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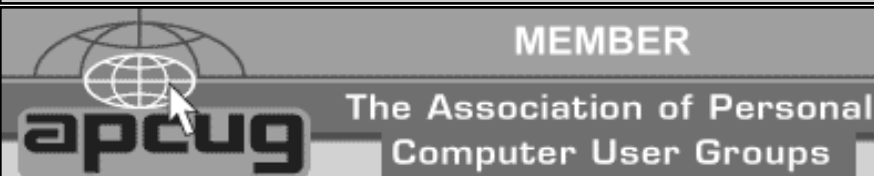
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# Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Charley May, KIPCUG

## May

The KIPCUG May 6, General Meeting featured the ever-helpful Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. David's Back to Basics presentation covered what happens when your computer boots up. He showed us when the drivers, devices and various files loaded.



PHOTO BY BOB SETREE

The User to User session with host Keith Stenger followed, giving your KIPCUG friends a chance to answer YOUR questions submitted on paper. If YOU are having a problem with your PC, this was the time to get a good solution, so remember to bring your questions to next month's meeting.



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It was a pleasure to announce that our old friend Dave Whittle had returned to visit KIPCUG. As usual, Dave was representing the latest, greatest top-notch compa-

nies. Dave talked to us about the next cultural and economic revolution in the computer area - digital multimedia. Dave said that with innovation's rapid pace, the lines between consumer electronics, personal computers, and communications were blurring. That now computers, cameras, television, stereos, CDs, DVDs, camcorders, VCRs, email, web pages, scanners, even your cell-phones are beginning to work together. He feels there are exciting ways to create new opportunities for families and friends to share experiences and memories. Dave showed us how to take some pictures, then he added his choice of background music. He said that we could use music from our CDs, tapes or even record collections for background music. Moments later he showed us how they could be shared with family and friends via email or on our PCs or even displayed on our television sets in "home theaters." Dave feels that family memories are not the only use for these new technologies - they also enable new business opportunities as well.

Dave briefly introduced several products of general appeal from new companies with outstanding, innovative technologies, including 3D Album, muvee, iSeeMedia,

**Back to Basics Topic  
for June:**

**Tip and Tricks for  
New Computer Users**

Alpha Software and others. We viewed exciting new products from these companies. You came away from this meeting entertained, informed and inspired. Dave provided time for an open Q&A period and brought valuable door prizes, informative handouts and actual product for sale at heavily discounted prices arranged exclusively for user groups. Many members took advantage of these special prices at the meeting.

## June

The KIPCUG June 3, General Meeting will feature the Back to Basics session with host David Brooks, KIPCUG's Webmaster. The Back to Basics will look at more interesting things that you need to know about your PC.

The User to User session with host Bill Cull follows, giving your KIPCUG friends a chance to

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# Over The Program Director's Shoulder (cont.)

answer YOUR questions submitted on paper. If YOU are having a problem with your PC, this is the time to get a good solution, so remember to bring your questions.

The main presentation in June will be Online Banking. We welcome Republic Bank & Trust Company's Marketing Manager, Michael Sadofsky and Internet Banking Manager, Vikki Kissling who will provide the presentation on "The Ease of Online Banking".

We will see how to use Electronic Bank Features to:

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through what is required to set up your computer and your account and then they will cover the following processes and services.

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**Bill Payment** - They have a Bill Payment service that takes the hassle out of paying bills by automating the set-up and payment process online! They will show us how to schedule and track single, future and recurring payments.

## Help!

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Have you noticed how well sound carries at the General Meeting? The Board of Directors has decided that all meeting registration will cease at 7:00 PM to limit the amount of noise coming from the Registration Tables. This is an effort to help everyone hear and to reduce the distraction for the speaker. We apologize to everyone in advance that is unable to get a door prize ticket as a result. All latecomers are still welcome, please just come in and take a seat quietly. Thanks!

**User Options** - How to change your password and set other options to personalize your online banking experience.

**Help** - You can use Help from any usage point of the Online Banking service to find out more information about that subject.

**Live Assistance** is available - Click on this option for real-time assistance via a live chat "message" box. An operator can assist you Monday - Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM ET.

**Exit** - How to finish your transactions - You select this option when you are ready to end your Online banking session.

This session should be very interesting, please plan to attend and bring a friend.

## Membership

By Susan Moore, KIPCUG

Please join me in welcoming KIPCUG's newest members.

WENDY KILGORE  
JIM McKINNEY  
LEIGHT WILSON  
MARGARET WILSON

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# Pictures to a Non-PC User

By Brian Jacobs, CAUG c/o APCUG

My wife wanted some pictures off our web site to send to her grandfather, who doesn't own a PC. Seemed a simple enough request. Since I produce the web site on my "Purple Haze" Win NT box, I thought I would use it, without thinking about the problems this might engender. It was easy enough to bring up Dreamweaver and then copy the pictures over to Word. There I discovered that you are extremely limited as to where the pictures would be placed, leaving enough room for text explanations of each picture.

No problem, I thought, I'll just fire up MS Publisher and then place the pictures where I wanted them, leaving text boxes for position holders. Thought I might even show my wife how to use Publisher to type in the text, rather than write it out by hand after printing. Of course, when I went to browse for the pictures, I got an error message from Publisher to the effect that this part of Publisher is broke - - did I want to repair it. Sure, why not. Went through my CD's to find the install disk for Office 2K, put it in and was then told that it was the wrong CD - please insert the proper disk. I think the name it is looking for is data2.msi while my CD insists the file is called Data2.msi. Did you see the difference? Took me a few tries, I'm slow, but one is in caps and one isn't. So no repair this time. And how Publisher screamed and threatened when I tried to not repair it, with dire warning of impending program failure if I didn't repair it Now!

So far so good, but now the problems mounted. I was going to browse for the Save as location, intending to put a copy on hard drive, then another on a floppy. It was only two pages and 10 pictures so the file shouldn't be too large. Wrong! Turns out the file is way too large for a floppy, even in zipped format. No prob, I'll just burn a CD. No, that won't work. I have an Iomega CD-RW that I got on special at CompUSA a few years back after being told by both Iomega and CompUSA that it would run under NT. Of course, it didn't. Runs fine under Win2K but not NT. Which meant breaking open the box, installing my Win2K drive, changing jumpers and slaving the NT drive and then burning the CD. Instead I decided to send the file email. Yahoo chocked twice on attaching the file, so I went to my ATT account. After waiting a long time for the file to attach here, I decided that the easy way to print this file was to crawl under my wife's desk and unplug the printer, attach it to Purple Haze and print it, then put it back on her machine.

After looking at what I would have to move to get the printer cable out from behind the desk and file cabinet, I decided to just move over to her PC, using the backup CD of the web site. Discard the file on Purple Haze, end the internet connection and redo everything on her PC.

