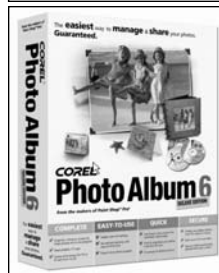


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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

By Wayne Perkey, KIPCUG

October

Wow! Here comes Corel! Corel invites you to a launch introduction presentation of the new COREL PaintShop Pro X, Photo Album 6 and WordPerfect Office 12. COREL has developed this software to allow you to take an average photograph and make it stupendous. Not only that, but organization, auto backup and template driven projects are also a breeze! These products are powerful, easy to use, and best of all, reasonably priced.

This is your chance to see these great products up close, and demo'ed by the professionals. The program will be presented by Tanya Lux, Product specialist for Corel. Come out and see these software titles in all their glory, and maybe win some for yourself.

COREL PaintShop Pro X: For

anyone who aspires to make good photos great, there's Paint Shop Pro X. You'll be able to learn as you go with a built-in Learning Center that lets you choose automatic photo fixes or precision editing controls for fine-tuning. When Corel asked what people wanted to see in new Paint Shop Pro X, most said they wanted smart learning tools that you could use. Here it is! With the NEW Learning Center, Paint Shop Pro will actually teach you how to edit your photos, remove objects from your photos, create collages, make the most of the Text Tool and so much more! Finally, you can learn how to do all the things you've always wanted to do with Paint Shop Pro, but never knew how!

Photo Album 6: Corel® Photo Album™ 6 unlocks the magic of your digital camera. This smart and simple software automatically takes care of common photo tasks like downloading & organizing, so you can spend your time having fun with your photos, making collages, use scrapbook templates, and much more.

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This presentation will follow the Back to Basics presentation. We are looking for your

input: What do you want to see in future Back to Basics presentations? We will not have our User to User segment in order to allow more time for the main presentation.

Back to Basics Topic:

Control Panel

Printers and Faxes

Our September program saw the winner of \$300. Lets all congratulate Geoffrey Root on his good fortune. Stay tuned for our next big prize! We will, as always, have a multitude of door prizes. You can't win if you aren't there, so come on out!

September's meeting was a great success thanks to Gene Barlow. Gene gave a fascinating review of MoveMe, SecureClean and True Image. Gene not only gave a lot of good information, but had plenty of software on hand for members and guests alike. We look forward to his return next year.

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Screen Shots

By David Garcia, President, Little Blue PC Club, Northglenn, Colorado petitbleu@comcast.net and APGUG Editorial Committee

Have you ever wanted to print out what you see on your monitor screen? This is called a "Screenshot," and there are several software packages on the market that allow you to do just that with various degrees of sophistication. If you don't need that sophistication, you can easily use Windows to get a screenshot. Just follow these instructions:

1) Press the Print Screen Key (PrtScr) on the keyboard.

2) Click Start, then click Run.
3) Type "mspaint" (without the quotes) in the Run box and click OK.

4) In Paint, click Paste in the Edit menu

5) Click Print Preview in the File menu. If the screenshot is cut off, you may want to change the printer setting to print in Landscape mode.

6) Click Print and close Paint. You're done!

You can also save the file if you like:

1) Click "Save" in the File menu

2) Browse to the folder you want to save the file in so that the folder name is in the "Save In" box.

3) Type a file name for the screenshot; use JPG in the "Save as Type" box and click Save.

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How to Thank the Leaders of Your Computer User Group

By Phil Shapiro, member of the Capital PC User Group, Virginia Macintosh Users Group, Washington Apple Pi, Young Hackers and Scholars Libre Users Group and APGUG Editorial Committee

If you have found benefit in belonging to a computer user group, there are many ways of thanking the leaders of the group. Sure, you can always walk up to them after a meeting and shake their hand. But there are more meaningful things you can do, too.

You can thank them by moving the club forward in countless small ways. You can drop off membership flyers at the local computer stores and public libraries. You can offer a smile and encouraging word to people who show up to meetings.

You can answer questions on the

club's email list. You can ask questions on the club's email list. (Questions are as valuable as answers.) You can exhibit patience with computer beginners -- answering their questions in ways that benefit them the most.

You can offer some computer item you're no longer using to another member of the club. (If you're giving away commercial software, make sure you delete the copy on your own computer.)

You can also spread the word about the club around town. Be careful not to oversell, though. When I explain about the benefits of the local user group, I spell out honestly what the club can offer and can't offer. You would be doing no one any favors if you raise false expectations in the minds of prospective club members.

You can write an article for the club's newsletter. Articles can be on almost any topic you think would bring value to club members. You don't need to be a computer expert to write an excellent article. Computer beginners have lots of important and interesting things to say. "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few."

You can talk to your local public librarians about the benefits you've encountered in your user group. Librarians are the intellectual hub of any community. You want them to be able to pass on information to anyone who inquires about computer user groups. You might even give them a video showing one of your user group meetings in action -- so they can better visualize and describe the meetings to other community members.

How to Thank (cont.)

And now here's some unexpected ways you can thank the leaders of the club. You can show up to the club meeting with an unexpected door prize. Perhaps buy a pair of new computer speakers. Some headphones. A computer microphone. (Note Macs use different microphones than Windows computers. Mac users usually use a USB microphone.)

Stop by a bookstore and buy a copy of a new how-to computer book. Or purchase a modest Amazon.com gift certificate as a door prize.

Offer to be a "club driver" - - so if someone calls the club and says there is a sick child or adult who could use a computer at home, you'll be there to deliver that donated computer on behalf of the club. Bring homemade cookies to club meetings (being careful not to leave crumbs for the next people using that meeting space.)

Offer to be a "computer mover," so that if someone in the club isn't able to move their computer from one room of their house to another, you'll be there to help them do that. Or be the modem rescue person, so if someone's modem got zapped by lightning, you will be there the next day and connect a replacement modem for them. If they ask you why you did that, tell them that you value them being connected.

