

**Denver's Other Group (DOG) Computer Club**  
**ENRICHING YOUR PERSONAL COMPUTING EXPERIENCE!**

**DOG NOVEMBER 2006 Meeting Notes**

**Fascinating Tips**

Five topics were demonstrated at our meeting.

**DOG FRIEND MAPPER (FRAPPR)**

Google changed our Frappr page at:

<http://www.frappr.com/dogcomputerclub>

Scroll down to see Map Pins and click View All Pins to see the list of club members. Click on a name to see that person's location on the map above. Unfortunately, Frappr does not let us group names by zip code like it did before.

**MOVE PARAGRAPHS IN MICROSOFT WORD**

In Microsoft Word, a paragraph is one or more lines of text. Pressing the Enter key ends a paragraph.

In Microsoft Word, an entire paragraph can be moved without using Windows Cut and Paste.

Click anywhere inside a paragraph to position the cursor.

On your keyboard, hold down both the Alt and Shift keys and tap an up or down arrow key. The entire paragraph will be highlighted and begin moving up or down within the document.

As the paragraph moves, it skips over any other paragraphs! It will never stop inside another paragraph. Release the Alt and Shift keys when you are done moving a paragraph.

While the Alt and Shift keys are pressed, repeatedly tap a left or right arrow key to change the font of the highlighted text.

**SORT FILES IN A FOLDER (Windows XP)**

This tip is best used with Details View. Open a folder. On the Menu Bar, click View and then click Details.

The standard sort listing used in Windows is alphanumeric. The names of sub-folders and files that begin with numbers are listed first, followed by an alphabetic sort.

There's a blue arrowhead next to the column header, Name. Click the Name column header to toggle the name order for the listing.

You can re-sort sub-folder and files by name, size, type or date. Just click a column header that does not show a blue arrowhead. Click it again to toggle that listing order.

The most useful sort is by date. Click on Date Modified. The blue arrowhead will move to the column header Date Modified. Click Date Modified to change the date order (ascending or descending). The pointing direction of the blue arrowhead changes with each click.

This tip lets you see the files you edited most recently at the top of the list. It can be quite useful in locating files.

## **SORT EMAIL MESSAGES IN OUTLOOK EXPRESS**

The standard sort listing in email programs is by date. You can temporarily sort your messages differently to locate an email.

In Outlook Express Inbox, the standard sort uses the Received column header. Click the To or From column header to resort. Click the Received column header to return to the usual sort.

## **NETWORK TV VIDEOS**

You can watch videos of network TV shows on your computer. It's free and much easier than programming a VCR.

But you need a high-speed Internet connection. A download speed of about 1.5 Mbps works great, as was shown at our meeting. In Metro Denver, you need a high-speed DSL service or Comcast Internet cable. Comcast provides the highest download speeds.

Twenty club members have Comcast or a high-speed service.

Qwest offers 1.5 Mbps DSL at a lifetime monthly price of \$27.

EarthLink has high-speed DSL with a special introductory offer that includes free activation, free equipment and a free installation kit. You must keep their service for 12 months or pay a \$149.95 early termination fee. EarthLink regular monthly rates (following the introductory period) are:

- \$29.95 - \$39.95/month for 1.5 Mbps service
- \$34.95 - \$44.95/month for 3.0 Mbps service
- \$39.95 - \$44.95/month for 6.0 Mbps service

People using Ricochet Wireless (256 Kbps) or Champion DSL (256/800 Kbps) may find their service is too slow to watch videos of TV shows.

CBS, ABC, NBC and FOX offer streaming videos of TV shows. You can watch full episodes of some TV shows. Few commercials are shown. Currently there's just one commercial when one appears.

CBS and ABC let you view previous episodes of TV shows. NBC and FOX only offer the latest TV episodes for a week.

Some network TV shows don't have online videos. Some examples are the Law & Order series on NBC and the CBS shows Cold Case and Without A Trace. Perhaps contract issues are involved since reruns are shown on cable and satellite TV services.

You may need to use Internet Explorer instead of Firefox or Netscape Web browsers to use the TV network Web sites.

In Windows Display Properties, select more than 256 colors and a screen resolution above 800x600. To change your settings, right-click the Desktop background and click Properties. Click the Settings tab. If possible, adjust Screen resolution and Color quality.

To watch videos of TV shows from CBS, select Windows Media Player or Real Player. The free Flash Player from Adobe is needed to watch videos of TV shows from ABC and NBC. FOX offers a different free player. The Flash player and the FOX player are safe to install and use on your computer. Windows XP includes Windows Media Player.

Consider using the Windows volume control while watching videos. Commercials are loud and muting the sound using a video player can be irritating. To open Windows volume control, double-click its icon in the System Tray on your Taskbar. You may need to increase the volume for Wave and Volume Control. Mute All is a quick and easy way to mute a loud commercial.

You have to learn how to select and play each network's videos. Each one has a unique design and they all operate differently.

Web site addresses and some guidance for using each network is shown on the next page.

**CBS**            <http://www.cbs.com/innertube/>

At the top of the page, below innertube, click a TV show name. Another window will open. On the left side, click a line to read a synopsis of the show. Click **WATCH NOW** to begin a video.

(On your first use in Windows XP, select Windows Media Player)  
Set the volume to maximum by clicking the last vertical bar. Double-click the video display to open it full screen. Double-click the video display again to view the innertube window and adjust the volume.

**ABC**            <http://abc.go.com/fsp/index.html>

Wait until you see the abc media player panel on the right side. Click the down-arrow next to **FULL EPISODES** and click any TV show. Click a picture of the show you want to watch. In the next window, click the image above the line **WATCH FULL EPISODES**. Then, in the top row of images, click the episode you want to watch. Your video will begin playing. Put your mouse pointer on **Size** and select **BIG**.

**NBC**            <http://www.nbc.com/Video/rewind/>

Scroll down to see the section: **NBC Rewind Available Shows**  
Click on **Full Episode** for the show you wish to watch. The video display window will appear. After the commercial, your video begins. A gray control bar is shown below the video display. A slider bar for volume is on the right end of the control bar. Use it to adjust the volume. To mute the sound, click the speaker icon. A square icon on the left end of the control bar lets you select a full-screen video display.

**FOX**            <http://www.myspace.com/fox>

Scroll down to see the list of FOX TV shows available as streaming videos. Click **Watch the latest episode** for a show. The video display window will appear. Below the video display are icons for pause, volume control and screen size. To mute the sound, click to move the vertical bar on the volume slider.