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Membership for L.C.A.C.E is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. Associate membership is only \$10.00 (out of state, unable to attend meetings). Membership includes a one year subscription to the L.C.A.C.E. News Journal and access to all club libraries and functions. Applications for membership may be obtained at the monthly meeting, by request on the club Hotline and are now available on our WEB site at - http://www.lcace.org

Meetings

L.C.A.C.E. meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Grayslake Area Public Library 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting location opens at 12:00 a.m., the formal meeting begins at 12:30p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Tips & Tricks

Adjust the Vertical Space Between I cons

Submitted by Kelly Theriot, Windows XP MVP, Gray, Louisiana

For more tips by Kelly, visit <u>Kelly's XP Korner</u> <u>Find more on the Expert Zone from Kelly Theriot</u>. Depending on your screen resolution, a certain number of icons fit in each auto-arranged column along the desktop. For example, if your resolution is set to 800 x 600 pixels, 7 icons fit in each column.

Want to get more icons to fit on your desktop without changing your screen resolution? Here's how to adjust your icon spacing:

- 1. Right-click the desktop, and then click **Properties**.
- 2. In the **Display Properties** dialog box, click the **Appearance** tab, and then click **Advanced**
- 3. In the **Item** box, click **Icon Spacing** (Vertical).
- 4. Decrease the size, click **OK**, then click **Apply** to see the result on screen.
- 5. When you're happy with the results, click **OK**.

On our system, going from the default 43 to 39 squeezed 8 icons into each column.

Create Your Own Logon Message

Submitted by William Clausen, Salt Lake City, Utah

You can create a message that will appear when you log on to your computer.

- 1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **regedit**, and then click **OK**.
- 2. In the Registry Editor, drill down to the following key:
- 3.HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\M icrosoft\WindowsNT\CurrentVersion\ Winlogon

- 4. Right-click **LegalNoticeCaption**, click **Modify**, type **My Windows XP Machine**, and then click **OK**.
- 5.. Right-click **LegalNoticeText**, click **Modify**, and then type your message.
- 6. Close the editor and your new message will appear at every log on.

This tip applies to computers that are part of a domain. For stand-alone or peer-to-peer networks, the custom screen appears just before the Welcome screen. You may need to have an administrator account on your computer to make changes to the registry. Incorrectly editing the registry may severely damage your system. At the very least, you should back up any valued data on the computer before making changes to the registry.

Add New Programs to Your Menu Alphabetically

Submitted by Jeffrey Horn, Gastonia, North Carolina

Many people find it annoying that new programs and icons add themselves to the end of the start menu. If you are like me, you'd like them all to be alphabetized. Also, you may have found that opening the All Programs menu as a folder and rearranging the icons changes nothing on the menu. To arrange the items by name follow these instructions:

- 1. Click **Start**, click **All Programs**, and then right-click on any folder or icon.
- 2. Click Sort by Name.

That's it, works like magic. Enjoy your refreshingly organized Start menu

Change the Picture on the Welcome Screen

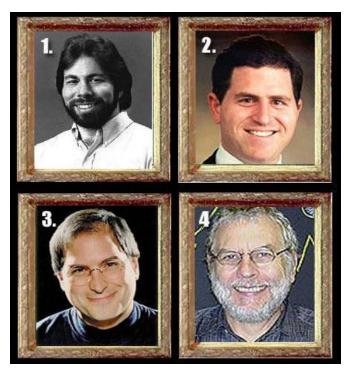
If your computer is a member of a workgroup or is a stand-alone computer, you can replace the picture on the Welcome screen with another picture. First, store a head shot that you've scanned or taken with a digital camera in the My Pictures folder. The picture will be automatically resized to fit the picture box, so don't worry too much

about getting an exact size, and then follow these steps:

- 1. Click **Start**, click **Control Panel**, and then click **User Accounts**.
- 2. Click your account name, and then click **Change My Picture**.
- 3. Click the picture you like, and then click **Change Picture**.
- 4. To find the user's picture, click **Browse for more pictures**, click the picture you want to use, and then click **Open**.

Now, when you open the Welcome screen, you will see the new picture.

Quiz of the Month



Win Two FREE Movie Tickets

Can you name these people who made significant contributions to the computer industry.

 Born August 11, 1950, San Jose, Calif. As a teenager, he built a pre-CPU computer he dubbed the "Cream Soda Computer. He deigned a kit com-

- puter, and designed a computer which became know as the "Volkswagen of Computers.
- 2. Born February 23, 1965, Houston, Texas. He developed concept of selling personal computers via mail-order, to customer specifications. Found his computer company in 1994, one of the world's larges manufactures of personal computers.
- 3. He was born February 24, 1955, Los Altos, Calif. He designed the a popular arcade game "Breakout". With boyhood friends, he founded a computer company in 1996, and authorized development of the Lisa, the first commercially available computer with a modern "desktop" look and mouse. He also founded NeXt Computing Inc. in 1986, and purchased computer animation studio Pixar from George Lucas.
- 4. Born February 5, 1943, Clearfield, Utah. He designed and built Computer Space in 1970, the first video arcade game (released in 1971 by Nutting). He released PONG in 1972, the first commercially successful video arcade game. He hired two boyhood friends to assemble arcade games at his company. Later he found Chunk E Cheese Pizza Time Theater.

Be **THE FIRST** club member to submit the correct answer to **J.J.** for all four individuals and you will be awarded 2-Free movie tickets. The first to submit their answer at the January meeting will win.

LCACE officers are not eligible.

News Sun Article

The News Sun Newspaper interviewed some of the Club members. The article appeared in Section D (T.G.I.F) of the December 20, 2002 paper.

The article was scanned in and can be read on the Clubs Web Site.

http://www.lcace.org/News/NewsSun.htm

Christmas Party



Watching "Ice Age"

I Hope my Ticket is called





Happy Birthday Linda

For more pictures visit our web site at

http://www.lcace.org/photogallery/Xmas2002/index.htm



Happy New Year From Santa's Helpers

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2nd Prize: Jeff Biffle

3rd Prize: Terri Hanlon

4th Prize: Tom Fleres

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Next Meeting

January 11, 2003

Grayslake Public Library

12:00pm—3:00pm

Meeting Room Opens 1200

This month:

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