



Summer Newsletter



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Welcome to another edition of my Tips Newsletter - Something that I prepare for my clients that I hope will provide some useful information, while providing some tips for using your personal computers, some interesting and sometimes fun things to and occasionally a short warning about things that bad people are attempting to do to those of us who use the internet and e-mail.

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ALERT:

Virus Hoax

There's another virus hoax going around. This one tells you to find and delete a file called:

jdbgmgr.exe

Don't delete it! It's a Java debugging file (some Java applets may not work correctly without it). Although it's not the most important file on your computer, it's still probably best to leave it intact.

This gets passed around by an e-mail that warns the file is a "dormant" virus and automatically activates on a certain date. It also claims that anti-virus software can't remove it. Big time hoax.

Why is this a tip off?

If the file is a virus and on your computer, then Anti Virus software can get it. Think about it, if you can find the file, then your Anti Virus software can too. If it was really a problem, it would alert you.

Remember, just because it's in a forwarded e-mail, doesn't automatically make it true.

Some Helpful Information:

Q:
What's the difference between Save and Save As?

A:
I get this one ALL the time, so here you go:

When you use the **Save** command, you save your work under it's current file name. If you've never saved whatever it is you're working on before, then you'll get an opportunity to name it.

When you use **Save As**, you get a chance to save what you're working on as a new file.

Here's an example. Let's say you're working on a word processing document. It's a new document and you decide to save it. A box comes up that lets you give it a name. Now, let's say you add something to this word processing document later. If you use the Save command again, it simply saves it with no questions asked under the existing file name.

OK, now let's say you make a modification to the file, but you want to keep the original version as well. This is where you use Save As. When you use the Save As command, it allows you to save your current file as a new file with a new name. Now when you go to open your files, you'll find you have both the original version and the new, Saved As version.

Here's a little tip my AOL friends might check out.....

In the April 2002 issue of the AARP Bulletin there was an article stating that AARP members could save 10 percent on their monthly rate for unlimited internet access from AOL.

It is my understanding that your can receive the 10% discount even if you are a current subscriber to the AOL service by sending an e-mail to aarp1@aol.com with your name, AOL screen name and AARP membership number in it.

To sign up for the full service access with AOL call toll free (877)523-4493 and ask for the special AARP rate on the Standard Unlimited Plan.

Might save you about 2.50/month or so if you are interested.

Most users never use their "WinKey"
(those two keys between the ALT
and CTRL);
but they can come in handy! Here's
how:

Key combination:	Result:
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[WinKey]	This will pop up the Start Menu
[WinKey] + [E]	Opens Windows explorer
[WinKey] + [R]	Opens the window that lets you execute files

Here area some neat photos!



E-mail Hoax

If you get something in your e-mail that you're not sure is truth or a hoax warning, check it out with the site below. They have a search engine that will help you quickly determine what's real and what's not. Additionally, it's a cool site to browse through.

<http://www.urbanlegends.com/>

[WinKey] + [F] This will show the find dialog box
[WinKey] + [Ctrl] + [F] This will show the "find computer" box
[WinKey] + [M] Minimize all open windows
[WinKey] + [Shift] + [M] Restore minimized windows
[WinKey] + [Tab] Shifts through the taskbar buttons, press [Enter] next
[WinKey] + [F1] Shows windows help
[WinKey] + [Pause] Shows the system dialog box
[WinKey] + [D] Minimize / Restore all windows

Anybody remember this guy?



Here's a cheery one for you...



The "Keyboard Shake"

How many of you know about the "keyboard shake?" It's purpose is to remove crumbs, paper particles, etc., from (mostly) between the keys of your keyboard. Here's how to do it: hold up the keyboard about a foot above your desk, turn it upside down, and...shake!! You'll be amazed at the "stuff" which drops out of your keyboard!

Question? What's the quickest way to close multiple open programs and shut down my computer?

Answer: Alt-F4 - Each time you press ALT-F4 another program will close, and finally you'll get the "Shut Down window." Then just hit the Enter key to shut down! Pros can close 4 open programs and shut down in less than 6 seconds!



Removing the Internet Explorer icon from your desktop

If you like to keep your desktop free from unnecessary clutter, you may have wondered if you could remove the Internet Explorer icon from your desktop. After all it's much easier to launch Internet Explorer by clicking its icon in the Quick Launch tool bar.