I am almost positive that next month's column will be the hoops I learned to jump through as I try to network several boxes, to prevent this type of problem in the future. Of course, I could buy another printer, but that would be too easy. And

her printer works perfectly well for what little printing we do. Maybe go wireless network? Nah, too much money for wireless this soon after the holidays. Think I will get a 5 port hub, a few Cat 5 cables and a few LinkSys or 3Com 10/100 cards to install. Then I can have Purple Haze (Win NT), my Dell laptop (Win2K) and my wife's PC (also Win2K) on my own mini network. I'll also install my Win2K HD in Purple Haze and make sure that connection also works. And I won a copy of Win XP Pro at the CAUG holiday party, so I think I'll find a spare HD and install XP on Purple Haze and network that. Humm. That means two network cards and drivers, three OS's, a mini-hub and my laptop. Should be a breeze... Go on, just shoot me now...

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# Available Review Software

By Joe Rothstein, KIPCUG

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I have included websites, so you can evaluate and ask me to hold the program for you.

– **Jasc Software** –

After Shot Starter Edition. From the makers of Paint Shop Pro.

“The easy to organize, fix, and share photos from your digital camera. [www.jasc.com]

– **TechSmith** –

SnagIt Evaluation CD. Capture and Share anything on your screen.

– **Creo** –

Six Degrees timefreeing technology. “...revolution in email-driven productivity”.

[www.creo.com/sixdegrees]

– **Kaspersky** –

Anti-Virus. ‘Secure Your Cyberspace’ [www.kaspersky.com]

– **CE Software** –

QuickMail 3.0 – ‘Business Email made easy’ [www.cesoft.com].

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In/Out Tracker 1.6 – ‘Electronic In/Out Board’ [www.cesoft.com].

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[www.traininga.com]

– **InKline Global** –

‘What do you want to do today?’ [www.inclineglobal.com]

– **Farstone** –

Software Evaluation Suite – ‘VisualDrive Personal’, RestoreIT, VirtualDrive Network, RestoreIT Network, VirtualClass’.

[www.farstone.com]

– **Mission Critical Software** –

One Point - ‘Solutions for Success featuring the OnePoint Suite. [www.missioncritical.com]

A list of trial/sample programs, picked up at COMDEX, follows. They are available for members to have but we would appreciate a paragraph or two.

– **Trial Versions, Samplers** –

– **Borland Sampler** –

8 programs [www.Borland.com]

– **Noblis Ci** –

Automate your Excel-Based Activities

– **Iomega** –

Automatic backup [www.iomega.com]

– **CBT Nuggets** –

IT Certification Training Videos [www.cbt-nuggets.com]

– **ACT! 6.0 (for PC & Palm)** –

– **Saflink** –

The power of biometric authentication

– **Polarity** –

Target attract transact [www.polarityinc.com]

– **Aladdin Systems** –

Evaluation software and freeware [www.aladdinsys.com]

We also need, and appreciate, volunteers to write reviews on their own new software. Let our members know what you like, or dislike about your programs.

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Remember the rules. Submit a 750 – 1000 word review in 30 – 45 days for publication in IO, and the software is yours to keep – FREE!

Questions? Comments?

Contact Joe Rothstein, 451-3874 or joesr@iname.com.

We want to thank those reviewers that submit timely reviews. Our membership benefits.

For those who are a little tardy, please complete your reviews or return the software so others can take advantage of these generous vendor offers.

# Online Error Message Support (In Plain English!)

By Tom McArdle, KIPCUG

It is the middle of the evening and you have been working for a few hours on your PC. The time comes to print out that document, but when you do... 'POW'. You get an error message on your screen that looks like you should be able to understand it, "SPOOL32 caused a Stack Fault in module Kernel32.dll at address".

The family video was copied to CD by your nephew and when you put it in the PC, the monitor displays "Error 80040218 No Combination of Filters Could Be Found to Render the Stream".

Why cannot someone tell me what is wrong and communicate in a language other than Microsoft jargon? If only I could get a small clue as to what was wrong, maybe I could fix it in a few minutes. I know that if I go to one of the Windows for Dummies books, I will spend an hour or more trying to find out if the problem was even mentioned in my copy. The thick Microsoft manuals are impressive to lift, but despite their best effort to provide the user with help, one gets lost searching for the one sentence that holds my answer.

Help is just a few keystrokes away. James A. Eshelman from Los Angeles, California, posts a web site that is open to everyone. The site is called Windows Support Center and it is a one-stop destination that ends hours of frustration for the casual Windows user. How he picked the URL name ([auhma.org/win4/a/shutdown.htm](http://auhma.org/win4/a/shutdown.htm)) is a mystery to me, but it had the answers to the two questions mentioned above.

The web site asks what operating system you are using to begin your search for an answer or lets you pick a topic to help you solve your problem. Point and click, it is simple, easy to follow and it solves hundreds of common windows problems in plain English. Most solutions have systematic guides that are specific to the edition of the OS you are using. I found it easy to resolve my problem with a printer and it identified a corrupt file that stopped Windows Media Player from replaying the video of my brother's hot air balloon ride.

The printer fix gave me instructions on using 'msconfig' to access the Selective Startup in Windows ME and told me just what to do to get a clean-boot on my PC. After a restart, I was walked through the printer spool settings with links to specific articles on the Microsoft Knowledge Base. This problem disappeared in just a few minutes.

My media player problem was solved by reinstalling the Quartz.dll file. Bingo, number two out of the way.

Jim has included links to support sites, articles and FAQs, registry patches, knowledge base, freeware and help learning HTML. This web site has a search feature, an active group of forums, and a newsletter and guest book. The webmaster does not respond to individual email requests for help, but does monitor many of the forums to help solve the truly tough problems. His list of Windows Support Sites is updated regularly.

The site is always under construction as improvements and additions are made on a regular basis. It has to be a labor of love to keep this internet refuge open for the thousands of puzzled Windows users out in cyber space. Pay-Pal donations are accepted to help defray the cost of keeping the site open, but payments are optional.

The next time you find an error message on your screen and you do not know what to do, Remember that the solution could be just a few clicks away. Check out the website and consider book marking the URL today. Eventually, you will be glad you did.

## Have you visited a SIG lately?

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KIPCUG Planner on page  
13 or the KIPCUG  
Special Interest Group  
Directory on page 14.

