Meeting Timetable
Mitchelton Library Helios Parade Mitchelton

Time	Activity	Presenter
9:30am	Q&A	John Tacey
11pm	His new Computer set up	Fred
	Lunch -- GM - Report to the Club	Keith
1:00pm	Linux workshop	Fred / Keith All

If you have a question that may need a bit of a look up, let me know before the meeting

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15 March 2026

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Hi All,

Great turn up in January 16 members with 1 visitor. Needed a bit of improvising to create some desktop space but all went well.

Not a lot to say this month Fred has moved on with his new computer and it configuration he will run you through it.

Hope you are all well.

See you at the meeting

Keith

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Reports

Presentation and Education

9:30am: Q&A

11am: Morning Presentation: Fred's New Computer and set up.

12 noon Lunch and Club Report.

1pm Afternoon Presentation: Linux and Linux Work Shop

Membership Report - Gary Woodforth

We had 15 members 1 visitor at the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report

January 2025

Opening Balance at 1/1/26	**2003.16**
Income	
Total Income	**90.00**
Expenses	
	0.00
Month's Gain	**00.00**
Balance at 31/1/26	**2003.16**

Eric Maronese

Treasurer

John's Jots

By John Tacey

Q&A - January meeting

Password Manager Backup

Save a copy of the data file on a UFD (USB Flash Drive) or a second UFD.

Print a hard copy.

Print to a PDF file which can be Password protected.

Spread Sheet Won't Print

All else works fine, except for outputs.

Won't Print Preview or Export to PDF.

Make a copy of an OK file. Delete the data and save it.

Open the faulty file and using the key board Select All (Ctrl + A), Copy (Ctrl C).

Open the OK file and Paste (Ctrl V) the data into the new file and the Save (Ctrl S).

Then check to see if Print Preview will work.

TV Subtitles

Because of poor quality sound, either poor speech or excessively loud background noise/sound, it is becoming necessary to use the subtitle (STTL) feature.

One problem is a similar sounding, but incorrect, word is displayed because the speech/sound is causing the Speech to Text software difficulty and it is doubtful if the output has been proofed.

Firefox Chat Box

The Firefox Help Site only has a reference to a AntiVirus Chat Box which will not go away.

There is no mention of a FireFox specific ChatBox

Note: This record of the Q&A session topics relies on my biological volatile memory (a.k.a. the 'forgettory').

Gleanings from e-newsletters and other sources.

Reviews

The Best Wireless Headphones for 2025

Tim Gideon

Contributing Editor, Audio

Sean Madden

Editor, Australia

Eric Zeman

Managing Editor, Consumer Electronics Updated Nov 20, 2025

Tired of tangled audio cords? Whether you're looking for earbuds, on-ears, or full headphones, these are the best wireless models we've tested.

https://au.pcmag.com/headphones/3346/the-best-wireless-headphones

Meta Ray-Ban Display

Will Greenwald

Principal Writer, Consumer Electronics Updated Jan 29, 2026

The Meta Ray-Ban Display delivers some of the best hardware and controls you'll find in a pair of smart glasses, but its tightly closed software ecosystem makes it hard to recommend over more open alternatives.

https://au.pcmag.com/smart-glasses/115534/meta-ray-ban-display

New Releases

Essential PIM 12.5.6   .

License: Free

File name: Essential PIM.exe

File Size: 48.87 MB   O/S: Windows

Publisher:

URL: https://www.essentialpim.com/pc-version

Glary Utilities 6

License: Freeware

Release Date:

File Name: Glary_Utilities_v 6.37.0.41 .exe

File Size: 27.16 MB

Platform: Windows 8, 7, 2000, XP, Vista. 32/64bit version.

