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419 Scams

By Len

There is a category of frauds called 419 scams. The term comes because many of the Internet scams originate in Nigeria, and article 419 of the Nigerian criminal code concerns fraud.

Another common term for similar scams is the Spanish Prisoner scam. This goes back to the days of the French Revolution.

From a Boston Globe article: A letter arrived describing an aristocrat in exile, say, the Marquis de _____, who in escaping from revolutionary violence had thrown a chest full of jewels into a lake. His faithful servant, now writing this heartfelt letter, had come back to retrieve it and unfortunately ended up in prison. With just a little help from you, a fellow Frenchman, to aid in the servant's bail or escape, you'd earn a portion of the loot. The scheme worked: "Of a hundred such letters" sent by French confidence tricksters, "twenty were always answered," wrote Eugène Vidocq, the French criminal turned detective.

So, the scammers have been using the same trick for many years. Now, however, they can spread their nets further and faster using the Internet.

https://www.419scam.org/emails/2016-12/24/00362384.55.htm

Next BVCC Meeting

Windows 10 Solitaire Games, presented by Len Nasman

January 8, 2018 - 6:30 Glenn Center Also on BVTV

https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/05/18/the-long-weird-history-nigerian-mail-scam/C8blhwQSVoygYtrlxsJTIJ/story.html

Scam Baiting

By Len

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scam_baiting

From Wikipedia: <u>Scam baiting</u> is a form of Internet vigilantism, where the vigilante poses as a potential victim to the scammer in order to waste their time and resources, gather information that will be of use to authorities, and publicly expose the scammer. It is primarily used to thwart advance-fee fraud and technical support scams and can be done out of a sense of civic duty (activism), as a form of amusement, or both.

If you want to see examples of scam baiting, visit this website.

http://www.419eater.com/html/letters.htm

Printing from BVCC Computers

Bu Len

There are a few tricks to know when printing from computers in the BVCC computer room. (These tricks are also useful when printing from a home computer.)

Computers Are Networked To Two Different Printers

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All computers in the BVCC computer room are connected to two network printers. A Brother monochrome laser printer and a Ricoh color laser printer.

For supplies and maintenance of these printers BVCC charges \$0.05 per page for monochrome and \$0.15 per page for color. Quality color photo prints can be produced by printing on card stock for \$0.25 per page.



WARNING! Using Ink Jet paper in a laser printer can cause several hundred dollars of damage to the printer. If you bring you own paper for custom prints, be sure that it is rated specifically for laser printers. BTW, if you bring your own printing paper to the computer room, the per page cost is the same since most of the cost is for toner supplies and maintenance.

Printing From Documents

To print from a word processing, spreadsheet or email program use the **File**, **Print Preview** option from the *Menu Bar*. The Print Preview option will show what the printed page will look like, and provide options for adjusting the output before sending the document to the printer.

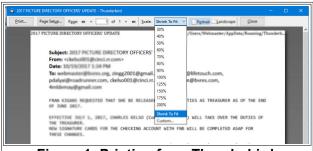


Figure 1: Printing from Thunderbird.

The Print Preview option is especially useful when printing an email since you can control the size of email text that is sometimes (depending on the font the sender used) undesirable. The Print Preview option provides the opportunity to scale text for better readability or to fit the page.

Printing From Web Pages

Printing from Web Pages can be a challenge. Many web site developers like to use forms, or other subdivisions, on web pages. This can cause printing difficulties.

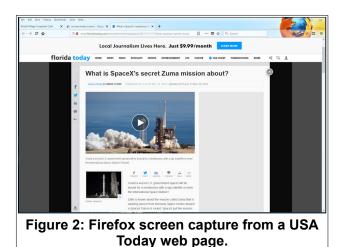
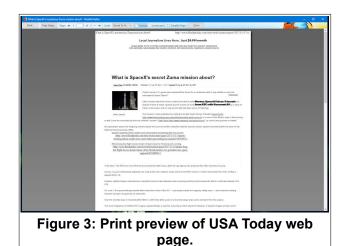


Figure 2 shows a screen capture using Firefox to view a USA Today web page.