# Choosing A Digital Camera

By Ira Wilsker, c/o APCUG

Digital cameras have become one of the most popular new consumer items. As is common for many high technology items, the price of digital cameras has fallen, as the technology improves. The dramatic increase in sales of digital cameras is mostly due to their "instant gratification" by eliminating the cost and inconvenience of film and processing. Another advantage is the ease of editing digital photos. The increase in sales of digital cameras has often more than offset the decline in sales of film cameras and accessories. Also, digital photography has in some cases, replaced film photography in many professional applications. According to Olympus, one of the leading digital camera manufacturers, the high-end digital cameras are now used by many professional photographers for weddings and other events. Many newspapers and magazines are now employing digital photography, which bypasses the dark-room, and allows the input of images directly to editors. For home users, digital cameras range from very inexpensive (under \$30, often before rebates) point and shoot models to sophisticated models that rival 35mm SLR cameras, including accessory lenses and peripherals.

The potential resolution of digital cameras is measured in "pixels", a condensed term for "picture elements". Pixels are basically the little colored dots that compose an image. More pixels in an image mean that a larger size picture can be printed or viewed, but increases the amount of storage or memory necessary to hold the image.

Contrary to popular belief, more pixels are not necessarily better. Consider that a typical 14" monitor has a resolution of 640x480 pixels, which is about 300,000 pixels. The unedited image from a digital camera with a 300,000-pixel resolution will fill the screen of that 14" monitor. My 17" monitor is currently set at a 1024x768 resolution; a digital photograph of about 740,000 pixels would fill that screen. Many digital photographers take their photos at the highest resolution, which is often unnecessary, and a waste of memory and time. If the image is to be emailed, or posted to the web, the image will likely have to be substantially reduced in size to be practical. Using good quality photo paper and a photo-grade color printer, an 11x14 inch image will require about 4 million pixels (4 mega pixels) to approximate the quality of a 35mm print. An 8x10 inch print

will require about 2 mega pixels. An inexpensive 1-mega pixel camera is quite capable of producing satisfactory 5x7 inch photos. The least expensive digital cameras on the market, sometimes under \$20 (I recently paid \$19 for one), can easily produce a printed picture in the common 35mm print size of 3.5x5 or 4x6 inch sizes. Some digital cameras, such as one of the Olympus CamMedia series, can print directly from the camera, using Polaroid film, or conventionally export images to a computer.

Digital cameras need something to hold the images until they are downloaded to a computer, or printed directly. Various types of non-volatile memory cards, typically compact flash, smart media, or memory stick formats, are used to store images. Currently, these cards are available in capacities up to 1

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# Chosing A Digital Camera (cont.)

gigabyte (about 1 billion bytes), with 16 meg (16 million bytes) to 128 meg being both common and relatively inexpensive. The cards are reusable as images are erased from the cards. The contents of the cards can typically be transferred by the camera to a PC or Mac via a USB connection, or read directly by a card reader. Other popular cameras, such as some of the Sony Mavica series, use common 3.5" floppy disks. These floppies, each holding about 1.4 megabytes, can be read directly by a computer, as the images are written directly to the floppy. Some more advanced (and expensive) digital cameras can write to mini-CD discs, which can hold well over 100 megabytes, and can be read on any CD drive. Generally, the more storage of any type available in a camera, the better.

Many digital cameras also have the ability to record short movies, sometimes with sound. The length of the movie is only limited by the memory or storage available in the camera. For most common movie capable digital cameras, the length is typically measured in seconds, or a few minutes.

Zoom is another feature often available. With the traditional film cameras, optical zoom is used. The zoom on digital cameras can be optical, digital, or a combination of both. In terms of image quality, optical zoom is superior to a digital zoom, with the same magnification. One digital camera I tried is advertised as having a 20x zoom; 4x optical, and 5x digital. At 20x (combining the digital and optical zoom), the images were quite grainy, but at 4x (optical) they were very sharp. The same image at 4x digital zoom was visibly grainy, especially when enlarged. If a choice is available, optical zoom is superior to digital zoom.

Convenience factors, such as size, weight, flash, and battery capacity are often a matter of personal choice. Many digital cameras utilize the common AA size battery for convenience. Disposable alkaline batteries become expensive, if many pictures are taken, as they have a relatively short useful life. Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) batteries are much more expensive to purchase, but the better ones have a capacity of two to four times the photos as alkaline batteries, and can be recharged around 1000 times. In the long run, NiMH batteries are far less expensive to use than alkaline. Select the NiMH

batteries by comparing their capacity, typically 1200 to 1800 mAh (milliamp hours), the more the better. Another factor to consider is the viewfinder. Many digital cameras have a conventional lens type viewfinder, while others have a small LCD screen that is a "what you see is what you get" view. Some cameras have both. Many users have found that it is harder to aim a digital camera using an LCD screen than a viewfinder, but others prefer to see the exact picture on the LCD an instant before the image is captured. Almost all digital cameras come with either an integral flash, or some sort of "hot shoe" or plug for an external flash. Some digital cameras combine their still function with a live video function, as they can also serve as web cams, sending live video over the net.

Digital photography can be both money and a time saver for many users, and should be strongly considered for that next camera purchase.

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# WordPerfect Office 2000 (for LINUX)

By Russell Albach, Alamo PC c/o APCUG

Okay folks, here is my latest chapter in my continuing search for a Windows alternative. If you recall from previous reviews (you DO read all the reviews don't you?), you know I am not happy with Windows. After some twelve years of crashing, trashing, and unsuccessfully trying to get the claimed benefits from Windows, I am in the process of migrating to other operating systems.

Like some ninety percent of desktop PC users, I still have Windows on one machine. While I would like to quit cold turkey, I can't. Too much time and money is tied up in this Yugo of an operating system. However, in my search, I have found realistic, viable alternatives, that will allow me to replace Windows with something that actually works.

The problems I listed for myself when I began are based on time and resources. Time relates to learning another operating system. I thought about all the time I basically wasted trying to get Windows to act like an OS. Doing this caused me to click on the following: learning another OS won't cost any more time than recovering from repeated Windows problems. Taking a small percentage of the wasted time on Windows and putting that toward an OS that works, I figured I would be way ahead overall. The resources part involved both hardware and software. I once again had too much invested in Windows to start from scratch. There was simply no way I could buy all new hardware and software all at once. This meant I

would have to find something that would use as much existing resources as possible.

I had been trying LINUX on and off for some time, and liked what I saw. It uses the same hardware as the Win/TEL (Windows/INTEL) platform, so there is my savings on hardware. In the past, this was not really true. LINUX had poor support for drivers for the various components needed for the computer to run, forcing you to obtain hardware that someone had written a driver for. That has almost completely changed, and LINUX now has drivers for almost all the components you use in your machines. An added bonus is the efficiency in LINUX. It has far lower resource requirements than Windows, and by this I mean it runs great on everything from a 386 to screaming on the latest P-IV's and Athlons. Unlike Windows, LINUX does not consume more and more resources. Adding things like more memory, faster video, and larger hard drives, brings an accompanying and proportionally greater performance. This meant I could use all my existing hardware. Software was another matter. Initial checking indicated there were few of the applications I was currently using that were available to run under LINUX. I made a couple of lists: applications I needed; applications I wanted; applications I could do without. A pleasant surprise when I found I could replace almost all of my needed applications, and almost all free for download! Word processors, spreadsheets, databases, imaging, PIM's, presentations, audio - video, CD burners, it WAS available. Most of the application types I wanted were available. Now

these were not the same applications (with the exception in this review), as the ones I am currently using, but applications that did the same thing, and in the same way.

