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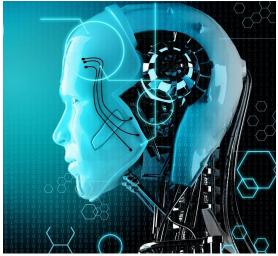
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February Meeting: 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, the 28TH No Driving—No Charge*

* This is a "hybrid" meeting: via Zoom, but also in person. Come at 6 p.m. if you wish to join us in person for dinner at T. J. Chump's Restaurant in suburban Huber Heights, next door to the Meijer's Supermarket. Click <u>here</u> for a map. The restaurant has free parking. It is also accessible via RTA bus routes 18 and 19, but there is a short walk from the bus stop in the Meijer's department store parking lot to the restaurant.

THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL of talk these days about AI and it makes some people uneasy. Artificial Intelligence is an umbrella term and describes the broad approach of using machines to imitate intelligent human behavior in order to solve problems. We have been using AI for a while now without even noticing. Whenever you visit Amazon, you are offered items "You might also like", based on your search history and past purchases. Autocorrect has likely saved you from exposing your bad spelling habits in the texts or e-mails you send or the documents you prepare. Siri, Cortana, and Alexa are just three of the virtual assistants that have taken up residence in many homes. AI has been trained to compose and publish news stories on the fly. This is critical in a world of scoops and time to market. It's used very often in sports or finance, so you know



the moment your team wins or when your stocks enjoyed a good day. Google and other search sites can often guess what you are trying to ask after the first few letters have been typed. Photo services use image recognition to classify images. Self-driving cars use image recognition to keep you safe, by recognizing the difference between signposts, people, and vehicles.

BOB GOSTISCHA will be talking about the hottest topics in AI right now, Chat_GPT and DALL-E. After a successful career in banking, Bob enjoys his retirement as an enthusiastic IT security expert who gives many presentations to tech groups in the United States and Canada. Bob is a member of Avast's Web site discussion and help forum, helping with security-related and general computer issues since 2004. He has contributed over 46,000 forum interactions. Bob also hosts a popular blog at https://bob3160.blogspot.com/ and has a "Protecting Your Privacy & Security" YouTube channel at (4) Protecting Your Privacy and Security - YouTube

Our meeting starts at 7 P.M. DMA members will receive an invitation by e-mail for Zoom. Others may request an invitation using http://www.dma1.org/contact-us/ Or ... join us at TJ CHUMPS, 7050 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights OH. If you wish to order dinner, please arrive by 6:15. Click http://www.dma1.org/contact-us/ Or ... join us at TJ CHUMPS, 7050 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights OH. If you wish to order dinner, please arrive by 6:15. Click https://www.dma1.org/contact-us/ Or ... join us at TJ CHUMPS, 7050 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights OH. If you wish to order dinner, please arrive by 6:15. Click https://www.dma1.org/contact-us/ Or ... join us at TJ CHUMPS, 7050 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights OH. If you wish to order dinner, please arrive by 6:15. Click https://www.dma1.org/contact-us/ Or ... https://www.

THANK YOU to all our TECHFEST Volunteers! An estimated 2,100 students brought their families to the show. Grant Root organized the Linux booth. Gary GANGER and Stephen FREY nearly doubled the size of the Computer Museum.

Inutes of the Trustees' meetings are normally published almost two months late, because the Minutes for, say, the January Board meeting must be approved by the Trustees at the *following month's* meeting. They would then appear in the February issue—this one—of The DataBus, published toward the end of the month.

Trustees' meetings are usually on the *first Monday* of each month, except when that day is a legal holiday, for example: Labor Day in September.

During the epidemic, Trustees began meeting via ZOOM. This was so successful that they decided to continue the practice indefinitely. Meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are open to all DMA members. Request ZOOM credentials (that's a fancy way of saying "an invitation") from Secretary GLADY CAMPION at Tuesday's General Membership meeting.

MINUTES—DMA Board of Trustees Meeting of Monday, January 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Gary Coy, via ZOOM.

Trustees present: Gary Coy, Suzette de Guzman, Pat Flynn, Chester Howes, Dave Schwab, Mike Stock, and Gary Turner. Absent: Ken Phelps, Ed Skuya. **Guests:** Mark Camden, Glady Campion, Stephen Frey, and Peter Hess.