To remove the Internet Explorer icon from your desktop, launch Internet Explorer, pull down the Tools menu, and select the Internet Options command. When you see the Internet Options dialog box, select the Advanced tab. Then, scroll though

the Settings

list until you locate the Show Internet Explorer On the Desktop check box. Now, click the check box to clear it. Finally, click

OK to close the Internet Options dialog box.

Now for some interesting things to do on the internet....

Need to do some home repairs? Not sure where to start? Check out today's site. They have information on just about any type of home repair or improvement you want to do.

<http://www.todayshomeowner.com/>

Want to see satellite images of the weather here in the US? Here's a site that lets you. They have visible, infrared, and water vapor images available. You can view either still images or movies. Take a look.

<http://www.goes.noaa.gov>

I thought this website was interesting. You can enter your birth date and find out how old you are compared to famous people. It also will tell you about how old you were when certain world events were going on.

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cdm/age1.html>

Have you ever wanted to check out Doppler radar maps but missed them on the news? This cool site gives you a map of the US and you can click on a button and see the Doppler radar live.

Who knew the internet could be so handy?

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/radar/>

[HistoryWired: A few of our favorite things](#)

The National Museum of American History has a vast collection of over three million objects, obviously they can't exhibit all of it at once. Wait! Maybe they can, or at least they can try to.

That is exactly what they're doing with this site where you can see the initial 450 items displayed on the web. The items include famous, unusual, and everyday items with well written descriptions.

Curious as to what you will see there? How about Abraham Lincoln's Life Mask? Or the Mormon "Sunstone" Sculpture? There's a lot here to look at and enjoy. Dig in to the past with History Wired.

<http://historywired.si.edu/index.html>

[Holocaust Names](#)

This is a wonderful site, dedicated to finding relatives and survivors of the Holocaust. You can post if you are a survivor so that family can find you, or you can search for family you may have lost due to the Holocaust.

There are pictures to look through, you can search by name and use their world chat to get in touch with lost loved ones. This is also a great site if you are doing research on the Holocaust.

Use the flash intro

<http://holocaustnames.com/intro.html>

[Hubble Site](#)

Interested in the Hubble Space Telescope? Well now you can find out all about it at the Hubble site. They have a News section where you can read up on the latest news on the telescope. You will also find a gallery with pictures, and even a screensaver section. Then there is a Discovery section which covers the various discoveries made with the telescope.

There is also the Sci-Tech section talks about the actual making of the telescopes and gets down to well the nuts and bolts of it. You might enjoy the Edu-Space and Fun sections as well. They more geared towards the kids but are still interesting.

<http://hubble.stsci.edu/>

[Virtual Tourist](#)

Going somewhere new and exciting for Memorial Day? Or just need to make travel plans for that summer vacation? Well Virtual Tourist can help you make those plans, all you need to do is enter a zip code, a keyword, or click on the map to choose your travel destination.

If you choose to use it continually, you may want to get a membership (don't worry it's free). This site gives you travel accommodations, tourist traps, dangers, must see activities, restaurants, night clubs, banks, and much more. A site that truly makes traveling easy.

<http://www.virtualtourist.com/>

[Truth or Fiction](#)

This is a site where you can find out whether that rumor you got in your e-mail is true, find out if there is merit to a warning, find out if it's really a virus or a virus hoax, and so much more.

If you start by reading the 'About Us' section of this site you can find out about their labeling system, Truth, Fiction, Reported Truth or Reported Fiction, Unproven, Disputed, Truth & Fiction, Previously Truth Now Ended or Now Resolved, which is a tremendous help in understanding which each category means.

<http://www.truthorfiction.com/>

Here are two other web sites where you can check out information on hoax e-mail rumors, etc. They are good ones.

www.urbanlegends.com, and www.snopes.com

[How Far Is It?](#)

Have you ever been curious about the distance between cities or countries? Well now you can figure it out.

A perfect little site for those of you with an abundance of curiosity, and for everyone else this site is just plain neat. You can calculate the distance between cities and countries. For a test run I put Toledo, Ohio in the "From:" slot, and in the "To:" slot I put Tokyo, Japan: the distance is only 6446 miles as the crow flies. Why don't you try it out?