I have been using WordPerfect for years, all the way back to the DOS era, and when WordPerfect was an actual company (a company that wrote the book on customer service!). Imagine my surprise when I found out that there was a LINUX version of WordPerfect OFFICE2000. Yes, this does add to the cost of changing OS's, but it is a familiar product that I already use and really like. If you want to save some money, there is a free download for the office suite from Sun Microsystems called StarOffice. I remained with my favorite office suite, WordPerfect. This application is now owned by COREL, and they have been fairly good at keeping this product updated. This suite includes WordPerfect 9. Quattro Pro 9 (a spreadsheet), Presentations 9, CorelCENTRAL 9 (a PIM), Netscape Navigator, Adobe Acrobat Reader, various fonts and clipart, and COREL's version of LINUX. This is the standard version. The Deluxe version adds Netscape Communicator, and Paradox, an excellent database.

If you use any of these applications, you will be instantly at home. They are the same applications that you have been using under Windows, but have been ported over to LINUX, so I won't go into details about the applications. I will instead concentrate on the installation.

Installing any application on any

# WordPerfect Office 2000 (for LINUX) (cont.)

operating system can be a trying experience. In the past, LINUX could frequently be so difficult to install people simply gave up. The latest installers (installers, added content, and support being the difference between the various LINUX retailers), have made tremendous strides in this area. It is still more difficult than it should be, but is easily within the capabilities of Alamo PC members. The manual included is pretty good on information about the applications, but is poor on the most important part - installation. If you use a GUI, and have automount enabled, click on the CD icon, find the "setup" file, click on it, and follow instructions. If you use the command prompt, you are on your own. That is the total of the install instructions. Worse, the sequence described in the manual is not the sequence that actually occurs during installation. My attempts to follow these skimpy instructions resulted in the installation claiming success, while the application would not run, instead giving various cryptic error messages. I contacted COREL with explanations of the problems, and as this is written, I have received no response. This is disappointing, as COREL has been very good in this area in the past. Doing a LOT of investigating, I think I found the problem. The installer apparently assumes that you installed the included Corel LINUX version, and uses instructions for that version. Digging through the COREL website, I found an updated uninstaller, and installer. If you already installed the suite, use this uninstaller to completely remove it from your computer. Use this new installer script instead of the one on the WordPerfect CD. Follow the same

basic instructions in the manual, BUT, substitute this new install script. The location of the two scripts are: <http://linux.corel.com/support/updates.htm>. Look near the bottom of the page for WordPerfect OFFICE2000 for Linux header, then two paragraphs starting with Downloadable.... Click on each of the two links to download the two scripts. Using the uninstaller, completely remove the defective installation. The updated installer worked perfectly. It went on easier than the Windows version. I am now enjoying my new office suite under an operating system that has yet (fingers crossed) to crash. WordPerfect performs the same as under Windows, and so do the other applications. It is amazing how much more enjoyable it is using an application that doesn't crap out repeatedly during usage. The installation did not add the typical WP icons to either the desktop, or the bottom bar. No problem. I added the programs manually just like in Windows - right click on the taskbar, select the appropriate instruction from the popup menu, follow to the desired application, and you now have the app on the taskbar.

I won't waste my time trying to get anyone to switch from Windows, but you should do yourself a favor, and at least check out realistic and viable alternatives. Computers can really be a useful and fun tool if given an operating system that allows the applications to actually work.

As an aside, Microsoft has stated that they will port their applications over to run under LINUX, so you

might be able to use applications you are used to, but run them under a more stable operating system.

The system requirements are:

Linux Kernel system 2.2 or higher with functional X-Windows system  
Pentium 166 or equivalent (200 recommended)

32 MB RAM (64 recommended)

450 MB hard disk space

CD-ROM

VGA

Mouse or tablet

CompUSA has it for \$97.62 for this 2000 version, and the numbers are: MFG WP2KLINUXENG0 and SKU50096466.

WordPerfect Office 2000  
Documentation Manager  
Corel Corporation  
1600 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada  
K1Z8R7  
<http://linux.corel.com/>

This is a really nice application suite, and since I have been using these particular applications for years, I am especially pleased. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to e-mail me. I don't know if I can help, but I'll try.

"A diamond-hard will is the irresistible force that will overcome any immovable object"  
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# June 2003 KIPCUG Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Hardware SIG	3 General Meeting	4	5 Visual Basic SIG	6 Basic Excel SIG	7
8 Articles for I/O Due 6/10	9 New Users SIG	10 Board of Directors	11	12 Investing SIG Genealogy II SIG	13	14 Basic Access SIG
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<p>All Monday-Friday Meetings are at 6:30 PM.</p> <p>All Saturday Meetings are at 10:00 AM.</p>						

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# KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory

**ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Main Branch of the LFPL at 4th and York Streets. Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 969-6983 or jewel@win.net

**ADVANCED USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@iglou.com

**BASIC ACCESS SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.com

**BASIC EXCEL SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact CO-SIG LEADER Flave Reising at flavereising@insightbb.com

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG** - Meets only on scheduled months on the 3rd Tuesday at Wayside Christian Mission at Shelby and Market Streets. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at 812-949-7348 or bedwards@iglou.com

**EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG "NEW"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at bedwards@iglou.com or 812-949-7348

**GENEALOGY SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 - mooresk@win.net (www.win.net/mooresk)

**GENEALOGY II SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the LFPL-Jeffersontown Branch, 10635 Watterson Trail. Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 or mooresk@win.net

**HARDWARE SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Monday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at gmccormick@win.net or CO-SIG LEADER Charley May at hardware@sig.win.net or 425-4604

**INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Monday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead, jim.travelstead@louisville.edu, 852-4761(W), 375-4796(H)

**INVESTING SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd

Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman Field. We do not discuss the merits of Mutual Funds. Contact SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878

**LINUX SIG "LOCATION CHANGE"** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

**LINUX LAB SIG** - Meets 10:00 AM on the 4th Saturday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. CO-SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins. Contact TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com

**NEW USERS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month at the NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net

**PDA (PALM OS) SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St. Matthews. Contact SIG LEADER Price Hanna at 896-6676 or at jpricehanna@hotmail.com