You can start a scholarship program for five families/year in your community. Interested families could apply to the club to get a donated computer and 1/2 off the

annual dues of the club (for the first year.) By doing so you're building a ramp to club membership, you're helping the community and you're creating new ways for club members to engage in outreach and publicity.

Get creative in how you thank the leaders of your computer club. Behind the scene, many hours of work go into making computer clubs work. Club leaders are not paid a dime. They do it because they get a thrill from seeing people help each other, from people increasing in their learning and computer confidence.

Surprise them in the ways you say thanks. You may even want to say: "I'm ready to work. I'd like to offer my time to help."

A grateful handshake is a good starting point. A grateful action is an appropriate follow-up. Actions speak louder than words.

Find a need. And then fill it.

The author has benefitted from the generosity of people in computer user groups for the past 20 years. He is reachable at <http://www.digitaldivide.net/profile/pshapiro> and pshapiro@his.com

This article was inspired by the actions of the Macintosh Business Users Society of Greater Philadelphia in starting an award program for students at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia -- where this user group meets. Somebody in that club is thinking outside of the box in excellent ways.

Membership

Tom Denning, KIPCUG

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Fantasy Football

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Playing Fantasy Football allows you the opportunity to manage your own team of professional football players. You begin by drafting your own team of players from across the NFL (National Football League). Then you receive points based on your players' actual performance in NFL games.

Have you ever thought that you could do a better job of running the Chicago Bears than the current management has been able to do? Well, this is your opportunity to prove yourself capable of being an NFL owner (you will have to become a multimillionaire on your own).

There are many fantasy football leagues to choose from on the Internet. For this article, I will be using the NFL's official Fantasy Football League. You can go to <http://football.nfl.com> to find out more about joining the Official Fantasy Football League.

You can choose between two playing options. The Fantasy Football game is for one player. After you sign up, you will name your team and you are arbitrarily assigned to play in a league by NFL.com. The League Manager product allows you to manage your own league of friends or co-workers.

I strongly suggest you play a season as an individual player and then be a League Manager the second year. Being a League Manager is a

very time-consuming job and required experience playing Fantasy Football.

The X's and O's

First, you do not need to have been a football player to be successful playing Fantasy Football. Playing Fantasy Football is a great way to learn about the great game of football. If you have a friend or spouse who loves football, then ask him/her to help you with a Fantasy Football team. It will help you understand their passion for the game.

Each league consists of 12 teams. You will manage one of the teams. You will play weekly against one of the other teams in your league.

You can sign up for Fantasy Football 2005 until 11:59:59 PM on October 8, 2005. NFL.com. Fantasy Football is free to play.

After signing up, you will then join a draft in which you will draft

your team. IF you are new to NFL football, then you may want to ask a friend/spouse who knows football to help you with the draft. Last year I was very lucky and was able to draft Ben Roethlisberger as my quarterback. Ben was the rookie quarterback of the year for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Each team has 14 plays; therefore, you will have a fourteen round draft. Then each week during the season, you will select a starting lineup of eight players from the 14 players on your team.

The scoring system is too complicated to explain in the brief room I have for this article. There is a detailed explanation of the scoring system on the NFL.com Web site.

The twelve-team league is divided into three divisions. The winner of each division plus a wild-card team will meet in the playoffs.

The division champion with the



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best win-loss record will play the wild card team. The other two division champions will play each other. Then the two winners meet for the championship.

If you win the championship of your league, the next season you will be eligible to play in a special winners' league. I lost in the playoffs last year, so I cannot tell you much about the winners' league.

You can make weekly lineup changes and can trade players during the season. This is where championships are won and lost in Fantasy Football! Trading during the season is much more important in Fantasy Football than it is in the real game. You do not have to worry about salary caps and the

financial aspects of the game of pro football when playing Fantasy Football.

Conclusion

The grand prize is \$5,000 and a free trip to Super Bowl XL in Detroit. If you win the grand prize, you can take me along as your friend.

For the first time players, I recommend that you subscribe to Fantasy Football Extra. You can subscribe to Fantasy Football Extra at the same Web site as NFL Fantasy Football.

The Extra e-mail subscription keeps you up to date on NFL statistics and injuries. It also provides

some useful tips on drafting and trading players. At the time this article was written, the Fantasy Football extra e-mail subscription cost \$34.95 for the football season.

Fantasy Football is a national craze and is much easier on your wallet than online poker. It is a great way to learn about the game of football.

Once you get past your rookie year of Fantasy Football, then I suggest you create your own league with friends or co-workers. It is a great way to bring everyone together.

Be careful out there! The children are back in school. Watch out for them, because they may not be watching out for you!!

I'm Not Going to Pay a Lot for that Software!

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG Director; Columnist, The Examiner, Beaumont TX; Radio Show Host

WEBSITES:

<http://www.irfanview.com>

<http://www.mozilla.org>

Today, it is very easy to spend much more for software than the computer on which it is installed. Fortunately, there are several top quality software packages that are available for free download, typically with no strings attached. While some allegedly "free" software comes with advertising, spyware, or other forms of malware, it is nice to know that there is still some legitimate free software available that lacks any type of questionable baggage.

One of my perennial free favorites is IrfanView, currently available as version 3.97, downloadable from www.irfanview.com or almost any major download resource as an 850k file. This feature rich program was written in Bosnia by Irfan Skiljan. IrfanView is a comprehensive graphics editor and viewer with features competitive to software costing over \$100. This software can be used to view graphics and digital photos in virtually any format, and can quickly convert an image or series of images from any graphics format to any other digital format, a valuable utility for those taking digital photographs. For those of us who use scanners to copy images or documents, IrfanView is a very capable front end that can import images from almost any compatible image

resource, and present that image for cropping, correction, or other enhancements or image editing. Built into the software is a slideshow creator, which can combine images into a self-executable file that does not require any additional software or viewers to present the show. This is a useful feature for those who want to send CDs or emailed images to someone who lacks graphics software. Images can be easily edited, resized, and cropped, with contrast, hue, luminance, color depth and other adjustments readily available.

