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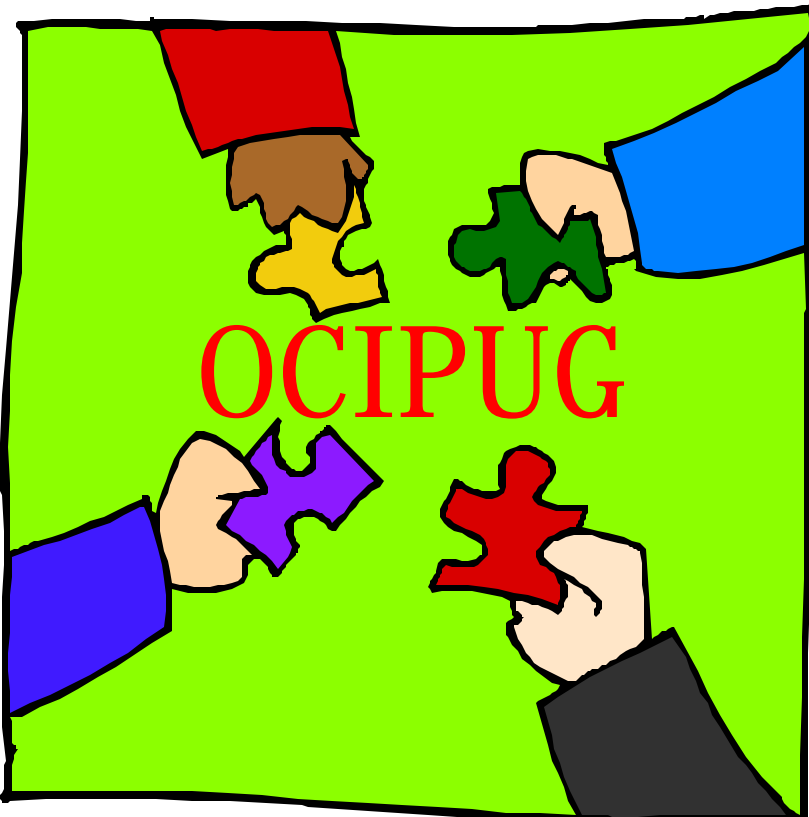
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General Meetings are held from 9:00AM to noon on:

26 January	2002
23 February	2002
30 March	2002
27 April	2002
29 June	2002

For details see inside pages of this issue, Web Page, or Information Line

Meetings of the Executive Board will be held at 7:00PM on:

28 January	2002
25 February	2002
25 March	2002
29 April	2002
24 June	2002

All OCIPUG members are welcome.

Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are held monthly as follows:

1st Saturday	9:00 AM - New User
1st Tuesday	7:00 PM - Quicken
1st Wednesday	7:00 PM - Internet
2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM - Hardware
3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM - Window 98/XP
4th Tuesday	7:00 PM - Digital Photo

President's Message

Robert Walker

Welcome to 2002. As we start a new year, we have many interesting programs lined up for this new year 2002. You will be disappointed if you do not attend our **January. General Meeting Richard Katz is also a total maniac; so take your Valium BEFORE you arrive! He will demo three new programs for us: Ulead's PhotoExplorer7, PhotoImpact 7 and VideoStudio 5.**

We had a great time at the Christmas potluck brunch. **Chris Davidson** and **Sandi Tierney** did a great job setting it up, while **Chris and Red Davidson** handled the cleanup. Thank you for all your hard work .

We have added a new SIG meeting -- Quicken which will be on the 1st Tuesday of each month .SIG leader for Quicken is **Dan Dickinson** who also teaches Quicken at the Senior Center . We have changed most SIGs to Tuesday to help the Senior Center with their scheduling .The 1st Saturday will still be New User SIG with **John Lunsford** on the 1st Saturday, at 9:00 AM. The Internet SIG will now be The Internet and Web Design SIG and will still meet on the 1st Wednesday on each month with **Michael Moore**. The Hardware SIG will still be on the 2nd Tuesday with **Ed Leckliter** The Windows SIG will include Windows 98 and Windows XP on the 3rd Tuesday with a **team of leaders** working to bring us up to date on the latest in Windows. The Photography and Scanning SIG will be on the 4th Tuesday. I encourage all to make time to attend our SIG 's. We have great people working to make interesting and informing programs for our SIG meetings. See page 3 for date and time.

I want to thank **Kevin Moser** for our survey of members preferences and special interests in our User Group. . This will help us to plan programs you would like to see. ThanksTo all those who volunteered to work on our SIGs , and for all the good input on how to better our group.

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SCHEDULES AND REPORTS OF EVENTS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS

(All Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on the southeast corner of 19th and Pomona at the times noted below.) The next SIG meeting will be:

2 February 2002

New User - 1st Saturday, 9:00 AM
John Lunsford 714-995-0947
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5 February 2002

Quicken - 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM
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6 February 2002

Internet / Web Publishing - 1st Wednesday 7:00 PM
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12 February 2002

Hardware - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
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19 February 2002

Windows98/XP - 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM

26 February 2002

Digital Cameras / Scanning - 4th Tuesday, 7:00PM
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**ACP Swap Meet
January 27, 2002**

ACP Computer Swap Meet
which is usually held on the
fourth Sunday of the odd
month, is held at 1319 East
Edinger in Santa Ana



General Meeting January 26, 2002

A WILD DAY WITH ULEAD AND RICHARD KATZ

Did you know you can do digital photography with only a scanner. Learn loads about digital photography and video when **Richard Katz** introduces us to three of the top-rated digital photo software packages. **Ulead PhotoExplorer7, PhotoImpact 7 and VideoStudio 5.** Ulead creates cool video, imaging and web graphics software for the PC at shockingly affordable prices. Richard said that he'd "make us a special offer we cannot refuse!" **PhotoExplorer 7.0 Pro** is a spectacularly simple solution for the digital imaging enthusiast. It combines easy-to-use tools for acquiring and viewing pictures, doing slide shows, adjusting, printing and sharing digital images and video clips and more. Photo Impact 7 is Ulead's full-featured program that is everything you need for digital photography, creative design and Web graphics. It's an image editor that delivers professional results easily. **VideoStudio 5.0 DVD** Edition creates movies with a professional flair, walking you through the process step-by-step. This movie editor includes DVD authoring capabilities and you can create SVCD or DVD format movies on CD-R/RW! Yes, you can make a DVD on burnable CD drives!!!