Publisher: Glarysoft Ltd

Languages: 44 Languages   [Help Translate]

URL: http://www.glaryutilities.com/

Release Notes:

Optimized Disk Cleaner: added support for 'Corel VideoStudio Pro x9' and 'SketchUp Make 2014'

Optimized Tracks Eraser: added support for 'Corel VideoStudio Pro x9' and 'SketchUp Make 2014'

Optimized Software Update: optimized the version comparison algorithm, and increase the comparison speed by 30%

Optimized Empty Folders Finder: add folder delete validation to prevent accidentally deletion of non-empty folder

Minor GUI improvements

Minor bug fixes

Glary Utilities is a freeware with registry and disk cleaning, privacy protection, performance accelerator and amazing multifunctional tools. It can fix dogged registry errors, wipe off clutters, optimise Internet speed, safeguard confidential files and maintain maximum performance.

It is designed for both novice and professionals. User-friendly interface shows clear & detailed

directions. For novice, all work can be done with just 1 or 2 clicks, while for professionals, abundant options are available.

Key features:

Optimise, clean and boost the speed of your Windows.

Protect your privacy and security.

Block spyware, trojans, adware, etc.

Fix certain application errors.

Simple, fast and user friendly interface.

For private use only.

URL: http://www.glaryutilities.com/

Google Chrome (32bit)   144.0.7559.110

License: Free

File name: ChromeSetup.exe

File Size: 10.25 MB   O/S: Windows

Publisher: Google

URL: https://www.google.com/chrome/

Inkscape (32bit)

License: Freeware

File name: Inkscape_(32bit)_v 1.4.2 .msi

File Size: 143.09 MB O/S: Windows

Publisher: inkscape.org

URL:
https://www.filepuma.com/download/inkscape_32bit_0.92.4-21328/download/

Java Runtime Environment (32bit)

License: Freeware

Filename:
Java_Runtime_Environment_(32bit)_v8.0.4810.10.exe

File Size: 36.03 MB   O/S: Windows

Publisher: Oracle

URL: http://www.java.com/

LibreOffice (64Bit)

License: Freeware

File name: LibreOffice_ 25.8.4_Win_x86.msi

File Size: 348.24 MB   O/S: Windows

Publisher: The Document Foundation

Comments: Contains the functions:-

Writer Document

Calc Spreadsheet

Imress Presentation

Draw Drawing

Math Formula

Base Database

URL:
https://mirror.freedif.org/TDF/libreoffice/stable/6.2.0/win/x86/LibreOffice_24.84.4_Win_x86.msi

Mozilla Firefox

License: Freeware

File name: Mozilla_Firefox_(32bit)_v146.0.2.exe Update

File Size: 71.01 MB   O/S: Windows 7 to 11

Publisher: Mozilla Corporation

Comments:-

To force a manual update:-

Menu Button > ? Button > 'About Firefox'

URL: https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/

Mozilla Thunderbird

License: Freeware

File name: Thunderbird Setup 147.0.1(GB).exe

File Size: 71.01 MB MB O/S: Windows XP SP2 to 10

Publisher: Mozilla Corporation

URL: http://www.mozilla.org/en-GB/thunderbird/

NotePad++ (32bit)

License: Freeware

File name: NotePad_v8.9.1.exe

File Size: 6.44 MB   O/S: Windows

Publisher: Notepad++

URL: https://notepad-plus-plus.org/

VLC Media Player (64bit)

License: Freeware

Filename:
VLC_Media_Player_(64bit)_v3.0.23.exe

File Size: 42.50 MB   O/S: Windows XP SP3 to the last version of Windows 10.

Publisher: VideoLAN Project

URL:
https://get.videolan.org/vlc/3.0.21/win64/vlc-3.0.7.1-win32.exe

Want more? See the New Releases list:

http://ct.com.com/

Tips etc.