If you select (from the Menu Bar) File, Print Preview, you will probably see something to be printed that is not exactly what you want. (See Figure 3)

Usually in these situations, you would simply like to print the text from the article, not other various components of the web page.

Reader View

Firefox has something called *Reader View* that will remove a lot of clutter from web pages. (see Figure 4)

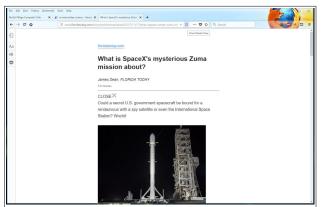


Figure 4: Firefox Reader View of USA Today web page.

NOTE: Microsoft Edge also provides a Reader View option. Google Chrome does not have a built in reader view option.

Reader View is a good choice for many situations, however, there may be times when you want to print selections of text from a web page, and you want to be able to control the font size or appearance of the text. In this situation, there is a good work-around.

Text Copy Tricks

The trick is to copy the text you want and then paste it into a word processing document. This is fairly easy if you remember the shortcuts for copy [Ctrl-C] and paste [Ctrl-V].

First, highlight the desired text using the mouse to drag out a selection. Wait a minute... there are some text selection tricks that are very useful.

- ➤ To select a single word: **Double Click** (click the left mouse button twice).
- To select a sentence: Triple Click.
- To select a paragraph: Quadruple Click.
- ➤ To select a section: Double click on the first word, then while holding the shift key down, click at the end of your selection.

Once you have your selection highlighted, press **Ctrl-C** to copy the selection to the clipboard.

Next, open your word processing program (LibreOffice Writer) place the cursor in the desired location, and press **Ctrl-V**.

The copy, paste trick also works on selected graphic images.

If you want to include text (or a graphic image) from a web page in an email message, follow the above instructions but substitute your email compose window for the word processing window.

How to Play Solitaire on Windows 10



Figure 5: Windows 10 Solitaire Collection.

When Windows 10 first was released, many fans of the Solitaire games that had been included for free in earlier versions of Windows were disappointed to find their old favorites were missing. Users had to go to the Microsoft Store and purchase games. Microsoft finally released some classic card games, however, they still would prefer that users create a Microsoft account so that they can keep track of the users. There is a way for non Microsoft account holders to play some classic Solitaire games without becoming a Microsoft account holder. This document explains how BVCC users can access some basic Solitaire games on the computer room workstations.

Download The Games

First, be sure that your Windows 10 has the latest updates installed. Your system should have version



1709, 16299.125 or newer. To find out what version your system has installed, go to **Start, Settings, System, About**.

 Do a Google search for Microsoft Classic Solitaire Collection.

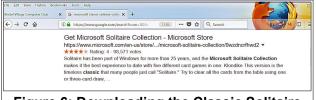


Figure 6: Downloading the Classic Solitaire Collection.

Once the download is complete, select the **Add to Start** option.

Getting Started With Solitaire

To open the classic card games, select the Solitaire Collection icon on the *Start Menu*. [You may also create a one click option on the *Taskbar*.]

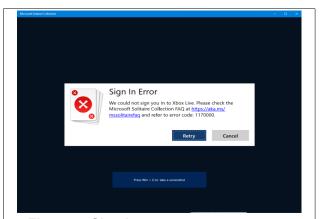


Figure 7: Sign in error message screen.

You may see a Sign In Error displayed. This happens when a user is not logged in to a Microsoft Xbox Live account.

Select Cancel to get past the Sign In Error message.

You should now see the Microsoft Solitaire Collection window on your display. This provides one-click access to five different solitaire card games; *Klondike, Spider, FreeCell, Pyramid,* and *TriPeaks*.



There is a small price you have to pay to use the free versions of these games. You have to sit through a short commercial message before the first game starts.



After you select a game, a deck selection screen will appear. Here you can select the level of difficulty for the game. You might have to repeat this for each different game.

Here are some samples of the different games.











If you get hooked on Solitaire, but want a bit more of a challenge, try some of the options such as the *Daily Challenges*, or the *Star Club* (see Figure 8).

This is the 96th issue of the Newsletter edited by Len since 2007. Article contributions or editing help would be appreciated.

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