Whether you're a novice or professional photographer this presentation is a must-see! Richard Katz is also a total maniac; so take your Valium BEFORE you arrive!



OCIPUG Hardware SIG - Meeting Recap

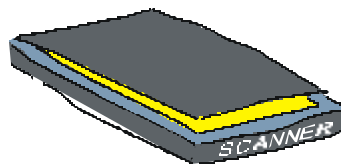
Meeting Date: January 8, 2002

There were only 5 attendees (including the SIG Leader, Ed Leckliter)

The Featured Topic was: BIOS Settings

February 12th 7:00 PM Ed Leckliter's Internet program will be on The Computers CPU.

Digital Cameras / Scanning



Tuesday January 22nd 7:00 PM Robert Strader will Show how Windows XP works with Photography and Scanning

December General Meeting

Minutes Of the OCIPUG General Meeting,

December 15, 2001

Costa Mesa Senior Center,

695 W 19th Street, Costa Mesa CA 92727

Ed Leckliter conducted a very informative Random Access Session. There was a discussion on drive designation. With the exception of the A:\ (floppy) drive and the C:\ drive, they are generally arbitrary, and partitions and recordable (internal as well as external) drives can be assigned any letter that the user prefers. An exception to this is hot-swapped USB drives which Windows will generally assign the next available letter, and this may change each time you connect an external drive. There was a question about router addresses with a broadband connection. In general, the router is all that is "seen" by the cable or DSL modem, and that the cable provider will ping the router for its address. Some cable (and probably also some DSL) providers will permit you to use a hub in lieu of a router but at extra cost. You may encounter some problems if you shut down the modem, as then the system may have to be reset and this can affect your modem settings. However, some cable providers may operate differently from others, as it was stated by one member of the audience that Media One wants the modem shut down after each session. Finally, it was stated by one member of the audience that Windows XP will make the job much simpler and that it contains far more drivers than do earlier versions of Windows. (From personal experience I have found this to be the case.)

President Bob Walker then started the General meeting by announcing that because of the length of the planned program and the Christmas potluck to follow, the review of Comdex and the APCUG conference held in Las Vegas in November would be postponed until the January 2002 General Meeting. There were approximately 25 members and guests present.

Bob then turned the meeting over to Walden Hughes who conducts interviews with old-time radio and movie performers, and recording artists for Yesterday USA (www.yesterdayusa.com) a free website but, like public radio and television, also offer memberships which provide additional perks. Using PowerPoint slides and audio recordings, Mr. Hughes summarized literally dozens of interviews he has conducted with famous show business people far too numerous to list here, along with snippets of some of the interviews and also of their recorded performances. In some cases he summarized how these people got their big break after toiling in obscurity for years, such as appearing on the Major Bowles (aka Ted Mack's) Armateur Hour.

Mr. Hughes then added that many of these people, although now in their 70s and 80s, are still active professionally as well as very active in volunteer work as their own charitable foundations and have their own websites. Many of those he has interviewed live in Newport Beach and other parts of Southern California, as well as all over the world. What came over in the presentation was that the people being interviewed are relaxed and are more than willing to be interviewed.

As for Yesterday USA, they have both live performances and recordings of old-time radio shows on their website. They have their schedule posted on their website, as well as more information on how they operate. The website has numerous links to

very interesting topics, and all members are encouraged to check it out.

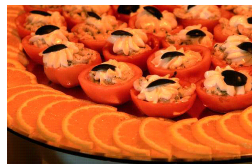
After the presentation, President Bob Walker announced that at the January General Meeting will be a presentation by Richard Katz representing Ulead. He will be demonstrating Ulead Photo Explorer 7 Pro, Photo Impact 7, and Video Studio 5, a suite of video, imaging, and web graphics software for the PC, and has promised to "make us a special offer we cannot refuse" (his words). Photo Explorer Pro is used to acquire and view pictures and organize slide shows. Photo Impact 7 is a full-featured editor for digital photos and web graphics. Video Studio 5 DVD Edition includes video editing and DVD authoring, plus the ability to create SVCD and DVD format movies on CD-R/RW disks. In Mr. Katz's words, he "is a total maniac, and so you are advised to take your Valium BEFORE you arrive."

At our February 2002 General Meeting we, in addition to the review of Comdex and the APCUG conference, we plan to show the video of Steve Balmer's (Microsoft President and CEO) address at the Mindshare dinner presentation at the APCUG conference in November.

After the formal meeting we had a very enjoyable potluck Christmas brunch, with lots of good food and great fellowship.



Look at what you missed if you did not attend the December Meeting and this is only a small part of the food we had for our potluck



Windows Tips

Q: What is “cache memory”?

A: Cache memory (pounced “cash”) is supplemental memory that is used to help speed things up. It is generally faster than standard memory and is usually built into your motherboard and / or CPU.

This cache memory is used to store frequently used bits of information. In many cases, programs will run the same snippet of code again and again. So, rather than getting that bit of code from the slower RAM memory, your CPU grabs it from this faster cache memory

There are basically two types of cache memory that you’ll need to know about, “L1” & “L2”. L1 cache is actually integrated with your CPU, L2 is usually next to the CPU on the motherboard

The amount of memory varies from board to board and from chip to chip, but it’s usually not all that much - less than a 2 meg in most instances (again, this depends on what you buy). In fact, most L1 cache is less than 256K (yes, that’s KB not Meg)! Even as small amount as that seems, it significantly increases your computer’s performance.

OK, I know what you’re thinking, “Can I add more cache memory?” Usually not (forget adding L1 altogether). Some motherboards may allow you to add additional L2 cache, but I believe they are very few and far between..

ADD FOLDER TO THE SEND TO LIST

If you’ve ever used the Send To list (right-click the desktop, select Send To, and soon) to send items to a floppy disk or other location, then you know how handy this command is. But what you may not know is that this list is customizable: Add your own favorite locations, and you can move files around your system faster than ever.

Suppose you have a folder named My Pictures that you use to store all of your digital photos. Add a shortcut to this folder to the C:\Windows\Send To folder, and it will appear in the Send To list.

In one Explorer window, locate the My Pictures folder. In another, locate the windows\SendTo folder. Right-click and drag the Pictures folder directly over the SendTo folder, release the mouse button, and select Create Shortcut(s) Here. Now, to send a picture to your My Pictures folder, right-click the picture file; select Sent! To, and choose My Pictures in the resulting list.