Officers' Reports

President - Gary Coy

The Holiday Dinner went rather well. Thanks to Lillian Rudolph, Gary Turner, and Glady Campion for all the prizes.

Vice President – Mike Stock

No report

Secretary - Pat Flynn, Glady Campion

No report. Glady missed the December meeting. She will e-mail the November minutes for review offline.

Treasurer - Glady Campion, Pat Flynn

Pat presented a report for December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APCUG REP - Peter Hess

Peter forwarded e-mails from Judy Taylour about Free Wednesday workshops

Audit - Glady Campion

In progress

Computer Museum – Peter Hess

Stephen's current phone does not work with the security system at the workshop. Peter is donating a phone he no longer uses. Peter is asking that DMA cover the cost of a SIM card and transfer fees to make the donated phone useable. Stephen will check to be sure the donated phone will do the job.

Pat Flynn moved that up to \$50 be provided for a SIM card and transfer fees for the donated phone. Chester seconded, and the motion passed.

Stephen discovered a water leak in the meter room next to the workshop, involving the backflow preventer for the unit next door. Stephen turned off the water to the unit next door and called Glady. Glady called the renter next to the workshop who called the building

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maintenance person. The leak may o been a burst pipe. There was some water on the carpet in our unit, but no real damage.

Fundraising – Peter Hess

Marketing - Peter Hess, Edwin Davidson, Pat Flynn

Peter has placed tabletop displays and business cards at a few local computer shops. His next visit will be to Midwest Surplus in Fairborn. One of the tabletop displays was broken when it fell from the countertop, so Peter will be asking if the shops would prefer wall-mount displays instead.

Membership – Glady Campion

The membership numbers for November are: 48 Regular, 4 Associate, 0 Student, and 5 Lifetime members for a total of 57. Attendance for November was 24, with 11 in person at TJ Chumps. We need to increase the in-person attendance.

Door Prizes: Matt Rizer won the Nest Mini. Suzette deGuzman scored the Nest Hub. Tony Snyder took home the Echo Show 5.

Net Admin Team – Ken Phelps, Gary Turner, Pat Flynn, Brent Kerlin, Mark Camden

Mark Camden made updates to the website.

Programs - OPEN!

December – no General Membership meeting

January – Gary Coy will be hosting his annual "Tech Stuff we got for the Holidays"

Please bring your latest gadget with you to the meeting.

Suggestions for future meetings:

The Tarnished Side of Cryptocurrency; Fiber Internet; Touchless security from Evolv Technology and how they spot threats such as concealed weapons using digital sensors. Also suggested were Installing Linux on a Google Chromebook, or running Linux on the Windows subsystem for Linux (WSL), or installing Windows on a Linux Virtual Machine.

Publications - Martin Arbagi

No DataBus for December

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wright State Archives – Martin Arbagi, Glady Campion

Still in progress

Vanity Call Sign K8DMA – Dave Schwab

DMA has held an amateur radio vanity call sign for many years, but it expired in March of 2022. George Ewing is listed as the trustee. Dave Schwab applied for a renewal and is waiting for a response.

Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting will be 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6, 2023. We will continue to use Zoom.

List of DMA accounts - Glady Campion

Still in progress

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Flynn moved to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Chester Howes seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
GLADY CAMPION,
Secretary

Quiz on File Extensions

By Jim Cerny, Help Desk Host Sarasota Technology Users Group June 2021 issue, STUGMonitor www.stug.org jimcerny123 (at) gmail.com

LL WINDOWS COMPUTERS can work with many different types of files. Some files contain text, some photos, others videos. To help computers – and us humans too – every file has, as part of its name, an "extension" of three or four letters at the end of the file name that identifies what kind of file it is. On Windows, if you open the "File Explorer" app, you will get a window that allows you to see all the files on your computer. If you "hover" your mouse over a file name, it will show you the kind of file it is – a text file, Word document, spread sheet, etc. If you go to the "View" menu option on File Explorer, there is a little box you can check to turn on "File name extensions" so you will *always* see them. Since you cannot play a video file in a Word document or listen to an audio file using the Paint application, it is helpful to understand what a file extension means and what apps can work with them. Of course, you can always "Ask Google" about any file extension and get help that way too. But just for fun, how many of the following file types do you know? Can you match them correctly? (HINT: The answer letter "L" is matched to *three* different file types.

