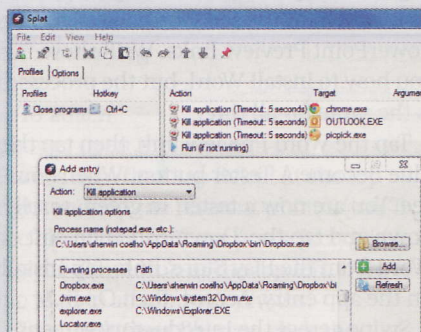


TIP OF THE FORTNIGHT

Close multiple programs with a keyboard shortcut

In Issue 449, you featured a brilliant, free program called Splat in the 'Launch multiple programs with one keyboard shortcut' Workshop (see page 42). When using it, I realised that Splat also lets you batch-close programs using a keyboard shortcut, which I find more useful.

First, ensure all the programs you want to be closed by your shortcut are open. Next, install Splat by going to www.snipca.com/16343, then clicking the orange Splat.zip link. Open the downloaded zipped file, then the Splat.exe file and click Run. Now click the small rocket icon at the top left, name your shortcut profile, then click OK. Click the profile at the top left, then double-click the first cell below Action on the right to see the 'Add entry' window (see screenshot above).



Click the Action dropdown menu and select either 'Close application' or 'Kill application'. The latter is more effective but doesn't save data from the program before closing it. Next, navigate to the first program you want to close in the 'Running processes' column and click it. You'll notice that some programs (such

as Chrome) will have multiple entries listed. If this is the case, keep the Shift key pressed and select all its entries. Next, click the Add button. Finally, type 0 in the 'Time to wait for app to close' field, then click Save. Now click the second cell below Action and add the second program you want to close. Repeat this to create a list of all the programs you want to close.

When you've finished adding them, right-click the profile you created at the top left, click 'Edit launch hotkey', select the keyboard shortcut you want to use to close those programs and click Accept. Now, whenever you have any of these programs open, press the shortcut you created to close them.

Ron Blyth

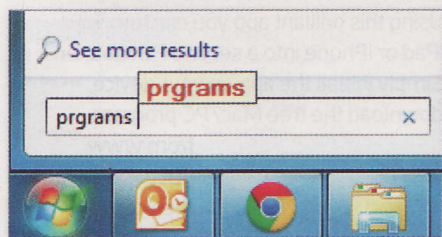


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SPELL-CHECKER

Get notified whenever you misspell a word

Having recently moved to the UK from Spain I am trying to improve my English. Despite my efforts, I still make a lot of spelling mistakes when typing. My English tutor told me to use a free program called tinySpell that makes a sound and gives you a list of spelling suggestions every time you mistype something. This works in every program on your PC - including Office, Notepad, the Windows search bar, and even in browser search boxes and URL fields.



To download it, go to www.snipca.com/16576 and click the green Download Now link at the top left. Run the downloaded setup file and follow the steps to install it. Now, whenever you misspell a word, you'll hear a notification sound (a ping). You'll also see the

misspelt word in a small yellow box (see screenshot below left). Click this box to see possible alternatives, then select the correct one. To customise the program, open tinySpell (by clicking the small white TS icon in your PC's notification area). From here, you can change the size of the yellow box by selecting Small, Large or Huge in the 'Spelling tip' section (it's set to Medium by default).

Cristobal Batista

BROWSER

Remove the user profile icon in Chrome

I've recently noticed that Chrome has added a new 'profile' icon (with my name) at the top right of my browser window (to the left of the minimise and close buttons). It lets you switch user accounts or use Incognito (Chrome's private browsing mode). I find this icon distracting and wanted to get rid of it. Thankfully, this is quite easy.

In the Chrome browser bar, type **chrome://flags**, press Enter, then press Ctrl+F to bring up the search bar at the top right. Type **new profile management system** to see the relevant option highlighted (see screenshot right). Click its dropdown menu then select Disabled. Finally, scroll to the bottom of the page

and click Relaunch Now to re-open your browser without the profile icon.

Peter Parry

SOCIAL MEDIA

Download Facebook videos to your PC

On occasions, I come across some great videos on Facebook that I'd like to keep, but until recently I never knew you could download them to your PC. To do this, first open the Facebook page with the video you'd like to download. Next, replace the 'www' in your Facebook URL bar to 'm' (for example, <https://www.facebook.com/xyz> should now read <https://m.facebook.com/xyz>). Don't be startled by the changed Facebook layout in your browser - what you're doing here is accessing Facebook's mobile website on your PC.

Now navigate to the video you want and start playing it. While it's playing, right-click the video, click 'Save video as', then rename the file and save it wherever you want.

Brian Horlock

