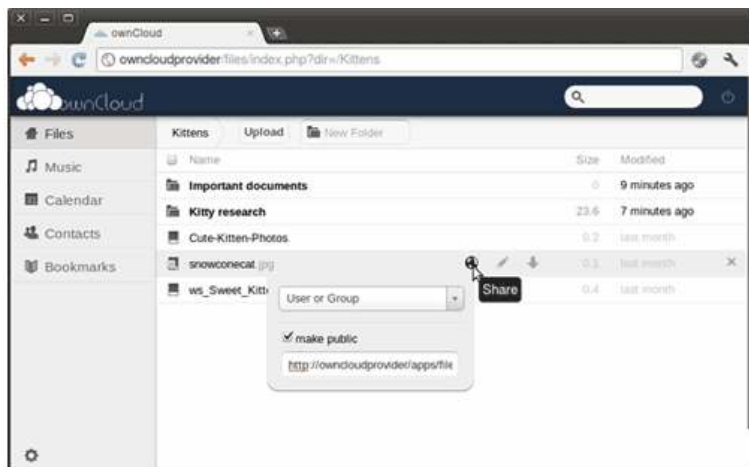


It is a free, open source project that runs on a Linux web server whether the server is local behind a firewall or hosted somewhere accessible such as on Amazon's Web Services which, by the way, is where Dropbox stores those files you upload.

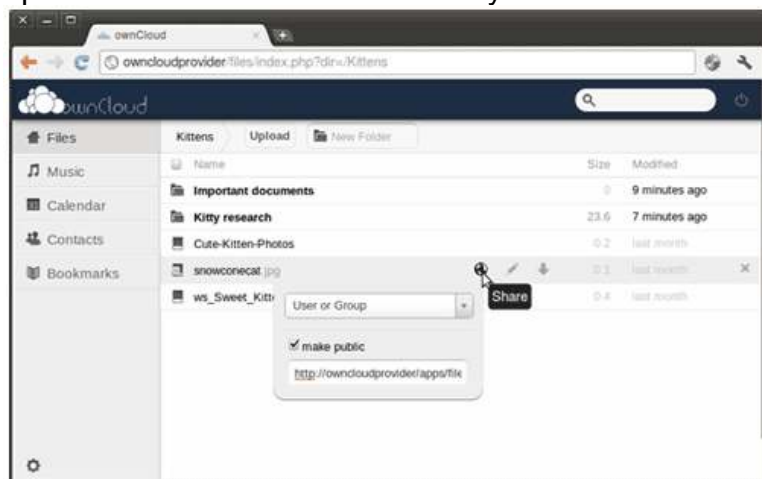
The requirements on top of Linux for ownCloud are fairly basic; Apache, PHP 5 and either MySQL or SQLite for database. Some Linux distributions even include a pre-built package that installs everything you need for you.

There are steps to install and run ownCloud on a Windows system, using IIS here outlined in the ownCloud mailing list2. Apple Mac OS X, being UNIX, is almost as easy to host ownCloud in Apache as Linux.

While ownCloud has sharing, music streaming, calendar, contacts, users & groups, OpenID, LDAP, WebFinger, and remoteStorage compatibility the most important feature is WebDAV file storage where you can add, remove and move files through the web browser or from your local computer!



With WebDAV client computers can access the ownCloud files almost as easily as they can open and save files to their local systems! This works in Linux, MacOS X and Windows.



And that's not all! The developers of ownCloud are working to include an image gallery for your photos, an online text editor, encryption for your security, storage of bookmarks, server and client synchronization and Android or WebOS apps. Being open source, the possibilities are actually practically endless!

So if you like the idea of the cloud, but not the idea of giving control over your files and information to some 3rd party, and if you have some spare machines lying around the house you can easily create your own cloud, where you Own the Cloud!