I Replaced Windows 11 With Linux Mint. Here Are 7 Things It Does Much Better

Michael Muchmore Updated Jan 25, 2026

Linux Mint beats Windows 11 in more ways than I expected, but switching still comes with real trade-offs.

https://au.pcmag.com/linux/115517/i-replaced-windows-11-with-linux-mint-here-are-7-things-it-does-much-better

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The Best Antivirus Software for 2026

Neil J. Rubenking Principal Writer, Security

Updated Dec 22, 2025

Antivirus apps protect your PC's personal information, data, bank accounts, and other sensitive information. We've tested more than two dozen utilities to help you choose the right antivirus for your needs.

https://au.pcmag.com/antivirus/8949/the-best-antivirus-protection

Tesla Axes Autopilot, Pushes Users to $99-Per-Month FSD Subscription

Will McCurdy

Contributor Updated Jan 25, 2026

Tesla owners who want to retain access to features like Autosteer will need to pay for an FSD subscription, or fork out $8,000 before Feb. 14 for lifetime access.

https://au.pcmag.com/cars-auto/115522/tesla-axes-autopilot-pushes-users-to-99-per-month-fsd-subscription

I've Covered Online Scams for Years. These Are the 4 Biggest Ones to Watch for in 2026

Kim Key

Senior Writer, Security Updated Jan 26, 2026

With AI fueling new schemes, scams have become a booming business and 2026 could be the most lucrative year yet. I show you how to spot them and stay safe.

https://au.pcmag.com/security/115529/ive-covered-online-scams-for-years-these-are-the-4-biggest-ones-to-watch-for-in-2026

Using Browser Extensions to Translate or Download Videos? Better Check They're Not One of These 17 Malicious Add-Ons

Will McCurdy Updated Jan 26, 2026

Cybersecurity firm LayerX uncovers 17 malicious extensions that can enable click fraud, user tracking, and more. The most popular extension was downloaded more than 500K times.

https://au.pcmag.com/it-security/115530/using-browser-extensions-to-translate-or-download-videos-better-check-for-these-17-malicious-add-ons

Can HP AI Make You Hate Your Printer Less?

Updated Jan 25, 2026

HP s new AI-powered printing tools promise fewer wasted pages and smarter scans. In practice, the tech helps sometimes but it's a big-time work in progress. We gave it a test run.

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https://au.pcmag.com/ai/115523/can-hp-ai-make-you-hate-your-printer-less

Troubled Windows 11 January Patch Now Preventing Some PCs From Booting Up

James Peckham Updated Jan 27, 2026

After the first update stopped PCs from shutting down or going to sleep, the latest one halts the boot-up process. Microsoft says it's investigating the problem.

https://au.pcmag.com/operating-systems/115536/windows-11-january-patch-now-stops-some-pcs-from-booting-altogether

Don't Trash That Old PC: Here Are 17 Projects to Try Instead

Eric Griffith

Senior Editor, Features Updated Jan 26, 2026

Got an ancient laptop or desktop lying around? With just a bit of extra effort, you can transform an old gaming PC into an NAS, experiment with a new OS, build your own security cam, and more.

https://au.pcmag.com/laptops/115532/dont-trash-that-old-pc-here-are-17-projects-to-try-instead

Google Is Watching You. Get Control of Your Data by Changing These 3 Settings

Stephanie Mlot

Contributor

Jason Cohen

Senior Editor, Help & How To Updated Jan 24, 2026

Google's data collection can be a double-edged sword: helpful in some instances and too invasive in others. Here's how to check and adjust the privacy settings on your account.

https://au.pcmag.com/security/47543/how-to-get-google-to-quit-tracking-your-location

Microsoft Says This Free App Speeds Up Your PC With One Click. Does It Work?

Michael Muchmore

Principal Writer, Software January 22, 2026

You can spend money on third-party PC optimization tools to improve performance, but Microsoft PC Manager claims to deliver the same benefits for free. I put it to the test.

https://www.pcmag.com/explainers/microsoft-says-this-free-app-speeds-up-your-pc-with-one-click-does-it-work?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=whatsnewnow&zdee=gAAAAABjNL8ST42l80nl07cPB3qfRUi6ntgUgOTESELeSDlZFhs8z4qnmoLs_AknqwLVhZpQWW_ldjjcVkNAoSBZ5eIt2gM0-Tu64aKwciwXzXGx5QU6ZfE%3D&lctg=24359

