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**Tuesday
October 8, 2024
10:00 AM**



Presented by

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Our links can be found at:
LCCUG.com/links, There you will find many interesting places to visit. Check them out and see what you can find interesting

This meeting will be held in person and on Zoom on Tuesday October 8, 2024 10:00 am.
Join us in person at:
LCCC Community Learning Center
201 W Erie Ave, Lorain, OH 44052
Please Email: info@lccug.com
if you have any questions or concerns!



A Word From Our President



Join us at our October 8th meeting on Staying Safe Online: A Guide for Seniors. Micky and Sandee will share important info on navigating the wild world online.

As more seniors use the Internet for shopping, banking, and staying connected, the risk of online scams and cyber threats has grown. Scammers often target seniors with phishing emails, fake tech support calls, and fraudulent offers, aiming to steal personal and financial information. To stay safe, it's important to be skeptical of unsolicited messages and avoid sharing sensitive details online.

Protecting your devices is also crucial. Regularly updating software, using strong passwords, and installing antivirus programs can prevent unauthorized access to your personal data. Enabling two-factor authentication (2FA) adds another layer of security, and avoiding public Wi-Fi when handling sensitive transactions can help keep your information safe.

Online privacy is another growing concern, with data breaches becoming more common. Adjusting your privacy settings on social media and limiting the amount of personal information you share online can reduce your risk of exposure.

Staying informed about new scams and taking proactive steps, such as backing up your data and being cautious with emails or phone calls, can help you protect yourself. By following these simple precautions, seniors can enjoy the benefits of the Internet while minimizing the risks.

Let us know if you want to stay at after the meeting for one on one help.



Sandra Ruth
LCCUG President



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Online Privacy and Security

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During this meeting we will view information from the FTC and other organizations concerning Online Privacy and Security. Information will include tips on how to protect your devices from hackers and threats, and how to avoid common online scams. LCCUG Officers will be present to answer questions or concerns you may have about this or any other topic.

And, once again, it's OneDrive's fault.

IN SHORT:

My Desktop in OneDrive
OneDrive's backup feature can sync your Desktop across multiple devices, causing unwanted clutter. Turning off the backup feature requires manual clean-up and copying or moving files to each device's local Desktop. My advice: avoid using OneDrive's backup feature in the first place.

OneDrive's "backup" "feature"

I put both backup and feature in quotes because it's neither a true backup nor a feature. I discuss it in more detail in [The Problem With OneDrive Backup](#).

Microsoft is very insistent about turning on backup. It pesters you repeatedly to adopt it without pointing out its shortcomings. There are three we care about today:

- Desktop, Documents, and other folders are effectively moved into your OneDrive folder.
- Their contents are then copied to OneDrive.com online.
- The contents of other machines' Desktops, Documents, and other folders are copied to your machine if they're signed in to the same OneDrive account.

Oh, and there's another shortcoming: it's difficult to undo the damage.

Let's walk through what happened with your Desktop folder.

The Desktop folder

Normally (meaning the OneDrive backup feature has never been turned on), your computer's desktop lives in a folder unique to your login account. For example:

C:\Users\leon\Desktop

(I'll use "leon" as my example account. You'd replace it with your own.) When you place something on your desktop, it appears in that folder, and if you place something in that folder, it appears on your desktop. In this example, I've placed a document on my desktop and then opened Windows File Explorer to examine the Desktop folder.

And, as expected, it appears on the desktop.

That's how the Desktop folder works. Normally.

OneDrive stomps in

When you enable OneDrive backup, things get moved around.

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Why Is My Desktop in OneDrive?

Why it's confusing and what to do about it.

by Leo A. Notenboom

Video of this article: <https://youtu.be/E5WPe6yUgNE>

Web article source: <https://askleo.com/why-is-my-desktop-in-onedrive/>

OneDrive's backup feature can cause confusion and even chaos. I'll review its impact on your computer's desktop and what to do about it.

Question: I have OneDrive on several computers (and Office 365). Every time I set up a new computer, it loads my OneDrive desktop and fills it with icons I do not want on every computer. Is it possible to remove the desktop from my OneDrive folder? What will that do to the desktop on the rest of my computers? I would actually like each computer or laptop to have its own desktop since each one serves a different purpose.

This gets messy.

Unfortunately, the fact that your desktop is appearing on multiple computers implies that you've already enabled something that is difficult to disable cleanly.



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2024

The board met and discussed future meetings, club attendance and the future of the club.



General Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024

President Sandee Ruth called the hybrid meeting to order. A motion to accept the minutes as shown in the September issue of the *INTERFACE* was made by Ellen Endrizal and seconded by Micky. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sandee and Micky presented a program, "Hodge Podge part 2". The contents can be seen on our webpage if you missed their presentation Tuesday.