IrfanView is an excellent program for dealing with still images, but a companion product "All Plugins", adds video and music features to the graphics viewer. With the plug-ins file installed, IrfanView can play

I'm Not Going to Pay a Lot (cont.)

almost every known audio and video format, making it a program with wide-ranging capabilities. I am so enamored with IrfanView that I routinely install it on any computer that I work on or use.

Many computer users may not be aware that Microsoft does not have a monopoly on the internet browser market; just because Internet Explorer is integral with almost all versions of Windows, and countless users take it for granted, it may not be the best or most feature rich browser. While there are several excellent web browsers available, the rising star of the browser market is Firefox, available for free download at www.mozilla.org. Firefox, currently available as version 1.06 as I type this, is written as an "open source" program, meaning that programmers anywhere can write add-ons, plug-ins, and other adjuncts to the program, with thousands of such free options currently available. Firefox can do almost everything better than Internet Explorer, including loading pages faster, offering tabbed browsing (tabs at the top of the page for different web pages), and a generally more secure browsing experience than Microsoft's Internet Explorer offers. About the only functionality lacking from the current version of Firefox is Microsoft's proprietary Active-X utility, used by some websites to install software; this lack of Active-X functionality is not necessarily a bad feature, as Active-X is sometimes used to load malware on a computer! Firefox also offers features currently unavailable in Internet Explorer, such as the ability to receive the new and popular RSS news feeds without the need for an external utility. When Firefox is

downloaded (about 4.7meg file size), and installed, an option is offered to copy Internet Explorer favorites (bookmarks), history, cookies, passwords, and other conveniences into Firefox. This is a non-destructive process that leaves Internet Explorer absolutely unchanged. There is no conflict having more than one browser installed, and Firefox has earned in excess of a 10% market share, to the detriment of Internet Explorer.

Internet Explorer typically comes from Microsoft with an email program, Outlook Express, which has made Outlook Express one of the most widely used email programs, and Firefox offers a competitive and arguably superior free email program, Thunderbird, available for download from the Mozilla website. Just as Firefox can import data non-destructively from Internet Explorer, Thunderbird can import data from Outlook and Outlook Express, substantially configuring it on the fly. Thunderbird offers all of the conveniences and features of the full featured Outlook, except it does not currently include a calendar function. Alas, that shortcoming has not been lost on Thunderbird, and a free calendar plug-in is available from Mozilla.

For those preferring suites of software, Mozilla is offering a free suite of internet utilities, including Firefox, Thunderbird, and other web utilities lacking in Microsoft's offerings. Currently available for download from the Mozilla website (11meg) is Mozilla Suite (also called Mozilla 1.7.11 as I type this). This suite supports web browsing, email, IRC chat, RSS news feeds, and an HTML (web page) compos-

er. I find the HTML composer especially useful, as it is substantially "WYSIWYG" or "What You See Is What You Get", and has the ease of use and menu familiar to word processor users. Supporting such advanced features as "CSS" (Cascading Style Sheets), and other modern features, the Mozilla HTML editor is all that most web page authors would need to create professional web pages, with the ease of typing and formatting in a word processor.

There are many other excellent free software titles available which compete against, and sometimes beat in terms of quality and functionality, the major and often pricey competitors. In future columns, several of these products will be discussed.

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By John Henderson, KIPCUG Webmaster

KIPCUG is concerned about web site security. We are not alone. Keeping web site information away from hackers, automatic e-mail harvesters, and spyware has become a concern of every webmaster.

That said, web site viewers want and in fact demand information that is proprietary to that site. Viewers visit our site and other web sites to study, learn, and investigate what is offered. If they don't find needed information, they will not return.

We have set up several levels of security to offer our information to the membership while hiding it from the Internet.

Main Pages

1) Access to KIPCUG.org is open for anyone on the Internet. The site tells the story of who we are, what we offer, benefits for joining KIPCUG, and an open forum for questions and up-to-date information. It serves as a brochure and recruitment tool for our organization. When you are talking about KIPCUG, we invite you to send them to www.kipcug.org for additional information.

Members Section

2) These pages require the viewer to be an actual KIPCUG Member. The pages offer benefits and proprietary information that relates to KIPCUG Membership. There is a member sign-up form to be included in all member mailings and a listing of free software or books that is

available from the Software Review Editor. When ever a vendor offers our members a special price or deal, we post it under Special Offers. What might be the most helpful KIPCUG benefit is the contact information for our Officers, Directors, SIG Leaders, and also members by their request.

E-Mail Address

3) KIPCUG is a computer based organization and as such we communicate by e-mail between our members and friends on a regular basis. However we want to protect our e-mail addresses from being misused. The fact is that many "pests" try to harvest or acquire those addresses. They search internet pages for HTML code that indicates an address and save it for spam use.

When you see an e-mail address on a web page, the normal html code is:

```
<a href="mailto:webmaster@kipcug.org"> It is simple to write a piece of code to harvest any line that contains "mailto:name@domain name" and strip out the address.
```

KIPCUG has 2 levels of security to prevent that from happening.

First: We can list our members address behind the Password Protected Members section. That requires login information.

Second: As Webmaster, I write the addresses in JavaScript in a form that can not be harvested.

```
<!--  
var showtag="@"  
var showlink="Contact e-mail";
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```
var showname="webmaster";  
var showhost="kipcug.org";  
document.write("<a  
href="+ "mail"+"to:" +showname+  
showtag+showhost+  
"+showlink+"</a>")  
//-->
```

Since a webmaster can vary the script with each web site the harvester program does know what to keep.

