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Computer Tips & Tricks

Location

We all take for granted that our phone knows our location.

(Its internal GPS is essential for cell tower usage.)

And your location is particularly useful for mapping, getting directions and giving all photos a property of Latitude and Longitude.

But did you know that Windows 10 now has the same functionality. It might seem strange since your desktop computer normally doesn't travel very far, but in fact it is equally important for many desktop applications. Maybe you are looking up the weather, or asking Cortana where the closest Pizza shop is. In each case your current location is very important.

Now, to protect your privacy, Windows 10 has given us 2 ways to manage this new feature.

Firstly, you may notice this icon pop up in the system status bar. (bottom right corner)



It will be visible whenever your location is being used by an app.

Secondly, there is a new location management screen, click the windows button, then settings, privacy and location.

On this screen you will be able to select which apps will have access to your location. So if you would rather that windows does not know where you are, you can switch it off here.

One more benefit of letting your computer use your location, is that internet search results will be more useful, and all results will be centered where you currently are.

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