The first was by Google, "Random Street View Around The World".

Next came how to search using "Webpage Control F" followed by more interesting and informative topics.

Nancy Smith moved, Sandee seconded meeting be adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP WITH LCCUG:

Yearly dues are now \$15.00 For 3 years. For more information contact:

LCCUG
Director of Membership,
membership@lccug.com.

Meeting Location:
At a new time: from 10 am. - noon
in a new location: LCCC facility at
[201 W. Erie, Lorain](#)

Our meeting space is on the first floor – easily accessible – larger – refreshments available! Please email info@lccug.com if you have any questions.

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The Lorain County Chapter of OGS

is having its next meeting online:

Check our webpage for the next program.

<http://loraincoogs.org/events.html>



We are having our meetings virtually only, using Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/6681479672?pwd=amh0NmtmalZWa0lmRWVBWEwySkxmZz09&omn=92912561207>

Lorain County Chapter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Meetings are free and the program begins at 7:00 PM.

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Lorain County Computer Users Group

2024 Calendar of Events

<https://lccug.com>
email: info@lccug.com



Using Zoom & In Person
Meeting & program starts at 10:00 am

*2nd Tuesday of each month. Changes are announced on the webpage and the newsletter.
All meetings are open to the public*

If you have anything you would like to know about, PLEASE let up know. We would really like your input.

January 11, Thursday Wireless 5G Internet services

February 8, Thursday HodgePodge

March 14, Thursday Glenn Pubal from Royal Business in Elyria

April 11, Thursday HodgePodge

May 14, Tuesday HodgePodge Part 2

June 11, Tuesday Should I Have a Land Line

July 9, Tuesday Ways to Supplement or Replace Your Current TV Viewing Options

August 13, More HodgePodge & short films

September 10 HodgePodge

October 8 Online Privacy and Security

November 12

December 10

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AARP Fraud Watch Network

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. With AARP as your partner, you'll learn how to proactively spot scams, get guidance from our fraud specialists if you've been targeted, and feel more secure knowing that we advocate at the federal, state, and local levels to protect consumers and enforce the law.

What We Help You Do:

Stay Informed

Knowledge gives you power over scams. The AARP Fraud Watch Network equips you with reliable, up-to-date insights, alerts and fraud prevention resources to help you spot and avoid scams and protect your loved ones. We even cover the latest scams in the news.

Find Support

If you've been targeted by scams or fraud, you are not alone. Our trained fraud specialists provide support and guidance on what to do next and how to avoid scams in the future. The AARP fraud helpline, 877-908-3360, is free and available to anyone. We also offer online support sessions for further emotional support. Toll-free service is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Have a Voice

AARP fights for consumers by **advocating for laws and regulations** to stop scams and shut down fraud attempts. We also provide a voice to consumer concerns and help shape the public discussion on fraud.



NEED HELP?



Here's Who to Contact:

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Microsoft EXCEL
Leave message on machine if no answer

If any of our members are interested in helping other users with what programs you are adept at, please contact any of our officers with you name, what program or programs you would be willing to give help with, you email address and or phone number and when you would like to have them call you. Thanks



LCCUG ONGOING WORKSHOPS

ALL ARE FREE AND SOME ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Problem Solving Workshop

Date: Tuesday– October 8, 2024
Time: 12PM –Please show up by 11:30
Instructor: Micky Knickman
Place: LCCC @ 201 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH

Learn how to repair or update your computer by changing hard drives, memory, CD ROMs, etc.

This workshop is limited to LCCUG members in good standing.

The Problem Solving Workshop is being held at our new building, LCCC, 201 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio

You are asked to bring in your computer, laptop and other electronics that you need help with unless the problem/question can be replicated on any device.

Learning About Electronics

Date: Tuesday– October 8, 2024
Time: 12PM –Please show up by 11:30
Instructor: Sandee Ruth
Place: LCCC @ 201 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH
Learn how use you electronic devices.

Members are encouraged to bring their tablets, iPod, kindles, etc. for assistance from Sandee and any other knowledgeable members. The public is welcome to sit in on these sessions.



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First, it's easy to enable backup without realizing it's OneDrive's backup you're enabling. The message comes up periodically and is usually a variation of "Backing up is important, shall we turn it on for you?" without mentioning OneDrive at all.

In this example, I've enabled OneDrive on this machine for the first time, and that process is now offering to back up my files.

The "Desktop" option is enabled.

Once we "Start backup", the following happens:

- A new folder is created: C:\Users\leon\OneDrive\Desktop.
- The contents of my existing desktop — C:\Users\leon\Desktop — are moved into this new folder.
- The original desktop folder — C:\Users\leon\Desktop — is deleted.