A QUICK WAY TO DISPLAY PROPERTIES

Normally, to view the properties of a particular file or folder, you right-click on it and choose Properties. But if you’re skilled in using your mouse and keyboard together, there’s an even quicker way to get a tool at those properties. Just hold down the Alt key with your left hand as you use your right hand to open the file or folder with your mouse (use the left mouse button, as usual). The Properties dialog box springs up, no matter what kind of icon you clicked on.

ADJUST ICON SPACING

Want to squeeze a few more icons into each row on your desktop? The default spacing between any two icons is determined by the Horizontal and Vertical Spacing settings, which you can easily change.

Right-click the desktop, select Properties and the resulting dialog box, click the appearance tab. Under Items, select Icon Spacing (Horizontal) or Icon Spacing (Vertical); then adjust the number next to Size. Note: the default setting is 43. To test the change, minimize all other windows, click Apply, then click and drag the window over a bit to see the effect on your desktop. Editor: on my 1024 x 768 desktop, I can get 14 icons across and 10 icons down, by using the settings - 41 (horizontal) and 42 (vertical).

Removing Double Spaces Between Sentences

by Mark Richardson

Those who learned how to type on typewriters were instructed to hit the spacebar twice between sentences. This is because the typeface used in most typewriters is mono-spaced (all the letters are the same width). A single space with a mono-spaced font is too hard to read. Most typefaces you use in Word, on the other hand, are proportionally spaced (every letter, including the space, has a different width). Proportionally spaced fonts need only one space between sentences to look right. It’s hard retraining yourself to change, though. It’s not hard to change your type from double to single spaces after the fact. Just select Edit Replace. In the Find what field, insert two spaces, and in the Replace With field, insert one space. Do a Replace All, and your document will be correctly formatted.

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Microsoft Word 2000 - Share Documents with Obscure Fonts By Andrew Malek

Do you routinely create Word documents using obscure fonts? If your documents contain fonts other than “Arial”, “Courier”, and “Times New Roman”, it is quite possible that other people reading your documents may not have the fonts you have on your system. While Word tries to make a best guess when rendering fonts on these other machines, it is obvious that your documents will not look the way that they were originally intended.

There is a way around this problem; if you’re willing to have your Word files take up a lot more space. You can embed fonts directly into your document so people on other computers can see your documents the way you intended them to be seen.

Click on the “Tools” menu and select “Options”. On the “Options” multi-tabbed dialog box that follows, click the “Save” tab. Check “Embed TrueType fonts”. If you don’t plan on having your document edited, you can save space and also check “Embed characters in use only”. However you choose, press “OK” to close the dialog box.

Now, every document that you save from now on will include, embedded, all of the fonts that you use in said documents.

Windows Keyboard Quick Desktop Access

If you have a Windows keyboard, you can hide cluttered windows and get back to your desktop in a hurry by holding down the Windows key and pressing the ‘D’ key. To show the hidden windows, repeat the procedure.

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PC COMPUTING

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PROBLEM: You're trying to put together a credits block on a flyer, but 7-point text is too small to read and 8-point text is too large for the available space.

SOLUTION: Although you may not see fractional sizes listed in a drop-down font list, most word processors and layout programs allow you to use fractional point sizes. To see if your program supports these sizes, select the text you want to change, bring up the font formatting dialog box (click on Format, then click on Font), and try to type the fractional size—7.5, for example—in the appropriate box.

PROBLEM: You want to be able to launch a Windows program with a hotkey. If the program is already running, you want the hotkey to switch to the program.

SOLUTION: First, create a shortcut to the program and put it on the Windows Desktop (the easiest way is to right-click on a blank spot on the Desktop and select New, Shortcut). When you have the shortcut pointing to the correct program, click inside the Shortcut Key field and hit the hotkey or key combination that you want (for example, the Alt key and a function key). Click on OK. The next time you press the hotkey or key combination, the designated program will spring to life.

PROBLEM: Windows Explorer automatically assumes that you're moving a file or folder when you drag that item to another location on the same drive and that you're making a copy when you drag it to another drive. Is there a way using drag and drop to force a copy to the same drive and a move to another drive?

SOLUTION: Hold down the Alt key on the right side of your keyboard and type 0153 on the numeric keypad. When you release the Alt key, the trademark symbol will appear.

PROBLEM: You've been using Windows 98 for quite a while now. Is there anything you should do to remove the excess files that have accumulated?

SOLUTION: Unfortunately, it's very hard to delete most useless files. You can use Add/Remove Programs to clean up the most obvious ones (Start, Settings, Control Panel, double-click on Add/Remove Programs), but most of the orphaned files that have piled up will doubtless escape detection. One easy sprucing-up, though, comes from the Windows 98 Disk Cleanup routine. Click on Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Cleanup, and follow the instructions.

PROBLEM: You need to add a trademark symbol to a document. Is there a keyboard shortcut for this?

SOLUTION: Hold down the Ctrl key while you're dragging and dropping a file or folder if you want to force a copy, and hold down the Shift key if you want to force a move. A plus sign will appear under the pointer onscreen when you're copying. If the plus sign does not appear, you're performing a move.

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PROBLEM: You want to reorganize your cluttered Start Menu.

SOLUTION: The items on the Start Menu are created by shortcut links in a series of folders; alter the shortcuts, and you alter the Start Menu. Right-click on the Start Menu button, and choose either Explore or Open to display the Start Menu folder. Windows 98 users can make quick changes by right-clicking on any entry in the Start Menu and choosing from options such as Cut, Copy, Delete, and Rename.

Recall

COMPAQ NOTEBOOK AC ADAPTER

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Compaq Computer Corporation announced a worldwide voluntary recall and replacement program for approximately 1.4 million AC adapters used with certain notebook products. These AC adapters can overheat, posing a potential fire hazard.

The AC adapter consists of a small rectangular black AC adapter box that has a permanently attached cord on one end to connect to the computer and a detachable cord on the other end to plug into an AC outlet. This recall and replacement program affects only the AC adapters not the notebook computers themselves.

Compaq has initiated a recall and replacement program through which affected Compaq customers will receive a new replacement AC adapter for each recalled AC adapter. There will be no charge to Compaq customers who participate in the exchange program.

Compaq received 5 reports of fire that were contained to the cases of the AC adapters. None of these reported incidents involved personal injury. Compaq and its AC adapter manufacturer consider this a potential risk due to the possibility of fire, and are taking these proactive measures to ensure the safety of their customers. For more information, go to Compaq web site.



