

# Pimp my Win8Top

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**At last the FT Technology Service Desk have given me a Windows 8 Desktop.**

## GOALS:

- Time management: Pomodoro Timers
- Communications: Email, Skype, AIM all set up
- Multi browser testing while developing: Browsers installed, Command Line, Web Server / Charles, Check out Code
- IE development environment: IE Tester

## QUESTIONS:

- none at the moment

## Here's what I've learned / installed:

- Synergy (<http://synergy-foss.org/>)
  - Synergy to control it with mouse and keyboard from the MacTop
  - Change Win7 Group Policy settings to allow synergy to send CTRL-ALT-DEL to login. (<http://synergy-foss.org/osqa/questions/1561/control-alt-delete-win-7-login-prompt>)
    - WinKey / Edit Group Policy / Computer Configuration / Administrative Templates / Windows Components / Windows Logon Options / Disable or enable software Secure Attention Sequence
    - Set to Enabled for Services and Ease of Access applications
- Google Chrome extensions set up by signing in to the browser with ft.com email address.
- Keyboard / Mouse Configuration
  - Control Panel / Mouse
    - Buttons
      - Switch primary and secondary buttons
    - Pointers
      - Windows Black Extra Large
    - Pointer Options
      - Display pointer trails: long

- Show location of pointer when I press the Ctrl Key
- Control Panel / Keyboard / Speed
  - Repeat Delay: short
  - Repeat Rate: fast
- Path Copy (<http://pathcopycopy.codeplex.com/>)
- Tomighty Pomodoro Timer (<http://www.tomighty.org/>)
- Cygwin (<http://cygwin.com/install.html>)
  - Additional packages to select during the install:
    - Archive - zip/unzip
    - Devel - cvs/subversion/git/git-completion
    - Editors - gvim/hexedit/mc/vim
    - Graphics - bmp2png
    - Interpreters - perl/python/ruby
    - Net - curl/dog/openssh/ping/nc
    - Shells - bash completion/chere/tcsh
    - Utils - colordiff, wdiff, file, md5deep
    - Web - links/lynx/wget
    - X11 - xinit (will install the Cygwin/X packages needed) / xterm/xeyes
- Cygwin/X (<http://x.cygwin.com/>) - installed with Cygwin as of release 1.7
- StarDock Fences - Desktop Icons organized with Fences (<http://www.stardock.com/products/fences/downloads.asp>)
  - Appearance
    - Show Labels - On Mouseover
    - Color Intensity: 30%
    - Outline fence areas: yes
    - Fade out scrollbars when inactive: yes
    - Change Label text color: Red
  - Quick Tips
    - double click desktop to hide all icons
    - Windows Key + D - quick access to Desktop
  - View
    - Classic Icons
    - Exclude Fence from Quick Hide
      - QuickLinks
      - Web Apps
      - System Tools
      - Security
    - Lock Fences
- Charles Web Proxy (<https://neo.pearson.com/docs/DOC-51032>)
  - Proxy / Proxy Settings / Proxies / Port: 58008
    - Enable transparent HTTP proxying
  - Tools / Mirror / Save To: H:\tx\\_tmp\mirror
- Printers
- FTPRINTER-32-C on FTPRT01-WVUK-P -- \\FTPR01-WVUK-P\FTPRINTER-32-C
- FTPRINTER-16-C on ftprt01-wvuk-p -- \\ftprt01-wvuk-p\FTPRINTER-16-C
- [DID] or CutePDF Writer (<http://www.cutepdf.com/>) was alerady installed
- WinSCP (<http://winscp.net/eng/download.php>)
  - Custom Install then select Show advanced login options on final screen
- JZip (works with java archives) (<http://www.jzip.com/>)
- TextPad when the IDE is overkill (<http://www.textpad.com/products/textpad/index.html>)
  - or any other lightweight programming text editor we have a full license for
  - Configure / Preferences
    - General
      - Put Shortcuts on Desktop, Quick Launch toolbar