Go to www.KIPCUG.org and look at the bottom of the home page. You can see my address, but it is being produced on the fly within your browser. If you view the source code near the bottom of the page you will see the exact example above.

Another Security Level

We invite you to click on "Members" and login within the blue box. The web site actually has another security at login. We do not use your membership number. If you have not registered on the web site before or have lost your ID, you are required to submit your information in the red box. We verify each request individually with our Membership Director before you are sent a web site ID and Password. It takes another step and some time, but we want to be sure that you are an actual member before granting you access to other member's information.

We know that our meetings, SIGS, magazine, web site, and your friendship with other members all enter into your reasons for joining KIPCUG. We are working to keep your information invisible from the "outside" world and as safe as Fort Knox.

Internet Explorer Tips and Tricks

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Internet Explorer, despite inroads made by Firefox and other browsers, overwhelmingly remains users' browser of choice (perhaps because it comes bundled with all new Windows computers). The following pointers are designed to help you get the most out of your use of Internet Explorer. They're written with IE6 in mind, although most will apply to earlier versions, and some may apply to other browsers as well.

Use keyboard shortcuts

My regular readers will know that to increase efficiency I strongly encourage the use of keyboard shortcuts in preference to the use of the mouse. Here are my favorite IE keyboard shortcuts:

- o Use Alt-Home to bring up your home page.
- o Use Ctrl-H to open or close your history pane.
- o Use Ctrl-I to open or close the Favorites pane.
- o Use Ctrl-B to organize your Favorites
- o Use Ctrl-N to duplicate the active page in a new window.
- o Use Ctrl-F to find a word, partial word, or phrase on the current webpage.
- o Use Backspace (or Alt-Left) instead of the IE Back button, to navigate back.

o Use Alt-Right to navigate forward.

o Use F11 to toggle full-screen mode.

o Use Alt-D to move to the address bar. (Or use Ctrl-O, and you won't need the address bar! See "Other" Tip 3, below, for details.)

o Once in the address bar, use Enter to bring up the specified webpage or Ctrl-Enter to first surround what you've typed with "www." before and ".com" after, and then bring it up.

o Use F5 or Ctrl-F5 to refresh a page. It's a good idea when refreshing to routinely hold down Ctrl (whether you're using the keyboard or the mouse), to bypass the IE cache and give you a more effective refresh.

Optimize the toolbar

Unless you maintain only a dozen or so Favorites, you'll want to take full advantage of the Links option for the IE toolbar, which you activate with the right-click toolbar menu. Drag the Favorites you'll want to have most prominent into the Links section of the toolbar. Using the right-click Properties menu of each "Link," you'll probably want to assign it a unique icon and, to save space, rename it to a shorter form.

Tip: You can save additional space by shortening the "Links" title on the toolbar. Unfortunately, simply renaming the "Links" folder won't work. You'll need to open the Registry Editor, by choosing Run from the Start menu and typing regedit. After pressing Enter, drill down to HKEY_CURRENT_USER

> Software > Microsoft > Internet Explorer > Toolbar. On the right-hand side you'll see `LinksFolderName="Links."` Change the word within the quotation marks to a one-character name you'd like to use instead, perhaps "." or "+," and close the Editor. (Use extreme caution, as making a wrong entry in the Registry Editor can have dire consequences!)

You should unclutter the toolbar by instructing it to "Remove" nearly all the toolbar buttons. These not only occupy valuable space but can actually interfere with efficient browsing (by discouraging use of the keyboard shortcuts described above). You get to the Remove command via "Customize," on the right-click menu. Of the built-in IE toolbar buttons, the only ones I recommend displaying are those for Size and Back. All the other button functions can better be facilitated via the keyboard or by other means. (For a complete list of IE keyboard shortcuts, go to <http://snipurl.com/bskn>. The reason for keeping the Back button is its associated pull-down menu.)

Keep IE secure

It goes without saying that you need to keep IE fully patched, perhaps with the use of Windows Update or Microsoft Update. But what of the Internet Explorer security settings (accessible via Tools > Internet Options > Security)?

In the "Internet Zone"--the default zone for a webpage--it's prudent to be more rather than less restrictive. (Better safe than sorry!) The easiest way to go is simply to move the "Default Level" slider to High. Or

Internet Explorer Tips and Tricks (cont.)

you could use the "Custom Level" to make a determination for each setting. In that case you may want to consult a guide such as the one at www.techspot.com/tweaks/ie6/ie-5.shtml.

Remember that if your security restriction interferes with the proper viewing of a page, Windows will let you know--although most often you'll be able to view the page just fine notwithstanding what Windows says. To remove the restriction for a given page, you can add that page to your "Trusted" sites, against which the restriction won't ordinarily apply. (You may have to refresh the page after adding it.) To simplify moving webpages to your trusted list, a free program is available at www.geeksuperhero.com/zones.shtml.

An alternative method does not require you to move all such sites to the Trusted zone. For this you'll need the laudable Push the Freakin' Button software, available at modest cost at www.tlhouse.co.uk/PTFB.shtml. With PTFB in place, use IE's Custom Level to choose "Prompt" instead of "Disable" for every feature except any that you're absolutely sure you'll never want to use. Then instruct PTFB to push the "No" (disallow) button when the prompt appears. Should you decide to permit the feature in question, you can with a double click disable PTFB, and just as easily re-enable it when done.

A good (free) test to assess your IE vulnerability may be found at <http://snipurl.com/ietest>.

Other tips

1. To execute a link in a new window, hold down Shift.

2. Is IE acting strangely? You can often fix it by using the IE Repair utility accessible via Add/Remove Programs (in the Windows Control Panel), upon selecting "Microsoft Internet Explorer" and then "Add/Remove."