KVM Computer Switch: Secret Weapon For Small Offices

by Ken Fermoyle

For some time I have been advising friends, relatives and my readers not to get rid of an old computer when they buy a new one. First, you can't get much for it, and second, it can still be a useful tool. Use the older machine for such tasks as word processing, simple spread sheets or the like, and save the new computer for applications (scanning, image editing, desktop publishing, complex games, etc.) that need more speed and memory.

I've also pointed out that if you install a simple, inexpensive network (often cheaper than a tape drive) you can easily back up data from one computer to the other.

Several readers have written to say they would like to do just that, but complain: "We don't have room for two computers!" What they usually mean is that they don't have enough desk space to accommodate two keyboards, monitors and mice.

I had a similar problem: squeezing two more computers into a small office that measures just 11x12.5 feet and already held two computers (both with 17-inch monitors), three printers, two scanners, a fax machine and a Mita copier, plus many shelves and bookcases. I wanted to add a new server, bring our #3 computer in from another room and combine everything in one peer-to-peer LAN (local area network). I could fit in the #3 computer and the server tower, but there just wasn't desk space for a fourth keyboard, monitor and mouse.

Knowing that various switches were available that allowed control of two (or more) computers from one keyboard, video display and mouse (KVM switches), I started checking the Web and catalogs from companies like Belkin and Cybex.

Belkin has been my main source of switches since I bought my first A-B switch (to share a printer) in 1985. I have since used a variety of Belkin products, mostly switches and cables, and always found them to be well made and reliable. Several experienced computer pros recommended Cybex KVM switches. I tried KVM switches from both firms because they offered slightly different features.

I first installed the new 2-port PS/2 KVM OmniCube(tm) switch from Belkin; it proved to be an excellent choice!

The new server tower fit neatly under my desk. My minitower computer was on the desktop, next to my monitor, so it proved easy to run cables from both machines to the OmniCube and from the switch to the keyboard, video and mouse.

I rigged a small shelf above my monitor to hold the OmniCube and the bass speaker of my QIC computer sound system.

I say "small shelf" advisedly because the tiny OmniCube switch (4.75"D x 4.5"W x 1.75"H without cables attached) takes up little space. Size aside, the switch is reasonably priced and offers features I find invaluable.

Belkin claims that OmniCube's full mouse and keyboard emulation "eliminates boot-up failures," and my experience verifies that. I also like the fact that it supports video resolutions of up to 1200x1600 dpi. That can be important in some of our graphics and desktop publishing work. Also, switching from one computer to the other requires just a touch of the "Select" button on the switch's front panel. You can also use hot-key or autoscan switching, but I prefer the simple pushbutton. A red light indicates which computer is active in any case.

Price of a 2-port PS/2 OmniCube (no AT version offered) is \$99.95; a 4-port model is \$129.995.

Next, I replaced the OmniCube with a Cybex SwitchView(tm) model because of two features it offers. First, although physically larger than the Belkin switch (5"D x 8.1"W x 2.7"H), all cables plug into the rear of the SwitchView, whereas two cables (to keyboard and mouse) plug into the front of the OmniCube. Either way works fine but one setup, and size, may be better than the other for a given desktop arrangement.

Second, the Cybex switch works with PC/AT and PS/2 systems, VGA and SVGA video, PS/2 keyboard and PS/2 and serial mice supported through the rear of the unit. This could be important if you have an older computer with a serial mouse and newer one with PS/2 mouse. Like the OmniCube, this switch supports Microsoft's Intellimouse and 1200x1600 video resolution. A 2-port SwitchView costs \$149.99; a 4-porter is \$199.99.

Another plus: you can work with one computer while booting up the other one with SwitchView. Using OmniCube, you have to switch to the second computer and wait until it boots up completely before you can use either machine.

Neither switch requires an external power supply, IRQs, drivers or other software. Installation is a simple matter of unplugging and plugging cables. Connecting cable kits run about \$20 per set of three 6-foot cables for either switch. Each kit contains cables that run between the switch and the keyboard, video and monitor ports to the switch. You use existing cables to connect switch to keyboard, video and mouse.

Some manual KVM switches are available for less money (from about \$40 to \$65), but I didn't try one and don't recommend them. I wanted to be sure I had automatic mouse and keyboard emulation to eliminate boot-up and switching problems common to manual switches. I figured that not having to buy another monitor (especially a 17-inch model), keyboard and mouse saved more than enough to pay for either the Belkin or Cybex switch.

Running my workstation computer and our network server from one set of controls is a snap with the OmniCube or SwitchView products. I have no hesitation in recommending either one to others with limited office space and growing computer needs.

Ken

(Author's Note: I want to give credit to Earthlink Network, www.earthlink.net, source of much of the information contained above. Its site deserves regular visits because it contains a lot of useful Web-oriented information that is updated frequently.)

Ken Fermoyle has written some 2,500 articles for publications ranging from Playboy, PC World and Popular Science to MacWeek & Microtimes. He was cohost/producer of a radio show on computers and a partner in a DTP service bureau during the '80s. Ken's Korner articles are available free to User Groups.

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Cookies, SpyWare, and other Privacy Threats on the Net

By Ira Wistsker



Chances are that if you have been browsing the net for even a short time, your online activities have been tracked, compiled, and used to either direct advertisements to you, or the information may be sold to others. "How does this happen?"

The most common method of tracking users is the "cookie's", a small text file placed on your computer by most websites visited. The default setting in both Netscape and Internet Explorer is to accept all cookies without telling you. Generally, cookies fall into three broad categories_ First is the type of cookie used by sites such as "My Yahoo", other news sites, and some shopping sites to store personalized or registration information. I use "My Yahoo" as my startup page on my browser as my personalized newspaper, listing current news, weather, stocks, etc. By accepting the "My Yahoo" cookie, I can view my newspaper each time, and the Yahoo server tracks updates. Some sites, such as Microsoft, require that you accept these cookies so they can (allegedly) provide a more personal service. Other sites use this type of cookie to simply track how many visits you have made to their website. The second type of cookie is the "shopping cart" cookie. This is a small text file placed on your computer typically only for as long as you are online, which tracks items placed in your online shopping cart until you checkout, and then they expire. Most shopping sites require that you accept this type of cookie.