Nothing appears to change. In fact, if we look at the desktop folder now, it looks very familiar except for one thing.

In the address bar, you can see it says "OneDrive > OneDrive – Personal > Desktop". Your desktop folder now lives within your OneDrive folder.

Then OneDrive starts syncing.

OneDrive sync and your desktop

OneDrive is a file synchronization application. This means all the folders in your OneDrive folder — in my example, C:\Users\leon\OneDrive — are synchronized (uploaded) to OneDrive.com in the cloud. Any additions, deletions, or changes to files in one location are mirrored in the other.

So far, so good. This is probably what Microsoft is trying to think of as a backup.

The problem manifests when you have OneDrive running on multiple machines signed into the same OneDrive account. Each machine dutifully synchronizes (uploads) the contents of its OneDrive\Desktop folder to OneDrive.com.

Then OneDrive on the other machines notices that new files have been added online, and dutifully synchronizes, this time downloading the additional files to all the other machines.

The result? All files and shortcuts placed on the desktop on any machine appear on the desktop of all machines signed into the same OneDrive account with the backup "feature" turned on.

Undoing the damage

So, you do the obvious thing: You go to OneDrive settings and turn off the backup feature, at least for your Desktop folder. It warns you, of course.

Click on **Stop backup** and you're done, right?

Nope.

This is where things get weird. Here's what happens:

- The original Desktop folder — C:\Users\leon\Desktop — is re-created and set as the Desktop folder for your machine.
 - A shortcut is created within that folder that points to the OneDrive Desktop folder.
- That's it.

No files are moved back into the original Desktop folder because OneDrive has no way to know which files it should move. The files could have come from any of the other machines using the same OneDrive account and OneDrive\Desktop folder.

You must move them yourself manually.

Undoing the damage, part 2

You have to examine the contents of the Desktop folder remaining in your OneDrive folder and copy what you want for this specific machine to its original Desktop folder outside of OneDrive.

Moving a file from the OneDrive desktop folder to the regular Desktop folder. Click for larger image. (Screenshot: askleo.com)

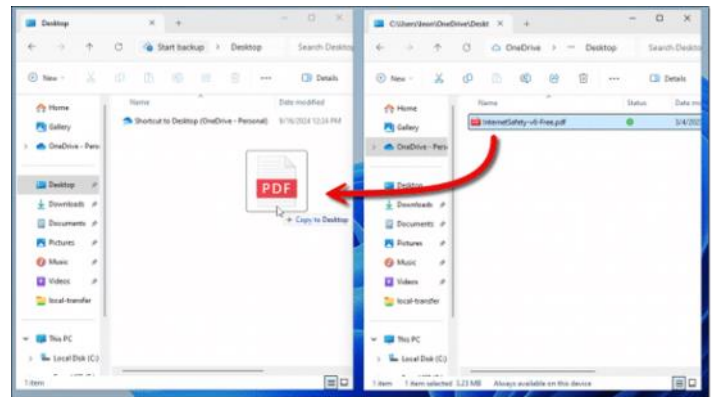
In the example above:

*C:\Users\leon\Desktop — the original Desktop folder — is on the left.

*C:\Users\leon\OneDrive\Desktop — the Desktop folder in OneDrive created by OneDrive backup — is on the right.

*I'm dragging and dropping the file I originally had on the desktop out of the OneDrive\Desktop folder to the original Desktop folder.

Cleaning up the mess



OK, you've:

*Turned off the OneDrive backup function, at least for your Desktop folder (though I recommend **turning it off completely**).

*Copied or moved anything from the OneDrive\Desktop folder you want onto the "real" desktop of your current machine.

There's still some cleanup to be done.

You can delete the handy(?) shortcut OneDrive left in your original Desktop folder.

If *and only if* there's nothing left in the OneDrive\Desktop folder you want to keep, you can delete that folder from OneDrive.

On the other hand, if there are still things in that OneDrive\Desktop folder that you want to keep — perhaps they're things that belong on the Desktops of other machines using the same OneDrive account — you'll need to repeat this "Undoing the Damage" process on each of those other machines.

Do this

Don't use OneDrive's Backup feature. It's confusing and risky. If you exceed the amount of OneDrive storage space you have, you can even lose data.

Be aware of how that feature works just in case it gets turned on (which is, sadly, easy to do without realizing it). Consider keeping your important files in **non-standard folders**.

OneDrive is a great service... until it isn't.

OneDrive's been a frequent topic of late. I discuss it often in my weekly newsletter. **Subscribe to Confident Computing!** Less frustration and more confidence, solutions, answers, and tips in your inbox every week.

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