534815&test_uuid=04IpBmWGZleS0I0J3epvMrC&test_variant=B

Waze Finally Delivers 5 Features It First Promised Almost 2 Years Ago

James Peckham

Report Updated Jan 23, 2026

New features include warnings for speed bumps, sharp turns, and emergency vehicles, as well as improved navigation for roundabouts.

https://au.pcmag.com/gps-navigation/115493/waze-finally-delivers-5-features-it-first-promised-almost-2-years-ago

The Week in AI: The Hype Is Bad for Your Wallet, and Ben Affleck's Surprising Rant

Emily Forlini

Senior Reporter Updated Jan 24, 2026

In Davos, world leaders had a lot to say about the future of AI, except for how memory shortages due to the AI data center explosion could mean higher prices for PCs, phones, and more.

https://au.pcmag.com/ai/115495/the-week-in-ai-the-hype-is-bad-for-your-wallet-and-ben-afflecks-surprising-rant

LastPass Says Even More Phishing Emails Are Being Sent to Its Users

James Peckham

Reporter Updated Jan 23, 2026

The password manager says customers began receiving emails on Jan. 19. Another wave of emails was sent by scammers a few days later.

https://au.pcmag.com/password-managers/115454/use-lastpass-watch-out-for-this-email-phishing-scam

Your Antivirus Could Be Spying on You. Here's What It Really Knows

Neil J. Rubenking

Principal Writer, Security Updated Jan 10, 2026

Antivirus software is supposed to keep you safe, but lab tests reveal that many apps collect far more data than you might expect. Here's what your security program sees, shares, and stores about you.

https://au.pcmag.com/antivirus/109568/is-your-antivirus-spying-on-you-yes-and-some-are-worse-than-others

This One Browser Setting Could Be Handing Hackers Your Credit Card

Neil J. Rubenking

Principal Writer, Security Updated Jan 28, 2026

Browsers make it easy to save payment info, but that convenience opens the door to malware, breaches, and data theft. We tell you what to do instead.

https://au.pcmag.com/security/115565/this-one-browser-setting-could-be-handing-hackers-your-credit-card

The Best Free Software: 60 Editor-Selected Essentials

Eric Griffith

Senior Editor, Features

In this time of economic uncertainty, you can't beat free! These top-notch app picks across eight key categories will make you more productive, more creative, and more secure on your PC.

https://au.pcmag.com/software-services/93440/the-best-free-software-of-2022

Lost Your Phone? Here's How to Get Back Into Your Accounts Without Losing Everything

Max Eddy

Former Lead Security Analyst

Kim Key

Senior Writer, Security Updated Jan 21, 2026

Whenever you get a new phone or authenticator, you risk locking yourself out of your multi-factor authentication (MFA) enabled accounts. We explain how to quickly recover your accounts and prevent future lockouts.

https://au.pcmag.com/password-managers/98713/so-youre-locked-out-of-multi-factor-authentication-now-what

I've Been a Photographer for Decades. These 10 Tips Will Instantly Improve Your Photos

Jim Fisher

Principal Writer, Cameras Updated Jan 22, 2026

After years of testing and reviewing hundreds of cameras, these are the lessons I give every new photographer.

https://au.pcmag.com/cameras-1/40042/10-quick-tips-to-fix-your-bad-photos

What to Do When Your Printer Won't Print: Try These 10 Troubleshooting Tips

Whitson Gordon

Contributing Writer Updated Nov 18, 2025

Whether it's a software glitch or a hardware issue, here's how to troubleshoot your finicky printer.

https://au.pcmag.com/printers/88977/what-to-do-when-your-printer-wont-print

Emergency Patch Issued for Microsoft Office, 365 Over Hacking Threat

Michael Kan

Senior Reporter Updated Jan 27, 2026

Microsoft suggests the threat is being used in phishing attacks against vulnerable systems since successful exploitation requires local access to the PC.

https://au.pcmag.com/security/115555/emergency-patch-issued-for-microsoft-office-365-over-hacking-threat

Clawdbot (Now Moltbot) Is the Hot New AI Agent, But Is It Safe to Use?