The third type of cookie is the one that worries privacy advocates that is the advertising cookie. These small text files are typically only read by the company that places them there, but many can be read by other companies and sites as well. These are used to track sites visited, ads seen or clicked on, or otherwise compile a profile of the user. The largest of these advertising cookie companies is DoubleClick. DoubleClick recently won a federal court case when the judge dismissed a case, stating that the placing of cookies on a users computer is not an invasion of privacy (In re DoubleClick Inc, Privacy Litigation, 00 Civ, 0641 NRB). The plaintiffs objected to the fact that cookies placed by DoubleClick could track user surnames, e-mail address, searches performed, sites visited and other information about the user. Even though the case was dismissed, DoubleClick allows surfers to "Opt Out" of having DoubleClick track them, by simply connecting to a DoubleClick site, and accepting an "Opt Out" cookie from (<http://www.doubleclicknet:80/us/corporate/privacy/opt-outLasp>), Another site that has comprehensive cookie opt out links is (<http://pvivacy.net/OptOut/adnetwork.asp>)

I recommend that most Internet surfers decide which cookies they want to receive, and that they remove any cookies that the user feels uncomfortable with.

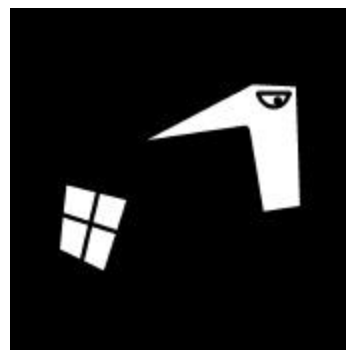
With recent versions of Netscape, click on the top tool bar EDIT

PREFERENCES - ADVANCED - and then check both "Accept All Cookies" and "Warn Me Before Accepting A Cookie" and then "OK". Netscape will show the cookie information in the window, and give the user the opportunity to accept or reject the cookie.

With recent versions of Internet Explorer, click on VIEW - INTERNET OPTIONS - ADVANCED - SECURITY - then check both ALLOW COOKIES and PROMPT (some versions have slightly different command prompts). If set as shown, IE will show that a cookie was received, but initially not the contents; the "More Info" button must be clicked to find the content of the cookie. With a little practice, it becomes apparent what types of cookies are being received, and gives the user some control of his privacy. There are several utilities that can be used to manage cookies, and delete any unwanted cookies. There is a directory at (<http://lucows.exp.net/cookie95.htm1>), which lists cookie utilities for Win95/98, and links to cookie utilities for other operating systems. A freeware cookie manager, "CT Cookie Spy" is available at (hyyp://camtech2000.net/Programs/ctcsspy10.ZIP) (this is a ZIP compressed file, and requires a compression utility to uncompress it)

What many see as a more intrusive method of tracking and sometimes selling user information is referred to in the trade as "SpyWare" software that tracks almost all surfing activities, and sends that information to a site which compiles this information, sometimes along with personal demographic information that is individually identifiable. A major trend recently has been for some software, both free and commercial, to supplement the authors' income by tracking the users' activities in the background, and then selling that information. Two of the most popular programs that can detect and kill SpyWare on your computer are LavaSoft's Ad-Aware, and Gibson's OptOut Ad-Aware is available free from (<http://download.cnet.com/downloads/0-10106-100-5055149.html>) and OptOut is available free from (<http://grc.com/optout.htm>). Some of the most common SpyWare programs are Comet Cursor (that cute utility that changes your cursor as you surf selected web sites), and Aureate/Radiate (used by many free and commercial programs. Even such popular programs as the new versions of Print Shop, Quicken Family Lawyer 2001, Mattel, and other commercial software may contain a version of SpyWare.

Your browser also sends out information about you, typically without your knowledge. Look at (<http://privacy.net/Traced/>) and see what your browser can send without your knowledge. Commonly sent are the browser name and version, the registered email address an operating system,



Get the Most From Your Display and Graphics Card

This info. is from the Internet.

When it comes to your PC's monitor, looks aren't everything they're the only thing. Staring at fuzzy images and a flickering screen can lead to eyestrain, headaches, and general crankiness.

Follow these steps to see the best your graphics card and monitor can show you.

To view your graphics card settings, right-click your Windows desktop and select Properties, Settings tab, or click Start, Settings, Control Panel and double-click the Display icon. In the Settings tab of the Display Properties box, 'Screen area' sets your monitor's resolution, and 'Colors' determines how many colors it shows (also known as color depth). 'Refresh rate' (reachable via the Advanced button and the Adapter tab) sets how often per second the monitor redraws the on-screen image.

Resolution: Most PCs made in the past four years have a graphics card and graphics RAM that can support resolutions of at least 1024 by 768 pixels per inch; many graphics cards support resolutions up to 1600 by 1200. Budget systems often integrate their graphics processing onto the motherboard—a setup that provides less power than a dedicated graphics card. Some low-cost systems don't support resolutions higher than 800 by 600.

In the Settings tab, slide the 'Screen area' bar to the far right to see the highest resolution your system supports. If the maximum setting is too low to meet your needs, you may be able to eke out a higher resolution by lowering the color depth. **Color depth:** Click the pull-down list under Colors to see your color-depth options at the monitor's current resolution setting. High Color (16-bit) provides 65,536 colors, and True Color (24-bit) offers over 16 million.

Newer systems have a True Color (32-bit) option that also displays 16 million colors; the additional 8 bits define opacity, or the amount of transparency when layers of color are combined.

Color depth and resolution compete for the graphics adapter's screen memory, so lowering one may allow you to increase the other. But there's no hard-and-fast rule—you just have to experiment.

Refresh rate: Some experts say your PC should redraw the screen no less than 72 times persecond (or 72 Hz) to be comfortable, while others say the minimum rate is about 85 Hz. Try different refresh-rate settings and see what works for you.

To set the refresh rate, click the Advanced button under the Settings tab of Display Properties, and then select the Adapter tab. If both your graphics card and your monitor support multiple refresh rates, you can select one from the drop-down list under 'Refresh rate'.

If the choice is set to Optimal, Windows has selected a refresh rate for you. Unfortunately, there's no easy way to know what that optimal rate is, and it may not be the highest setting available. If the

Optimal setting doesn't produce a flicker-free screen, try your other choices.

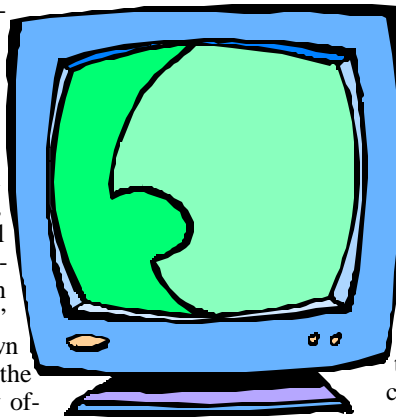
Designate Your Driver:

Windows lets you choose only refresh rates that your graphics card and monitor support. If

Windows can't detect your monitor—because Plug and Play isn't enabled or because the monitor doesn't support Plug and Play—it sets a safe but eye-exhausting refresh rate of 60 Hz.