<http://www.indo.com/distance/index.html>

[The Degree Confluence Project](#)

This site's goal is "to visit each of the latitude and longitude integer degree intersections in the world, and to take pictures at each location." Why am I bringing it to your attention? Simple. The pictures are so lovely.

You can find beautiful pictures from all over the world – from Antarctica to Zimbabwe. There are pictures from all the seasons in every type of land. A really well done site that's hauntingly lovely.

<http://www.confluence.org/>

[Graphic Garden](#)

Looking for cute graphics to decorate your cards? Or are you looking for a picture that you can print out for your grandchild to color? Want some interesting stationary for that letter to mom? Well you can find all that and more at the Graphic Garden. Best of all, it's free.

Please check the FAQ for the rules of usage. Printables include stationary, coloring pictures, labels, and more. Plus, for those of you who enjoy cross stitch there are patterns. And, for those of you who love e-mailing your friends postcards you can even find those here too. Enjoy the graphics.

<http://www.graphicgarden.com/>

[All Recipes](#)

Welcome to All Recipes, a great site to find recipes, cooking help, meal ideas, and much more. You can browse the recipe collections, or you can use the search option to find what you are looking for. If you are like me, you know that you can never have too many recipe resources.

There are even Free coupons for your grocery needs. You can find measurement conversions, common substitutions and other interesting areas to browse. This site is very tasty - enjoy.

<http://allrecipes.com/>

[Game Cabinet](#)

So you buy a brand new board game and play it for several weeks, then like all new things it loses its appeal for awhile. Then suddenly you have a craving to play that board game again, except its been so long you don't remember the rules and you just happened to lose the itty bitty sheet of paper tucked in the game that had the rules printed on it. Sigh. Whatever will you do?

Well never fear, there is a solution for those of you who lost the rules to that favorite game. It's called the Game Cabinet. Choose from an alphabetical list to find the rules to your game. Just click the name and you are whisked away to the page with the rules on it. Even better, they are all in an easy printable form to make printing out a copy for your board game easy .

<http://www.centralconnector.com/GAMES/GameCab.html>

[Netives](#)

Welcome to Netives, a place to relax and have some fun. What kind of fun am I talking about? The kind that can only come from playing a game. Here at Netives, you can play Gems, Invasion, Jroids, Jalaga, Marbles, Speed Marbles, and Wormz.

And best of all its free. You just pick a game, read the instructions if you need them, and then click "play". The game loads and you are on your way to hours of fun. For those you who like Spore Cubes, you'll want to try your hand at Marbles. For anyone who enjoys Tetris, have fun playing Gems. All in all, enjoy!

<http://netives.com/Games/index.njsp>

Here is a list of Web sites that may well be useful.

First, the best dictionary site out there; <http://www.onelook.com/>
Here, you have at your fingertips a variety of general- and special-purpose dictionaries, as well as related works.

Second, the site for Roget's Thesaurus, Famous Quotations, and other useful writing resources; <http://www.bartleby.com/> Note especially your choices on the upper-right portion of the screen.

And finally, a new Web search site with some useful features, and a nice, clean interface: <http://www.teoma.com/> Teoma's info page states: "In addition to utilizing existing search techniques, Teoma applies a new measure of relevance to deliver authoritative search results."

Want to know if you were ever abducted by Aliens?

Do you have an unusual fear of doctors? Do you have voices in your head? Have you lost time and have no idea how or why? If so, congrats my friends, you may very well been abducted by aliens!

This cool site gives you 58 common indicators of whether or not you have been abducted by aliens. Do you suppose Fox Mulder from X-Files had anything to do with this list? Of course not, because he's just an actor. As far as I can tell, this website is extremely serious about them too.

<http://www.anw.com/aliens/52questions.htm>



I saved this one for last - I have enjoyed this man's radio broadcasts it seems for my whole life (let's just say a long time shall we?) Hope you like it....

And now....the rest of the story....

[Paul Harvey – The Voice of the Millennium](#)

Need another source of news? Well here is an interesting site to receive your daily news from. At Paul Harvey.com you can receive the morning news, afternoon news, and the news from the day before. (You will need Real Player program on your computer to listen to this broadcast. It is free and you can get it from the web at www.real.com)

If you prefer radio broadcasts for your news, you can get that here too. A very informative site, give it a gander.

<http://www.paulharvey.com/>



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