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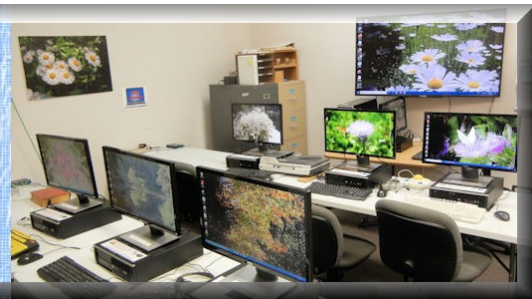
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Len's YouTube Favorites For April

Want to clear your brain for a while from the current political world nonsense? Here is a way to view amazing things the world has to discover. Just click on the links below to open YouTube videos.

When a YouTube video is open, check to see how long it is and check to see if it has chapters.

YouTube Tools.

Note the YouTube tools.

> ➢ The time line will show the current *Location*.

> ➢ Next to the Location is the total video *Length*.

> ➢ Next to the Length tool is the *Chapter* tool (if the video includes chapters). If you select the Chapters tool, a chapter list will appear. The length of each chapter is shown and you can jump to the different chapters by clicking a chapter in the list.

> ➢ Pressing **F** on the keyboard toggles full screen view on or off.

Wonderful World videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IkEMMKSqcw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g01AqnNI_TE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIPxAeECjjw

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China Now

If you are still thinking of China as a land of poor peasants slogging around in rice paddies, you are way behind the times. The Western news media are no help, since they fail to show recent advances in China. The people of China are experiencing the most advanced technologies and infrastructure in the world. Here is a 15 minute video that focuses on modern Chinese cities, but does not include daily life style changes for the majority of the population. There are other YouTube videos that follow individuals who have spent the last several years in China and report on current life.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSHozFwR1ro

Katherine is an American who has been living in rural China for more than 6 years. Her website provides her experiences living in, and traveling in, rural China.

https://www.youtube.com/@kats_journey_east

Bee Rose is an American girl who has decided to raise her children in China. Her website details her experiences.

https://www.youtube.com/@beeroseinchina

Lizzy is from South Africa and has been teaching and living in a big city for more than 6 years. She has strong opinions about how the western media has been misleading people about life in China.

https://www.youtube.com/@lizzyinchina

After observing videos about current conditions in China that is from western tourists and ex-pats who are not simply Chinese government propaganda pushers, I am convinced that it is unlikely that the US will ever catch up with the Chinese in infrastructure, technology applications, and quality of life for the majority of people.
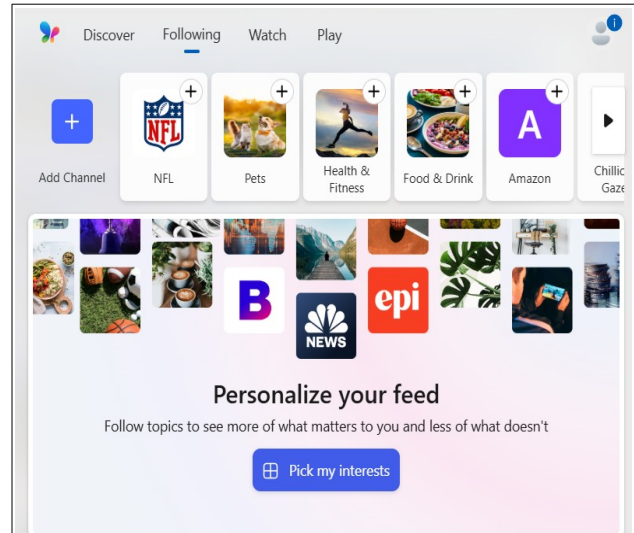
Windows Widgets