The name of your monitor is shown on the Settings tab in Display Properties under 'Display'. If it says 'Unknown Monitor', Windows couldn't find a driver for your monitor and likely set the refresh rate at 60 Hz. To correct this setting, click the Advanced button at the bottom of the Settings tab, select the Monitor tab, and make sure the Automatically detect Plug & Play monitors box is checked.

Make sure you've downloaded and installed the latest driver for your graphics card. Graphics drivers are updated frequently, and installing the latest revision is often the cure for all kinds of graphics-performance and display problems.



MAGNETIC PROBLEMS

Have you ever had a 3.5 floppy disk (or zip disk) stop working unexpectedly? Granted, those little 3.5 floppies aren't known for reliability, but still you'd like them to last as long as possible.

Well, the cause of the little guy's early demise may have been magnetic Problems

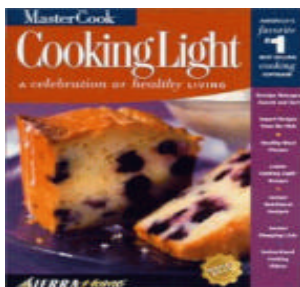
Disks are a magnetic storage medium. The head inside the drive arranges data on your disk through the precise use of low magnetic fields. If a magnetic source gets too close to your disk, it could cause all those little bits of data to be sent into a digital abyss.

Maybe you don't remember putting anything magnetic near your floppy disk. Keep in mind that your refrigerator magnets aren't the only ones in your house.

Have you ever set your cordless phone down on your desk, maybe even on top of a disk? The little speakers in that phone have magnets in them. Also, I've seen people stack disks between their computer monitor and speakers. Bad idea. Although computer speakers are usually shielded, they can still destroy a disk

Oh, be careful when transporting disks too. Setting them on top a dashboard speaker or sliding them into a car door near a speaker are a couple additional ways to ruin data.

MasterCook Cooking Light.



It's a great software program that makes it easy to plan, cook and account for your meals.

Cookbooks:

The program includes more than 1,400 healthy recipes from the 1996-1998 issues of Cooking Light magazine. You can add your own cookbooks, either by entering your own recipes, downloading recipes or entire cookbooks from the Internet, or by swapping cookbooks and recipes with friends.

Search, Browse and Sort:

The recipes, including those you add yourself, can be searched by key word. For example, you could look for "muffin", "Asian food", "appetizers" or "artichoke". You will get a list of all recipes containing the criteria. Double-click on the recipe name, and the recipe will appear. You can browse the individual cookbooks, listing the recipes by criteria such as alphabetical order, preparation time, category (i.e., soups or entrees) or cuisine (i.e., Mexican.) The search and browse interface is easy and intuitive.

Using an existing recipe:

The recipe interface is amazing. A tour of the toolbar on the right edge of the screen gives you an idea of some of the program's capabilities. From the top, you can:

- * enter a totally new recipe;
- * consult a cookery encyclopedia;
- * view the currently open recipe;
- * edit the current recipe;
- * add the recipe to your shopping list, favorite recipe box or to a menu;
- * resize a recipe, to feed one or a crowd;
- * spell check;
- * obtain complete nutritional information;
- * e-mail, export or post the recipe to a news group;
- * print a single recipe or a mini cookbook
- * and, finally, connect to the MasterCook Web sit

Add a new recipe:

The edit screen is also the form you use to enter a new recipe. As you fill out the form it "auto completes". I started typing "cu" and

a drop-down menu appeared suggesting that I probably mean "cup". I did, so I can just tab over to the next field. These drop-down menus are comprehensive, not only for measurements but also for ingredients and preparation methods. If you use some weird ingredient not listed, you can add your own. You can also embed recipes within other recipes. If you have a recipe for Chicken Cesar Salad, for example, you can refer to another recipe for the dressing, without having to retype it.

The recipe directions are at the bottom of the screen. There are tabs you can use to make notes or assign categories to recipes. Some of the pre-loaded recipes come with pictures. If you have a photo of your own recipe, you can add it. You can also include videos.

Importing recipes:

I experimented with importing recipes that were originally entered using the shareware "MealMaster" program. For the most part, it worked fine. Everything got indexed and inserted into the right slot on the form. However, MealMaster accepts different measurements (c instead of cup, T instead of tablespoon) and the ingredients were nonstandard. When I flipped over to the nutritional information, it was bizarre: a recipe for low-fat bean dip showed up as having 4,127 calories per batch. After I amended the data fields, it was down to a more reasonable 601 calories.

The import feature works fine for the basic recipe data but takes some editing to provide accurate nutritional information. Still, it was faster and easier than entering all 305 recipes from the Light Mexican cookbook from scratch!

Nutritional Information:

This was the main reason I bought the program. To compute my daily diet in Weight Watchers I have to know the calories, fat grams and fiber grams of everything I eat. Not many of my cookbooks contain all of this data, so I can enter the recipe here and get the information I need. Once I've calculated the Weight Watchers "points," I can annotate the recipe in the notes section.

One cool thing about the nutritional information is that you can experiment. What would happen if I cut the amount of oil in half? Took the skin off of the chicken? Used nonfat yogurt instead of sour cream? Eked five instead of four servings out of this casserole? The results appear instantly.

Sharing Recipes:

As mentioned above, I can easily swap entire cookbooks with others using this program. I can e-mail, one or a bunch of recipes to someone else, either in this MasterCook format or in plain text. If I participate in recipe newsgroups, I can post to a news group directly from MasterCook. I can print recipe cards, and even make mini-cookbooks, printed on both sides of the page. The program will prompt me when to flip the paper in my printer.

Menus and shopping lists:

These features were too obsessive for me. The program contains a "pantry management system", in which you can log every item in your fridge and cupboard. This interfaces with the shopping list. By clicking on an icon, you can add all of the ingredients from a recipe onto a shopping list. You can build a menu for a day, week or month, add all of the recipes to your shopping list, then combine the ingredients into a master shopping list that has been bounced against your pantry to eliminate duplicates. I'm not that organized! The shopping list can be sorted alphabetically, by supermarket aisle or by recipe.