3. You can dispense with the address bar, by using Ctrl-O to open a webpage or other location. You can then completely hide the address bar (using the IE toolbar's right-click Customize function) or shrink it down to its title only (having first "unlocked" the toolbar, also with the right-click menu). Losing the address bar will eliminate the temptation to go there with the (less efficient) mouse, and can free up space that may be better put to other use. On the downside, you'll also lose the functionality of the Ctrl-Enter address bar shortcut (see Keyboard Shortcuts, above).

4. You might be able to save considerable time if you bypass your home page (start page) when you don't need to see it. Here's how: Enter "about:blank" [without the quotes] in the IE address bar, to create a blank quasi-webpage. Then use Right Click + F to turn that page into a Favorite, and drag the new Favorite's icon into the Quick Launch section of your Windows task bar, before deleting the Favorite. You may want to assign a different icon to your new IE shortcut with the use of its right-click Properties menu. (You can use this same technique to set up a "secondary home page" instead of a blank page.)

Add-ons

Useful IE add-ons, free except as noted, include:

o Google Toolbar, at toolbar.google.com, which enables too many useful features to even hint at here. Highly recommended.

o Favorites Search, at www.dzsoft.com, which lets you speedily locate a Favorite, no matter how many you've stored.

o Y!Q DemoBar, at yq.search.yahoo.com/splash/demo-bar.html, which enables context-based searching. This can easily be squeezed onto the same line as the IE address bar.

o ieSpell, at www.iespell.com, which will quickly spellcheck all the text you've entered in any Web form.

o AddaButton, at www.harmony-hollow.net/aab.shtml, which will let you fit more buttons onto the IE toolbar. These buttons can open documents and applications (not just websites) and don't require space-consuming displayed names. Shareware, \$11.95

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A \$30 Backup Utility for 99 cents? Too Good to Pass Up!

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG Director; Columnist, The Examiner, Beaumont TX; Radio Show Host

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On one of my recent radio shows, a Katrina evacuee from New Orleans phoned in and asked about recovering his hard drive from his computer that had likely been submerged in the filthy water that had been drowning New Orleans. While there have been some recent blogs published about recovering submerged hard drives, albeit with alleged mixed degrees of success, the prognosis is poor.

The three most important words in computing are "Backup, Backup, and Backup". Murphy's first law of computing is: "A properly backed up hard drive will never fail, but the first time you do not have a current backup, the hard drive will always fail at the most inopportune moment." Hard drives are electromechanical devices; the question is not "IF" the hard drive will fail, but "WHEN" will it fail. Recovering data from a failed hard drive, if even possible, may cost hundreds or thousands of dollars. Consider what we commonly save to our hard drives; important files such as documents, family photos, genealogy records, banking and tax information, important business records, and a panoply of other critical data.

With the near universal availability of CD and DVD burning drives,

and the very low cost of appropriate blank media, there is no rational reason why critical files are not backed up, period. With the recent plunge in hard drive prices, as well as the ready availability of external hard drives and inexpensive external drive cases, there is no longer a fiscal reason for not having a current backup of all of the critical files on a hard drive, if not an entire "image" (complete copy) of the data on the hard drive that can be easily restored to a new hard drive or computer if disaster strikes. Living on the Gulf coast, and a target for hurricanes myself, a potential evacuation is not beyond the realm of reality. In the event of adequate evacuation notice, I would try and make room and time to take my external hard drive with my complete current backup, as well as a few vital CD and DVD discs with the necessary recovery software, as well as a redundant set of critical personal data files. Personally, for my primary backups, I use a 160 gig hard drive which I installed in a locally purchased AdsTech USB 2.0 External Drive Kit (www.adstech.com). This AdsTech external drive case, with the hard drive installed, weighs less than two pounds, and is about the size of a typical hardcover book, and uses a common and universal PC power cable and a common USB cable. Along with a few CDs and DVDs, this external drive will allow me to recover from disastrous circumstances, even if my computer were to be destroyed.

NewTech Infosystems, better known by the acronym NTI (www.ntius.com) is one of the leading publishers of backup software, with its premier product NTI

Backup NOW! 4.0 Deluxe Suite, a most capable and comprehensive backup utility. Backup NOW! is also included in NTI's excellent and best selling CD & DVD Maker 7 Titanium Suite. With such software, scheduling automated backups is easy, and recovery discs can be created.

One issue that is sometimes raised is the time it takes to make and maintain backups, an issue that many of us will ultimately regret. For those of us who may never seem to have the time to perform backups, NTI recently released version 3 of its automatic backup utility, Shadow. Shadow is available for PC, MAC, and network users, and is an automated backup utility that saves files in their native format for ease in restoring when necessary. What is especially exciting about Shadow is its price, if purchased directly from NTI's website - a remarkably low price of 99 cents, a whopping near 97 percent discount off its regular retail price of \$30! This is a limited time offer, scheduled to expire in mid-November, 2005.

Shadow is easy to install and configure, and differs from most other backup products by offering real-time and continuous backups in the background, negating the need for periodic backups, as the data on the backup media is always current. Files can be restored by simply using the native drag and drop function. Shadow can also synchronize backups from other devices as well, including external devices such as the popular USB flash drives, and media players. Since we often change our minds, and wish to restore earlier versions of data,

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Reading Product Manuals Online

By Gabe Goldberg, APCUG Advisor; Columnist, AARP Computers & Technology Website

I'm reasonably well-organized; my wife thinks I'm a packrat (she keeps trying to sneak my '70s shirts to the thrift shop). You'd think this would mean that I can find product manuals for every appliance, gadget, PC component and software, etc., I've ever bought. That's mostly true.

But sometimes my filing system fails me. Or I've forgotten to whom I loaned something. Or someone else in the house (but I'm not naming names) has moved it. What then?

Fortunately, manufacturers are increasingly making product literature and documentation available online. While this isn't entirely out of generosity -- it reduces their customer-support workload -- it's great for consumers who can find and read the material.