Widgets are interactive elements that display information from apps on your device's home screen, lock screen, or taskbar. They can be used to view weather, news, reminders, and more. Widgets can be found on smart phones, tablets, or in this case, Windows.
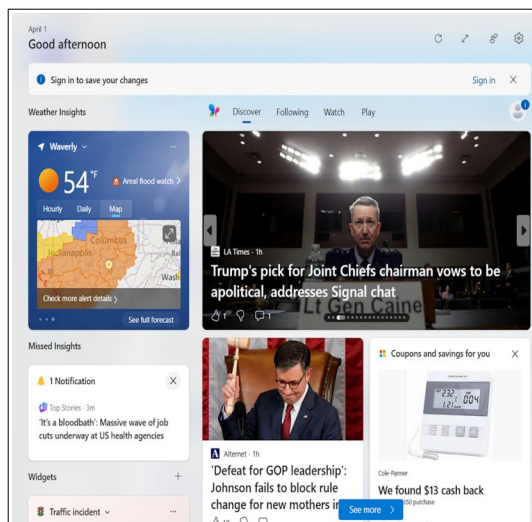
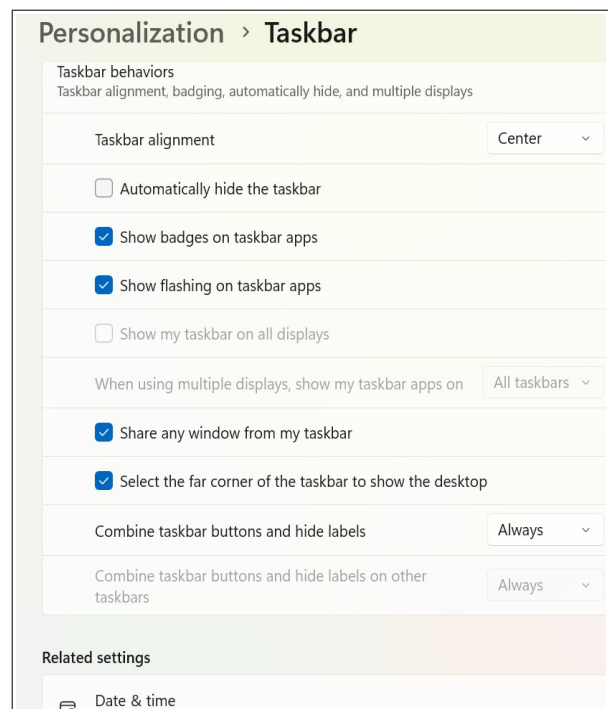To open Windows widgets in Windows 11, press **Windows key + W**.
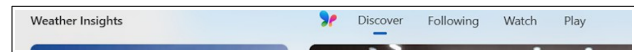
Pick an option from the Widget menu to display different selections. The Following menu choice allows you to personalize your feed.

Widows widgets can help with your web browsing. To close the widgets simply click somewhere away from the widgets.

Personalize Windows 11 Taskbar

The *Taskbar* is the horizontal row of icons along the bottom of the Windows 11 display. The Taskbar provides one click access to Apps. To personalize the taskbar, *right click* on an empty part of the Taskbar and select **Taskbar Settings**. This will open the Personalize Taskbar dialog box.

Right click on a Taskbar App shortcut to open options for that app.

To add an app shortcut to the Taskbar first open the *Start* menu. You can *right click* on a start menu shortcut App and select **Pin to Taskbar**. If the desired App does not appear in the Shortcut Pinned display, select **All**, scroll down to the desired App, *right click,* select **More**, and select **Pin to Taskbar**.

Custom Windows 11 Panels

Did you ever hold the mouse pointer near the upper right part of the display and see something pop open and you wondered what it was for?

This thing provides 6 different ways to display open windows.
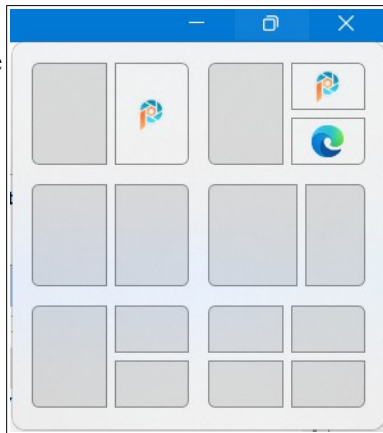
Although there are a number of different ways to display open Windows, the one I use most often, and is the easiest to use is to have two Windows apps side by side.
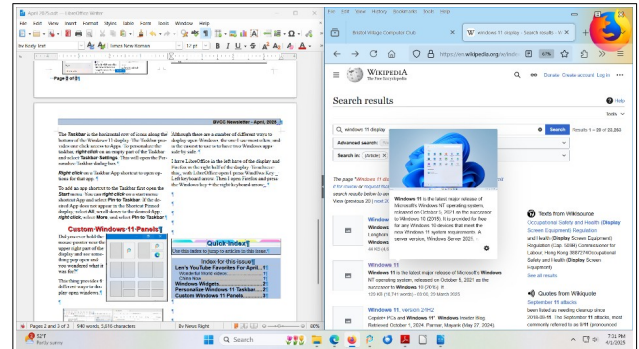
I have LibreOffice in the left have of the display and Firefox in the right half of the display. To achieve this, with LibreOffice open I press Windows Key +Left keyboard arrow. Then I open Firefox and press the Windows key + the right keyboard arrow.

This makes it quicker and easier to copy from a Firefox window and paste the copy in the LibreOffice document.

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In the above example the lower left window panels option is in use. The left half of the display is showing LibreOffice Writer The upper right panel is showing File Explorer, and the lower right panel is showing the bvcc web page in the Firefox browser.