Website:

MasterCook has its own web site (<http://www.mastercook.com/>) where you can sign up for recipe mailing lists, join discussion groups, download additional free cookbooks and recipes and buy the program.. Well worth a visit!

Availability:

Sierra sells the program on its web site for \$19.99, but I got my copy at Amazon.com. It is also available at CompUSA. I've been told that recently some breakfast cereals (Cheerios, I've been told) have been offering the program for \$1.99 shipping cost with three proofs of purchase. MasterCook claims to be the best selling brand of cooking software, so it should be easy to find. If you can't get it, call Sierra at 800-757-7707 for telephone ordering. There are several other programs in the MasterCook format; the program is the same but the recipes are different.

Requirements:

MasterCook prefers a Pentium 133, 32 MB RAM and a high color monitor. You will need 60 MB of free hard disk space and a CD ROM drive. You will need your own Internet account if you wish to use their Web site or exchange recipes via e-mail or newsgroups. The program comes with a nice 225-page manual. This is a great program for those who, need precise nutritional information; for those tired of filling out recipe index cards to pass onto friends or thrifty shoppers who bought the jumbo family pack of chicken thighs on sale and need some quick ideas of what to do with 15 pounds of chicken. Highly recommended!

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Minutes Of the OCIPUG Executive Board Of Directors Meeting, December 17, 2001

The OCIPUG December 2001 Executive Board Of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Bob Walker at 7:03pm with all board members, the webmaster, and two other members present.

President's Report — President Bob Walker reported that he received a package from Microsoft containing Windows XP Professional plus other items for use in upcoming raffles. Also, he received a free copy of a web design program from JASC in return for someone doing a review, and requested that someone volunteer to do the review. It was stated the Microsoft now will support only the four most recent version of Windows (Win98SE, WinNT/2000, WinME, and WinXP) and that support of Win98SE may be discontinued at the end of 2002.

Secretary's Report — Secretary Fran Mastroly reported that he had received a free copy of Paint Shop Pro 7 from JASC, and is planning to do a review of the program in January 2002. He reported that there were only three messages on the hotline, two of which were totally unrelated to OCIPUG and on that left no message at all. After some discussion, in a motion by Leonard Stein, seconded by Morris Fier, and carried, it was decided that we will save the \$40 a month and terminate the service. Since APCUG requires that we have a published phone number, President Bob Walker agreed to use one of his phone lines for this purpose and will inform APCUG of this change (Vice President Morris Fier remains as our liaison with APCUG).

Activities Report — We had a great time at the Christmas potluck brunch. Directors Chris Davidson and Sandi Tierney did a great job setting it up, while Directors Chris and Red Davidson handled the cleanup. Many thanks to all.

SIG groups cannot be held on Thursdays, as there are other activities in the room on some Thursday evenings. Thus most SIGs will now be on Tuesday evenings, with Quicken on the 1st Tuesday, Hardware on the 2nd Tuesday, Windows on the 3rd Tuesday, and Digital Photography and Scanning on the 4th Tuesday. The Center is agreeable to us using the room on the 1st Wednesday for Internet/Web Page Design. These changes will be effective January 2002, and since New Years Day falls on the 1st Tuesday there will not be an Quicken SIG in January. There will be a Windows SIG on Wednesday, December 19, 2001, but no Digital Photography SIG on Wednesday, December 26, 2001.

SeniorNet is looking for coaches, as there could be as many a nine different classes in the morning and early afternoons Monday through Thursday and on Friday afternoon. There are also labs planned after the afternoon classes Monday through Thursday and on Friday morning. Contact Dan Dickinson if interested. There will be a SeniorNet team meeting at 9:30 on Wednesday morning, December 19, 2001.

Administration Report — Director Red Davidson is still working on the TV. The TV itself is now working properly, but there is a problem with the module that connects the computer to the TV. Red and President Bob Walker will continue to look into this.



By Bill Beverley

Windows 95, 98/98 Second Edition, and Me all come with popular games, Win95/W in98 both offer four games, FrecCell, Hearts, Minesweeper, and Solitaire. WinNT/2000 don't include Hearts but they do have Pinball. Win98 does not install its games by default. With Win95/Me you can access its games by clicking on Start, Programs, Games, (Accessories for some OS versions) and Play. Some of the popular games with WinMe include Classic Solitaire, Minesweeper, FrecCell, and Pinball. The greatest game resource, though, is the Internet.

Many games require game cards. The most common example of a game card is a joystick controller. Other cards support special controllers, such as flight sticks, steering wheels, and pedals. These cards usually support at least two joysticks and sometimes as many as four. Some types of game cards support digital joysticks that offer better control and more icing buttons than the older, analog joysticks

Games Installation

If you can't find the games in Windows after having clicked on Start, Programs, Accessories, Games folder, then you will need to install them manually since games aren't part of a typical installation. Open the Control Panel, double-click Add/Remove Programs, and click the Windows Setup tab, In the list of Components, double-click Accessories, Click the check box next to Games, OK twice, and when directed insert your Win95/98 installation software program. You can now access Solitaire, Hearts, Minesweeper, and FreeCell by selecting Start, Programs, Accessories, and Games. If you work in an office and don't see a Games component under Accessories, then an administrator has probably removed this component from the Windows Setup tab.

FreeCell

Although FreeCell looks a lot like Solitaire, it plays differently. FrecCell works with double-clicks. Instead of making you drag the cards around, FreeCell simply jumps them into place. The object is pretty simple. Sort the cards in order by suit and number from ace to king on the four righthand squares. While moving the cards up there, you can move other cards temporarily to the four free cells, temporary card-storage areas, on the left side. If you moved the wrong card, just press F 10. That's the Undo button, but only if you press it before clicking another card. If you are having difficulty with The FreeCell gamble, try creating one long sequential column on top of some unmatched cards to get more working space in the other columns. You can also try keeping as many free cells and columns open as possible and uncovering aces and moving them to home cells as soon as possible.

Hearts

Believe it or not, you can play hearts with sound effects. To enable these sound effects choose Game, Sounds or just press F8 in the game window. When hearts are broken, you will hear the sound of glass breaking, and when the queen of spades is played, the sound of a kettledrum. If you're playing and don't want to bother others with your play, turn those noises off by choosing the Games menu and clicking the Sound command to remove the check mark. You can also change the speed of the game's animation through the Options menu. If you're a pro at Hearts-, you might want Fast animation. If, however, you're just learning the game, then leave it on the default setting which is Normal, For anyone learning or rusty at Hearts, you might want to use the Search For Help tuition. Choose this option, enter search terms, and wanted information will be provided to you. The Help menu provides an index of useful information.