<http://owncloud.org/>

<http://mail.kde.org/pipermail/owncloud/2011-December/001798.html>

<http://owncloudtest.blogspot.com/2011/06/what-you-can-do-with-owncoud-today.html>

## Memo to Software Developers: LEAVE ME ALONE!

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It seems no matter how carefully I configure my computers and other devices to work the way I want, there's always some programmer just one step ahead of me. Just when I think everything is perfect, he or she manages to break it!

Example: after a couple of years of automatic updating, my browser of choice, Google Chrome, became sluggish. A Google search turned up a number of such complaints, but no solutions. Unable to find an answer, I switched to Firefox but noticed that some features I used all the time in Chrome (Duplicate Tab, for example) were missing. So I found and installed an add-on called "Tab Utilities Lite" that brought those features back. Problem solved – until this morning (Groundhog Day) when Firefox automatically updated itself to v10.0, thereby breaking Tab Utilities Lite!



Yes, I suspect the developer of Tab Utilities Lite will update his utility to work with Firefox 10, but why couldn't Firefox have pointed out the incompatibility *before* delivering the update, instead of afterward, and let me choose to keep using v9 for awhile longer?

Thirteen months ago my otherwise excellent online broker, E\*Trade, updated an online application called MarketCaster that I use for obtaining real-time quotes. It hasn't worked correctly since – it now shows totals in the "gains/losses" column as "minus 100%" in all my watch lists. Their IT folks have acknowledged and apologized for the problem but for over a year now they have either been unable to fix it, or perhaps it's not a priority – maybe other users don't bother totaling their watch lists. Immediately after the update I asked, "Can I return to the previous version that worked?" "No, there's no way we can do that," they replied.





A few months ago my wife complained that Yahoo! had updated her online calendar requiring more clicks to get things done.



Recently my TomTom GPS started nagging me to update its maps. Thinking that could do no harm, I downloaded and installed the new maps. Before the update, I was able to drive for miles on the highway in peaceful silence. As I neared my exit, she (why is her name “Tom?”) would tell me to prepare to exit. But ever since the update, she chimes in at every exit along the way reminding me *not* to exit but to instead stay on the highway! So I can’t live with her anymore but I can’t live without her either. The workaround, of course, is to mute the sound – and risk missing the exit.

Intuit has now begun warning me that I need to update to Quicken 2012 by April in order to keep downloading data from my financial institutions. What will the new version break? I can hardly wait.

Facebook users can likely look forward to some nasty surprises when the company goes public and updates the user interface to better monetize the site for its shareholders.

Videographers who rely on Apple’s “Final Cut Pro” for their livelihood are up in arms because some months ago Apple made sweeping changes to the program that severely disrupt their workflow. For the first time in over a decade I won’t be upgrading to the latest version of Samplitude, the wonderful audio software I use to make a living, because the latest version introduces new annoyances without addressing old ones. With installable software such as Samplitude and FCP, vs. “the cloud,” at least the user can choose to *not* upgrade but, unless you stay current, you lose a level of support and inevitable changes in the OS and hardware environment will eventually render the old version useless.



So, all I ask is to be LEFT ALONE! When it’s time to upgrade, bill me if you must, but let me keep working the way I want without spending needless hours trying to outsmart the programmers.

I realize we need to keep moving forward – the Firefox update, for example, may well contain some important improvements in security. But enough is enough! It’s not that each individual change is a crisis – although some are – it’s that we use so many different pieces of software these days, much of it embedded in various devices, that the totality of change can seem overwhelming.

Software developers might want to take a deep breath and ask themselves, “Is this change really necessary and what possible damage could it do?” – before adding another bell or whistle that might only cause more trouble.

**From Ray Nichols**

If you have items you would be willing to donate for our club drawings, they will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to wear your name badge for the drawing.

Please also remember to bring your used magazines, books, videos, DVD's, and cassettes for distribution to Veterans in our area. If you have old household or device batteries, or used CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lamp) bulbs, bring them for legal recycling (it is against the law to dispose of them in the trash). Old Cellphones can be converted to Telephone Calling Cards for overseas Military Personnel. Old eyeglasses will be turned over to the Lions Club for reissuing to needy



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