**POCKET PC SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Sam Cooke at 423-9920 or CO-SIG LEADER Matt Coddington at 608-1561 or matt@pocketpclouisville.com

**TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Avenue in the lower level meeting room. Contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 897-7718 or MJSLSKS@insightbb.com

**VISUAL BASIC SIG** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion 810-9125 or mccampion@aol.com

**WEBMASTERS SIG "LOCATION CHANGE"** - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Win.Net located at 300 Distillery Commons just past Payne Street inbound on Lexington Road. Contact SIG LEADER John Henderson at jh@inetmarketing.net or 812-945-1102

**WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG "LOCATION CHANGE"** - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room. Contact SIG LEADER Bill Edwards at bedwards@iglou.com or 812-945-3187

**YOUTH SIG - Meetings on Hold** - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Friday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road. (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net or 452-8471

# The SIG Scene

By Bill Edwards, KIPCUG

**Where to find the scoop on  
your Special Interest Group**

## **HEADLINE NEWS**

Some KIPCUG members have asked us to explore starting a new SIG covering GoldMine. We are still collecting the names of the members interested in this SIG. GoldMine is a contact and customer manager currently used by many realtors and sales/marketing personnel. Many others could benefit from using such software and would benefit from a SIG showing how to use it efficiently and effectively. You can download a demo from [http://www.frontrange.com/goldmine/goldmine\\_demos.asp](http://www.frontrange.com/goldmine/goldmine_demos.asp). The current list price appears to be \$199.95, but there is also a \$50.00 rebate coupon available. Pricegrabber showed prices as low as \$150 and the coupon can still be used. Latest version is 6.0.

The WEBMASTERS SIG may be moving to a new location. If you are not receiving the email reminders of the meeting, please check with the SIG LEADER to confirm the meeting location.

KIPCUG SIGs are still looking for NEW meeting places. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new SIG meeting locations and report suggestions to KIPCUG SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at 812-945-3187 or [bedwards@iglou.com](mailto:bedwards@iglou.com). Locations should hold 12-24 persons, have Internet connections and, if possible, computers for the attendees would be a plus.

## **ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG**

At the April meeting, Larry West walked us through what he had learned about Microsoft Access Project. It lets one make forms and reports from existing queries and stored procedures in an SQL database. Unfortunately, we did not have an SQL server and database available, but Larry explained clearly how it worked and what the limitations are. While it does let you use stored procedures, there can be only one user at a time. It also cannot use an existing query that does not have a unique key. In the end, we all agreed that using Access with pass-through queries gave much more flexibility and that Microsoft Access Project has limited usefulness.

We then had a wide-ranging discussion with various contributions of tips about useful web sites. For example, we downloaded a database from [www.nanpa.com](http://www.nanpa.com) that has all the telephone area codes and exchanges with corresponding locations. Also going to [anywho.com](http://anywho.com), we found an address that is in the preferred format for the post office. Then we were able to copy and paste it into an Access form to update our contact listing.

On May 24, SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick plans to have fun with Access Security. It will not slow down a serious hacker, but can do some useful things. For the June meeting, John plans to discuss using the Kodak Image controls in

Access for better presentations.

The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG assumes a good working knowledge of Access, focusing on issues needing programming and advanced techniques. If you have found a great solution to a problem in Access, please come share it with us. If you have a problem or topic you would like to learn about, please email SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at [jewel@win.net](mailto:jewel@win.net). Please come join us the fourth Saturday of the month at the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library downtown from 10 AM to Noon.

## **ADVANCED USERS SIG**

The ADVANCED USERS SIG met on May 16 at 6:30 PM in the CCUM Computer Lab (Room 222) to continue a discussion of digital image editing. SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan opened the meeting with a discussion of current events in the computer industry that may influence our PC usage.

Questions from the group about depth of field and 'blue haze' led to an explanation of how digital cameras record images versus traditional film camera technology. Consumer Reports review of current digital hardware and software were passed around the group and the JASC Paint Shop Pro web site was used to demonstrate online tutorials available to everyone.

Tom then showed the group how

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

to enhance a photograph using Paint Shop Pro 7. The tools used are common to all advanced photo imaging software.

The use of layers in creating an improved image gave the members an idea how software can be used in their own photo collections.

The June 20 meeting will continue examining this interesting field and will include the use of vector tools to alter an image. Current PC news events will be presented and member's questions discussed.

The **ADVANCED USERS SIG** explores software and hardware topics of interest to people very comfortable with their computer who want to know more. We encourage everyone to share their experience so we can all learn and grow in areas we would not normally venture into.

We meet in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 at Blankenbaker lane) on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM. To be added to the SIG email list, contact Tom at 477-1639 or at [tpsen@iglou.com](mailto:tpsen@iglou.com) and enter 'Add me to the **ADVANCED USERS SIG**' in the subject line.

## **BASIC ACCESS SIG**

On May 10, we worked on reports. We downloaded the file of sample reports from article 231851 in the Microsoft Knowledge Base. It has 30 sample reports and

explains the techniques that make them work. One of them shows how to shade alternative lines in a report to make it easier to read across multiple columns. It requires a little bit of code that was explained in the sample and could be copied and pasted. We then played a little with it in order to highlight every fifth line.

After using the wizard to create a report we saw how to change the spacing on the grid so that lines could be put closer together to get more information on a page. The remaining time was spent on questions and discussion.

On June 14, we will go back to work on queries. These are the basic tools to select and sort data. Queries are frequently used to provide the selected information for reports. A couple of members may bring in databases that they are developing. If they do, we can solve some real problems in June and July and talk about queries in both months. Of course, we will also set aside time for questions since those are usually the most fun.

The **BASIC ACCESS SIG** uses the tools that are available in Access without programming. If you have topics that you would like discussed, please contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at [abirch52@excite.com](mailto:abirch52@excite.com) or 429-0506. If you have some tips and tricks to share, we would love to hear them. We meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to Noon at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

## **BASIC EXCEL SIG (NEW)**

Plan to attend the **BASIC EXCEL SIG** Friday, June 6, at 6:30 PM so that you can learn how to make a PC spreadsheet or improve your skills. Jim Boneck, the instructor for this SIG will be covering the following Excel features: additional math functions, adding a column of numbers and calculating auto loan and house payments. Time will be provided to practice these features and other items covered in the past.

The May meeting was cancelled due to Oaks Day conflicts. In April, Jim covered several Excel features including the following: inserting columns, word wrap, format painter, minimum & maximum math functions and using Excel Help to answer questions.

Note that there will not be a meeting in July as the first Friday is July 4.

This SIG is held the first Friday of each month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, of Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Rd., which is the same location as the general meeting.

This beginning **EXCEL SIG** assumes no working knowledge of MS Excel but assumes one is familiar with the MS Windows.