Minesweeper

Tip #1. If people in your family are addicted to the Minesweeper game that comes with Windows, they're probably always working to top their best times for the beginner, intermediate, and expert levels. To throw them a curve ball, you can secretly modify the best times displayed by the program, without even opening it. by launching Notepad. Open the WINMINI.TNI file in the WINDOWS folder, modify the score next to each of the three "Time" items to something impossibly low, and then insert your own name into the Name fields.

Tip #2. Your Minesweeper has one automated power tool. After marking all the mines around a particular square, using the right-click commands, you can click both mouse buttons at the same time, on that surrounding square, to uncover all of the surrounding unmarked squares at one time.

Solitaire

Playing Speed. If you like playing Solitaire, there is a way to improve your playing speed for this game. To place a card in its appropriate place in the top level, instead of dragging the card there, double-click it. For example, if you have an ace of spades showing on the upper level and a two of spades in the deck or in the lower level, just double-click: the two to put it on top of the ace: You can also drag cards, from one stack to another by placing the mouse cursor on a card, holding the button down, and moving the cursor, with the card under it, to another stack, Releasing the mouse button then leaves the card in this new position. If you click and drag a card that is not on the top of a stack, you will drag not only that card but also the cards above it to the smaller numbered cards. The biggest misconception in Solitaire is the idea that you want to get the cards as quickly as possible to the top. You do want to get them to the top, but you need to keep the cards in seven piles before absolutely having to move them up. The reason is that those cards let you play others on top of them. Believe it or not you can change the look on the back of the playing cards by choosing Game + Deck and double-clicking the card back of your choice



Improving Access. To quickly open Solitaire or some other favorite games running Win98, use my Computer or Windows Explorer to locate the Windows folder on your main hard drive : when there; look for a file called SOL.EXE., right-clicking it and choosing Send To, Desktop, Now you have a shortcut to Solitaire right on your desktop called Shortcut to SOL.EXE You can rename this shortcut by right-clicking it and choosing Rename.

Solitaire Sneak.

Trouble in Solitaire arises when drawing three cards at a time from the deck because the card you really need is sandwiched in between others. No matter how many times you run through the deck, you'll never hit that card unless you press Shift+Alt+Ctrl while clicking the deck. That switches you to drawing one card at a time making sure you'll get every chance at the vital card.

Game Controls

For parents worried about game addiction, The Game Deputy (<http://www.denuh-sQftware.com/>) program for Windows searches a hard drive to see which games are on it. Reports will then let the parent know which games were played. This program also lets parents set limits on games play .These restrictions can set timers that control how long the game can be played and when. Sound-Free Zone

If you have a new game and can't hear any sound for some seemingly unknown reason, look at the System control panel and see if the IRQ (interrupt ReQuest) Lines and DMA (Direct Memory Access) channel settings for the soundboard are the ones required by the manuals. Also check to see that the game is compatible with your type of soundboard and if you need to install any special driver software that came with the board or game.

Internet Games

If you like to play games but get bored having your computer as the opponent, play some games on the Internet- WinMe includes five different games that you play against other people via the Internet. To play the Internet games, click Start; Programs, Games. Choose the Internet game that you want to play and confirm that you want to connect to the MSN Gaming Zone. After you have been assigned an opponent, begin playing. During an Internet game, you can use the Chat List box to send messages to your opponent. To send a message, choose the message from the Chat List box and click Send. When you first start participating in Internet games, you will be paired with other beginning players. As your experience level increases, you will be matched with more skilled players.

Helper Programs for Online Games

Most online games require you to download a "Helper Program" that makes the game work. These programs don't require much space. which means they download to your computer pretty quickly. The first time you try a game from Yahoo Games, AOL, or some other popular gaming site, don't be surprised if you're told your computer is missing something. Just follow the onscreen instructions, go through the download/ instruction process, and get ready to play.

Web Games

There are numerous web sites with games that may be of interest to you. For example,

Boxerjam (<http://www.boxerjam.com/>) hosts a few dozen games

varying in intellectual stimulation from sliding tile puzzles to more abstract word association games. There are also a number of game shows that track your score against other people playing at the same time. Kids Domain (<http://www.kidsdomain.com/>) has games that tend to be arcade style with specific "Shockwave,,and "Java" categories: There are also some semieducational games such as Dinosaur Hunter that challenge young archeologists to piece together bones into a complete dinosaur while Space Trivia tests the future astronomer's knowledge of extraterrestrial trivia.

Mysterynet

(<http://www.mysterynet.com/>) is both a resource for mystery fiction fans and online gamers. CRpuzzles (<http://www.crpuzzles.com/>) has everything from crosswords and picture scrambles to word and logic problems. The site requires the latest version of Microsoft's Virtual Machine and runs best on Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher. The Grey Labyrinth (<http://www.greylabyrinth.com/index.htm>) has card games, Battleship, and crossword puzzles. This site is a collection of logic puzzles that can give your mind a good exercise. Lycos Games (<http://playsitelycos.com/>) enables you to match wits with other players over the Internet. You can either participate in a game, watch other games in progress, or chat with other players and spectators. Some of the games include Backgammon, Checkers, Chess, Hearts,and Spades. Philosophy Games (<http://www.philosophers.co.uk/games/games/htm>) is a site devoted to logic and philosophy. InfoSpace's PlaySite (<http://sss.playsite.com/>) includes Battleship, Checkers, Scrabble, Asteroids, and Missile Command. A ratings system judges your play and lets you compare abilities to other players. The Puzzle Factory (<http://www.thepuzzlefactory.com/>) features a variety of puzzles, word searches, crosswords, mazes, slider, and Tangrams. Finally, Yahoo! Games (<http://game.yahoo.com/>) has a good collection of 12 card games, 8 board games, and 13 solo games. They include Canasta, GoFish, Gin, Chinese Checkers, Anagram, Mah-jong and Solitaire to mention but a few of them.

Summary:

Old and young computer users enjoy playing games on their computers in fact, most senior citizens seem to have three major users for their computers e.g. to send/receive send/receive messages, access the Internet and play games Some companies and schools may not want these and other games on their computer systems. If you're an office manager or system administrator, you can find details on removing games from the setup options so that they do not appear and can't be added to your computers at this Microsoft Support Site: <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scit=kb:EN-US:q203492>.

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A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history--with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.

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