A good starting place is the manufacturer's Web site. For example, I'm writing this article using a Samsung SyncMaster 912n LCD video monitor. Suppose I need to know what its control buttons do but can't find its manual. Samsung's home page [www.samsung.com] offers a button, "Download Center: Download Drivers, Manuals, Software, and Firmware". I can either enter a product model number or name, or search via product group (audio/video, computers, etc.), then product type, then product subtype, and model name.

Computers are very precise; searching took three tries, since it wanted only "912n", not "SyncMaster 912n". The manual was then available in any of 28 lan-

guages, from Bulgarian to Chinese. A PDF file (see below for explanation), it's just under three megabytes, dated about a month ago, complete, 83 pages including clickable Table of Contents. So a minute after deciding to look for it, I'm looking *at* it.

Another way to search is via Google [www.google.com] entering terms like 912n manual site:samsung.com which only searches the samsung.com Web site. This took me to the right neighborhood on the Web site, but left me needing a few more clicks to hit the manual. Sometimes search engine results are better than navigating within a site, so consider both techniques.

Manufacturers often update online material as mistakes or shortcomings are found in printed versions, so for important products it's worth checking Web sites occasionally. Sadly, they also sometimes package only abbreviated versions with products, suggesting or expecting consumers to download full versions.

Either way, online manuals are also useful when considering purchases or comparing choices, since they give -- or should give! -- more complete and useful information than is printed on the box. If you're evaluating something pre-purchase, evaluate the manual's organization and quality -- Will you be able to find information you need? Will you understand it? If you're buying something used, online availability of a missing manual can make the acquisition much more pleasant.

Online manuals can be in many formats -- HTML (normal Web pages), Microsoft Word documents,

PDF (Portable Document Format), and others. Each format has advantages and disadvantages. HTML is nearly universal; if you can view Web pages you can read HTML documentation. But it may be harder to download and save/organize all pieces of a large document. You'll need Microsoft Word software (or free reader) to read MS Word files. Flexible PDF is becoming the most popular online document format, but it too requires software, Adobe's Acrobat Reader, for viewing. Fortunately, this is free and easy to download/install; visit Adobe [<http://www.adobe.com/>] and click Get Adobe Reader.

Some manufacturers take a different approach, offering search tools and links within their Web sites for different material, such as overviews, tutorials, problem solving tips, even video clips illustrating usage.

Finally, LiveManuals [www.livemanuals.com] takes an interesting/interactive approach, providing interactive product demonstrations. Though it doesn't include every product - office equipment and appliances aren't presently well-represented -- the Wish List page accepts nominations for items to add.

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October 2005 KIPCUG Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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All Monday-Friday Meetings are at 6:30 PM. All Afternoon Meetings are at 2:00 PM.						
2	3 Hardware SIG	4 General Meeting	5	6 Visual Basic SIG	7	8 Basic Access SIG 10:00
9 Articles for Magazine Due 10/11	10 New Users SIG Excel Basic SIG	11 Board of Directors	12	13 Genealogy II SIG Investing SIG	14 Windows OS SIG	15
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KIPCUG Special Interest Group Directory

ACCESS BASIC SIG - Meets 10:00 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month at NHCLC at 10200 Linn Station Road in the Triad East Bldg. Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at ajbirch@bellsouth.net or 429-0506

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets at a date and location to be determined. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG - Meets on the 4th Friday of specified months at Advanced Grinding and Machine Inc, 4644 Illinois Avenue. Contact TEAM MEMBER Beverly Setree at 452-9851 or beverly@advanced-grinding.com

DIGITAL- PHOTOGRAPHY SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the LFPL-Bon Air Regional, 2816 Del Rio Place. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

EXCEL BASIC SIG - Restarting - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Jim Boneck at jboneck@yahoo.com

EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 2nd Friday of the month at CCUM. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

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 or 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

HANDS ON SIG "NEW" - Meets 2:00 PM the 4th Saturday of the month at the LFPL-Eline Branch at St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave. & Fairfax Ave. 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd. Contact Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May at sig@win.net or Grant McCormick at gmccormick@win.net or Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com

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

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INVESTING SIG - Meets 6:30 PM the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman Field. Contact SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878

LINUX SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets at a location and time to be determined. 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

NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG - New Time - Meets 2:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Winnie Miller at winnie.miller@att.net

PDA SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at a location to be determined. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

REAL ESTATE SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Bill Buzan at re_sig@insightbb.com or 639-7647

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 mjslks@insightbb.com

UTILITIES SIG - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact Co-SIG LEADERS Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com or Charley May at sig@win.net or 425-4604

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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 - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Win.Net located at 1048 Chestnut St. Contact SIG LEADER John Henderson at jh@inetmarketing.com or 812-945-1102

WINDOWS OS SIG - New Date/Location - Meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 6:30 PM at CCUM at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42 & Blankenbaker Lane) in the Computer Lab (Room 222). Contact SIG LEADER Bob Rose at britdude@techemail.com or 241-1604

YOUTH SIG - Meetings on Hold - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Friday of the month at CCUM. Contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892

The SIG Scene

By Brian Miller, KIPCUG

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

HEADLINE NEWS

We had an exciting month in September with the release of Long Horn Beta, the reformation of the EXCEL BASIC SIG and the addition of a forum section to the KIPCUG website.

Bob Rose gave a thorough overview of the new OS and we were able to get a glimpse of the new look and feel. For the most part the look and feel are the only things that were changed to any great length. Since it is still in Beta, we will have to wait to see if they have more to add before the final release.

The EXCEL BASIC SIG will begin meeting on Monday October 10. Be sure to check out the EXCEL BASIC SIG write-up to see what is going on with the startup of that SIG again. Jim Boneck has extensive knowledge and experience with Excel. I am sure that if you have an interest in Excel, you will not want to miss that meeting. I know Jim has a lot of great topics that he plans to cover in addition to helping members with their everyday questions.