To be added to the email list send a message to Flave at [flaverising@insightbb.com](mailto:flaverising@insightbb.com) with "**BASIC EXCEL SIG**" on the subject line. If you have a topic that you would like to see covered, send Flave Reising

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

an email with your suggestion and type "BASIC EXCEL SIG Topic" on the subject line.

Hope to see you at the meeting--bring a friend or family member.

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

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The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG has not met in 2003. Watch for details of the revitalization of this SIG that has been able to provide a valuable community service to the disadvantaged residents of the Louisville area. In the meantime, we are open to your suggestions for other projects.

Contact SIG DIRECTOR Bill Edwards at [bedwards@iglou.com](mailto:bedwards@iglou.com) or 812-945-3187 for more info or to be added to the email notification list. Please type "Add me to COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG list" in the subject line of the email.

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## EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG (NEW)

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The EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG assumes a working knowledge of Excel and familiarity with most of the Excel icons. There are many, many functions that are available in Excel that few of us realize can be important to make our lives easier. Due to low attendance, the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG has been suspended. We hope that the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG will resume in 2003 if KIPCUG mem-

bers express sufficient interest.

To be added to the email list and to state your interest in the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG, send an email to [bedwards@iglou.com](mailto:bedwards@iglou.com) and type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG?" in the subject line.

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## GENEALOGY SIG

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The April meeting was a review of all of the basic features of TMG. Both the new users and the experienced users learned some new information. TMG is a program with some very advanced features and some simpler features that can be ignored until you are ready to begin using them. Depending on your stage of research, you will use different features. This meeting was a thorough review of all of the features at the basic level.

The May meeting topic will be How to Design Custom Tags and Flags. Custom Tags allow you to enter information on events not included in the standard set of over 100 tags. Yes, even with over 100 tags it is still possible to have information that needs a custom tag. TMG only includes seven standard flags so it is essential to define custom flags to hold your data indicators. Both are easy to add, so come see the tips and tricks.

The June meeting topic will be How to Enter Citations. Your information is more valuable in book form and to other researchers if your sources are documented. We will discuss how to enter these all-important tracks that you have fol-

lowed in your research for your ancestors.

The GENEALOGY SIG meets at the LFPL Eline Branch at 6:30 PM on the third Monday each month. SIG LEADER Susan Moore and all of the SIG's attendees are looking for YOU to join us at a future meeting. If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email SIG LEADER Susan Moore at [mooresk@win.net](mailto:mooresk@win.net). If you want a map or directions on how to get to the GENEALOGY SIG, go to [www.win.net/mooresk](http://www.win.net/mooresk).

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## GENEALOGY II SIG

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The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next meeting on June 12 and will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library Jeffersontown Branch.

In May we covered the following topics: limiting the acceptable date range on an event like a census, inserting lines in the family group sheet to indicate the information needed, attaching a picture to an individual and use of bookmarks. Also discussed was how to prepare for a trip to Salt Lake City and how to use SnagIt to capture portions of your screen.

This SIG is going to be an informal Q&A session without any handouts. Topics are not announced ahead of time because the participants will determine the content of the meeting. Short subjects may be presented from time to time when there are insufficient questions.

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If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email SIG LEADER Susan Moore at mooresk@win.net. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the SIG, go to [www.win.net/mooresk](http://www.win.net/mooresk) and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

## **HARDWARE SIG**

On April 7 at 6:30 PM, the HARDWARE SIG meeting was held at our regular meeting location, the LFPL Eline Branch (Grandview Ave. at Fairfax Ave. in St. Matthews). SIG LEADERS Grant McCormick and Charley May fielded questions on the subject of Sound Cards and State of the Art Speakers. Grant's demo covered 2.1 and 5.1 systems. Charley provided information and handouts on the requirements one needs for the various levels of sound sophistication. We talked about the differences in 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, the biggie 5.1 and the two new ones 6.1 and 7. Included was a thorough discussion of the terminology and specifications that you need to know to make an educated decision on a Sound System for your computer. State of the Art demo Speakers were provided by the Digital Realms store. WOW! What a blast!

The May 5 meeting was cancelled due to last minute conflicts. Apologies go out to those who were not contacted in time.

If you have interest in the many types of scanners available and want to see a demo on a flat bed

scanner, including setup and operation, you will not want to miss the June meeting.

Keep those suggestions coming for future meetings, as we want to show you what you want to see!

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to any of the meetings for a possible solution, PLEASE call one of the phone numbers listed in the SIG Directory. This will get you in the queue so that the HARDWARE TEAM can be prepared to handle your problem. With this advance planning, you may not have to bring as much of your computer equipment with you and the HARDWARE TEAM will be better prepared to help you.

If you would like to receive a reminder notice of our SIG meetings, send an email to [sig@win.net](mailto:sig@win.net) and on the Subject line insert "Add me to HARDWARE SIG List".

## **INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG**

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meets in the Computer Lab (Room 222) of Christ Church United Methodist at 6:30 PM on the fourth Monday of each month.

CCUM is at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at Blankenbaker Lane intersection. Directions are at the CCUM web site ([www.ccum.net](http://www.ccum.net)) or the KIPCUG site ([www.kipcug.org](http://www.kipcug.org)).

The May 26 topic was Norton

SystemWorks 2003- Professional. SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead lead the group through the features of this integrated bundle "must have" PC utilities and anti-virus protection. The key feature of the professional edition vs. the standard edition is the inclusion of Norton Ghost, a product that makes disaster recovery simple by using a comprehensive disk image. Both versions include updated versions of Norton AntiVirus, Norton Utilities, Norton CleanSweep and Roxio GoBack Personal Edition.

The June 23 meeting topic remains open at the time of this writing. Topics are always welcome. Check your email for full details sent out before each meeting,

The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG focuses on the various versions of Microsoft Windows software, their features, methods of operation, problems and hints and tips that Jim knows will help those attending enjoy their PC to the fullest. This SIG is for users who are comfortable with the daily use of the PC and want to learn more. Join us and push the envelope of your computing experience.

Bring your questions to the next event or email them to our SIG LEADER at [jim.travelstead@louisville.edu](mailto:jim.travelstead@louisville.edu). Jim could have your answer at the next meeting. To get the advance email notice, sent a brief note to Jim at his email address with "Add me to the KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG" in the header.

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

## **INVESTING SIG**

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTING SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There were five attendees May 8 at the 6:30 PM meeting. Meetings consist of round table information exchanges on any economic subject of current interest to the group. Questions and presentations are encouraged.

The Next SIG Meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange. The INVESTING SIG meets the second Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club at 6:30 PM. This is not an investment club; they DO NOT discuss mutual funds.