Emily Forlini

Senior Reporter Updated Jan 29, 2026

The defining features of this agent are the ability to take actions without you needing to prompt it, and that it make those decisions by accessing large swaths of your digital life.

https://au.pcmag.com/ai/115564/clawdbot-is-the-hot-new-ai-agent-but-its-creator-warns-of-spicy-security-risks

Changing Your Passwords Frequently Is Terrible Advice. Here's Why

Eric Griffith

Senior Editor, Features Updated Jan 29, 2026

We have been conditioned to think that good cyber hygiene means creating new, strong, and unique passwords every few months. Not so fast!

https://au.pcmag.com/password-managers/115599/change-your-passwords-frequently-is-terrible-advice-heres-why

Windows 11 Is Full of Hidden Tools. These Are the Weirdest Ones You've Never Used

Chris Hoffman

Contributor Updated Jan 20, 2026

You don't know Windows 11 as well as you think you do. I reveal all the strange, brilliant, and downright surprising features you have probably missed in the Settings app.

https://au.pcmag.com/migrated-15175-windows-10/115425/windows-11-is-full-of-hidden-tools-these-are-the-weirdest-ones-youve-never-used

Sick of All the AI in Windows 11? This Tool Can Help You Burn It All Down

Updated Jan 17, 2026

Winslop can disable Recall, remove Copilot from the taskbar, get rid of the Click to Do function on Copilot+ PCs, and more.

https://au.pcmag.com/migrated-15175-windows-10/115399/sick-of-all-the-ai-in-windows-11-this-tool-can-help-you-burn-it-all-down

Stop Overpaying: Here's How Much Internet Speed You Really Need

Eric Griffith

Senior Editor, FeaturesUpdated January 13, 2026

Don't automatically sign up for your ISP's fastest tier. Follow our simple tips to find the perfect balance of throughput and cost.

https://www.pcmag.com/explainers/how-much-internet-speed-you-really-need?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=tipstrickshowto&zdee=gAAAAABjNL8ST42l80nl07cPB3qfRUi6ntgUgOTESELeSDlZFhs8z4qnmoLs_AknqwLVhZpQWW_ldjjcVkNAoSBZ5eIt2gM0-Tu64aKwciwXzXGx5QU6ZfE%3D&lctg=24359534815&test_uuid=04IpBmWGZleS0I0J3epvMrC&test_variant=B

Here Endeth John's Jots

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GIVE YOUR PC A FRESH START: NEW FREE TOOLS TO BOOST YOUR PC'S SPEED, SECURITY, AND PEACE OF MIND by Tjitske de Vries, Malwarebytes

– If you ever have the feeling your computer is dragging its feet, or shows odd behavior, you're not alone. In some cases, the culprit is indeed malware, but often it's something more mundane. Over time, baggage accumulates, much like a toddler's backpack after a day in the forest.
Too many apps starting up at once, Windows settings not tuned for your needs, or even a firewall that's too confusing to manage.
That's why Malwarebytes launched Tools, a new set of free features designed to give your Windows PC a breath of fresh air.
[Give your PC a fresh start: New free tools to boost your PC's speed, security, and peace of mind | Malwarebytes](#)

7 MICROSOFT POWERTOYS FEATURES YOU SHOULD BE USING ON WINDOWS 11 by Adam Davidson, groovyPost

– Windows 11 is packed with valuable features. It includes a powerful snipping tool for taking screenshots or screen recordings, a native clipboard tool that lets you paste items from your clipboard history, and a helpful Snap Layouts feature to quickly and easily rearrange your windows. However, the free Microsoft PowerToys app offers even more powerful features, available to download from the Microsoft Store. Here are some of the best PowerToys features to use.
[7 Microsoft PowerToys features you should be using on Windows 11](#)

HOW TO CREATE ENCRYPTED STORAGE VAULTS ON WINDOWS WITH VERACRYPT by Faisal Rasool, How-To Geek