File Type Extension	Match Letter	File Description	
1. bmp		A. Slide show created by the PowerPoint app of MS Office	
2. doc and docx		B. Universal file of a document that can be easily opened and read	
3. exe		C. An audio or music file that is compressed	
4. jpg		D. File of text used by the Wordpad free Windows app	
5. mp3		E. This file has been compressed to save space	
6. mpg and mpeg		F. A spreadsheet file created by Excel of Microsoft Office	
7. pdf		G. A simple text file with little or no formatting of the text	
8. png		H. This is a font that is of the popular TrueType family of fonts	
9. pps		I. Microsoft Word document	
10. rtf		Popular video file type for movies viewed on the internet	
11. ttf		K. A program or app file that can be run on the computer	
12. txt		L. One of 3 image files on this list that is used by the Paint app	
13. xls			
14. zip			

Need a hint or some help? The Paint app comes free with Windows and can work with or open several different image file types. Microsoft Word can open several different text file types too. Text formatting allows additional enhancements to text such as underline, bold, color, etc.

How was that? Helpful or more confusing? Well, here are the — ANSWERS (Do not peek until you are ready!)

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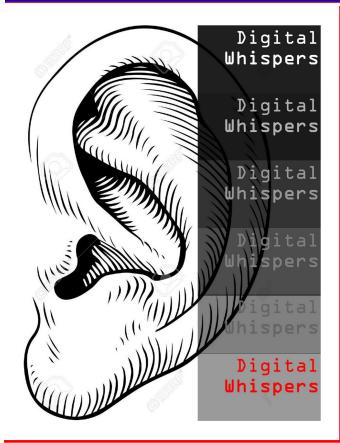
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Have you heard....?

February, 2023 ... Compiled by Glady CAMPION

BING with AI

Microsoft has been working with OpenAI, taking their latest artificial intelligence model and combining it with Bing search data so you can chat with the search engine. Microsoft is also adding chat features to its Edge browser. Microsoft is aiming to provide a worthy competitor to Google Search.

The main page of Bing.com has an "Ask me anything" box where you type in your query. Your will be provided the usual results on the subject, but also a new chat box which will type out an answer to your question, with citations as to where the information is coming from.

Microsoft reportedly plans to introduce upgraded Office apps with AI features in the coming weeks. According to *The Verge*, the tech giant is preparing to show what its Prometheus AI technology and OpenAI's language AI can do for Word, Pow-

erPoint, Outlook and other Microsoft 365 apps as soon as this March.

Engadget.com

Coca-Cola phone is REAL

You heard it here last month, and more details are now available. Underneath the bright colors, the phone is a Realme 10 Pro. It has a 6.67 inch AMOLED screen, Qualcomm Snapdragon 695 processor, 5,000mAh battery, and a 108-megapixel main camera. The Coke theme extends way beyond the color on the back of the phone. The icons match or coordinate with the Cola color scheme and the default wallpaper looks like a freshly poured glass of Coke. The ringtone and notification sounds have been Coke-ified. Andy Boxail, a product reviewer at Digital Trends is clearly impressed with the design. These phones will be released first in India and Asia.

Digitaltrends.com

A push toward zero passwords

Starting sometime 'this summer,' users will be able to create and sign in to 1Pass-word accounts using biometric-basedb passkeys. 1Password is announcing that, one day soon, it will support the option to create and unlock 1Password accounts using biometric-based passkey technolo-

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Amazon has announced that "Smile" was discontinued at the end of February. This popular program permitted Amazon customers to have a percentage of their purchases contributed to any nonprofit organization (including DMA). Accordingly, THE DATABUS has discontinued our hyperlink to Smile as of the January issue. However, many local businesses, especially supermarkets such as Kroger or Dorothy Lane Markets, have similar programs, and we encourage DMA members to use these.

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gy, ditching the feature that is the name of its entire product. Chief product officer Steve Won says "We know the migration to password-less won't happen overnight. We have to meet people where they are. However, our goal is to go passkey-only as soon as possible."

Theverge.com

Verification of Facebook and Instagram accounts

'Meta Verified' will give you a blue badge along with several other benefits, including increased visibility, protection against impersonation, priority customer support, and more.. The badge implies that Facebook has confirmed the page or profile as authentic, Verification is most useful for Facebook pages of businesses or celebrities. The service will cost about \$12 a month.