## **LINUX SIG**

WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION FOR THE LINUX SIG! We meet at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room, which is on the second floor of the New Albany Police Station. From Louisville, on I64, it is the first Indiana exit possible coming across the bridge from Kentucky. Turn right at the stoplight (same way you go to the casino) and then the library will be on your left and the library parking lot on your right. You may also wish to park on the street. The Police Station is just across the street from the library (SE corner). The doors will be

locked but one of us will be manning the door, or contact the desk officer by the speaker and request to enter for the Linux group. Take the elevator to the second floor and enter the first room to the right.

For May, the program was Configuring the Computers for Printing with Linux.

Future subjects are expected to be IP Tables, Setting up VPN and PostgreSQL.

It is the SIGs intention to approach these subjects as broadly as possible, in order that the information applies to as many Linux versions as possible.

Please come, support the LINUX SIG and bring your suggestions to help give SIG LEADERS Rob Coffey and Jacob Wilkins a direction for this SIG. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presentation.

Want to be notified about future meeting subjects? To be added to the email list, send an email to TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com and type "LINUX SIG?" in the subject line.

## **LINUX LAB SIG**

The LINUX LAB SIG attendees meet each month to work on members' equipment, including the installation of Linux and Linux programs. This new LINUX LAB SIG is held on the fourth Saturday morning of each month, 10:00 AM

until Noon, at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library (upstairs meeting room). We will be meeting each month to build Linux Boxes (Computers). The LINUX TEAM will be there to help YOU build and get YOUR Linux Box up and running.

KIPCUG members can now meet twice a month if they wish to progress faster. The regular LINUX SIG meets at Floyd County Sheriff's training room on the third Wednesday of the month.

The LAB meetings are a lot of fun, are well attended and usually several computers are successfully loaded. Many of us go to lunch (a daytime PIG SIG) at W. W. Cousins after the meeting.

The LINUX LAB SIG is looking for members interested in finding out how to install, setup and operate the Linux Operating System on their machines or other attendee's computers. So drag that old used computer out of the closet, bring it to the LINUX LAB SIG and let us help you get it leaping with Linux. Each month we will work on setting up several members' computers, updating, configuring and installing open source software on them.

## **NEW USERS SIG**

The NEW USERS SIG held its May 12 meeting at its regular location in the New Horizons Computer Learning Center at 6:30 PM. SIG LEADER Charley May continued the NEW USERS SIG Series on

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

basic computer operation. Charley started the session with a review of word processors, compared features, file sizes, played with new features and installed added buttons and features to our computers so that attendees know to prepare for the last session of this series.

The "New User Series" has one more session on June 9, in its current series, where we will learn how to build a final document using all the tools, tips and tricks that we have been learning during this series.

Unless the June session runs over, we will start the series over from the beginning in July. So, if you are a new computer user, or you received your first computer recently or you just want to review, please consider coming to the NEW USERS SIG. We don't go too fast. Charley leads attendees through each step of each feature and you learn hands-on by following the presentation on your New Horizons Computer Learning Center computer. SIG TEAM MEMBERS, Dick McGavic and Susan Moore and SIG LEADER Charley May will assist you if you get hung up during the presentation. So now is the time to jump in, come meet with us, have some fun and learn something new!

If you want to be on the NEW USERS SIG email notice list, please type "NEW USERS SIG?" on the subject line of your email and send to: sig@win.net

The NEW USERS SIG meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the New Horizons Computer Learning

Center. An optional "PIG SIG" follows at a restaurant down the street (in May we tried Arby's) and we will try to cover any other questions at the PIG SIG.

## **PDA (PALM OS) SIG**

The PALM SIG did not meet during the month of May. We will be relocating to a new site for our June 17 meeting. We wish to thank the FranklinCovey store in The Mall St Matthews for hosting this SIG in the past.

The main topic for June remains open, but we will review two new handhelds, the Palm Zire 71 with a built in camera and the Palm Tungsten C with a super fast processor. We will try to have the units for demonstration, but will definitely discuss them.

Check the I/O and your e-mail for PALM SIG updates. The location of the PALM SIG will be changing in June. Be sure that you are on the PALM SIG mailing list so that you will be informed of the new site when it becomes available.

The PALM SIG meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information or to be added to the email list, call SIG LEADER Price Hanna at 896-6676 or email him at jpricehanna@hotmail.com. We always have lots of fun and learn many interesting uses for the Palm and other PDAs, so be sure to check out what we have to offer!

## **POCKET PC SIG**

The May 27 meeting of the POCKET PC SIG was an 'Open Line' discussion. Recent developments in the market included the announcement that Gateway will be introducing a Pocket PC and that AOL Ver.2.0 for Pocket PC is available.

The groups web site at [www.pocketpclouisville.com](http://www.pocketpclouisville.com) includes links to new software for the Pocket PC. Thunderhawk Version 1.07, ActiveSync 3.7 and Replay Radio are recently featured on the site.

The June 24 meeting will examine Bluetooth technology. Members and guests are encouraged to bring Bluetooth enabled devices to the event for hands on experimentation.

If you are curious, confused or confident with using Bluetooth technology, this meeting is for you.

The POCKET PC SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the LFPL-Bon Air Regional Library meeting room, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG LEADER Sam Cooke at 423-9920 or CO-SG LEADER Matt Coddington at 608-1561. Check out the members' poll on the web site at [www.pocketpclouisville.com](http://www.pocketpclouisville.com).

## **TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG**

The TECHNICAL MARKET

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

ANALYSIS SIG met on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch. Our guest presenter was Howard Wagner of Deming, Malone, Livesay & Ostroff (DMLO), a local CPA Firm. Mr. Wagner gave a presentation and discussion of the tax issues of "Trader Status" and the "Mark to Market" election for tax purposes. Though not for everyone, the "Mark to Market" election could save traders a large amount of taxes. This was a good, thought-provoking topic; we want to thank Howard Wagner for his time and effort spent with us.

We are trying to reschedule the presentation by the technical analysts from Lowry Research, a very well respected Florida firm that provides analysis for professional money managers. We hope to have this presentation later in the year after Lowry Research releases their new online analysis package. This program will be the basis of their presentation to our group, and we will be some of the first people to see the new state of the art system they are building. Be sure not to miss this presentation.

Our May meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 27, at 6:30 PM at Crescent Hill Library. For the June 24 meeting, we have invited Paul Charbonnet of Investor's FastTrack to make a presentation. The topic schedule for the remainder of the year will be announced by email, along with more meeting details and subject outlines.

We are always looking for suggestions for topics of discussion or

suggested presentations by knowledgeable groups or individuals. We are searching for someone to take on the role of "Presentation Chairperson" for the group. Please send ideas to SIG LEADER Myron Smith at [mjslks@insightbb.com](mailto:mjslks@insightbb.com).

The TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December, at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch, 2752 Frankfort Ave. in the lower level meeting room.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 502-897-7718, or to be added to the email list, send a request to [mjslks@insightbb.com](mailto:mjslks@insightbb.com).

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## **VISUAL BASIC SIG**

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The VISUAL BASIC SIG met on Thursday, May 1. The assembled SIG members spent the entire meeting in a full and free discussion of two Microsoft sample programs for VB.Net, programs that use sockets to communicate over the Internet or an Intranet. SIG LEADER Martin Campion ran several programs on the same computer to simulate the interaction of a network.

The new programs set up background threads and connections to allow asynchronous communication among several programs "chatting" on multiple computers. Several client programs communicate with one server, which in turn

publishes all messages to all participants. It is a simple idea but the concept involved can be used for complex applications. Our SIG LEADER plans to continue experimenting with this software and report back to us.

Scheduled programs for June 5 and July 3 include more work on sockets, fast web page design with VB.Net, and interfacing with databases in VB.Net.

The VISUAL BASIC SIG meets on the first Thursday of the month at LFPL-Bon Air Regional Library, 2816 Del Rio Place at 6:30 PM. Contact Martin Campion at 810-9125 or [mccampion@aol.com](mailto:mccampion@aol.com).

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## **WEBMASTERS SIG**

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On April 17, Robbie Gibson, of [www.hostaroo.com](http://www.hostaroo.com), used cgi script instead of the FrontPage method to insert forms into a web page. Those visiting the web site could use that form to register for something. As done at many of our meetings, we also looked at some of our members' sites. We defined what we really liked and made suggestions for changes.

At the May 15 meeting, SIG LEADER John Henderson of [www.inetmarketing.com](http://www.inetmarketing.com) showed the members and visitors how to set up an e-commerce site using PayPal. Your site could accept VISA, Master Charge, Discover, American Express and checks on a real time basis. If you want to sell one item, set up a shopping cart or

# The SIG Scene (cont.)

perhaps sell tickets to your family reunion, PayPal was easy to use and secure. Your customers will order through a 128-bit encrypted site. You can use the incoming money at once or have it directly deposited in your bank account!

At the June 19 meeting, the topic will be "Adding Pictures to Your Site". In about an hour, we will learn the basics of using your photos on your site. We will show several techniques for shrinking the file size of any image to improve load time. We will also show how to use a drop shadow for a 3-D effect; use 2 or more images to create a simple layered effect; use FrontPage to add a border; understand the difference between a .JPG and a .GIF and choose the correct dots per inch for your web pictures.

In addition to a program, various tools and tips are presented at our meetings. At the June meeting, our regular "Tips" feature will also include the use of images. The tips are posted on our web page at [www.inetwebmaster.com](http://www.inetwebmaster.com).

In our future meetings, we will look at those sites of members that request a review. If you would like some comments on your web page, please attend and let us schedule a review of your site. Please also bring a list of what you consider the best sites that you have visited.

The WEBMASTERS SIG meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at WIN.NET located at 300 Distillery Commons. Starting at the intersection of I-64 and Grinstead Drive, go one block towards downtown and turn right

on Lexington Road. Continue on Lexington Road past the traffic signal at Payne Street. The Distillery Commons is the complex on the left. Park in the lot just past the second building, enter the main door on Lexington Road and take the stairs to the third floor.

To sign up for meeting reminders, please drop a note to SIG LEADER John Henderson at [jh@inetmarketing.com](mailto:jh@inetmarketing.com) and ask to be added to the email list.

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## WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG

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At the May 22 meeting, SIG LEADER Keith Stenger presented a program on MMC-Microsoft Management Console. MMC is an application that hosts administrative tools called snap-ins that make Windows XP a powerful and flexible OS. Advanced users with Active X skills can create their own snap-ins, while the casual user can work with a variety of existing offerings.

In June, the program will be EFS Encrypting File System for XP Professional and PGP Pretty Good Privacy for XP Home editions. Please let us know what Windows2000/XP program topics you would like to have presented.

The WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG meets at 6:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Floyd County Sheriff's Training Room, which is on the second floor of the New Albany Police Station. From Louisville, on I 64, it is the

first Indiana exit possible coming across the bridge from Kentucky. Turn right at the stoplight (same way as going to the casino) and then the library will be on your left and the library parking lot on your right. You may also wish to park on the street. The Police Station is just across the street from the library (SE corner). The doors are secured, but one of us will be manning the entrance from 6:15 to 6:45 PM, or contact the desk officer by the speaker and request to enter for the computer meeting in the training room. Take the elevator to the second floor and enter the first room to the right.

For more information on meetings or meeting dates, please contact SIG DIRECTOR, Bill Edwards at 812-945-3187 or [bedwards@iglou.com](mailto:bedwards@iglou.com). Please put "WINDOWS XP/2000 SIG" as the email subject.

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## YOUTH SIG

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At this time, the YOUTH SIG is not currently meeting. Please watch the I/O for the restart of this SIG during the summer break.

The group is designed to develop and improve the computer skills of pre-secondary school members. The YOUTH SIG covers topics beyond the basics taught in school or at home.

For information or to volunteer your assistance, please contact SIG LEADER Joan Combs Durso at [kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net](mailto:kipcugyouthsig@earthlink.net) or call 452-8471.

# Quicken Shopper & Copemic Shopper Basic

By Jerry Wonderly -- DMA  
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This Christmas season's shopping was almost too easy for me - thanks to the marvel of online shopping. This article may be a bit untimely but I didn't want to write about these programs until I had a chance to test them out. Two free downloads made my comparison shopping even easier: Quicken Shopper and Copernic Shopper Basic. Anyone considering online shopping should check them out.

Quicken Shopper is a very small program that sits idle in your system

tray. When you are on a retailer's web page that gives the product specs, simply right-click on the Quicken Shopper icon, select compare prices, and voila! it searches for better prices on the web. The only drawbacks are that it only searches well-known sites and it sits in the system tray all the time. But I just close it when I don't need it.

Copernic Shopper Basic is a little larger program that stands alone. It does not run constantly in the system tray. It also has more comprehensive, handy features like Product Reviews and Hot Deals in addition to comparison shopping. It also has

a Currency Converter to shop sites in foreign countries. I just used it to find reviews of income tax preparation software and it found pertinent reviews very fast.

For anyone interested, both programs can be found at ZDNet in their Downloads section:

<http://hotfiles.zdnet.com/cgi-bin/texis/swlib/hotfiles/search.html>

That's it for this month. Take care!

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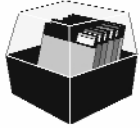
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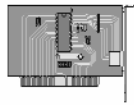
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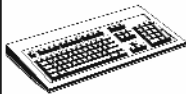


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