– **The safest way to secure your data on Windows is by keeping it in encrypted vaults.** You can create hidden, password-protected virtual drives. Put your data in there, access it when you need to, and then hide the virtual drives again. This is everything you need to know to create and use super secure storage vaults on Windows. Learn how Veracrypt works here:
[How to create hidden, password-protected virtual drives using VeraCrypt](#)

10 WINDOWS FILE EXPLORER TIPS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW by Karrar Haider, MakeTechEasier

– The File Explorer in Windows is quite powerful and feature-filled. Learn about 10 helpful File Explorer tips you can use to make File Explorer better here:
[10 Windows File Explorer Tips Everyone Should Know – Make Tech Easier](#)

PLEASE STOP USING REGISTRY CLEANERS, THEY'RE HARMING YOUR PC by Nick Lesie, How-To Geek

– [The Windows Registry](#) is basically a long list of settings. It specifies which options are enabled in Windows, what values some settings take (like whether Windows is in light or dark mode), where programs or assets can be found, and countless other details. Read more at [Please stop using registry cleaners, they're harming your PC](#)

5 ANDROID FEATURES THAT GOOGLE QUIETLY ABANDONED by Oluwademilade Afolabi, MakeUseOf

– For a platform that prides itself on flexibility and experimentation, Android has a long history of trying bold ideas. Some stuck around and evolved. Others didn't exactly fail, but they faded away without much explanation, joining the list of [phone features that no longer exist](#). What makes these losses sting is that many of these features were quite good. People used them. I miss them. And in some cases, nothing truly replaced them.

CLEARING COOKIES IS USELESS — HERE'S THE REAL WAY TO STOP TRACKING by Gavin Phillips, MakeUseOf –

For years, clearing your browser cookies felt like a small but meaningful privacy reset. You'd nuke your data, reload a site, and feel like you'd shaken off the trackers following you around the web. That advice used to make sense. Today, it's simply not enough as a single privacy protection. Modern tracking has moved on. Cookies are just one part of how websites identify you, serve you ads, and track you around the internet. So, while removing cookies doesn't really create problems, if you want to reduce online tracking, you need to stop chasing cookies and start limiting the data your browser leaks in the first place. Read more at Clearing cookies is useless — here's the real way to stop tracking

YOUR COMPUTER IS GETTING AN "ASSISTANT" WHETHER YOU ASKED FOR ONE OR NOT
WINDOWS PCS

Microsoft is busy rebuilding **Windows 11** around AI. The Copilot assistant is becoming the main way they want you to interact with your PC. New "AI PCs" have special chips called NPUs (Neural Processing Units) that let the computer run AI features right on the device. What that means for you:

You'll be able to:

- Ask your PC (in everyday language) to find files, summarize documents, or rewrite something you're typing.
- Get writing help in Word, Outlook, and other Microsoft 365 apps, including some features that work even if the internet is down on newer machines.
- The system will be more "context aware," meaning it can see what's on your screen and offer help based on that.

In other words, your PC will start acting more like a chatty assistant and less like a big filing cabinet.

Fixing Wi-Fi Connection Problems Easily on Windows 11 By Dellenny • by John Edward

Did it happen to you that while watching a movie or trying to join a meeting, or playing game online then you find Wi-Fi is not working.

Although Windows 11 brings a modern look and better performance but still Wi-Fi issues can happen at any time. The good news is that most problems are easy to fix with a few simple steps.

In this blog will show you easy troubleshooting methods to fix your Wi-Fi connection issues on Windows 11 whether your device isn't detecting Wi-Fi or the connection drops frequently, or you can't get online at all.

Common Wi-Fi Problems on Windows 11 You might experience one or more of the following:

- Wi-Fi not showing in settings
- Wireless adapter missing or disabled Connected, but no internet access
- Slow or unstable Wi-Fi
- Wi-Fi keeps disconnecting
- Error connecting to a network
- Can't connect after an update

Each of these issues has different causes—but the solutions below will help fix them in most cases.

