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Upcoming Events

Email Fundamentals

Marv Pollack
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Tips and Tricks: A Grab Bag of Surprises (cont'd)

Gary Frantz
Apr 2, 9:30 am.
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Happy April 15th



Is it Windows Defender Antivirus or Windows Defender Firewall?

Microsoft keeps changing names and protection, and it can get confusing. Here's what's what:

Windows Defender Antivirus is the antivirus engine. It scans for malware, blocks threats, and provides real-time protection. It used to be called Windows Defender, but Microsoft changed its name. You can no longer find the Antivirus in Control Panel. It's in the **Windows Security app**.

Windows Defender Firewall is the network firewall. It controls which apps can send/receive traffic and protects you on public Wi-Fi, such as when you're having lunch at Panera's and surfing the web on your laptop. **Firewall** can still be found in the **Control Panel**.

Does any of this matter to you? Not really. As long as both are enabled and set up correctly, they run quietly in the background without needing anything from you. But check next month's newsletter for the nitty-gritty on how to examine and configure them.

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Rotate a picture

A friend sends you a picture that looks like this:



You want it positioned like this:



1. Right-click the picture.
2. **Open with > Photos.**
3. Enlarge the app to fill the entire screen.
4. Click  next to **Edit** in the upper left corner.
5. When the picture is in the correct orientation, click **Save options.**
6. Click **Save as copy.**
7. Pick a new file name and a location.
8. Click **Save.**
9. Close the app.
10. That's it!

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Phooey! Why did I delete that message?

Do you have a Samsung Android Phone? Do you use Samsung Messaging? Did you delete a message that you want to read again? Relax. If you deleted it within the last 30 days, all is not lost. You can read that message again.

Here's how:

1. Go to the main Messages screen.
2. Tap the menu (:).
3. Tap Trash there.
4. If Trash is enabled, you will see your recoverable messages listed.

HERE'S SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT FIND CONFUSING when you open your Trash folder. Directly under the word Trash you'll see something like **37 conversations 729 messages**. That simply means you have 37 threads (like folders) from individuals with 729 conversations (like files) contained in them.

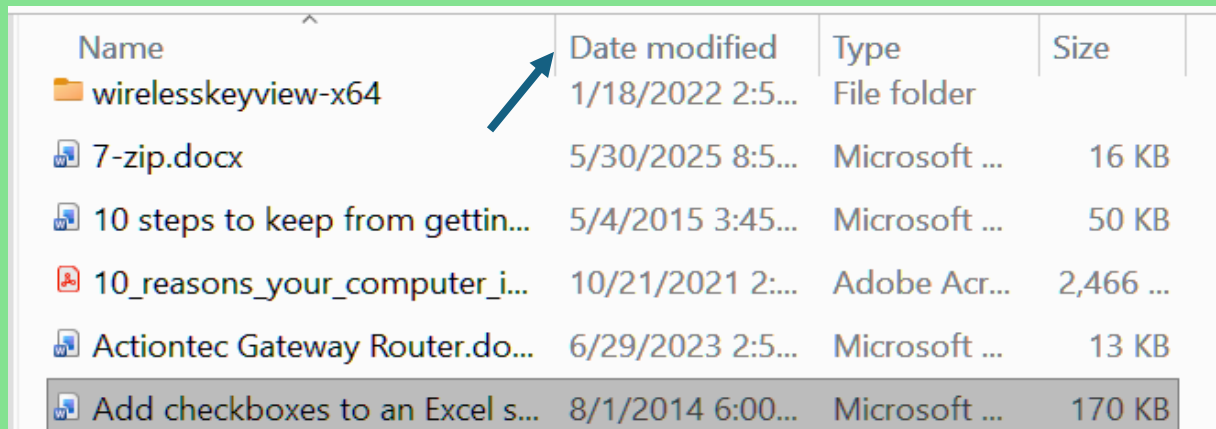
Now, would you like to get a single message back into your inbox? It's easy. Here's how:

1. Open the Messages app.
2. Tap the three-dot menu (:) in the top-right.
3. Select Trash.
4. Open the conversation that contains the deleted message.
5. Tap and hold the specific message you want to restore.
6. Choose Restore (it will move back into your main inbox in the original conversation).

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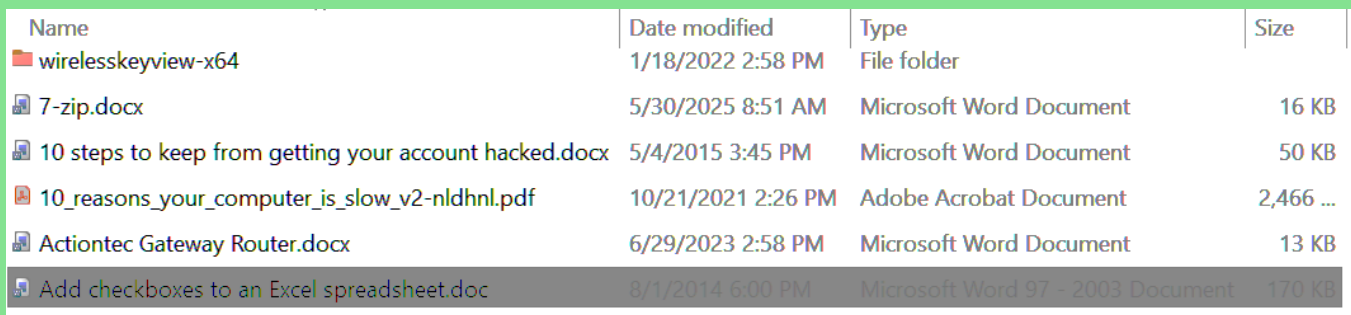
A New Look for the Folders and Files Inside Your Folders

When you open your folders, are the folders and files inside all scrunched together—like this?




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Actiontec Gateway Router.do...	6/29/2023 2:5...	Microsoft ...	13 KB
Add checkboxes to an Excel s...	8/1/2014 6:00...	Microsoft ...	170 KB

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10_reasons_your_computer_is_slow_v2-nldhnl.pdf	10/21/2021 2:26 PM	Adobe Acrobat Document	2,466 ...
Actiontec Gateway Router.docx	6/29/2023 2:58 PM	Microsoft Word Document	13 KB
Add checkboxes to an Excel spreadsheet.doc	8/1/2014 6:00 PM	Microsoft Word 97 - 2003 Document	170 KB

1. Put your cursor on the **column separator** as shown in the top figure.
2. When the cursor turns into a plus sign with points  on the column separator, double-click.
3. The column will expand so that all the text in all the rows of the column is visible.
4. Ctrl + S to lock the new view.

That's it!

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