Theverge.com

Sci-Fi Mag Pauses Submissions Amid Flood of Al-Generated Short Stories

Clarkesworld speculates that people are using AI to make 'a quick buck' since the sci-fi publication pays 12 cents a word for accepted stories.

PCmaq.com

Amazon's Zoox robo-taxis take to California roads

The Amazon subsidiary Zoox, last Monday said its self-driving vehicles with no manual controls took to California public roads over the weekend, calling it a major breakthrough for the robotaxi industry.

Techxplore.com

Do you have an interesting news item related to digital technology you'd like to include in future columns? E-mail it to Editor@DMA1.org.

DMA Calendar of Events, 20 February through 24 March 2023.

(Click anywhere on the calendar, then scroll down for a fully updated version at our Web site.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 19	Presidents' Day	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24 Python Self-Study Noon, Online See http://d8ndl.org	Feb 25
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28 MAIN MEETING 7:00pm Online -AND- TJ Chumps 7050 Executive Blvd Huber Heights	Mar 1	Mar 2 Groundhog Day Groundhog Day Genealogy SIG 6:30pm Online gen-sig@dma1.org	Mar 3 Python Self-Study Noon, Online See http://d8ndl.org	Mar 4 Classic Computers 3:00pm By phone
Mar 5	Mar 6 DMA Trustees 7:00pm Online	Mar 7	Mar 8 Dayton Dynamic Languages 7:00pm Innovation Hub / online http://d8ndl.org	Mar 9 NASAC 6:00pm Xenia Library	Mar 10 Python Self-Study Noon, Online See http://d8ndl.org	Mar 11 INSTSLLFEST 10am-3pm
Mar 12 pring Ahead	Mar 13	Mar 14 Pi Day Investment SIG 7:00pm Online investment-sig @dma1.org	Mar 15	Mar 16 Linux SIG 7:00pm 348 Russ Eng Wright State Univ. Colonel Glenn Hwy Beavercreek	Python Self-Study Noon, Online See http://d8ndl.org	Mar 18 Classic Computers 3:00pm By phone
Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23		Mar 25

ABOUT THE DAYTON MICROCOMPUTER ASSOCIATION, INC. (DMA)

By Peter Hess, DMA President, 2018-2020

A LMOST FIFTY YEARS AGO, a small group of computer enthusiasts from the Dayton, Ohio area gathered around a kitchen table looking at, and playing with, an early personal computer called the Altair 680 that one of them had purchased. This computer had been featured

earlier on the cover of the January 1975 issue of *Popular Electronics* magazine. Paul Allen had shown the selfsame article about the Altair to Bill Gates, and later, they wrote software together for that computer. Still later — and still together — Allen and Gates founded the Microsoft Corporation.



Shortly thereafter, those Dayton-area computer enthusiasts joined with many others to form The Dayton Microcomputer Association (DMA), now one of the oldest (if not *the* oldest) continuously operating computer user groups in the world. Typically, computer user groups, and the newer iteration, technology user groups, are volunteer-run operations. The DMA is an all-volunteer led, organized, and run 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Now, there are hundreds of computer (or technology) user groups in the world, all of which continue to foster improved communication between technological equipment and software publishers, and users of their products. User groups (both computer and technology) provide an environment where more experienced technology users introduce additional and advanced techniques to novices.

DMA offers both monthly General Membership Meetings, which cover new and innovative topics including a wide range of generic technological topics, and its Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which address concerns about specific technology interests. There are eight different SIGs sponsored by the DMA, covering such topics as the Linux operating system, various programming languages such as Python, the use of technology to investigate genealogy, and digital aids to investing. Neither SIG members nor attendees at DMA General Meetings need be members of the parent organization, though they are encouraged to join so DMA can continue providing its services to the public.

Annual dues for DMA membership, which have not been raised for decades, are \$25 for Regular Members, and \$12.50 for Family/Associate Members (someone living at the same address as a Regular Member). Nonvoting Student Memberships are *free* to students through age 22. Door prizes at General Meetings, picnics, banquets, and other DMA events, and both product and service discounts are available to all DMA members. ... TDB

Dayton Microcomputer Association Membership Form

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