Quick Basic Fixes You Should Try First
Before diving into advanced fixes, try these simple steps:

Restart Your PC & Router

- Many network glitches are temporary.
- Turn off your PC
- Unplug your router for 30 seconds
- Plug it back in and wait until all lights stabilize
- Restart your PC

This refreshes the network settings and often solves the problem instantly.

Toggle Airplane Mode

A quick reset of wireless services:

1. Click Network icon in System Tray

2. Turn Airplane mode ON

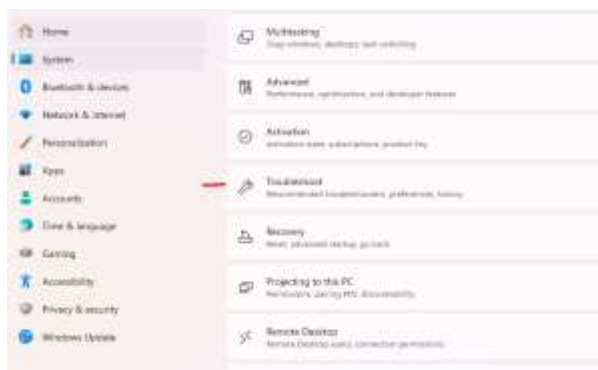3. Wait 10 seconds, turn it OFF

Check Wi-Fi is Enabled

Go to:

Settings → Network & Internet → Wi-Fi → Toggle ON

If the Wi-Fi option is completely missing, it may be a driver issue. Keep reading!

Step-by-Step Solutions for Wi-Fi Not Working in

Run the Network Troubleshooter Windows 11 includes a built-in tool that can automatically fix many problems.

1. Open **Settings**
2. Go to **System → Troubleshoot → Other troubleshooters**
3. Click **Run** next to **Network and Internet**
Follow the prompts and apply any fixes suggested.

Reinstall or Update Wi-Fi Adapter Driver
Driver issues are a common cause of missing or unstable Wi-Fi.

1. Press **Windows + X**

2. Click **Device Manager**

3. Expand **Network adapters**
4. Right-click your Wi-Fi adapter Choose

Update driver → *Search automatically* If still not working → choose **Uninstall device**

5. Restart your PC
Windows will reinstall the correct driver automatically.

Reset Network Settings
This restores everything to default and helps fix deep connectivity errors.
Go to:
Settings → Network & Internet → Advanced network settings → Network reset → Reset now
Your PC will restart. You will need to reconnect to Wi-Fi afterward.

Forget and Reconnect to the Wi-Fi Network
Sometimes stored passwords or configuration cause conflicts.

1. **Settings → Network & Internet → Wi-Fi → Manage known networks**
2. Select the network → **Forget**
3. Reconnect by entering the password again

Turn Off VPN or Proxy (If Enabled)
VPNs and proxies can block Wi-Fi internet access.
· Disable any **VPN software**
· Go to **Settings → Network & Internet → Proxy** and turn off **Automatically detect settings** if needed

Disable Power-Saving Features for Wi-Fi Adapter
Windows may turn off Wi-Fi to save power, especially on laptops.
1. **Device Manager → Network adapters**
2. Right-click Wi-Fi adapter → **Properties**
3. Go to **Power Management** tab
4. Uncheck: *Allow the computer to turn off this device to save power*

Reset TCP/IP and DNS (Command Fix)
If you're connected but no internet access:

1. Open **Command Prompt as Administrator**
2. Run these commands one by one:
netsh winsock reset
netsh int ip reset

ipconfig /flushdns
ipconfig /release
ipconfig /renew
Restart once done.

Wi-Fi Still Slow? Try These Tips
If your Wi-Fi works but is slow or keeps dropping:
- Move closer to the router
- Reduce connected devices on the same network
- Switch between **2.4 GHz** and **5 GHz** bands
- Restart your router more often
- Update router firmware (check brand website)

Advanced Fix: Check Windows Update
Buggy Windows updates occasionally break Wi-Fi. Install latest patches:
Settings → Windows Update → Check for updates
If the problem started **after** an update, consider uninstalling it temporarily.

