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Machiavellian101 - May 30, 2014, 6:11 pm

Tips, Tricks and Good to know!

Okay, here's just a quickie and please feel free to add your own.

Simple way to access the task manager

Most people know that the way of accessing the task manager in Windows by pressing Ctrl and delete but there are much simpler ways of doing this:

Right click on the task bar and scroll down to where you see task manager. Alternatively and even simpler just hold down Ctrl, Shift and Esc simultaneously and the task manager will immediately appear.

Recovering Incognito history

Some people believe that when they go incognito nothing gets stored but they forget about the DNS cache. You can recover the history by performing the following:

Open CMD and type without quote: "ipconfig /displaydns" and then press enter. After that a list of recently accessed domains should appear.

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That's all I got for now. Hope some of you find that useful and please post your own.

Aura - May 30, 2014, 6:14 pm

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Machiavellian101 - May 30, 2014, 6:20 pm

(May 30, 2014 06:14 PM)Aura? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Most of these, more people should be aware of them :

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Thanks for that. I have also bookmarked that for future reference.

Hays - June 1, 2014, 12:04 pm

(May 30, 2014 06:14 PM)Aura? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Most of these, more people should be aware of them :

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Very helpful, bookmarked that page.

windir - June 1, 2014, 1:05 pm

(May 30, 2014 06:14 PM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Most of these, more people should be aware of them :

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I was forced to learn a lot of these keys when my mouse broke and had no money to buy one xD It is extremely helpful to navigate through your desktop with just the keyboard. Quicker too on a laptop!

barcode119 - June 1, 2014, 11:52 pm

If you have a mechanical keyboard and your esc key is a lot closer to ~ than usual, hitting ctl alt esc is a fast way of bringing up task manager.

Codi - June 2, 2014, 7:52 am

Most of this stuff I know works on Windows 8, and it might or might not work on prior versions.

The Win8 task manager's process list lacks a lot of running applications. Use the built-in Resource Monitor (or a third-party application) to find programs that may be hogging up CPU & RAM that are otherwise undetectable by Task Manager (for example, virtual machines you forgot to shut down).

If you're uploading an image from one website to another: copy the image URL, go to the upload site & open the upload explorer dialog window, paste the image URL into the name field, and Explorer will download the image to a temp folder and then select it for uploading. Learned this one yesterday, actually.

A bit obvious for anyone advocating Windows 8, but Win+X brings up a very helpful shortcut menu.

Ctrl+w closes Explorer windows just like Chrome/FF/Opera tabs.

Shift-right clicking taskbar entries brings up the old XP-esque context menu instead of the 7/8-style jumplist-and-other-things menu.

That's all I can think of for now.

rainer9 - November 13, 2014, 6:57 pm

Thanks man your the best and right so good

datguy.dev - November 13, 2014, 8:09 pm

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Aura - November 14, 2014, 6:50 am

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You have no idea of how I abuse number 2 at work ?

datguy.dev - November 16, 2014, 10:13 pm

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Aura - November 17, 2014, 7:32 am

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datguy.dev - November 17, 2014, 8:04 am

(Nov 17, 2014 08:32 AM)Aura? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not every edition of Windows have the Local Group Policy Editor however, should precise which one can use it and which one can't.

My bad, (Edit not my bad, this isn't a tutorial lol.) I know the Pro and Business edition have the feature. Looks like a few others have it as well.

"Applies To: Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012"
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc731745.aspx>

edwardj7337 - November 18, 2014, 12:05 am

Very nice thread.

#3 on the OP's list should be mentioned to all novice computer users.

74mb0r1n3 - November 19, 2014, 5:48 am

(May 30, 2014 06:11 PM)Naturalizer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Tips, Tricks and Good to know!

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Those were sick ? Had no idea, especially the spam email one, will bear in mind thanks for the heads up, although I never open spam up, I will continue to be vigilant.

P???ce - November 21, 2014, 10:57 am

Simple way to access the task manager

New for me ^_^ Thank you ?

Aura - November 21, 2014, 1:49 pm

(Nov 21, 2014 11:57 AM)P???ce Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Simple way to access the task manager

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#magic

P???ce - November 21, 2014, 1:51 pm

(Nov 21, 2014 02:49 PM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Right-click on the taskbar and select "Open Task Manager".

#magicyup it's also simple Aura ^_^ I loved the new short-key learned today ;) CTRL+Shift+Esc ?

Choddie - November 24, 2014, 12:56 am

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Aura - November 24, 2014, 6:59 am

(Nov 24, 2014 01:56 AM)Choddie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How can you tell when somebody has opened an email?

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It's a feature called "tracking", most POP3 email clients have it, and so does web-based mail client.

Here's an example for Gmail :

<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/track-opened-gmail/>

Choddie - November 25, 2014, 4:56 am

(Nov 24, 2014 07:59 AM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's a feature called "tracking", most POP3 email clients have it, and so does web-based mail client.

Here's an example for Gmail :

Cool, interesting stuff. Thanks for the source.

Aura - December 16, 2014, 8:21 pm

Here's one that I use often.

If you want to do some clean-up in your Downloads folder, or ANY other folders, you can do it a really clean way. First of all, make sure that you send all the Documents (Word, PDF, PowerPoints, etc.) in your "Documents" folder, the music in your "Music" folder, the videos in your "Videos" folder and the pictures in the "Pictures" folder. They are there for that purpose. Then you can create folders for "Executable and Installers" (.exe, .msi, .bat, .jar, etc.), "Compressed Archives" (.zip, .rar, .7zip, etc.), Folders (where you put every folders you have) and create folders that will contains a specific type of extension or group of extensions. From there, to find all of these types at once, in the "Search area", enter the following query :

*.ext

Where "ext", is the file extension you're looking for, let's say "exe", so it'll give :

*.exe

What this query does, is to return every files that are of an executable extension (.exe), no matter their name, every ones present in the current folder. From there, press on Ctrl + A to select them all, and Ctrl + X to cut them. Go to the desired location where you want to move your files, and Ctrl + V to paste (move) them all. I swear, this takes so little time and for the results it gives, it's worth it.

Another one is mostly related to iTunes, or editing files opened in other programs. Ever noticed that you can't change information on a certain song in iTunes or such ? Maybe the file is set as "Read-only". It's simple to right-click on it, select Properties and uncheck the "Read-only" box. However, what is there's multiple files like that? Open an elevated command prompt (with Admin Rights), then enter the following command :

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attrib -r C:\Path\To\Folder\*. * /s
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This command will remove the "Read-only" attribute of every files contained in the folder you specified. Fast and simple.

I'll post more when I think of them.