- Document Classes
  - Default (etc) / Font - ProFontWindows 14 pt for both screen/printer, use for DOS files
- ProFont (<http://www.tobias-jung.de/seekingprofont/>)
  - <http://www.tobiasjung.net/download.php?file=ProFontWinTweaked.zip>
  - Set this as default in Cygwin 14 pt size

## Browsers

### Browsers Installed / Firefox / Opera / IE10 / IE Tester

- Google Chrome (with extensions) (<http://www.google.com/chrome?hl=en-GB-GB>)
  - Google Chrome extensions set up by signing in to the browser with ft.com email address.
  - Chrome Web Store <https://chrome.google.com/webstore>
  - Tomatoist (Pomodoro timer <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/kcbpakgmhajnlohloaefofoppgmpaega>)
  - Session Buddy (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/edacconmaakjimmfgnblocblbcdcpbko>)
  - Settings / Appearance / Position the navigation part on the right
  - Angry Birds ;- ) [for pomodoro breaks, you know] (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/aknpkdfaaafgjchaibgeefbgmgeghlj>)
  - Angry Birds Theme (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/jadkpnphpijodcognhffgcfkleekcjoo?hl=en-GB>)
  - IE Tab (<http://www.ietab.net>)
  - Resolution Test (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/resolution-test/idhfcdbheobinplaamokffboaccidbal>)
  - Javascript Beautifier (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/pnldlbhphmlbhgjbbjoipidlemceicco>)
  - JSLint (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/jllekaioicnhoinolncnmofahonmmaio>)
  - Send from Gmail (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/pgphcomnlaojlmmcmiddhdapjpbgeoc>)
  - SPDY Indicator (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/mpbpobfflnpcgagjjihmgngchggcjblin>)
  - JSONView and JSONLint (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/jsonview-and-jsonlint-for/mfjgkleajnieiaonjglfmanlmibchpam>)
  - Downloads folder change - chrome://settings/advanced
    - I:\AdsAndPersonalisation\Downloads\WinPC
    - Ask where to save each file before downloading
- Mozilla Firefox (and plugins, extensions) (<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/new/>)
- Shockwave Flash Plugin (ads team, you know)
- Session Manager
- Firebug (includes Firecookie)
- CookieWatcher (FTQA) (turn on the AddOn toolbar to see it)
- Web Developer (included now in FF)
- FoxClocks (UK, Manila, GMT/UTC)
- FoxyProxy Standard
  - Add Proxy Dev Proxy: color #5BFA1B (green)
    - Automatic Proxy configuration: <http://websense.ft.com/devproxy.pac>
  - Add Proxy No Proxy: color #FC1717 (red)
  - Default Proxy color #65BAD7 (cyan)
- Yslow
- MeasureIt
- Appearance / LavaFox
- Flagfox - handy shows geo location of server and provides tools like checking up-ness, tiny-url, etc

- User Agent Switcher
  - Then import Steve Chambers' configuration file with various user agents
  - file://nasfs01/service%20development/AdsAndPersonalisation/Downloads/useragentswitcher.xml
- Opera (<http://www.opera.com/>)
  - Enable Opera Link Synchronization
    - Click the little cloud / refresh icon at bottom left of Opera's chrome and put in account details

## Communications

- Pidgin (<http://www.pidgin.im/>)
- Skype (<http://www.skype.com/intl/en-gb/get-skype/on-your-computer/windows/>)

## System Tools

- Piriform speccy, ccleaner
- Techsmith Jing (<http://www.techsmith.com/jing/free/>)
  - Account email [brent.cowgill@ft.com](mailto:brent.cowgill@ft.com)
  - Configure / Customize Buttons
    - Save: Save location C:\sandbox\Dropbox\Photos\\_c\_dropbox\_jing
    - Set Capture hotkey Ctrl-PrintScreen
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