When to Contact Your Internet Provider
After trying all solutions, if another device also cannot get stable Wi-Fi, the issue might not be your PC.
Contact your ISP if:
· You see constant outages
· Router lights show connection failure
· Speed is much lower than your plan
· All devices lose connection randomly
Your provider may reset your service or replace faulty equipment.

Fixing Wi-Fi problems on Windows 11 doesn't have to be stressful. With the right steps like updating drivers, restarting the router, or resetting network settings you can quickly restore fast, stable internet ac-cess. Technology isn't perfect but knowing how to troubleshoot Wi-Fi issues yourself saves time and frustration. Keep this guide handy for the next time your connection drops!

Renaming Multiple Files
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Renaming one file in Windows is simple; just click on the file in File Explorer to highlight the name which can then be typed over or edited as desired.

But, what if there are 12 files (or 1200), with names like 20241019_103224.jpg, that need to be renamed in a logical sequence? Sure, you could edit them one-by-one but a much more efficient method is to use a purpose-built utility program that can apply a naming template to all the slides automatically.

Enter Advanced Renamer, a single-minded program from software developer Kim Jensen, that makes renaming multiple files a breeze.

When downloaded and installed, running the program displays a main screen that initially may seem a little daunting.

However, the first topic in the online user guide is *Getting Started* and this provides sim-plea, clear instructions, together with an annotated screenshot, of the four-step process to batch rename a group of files.
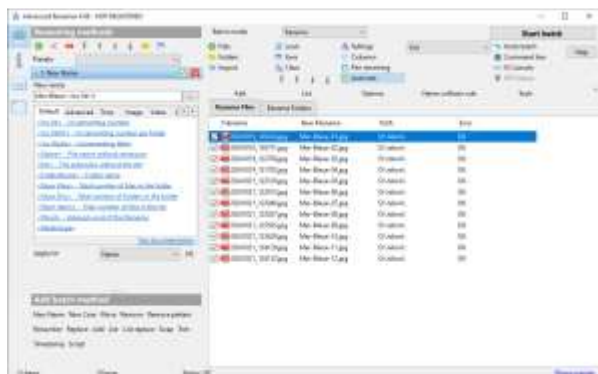
Firstly, the files to be renamed can be selected by clicking on the *Green plus sign/File* menu item under *(Continued*

Batch Mode. This loads a standard file-browse window where multiple files can be selected for pro-cessing.

Next, selecting *New name* from the *Add batch method* area on the lower-left side of the window provides a text box where a template for the new file name can be developed. Text can be typed into this box and supplemented by any of a number of pre-defined entries. For example, one commonly-used construct is to add the entry *<Inc Nr> - Incrementing number* in order to include sequence numbers in the file names.

In the example shown in Figure 1, the initial file name, 20241019_103224.jpg, has been renamed to Mer-Bleue-01.jpg and this format has been automatically applied to the remaining files that have been selected for renaming.

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Figure 1. Files renamed using Advanced Renamer

The third, very useful, step is to review the set of new file names that are now displayed in the main pro-gram window. The template can be adjusted should the previewed results not be precisely those desired.

Finally, the *Start batch* control button is pressed to initiate the renaming process.

As its name suggests, Advanced Renamer has many more complex features, including the ability to change the case of text, use date and time information, conduct partial naming using search patterns, use music file tags and digital image metadata, and copying or moving files and folders.

These advanced options provide a range of exceptionally flexible file and folder renaming constructs.

The program is available for Windows (64-bit only) and Mac computers. The User Guide is very comprehensive with clear descriptions of the available features together with a number of useful examples. And, while the program's interface may initially seem somewhat complex, it is actually very easy to perform a simple batch file renaming process for a specific group of files which is the most likely requirement for the majority of users.

Bottom Line

Advanced Renamer (Freeware)

Version 4.08

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