One more big change that has come about is the addition of a forum to the KIPCUG website. We are excited to have an additional way for members to communicate again. There is an area for each SIG to post updates and information regarding their meetings as well as post questions and answers to questions users

may have pertaining to that SIG. There is an area to post general questions about KIPCUG or computers as well. I hope that everyone will go to the forum site and click on the link to register. Being registered gives you the ability to post questions and receive emails when new questions or answers have been posted. Anyone can read through the forum and hopefully get information about KIPCUG and find some value in the technical questions that have been answered. This is not only a way for members to stay connected, but also another way that we as a group can share our knowledge and skills with the community. Be sure to go to the site now and register.

Whatever your area of interest is currently or what you may want to learn about, there is a SIG out there for you. So, come visit some of the SIGs. The SIGs and the General Meetings are open to all guests.

If you do not see one that peaks your interest, then email me and let me know what would. I am always open to your comments and suggestions for the SIGs. After all, this is your User Group.

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 Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org or 749-5892. Locations should hold 12-24 persons and Internet connections and, if possible, computers for the attendees would be a plus.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

ACCESS BASIC SIG

The next meeting of the ACCESS BASIC SIG is October 8 at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center at 10:00 AM. The topic will be sent by email to the members on the contact list.

The ACCESS BASIC 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 ajbirch@bellsouth.net 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.

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG has been suspended due to conflicts with the meeting location. We hope to resume meetings when a new meeting location is secured. The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG assumes a good working knowledge of Access and focuses on programming and advanced techniques.

If you would like to be notified of the restart of this SIG, you can contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org. Include ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG in the subject line of your email.

ADVANCED USERS SIG

The October 21 meeting of the ADVANCED USERS SIG which meets at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at Christ Church United Methodist will be a continuation of our past two meetings as we create, capture and edit DVD video and audio. We've been playing with Nero 6.0 tools used to create audio and video disks and been talking about using DVD drives. We'll also discuss any emergent security issues. SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan will keep the members up-to-date on news impacting PC users and answer questions the group might bring up.

On September 16, the ADVANCED USERS SIG discussed new security holes in Internet Explorer, Firefox and the latest malware. Firefox has a new version coming out. We looked at Sunbelt Software's new CounterSpy (free 14-day trial). We then spent time using Nero to examine DVD drive technology and began to create a SVCD disk.

Please check out the KIPCUG web site, and look in the new forum sections to see new announcement and meeting details.

The ADVANCED USERS SIG explores software and hardware topics of interest to people who are very comfortable with their computer who want to know even more. We encourage everyone to share their experiences so we can all learn and grow in areas we would not normally explore on our own.

We meet in the Computer Lab,

Room 222, at Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM) on the third Friday of the month. Add yourself to our email alert list by self-registering at groups.yahoo.com/group/KIPCUGAdvUsers or contact Tom at tpscan@iglou.com. Please use ADVANCED USERS SIG in the subject line of your email.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG will not meet until January 27, 2006. The September 23 meeting at Advanced Grinding and Machine, Inc, 4644 Illinois Ave. in Louisville at 6:30 PM was the last of 2005. Even though the meetings will no longer be on a monthly basis, we still can accept donations by appointment when necessary.

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG has been designed to take donations of computer equipment and restore it to working condition. These computers can then be distributed to people in need. We are always looking for donations. Even if you think there is no value in your old computer, contact us and let us take it off your hands. We also welcome people willing to help restore computers for redistribution.

This SIG has provided PCs to disadvantaged residents of the area and will continue to provide a valuable service to the community. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The SIG meets at Advanced Grinding and Machine, Inc, 4644 Illinois Ave. in Louisville at 6:30

The SIG Scene (cont.)

PM on the fourth Friday of odd-numbered months except November. To be added to the SIG's advance mailing list, contact TEAM MEMBER Beverly Setree, beverly@advanced-grinding.com. Place the words COMMUNITY OUTREACH SIG in the subject line of your email.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Please make sure to note that the October meeting of the DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG will be held on the Monday prior to its normal Tuesday meeting night. This will be Monday, October 24, at 6:30 PM at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library.

At the October 24 meeting, we will continue looking at the camera equipment we already own or hope to possibly purchase. Also we will continue to see how pictures we have taken or wish to take can be optimized first in the camera and then by the computer. Software will be discussed including continuing examples by Matt Chojnowski using the free program The GIMP.

Any questions on cameras, software or printers will also be welcome. Bring those nagging questions, pictures on which you need help (on disk), cameras (with the user manuals), and if you have special software be certain to bring it also.

The specific purpose of this SIG is to examine the software and hardware topics that will make your photographic efforts more fun and rewarding. Members at any level of

experience and owners of any type of digital camera are welcome. Again, please be certain to bring your camera, manual and photo CD and we will all increase our ability to understand how digital photography is different from using film.

The DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG meets monthly at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday at the LFPL Bon Air Branch Library. Contact Bill Edwards by email at bedwardsna@sbcglobal.net to get advance notice of this SIG. Be certain to put DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY in the subject line so that it is not destroyed as SPAM.

EXCEL BASIC SIG

Our first meeting of the EXCEL BASIC SIG will be October 10 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222 at CCUM. SIG LEADER Jim Boneck will be returning to cover everything about Excel starting from what it is and why you want to use it. We will continue through creating spreadsheets with macros and formulas to calculate hundreds of variables, if you think you need that. The pace of this SIG will be set by the members attending.

Each session will start with member questions about home or work projects or last month's material. Feel free to bring in your data or existing spreadsheet. Next is a presentation of new material, followed by the opportunity to practice this material.

The EXCEL BASIC SIG meets monthly on the second Monday in the Computer Lab, Room 222 at

CCUM at 6:30 PM. To get advance notice of this SIG contact Jim Boneck by email at jboneck@yahoo.com. Put EXCEL SIG in the subject line of your email.

EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG

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 make our lives easier.

Due to low attendance, the EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG has been suspended. We hope that the SIG will resume soon if KIPCUG members express sufficient interest. Please be sure to attend the EXCEL BASIC SIG in the meantime, as it will cover a wide range of issues.

To be added to the email list or to state your interest in this SIG, send an email to SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org and type "EXCEL INTERMEDIATE SIG" in the subject line.

GENEALOGY SIG

The next GENEALOGY SIG Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on October 17 at our regular location, the LFPL Eline Branch. The presentation will build on last month's topic including using the filters to design reports so that you can print-out your information instead of just viewing it on the screen.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

The September GENEALOGY SIG Meeting was a presentation on How to Use the Picklist to create filters that can be used to list individuals with common features. This Picklist is interactive allowing you to directly edit each of the individuals or you can later use the filter to create reports. Also the Project Explorer was used to filter the individuals and move through the database easily from one individual to the next.

Since TMG version 6 is now available, we have switched to version 6. Now is the time to jump in so that you get all of the tips and tricks.

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. If you want a map or directions on how to get to the GENEALOGY SIG, go to www.win.net/mooresk.

GENEALOGY II SIG

The GENEALOGY II SIG will have its next meeting on October 13 and will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Louisville Free Public Library Jeffersontown Branch.

The GENEALOGY II SIG had its last meeting on September 8.

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.

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 and click on the GENEALOGY II SIG.

HANDS ON SIG (NEW)

Our next meeting will be on October 22 at the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Mathews. We start at 2:00 PM and will work with you to get your machine back up and running at top speed. The group can also help you build/upgrade your own PC in just one weekend. It may not always be possible to work on every machine that is not expected, but we resolve most issues by the library closing time.

There is no fixed topic to discuss, just a chance to find some assistance and learn more about your PC. You will need to bring your complete system, monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables and processor. Should you need help getting it up to the meeting room, members will assist you.

At the September 24 meeting, we worked with problems that came in the door. Time was spent on a member's desktop unit that had not been defragged in over a year and had adware protection, spyware protection and virus protection that had not been updated in almost a year.

Needless to say there were a ton of viruses, adware and spyware on the machine and the machine could barely crawl. The harddrive rebuild software was damaged also. Several hours later it was patched up like new and all the viruses, adware and spyware were removed and they said that it had never run that fast before. Boy, you never have seen such big grins on SIG LEADERS and TEAM MEMBERS like that before. Everybody was happy!

If you are not comfortable going at it alone, email us in advance and the group will be ready to help you help yourself. Gain confidence and improve your knowledge base in just a few hours. Members with repair experience are encouraged to drop in and help other members solve nagging problems. All levels of experience are welcomed and we will share our abilities with one another.

Our location has a high-speed web connection and driver updates and patches can be downloaded quickly. We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM in the second floor meeting room at the Eline Branch of the LFPL. We often run well into the afternoon to assure your problems are resolved.

If you have a problem machine, contact the Co-SIG LEADERS listed below in advance of the next meeting so that time can be allocated to address your problems. For an advance notice of this SIG, please contact Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May at sig@win.net or Tom McArdle at usersig@insightbb.com. Please add the words HANDS ON SIG in the subject line of your email.

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HARDWARE SIG

On October 3 at 6:30 PM, we will look at the many uses for a new scanner, find out how to set one up and we will include an overview of the best software for use with your scanner. We meet in the second floor meeting room of the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews.

Once again, this year we missed our September meeting as it fell on Labor Day.

Do you have a desire to expand the capabilities of your existing system? Do you want to be comfortable with adding your own hard drive, audio or video card, memory module, DVD burner or building your own computer from the ground up? Learn the tips and techniques necessary for a successful hardware upgrade.

Does your machine need help? Contact us so the Co-SIG LEADERS Charley May and Grant McCormick can be ready to assist you with your computer. Do not surprise the group. Let them know in advance that you are bringing your unit. With advance planning, you may not need to bring your complete system to the meeting.

The HARDWARE SIG meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM, in the second floor meeting room of the Eline Branch of the LFPL in St. Matthews. If you would like a reminder of the next meeting and its topic, send an email to Co-SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net. Be sure to put HARDWARE SIG in the subject line of your message.

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

For our October 24 meeting, the topic will be the Google set of downloads (Toolbar, Desktop Search and Picasa Photo Organizer). The INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meets in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM at 6:30 PM monthly on the fourth Monday. CCUM is at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. Directions are on the CCUM web site at www.ccum.net and on the KIPCUG web site at www.kipcug.org.

At the meeting on September 26, we went over the MSN Search program. We looked at the features and how to have tabs in Internet Explorer (similar to Mozilla/FireFox functionality). Q & A followed.

The SIG focuses on the various versions of MS Windows software, its features, methods of operation, problems and all the hints and tips that Jim knows you will be interested in. Topics suggested at meetings usually become future meeting topics. This SIG is for users who are comfortable with the daily use of their computer and want to learn more. In other words, you have mastered your fear of computers and you are willing to push the envelope a little. We welcome discussion and a chance for everyone to learn.

If you have any questions or suggestions for meeting topics, bring them to the SIG or email Jim at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu and Jim will have your answer at the

next SIG meeting. Do you want to get on Jim's email notification list? Send him a short note with "Add me to the KIPCUG INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG meeting email list" in the subject line.

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the INVESTING SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. The next SIG meeting will be on October 13. Meetings consist of round table information exchanges on any economic subject of current interest. 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

With the loss of our meeting place, the LINUX SIG is presently in a state of limbo. At such time that new arrangements can be made, notice of future meetings will be posted in the Computer User News and emailed to list members.

Want to be notified about meeting subjects or do you have a suggestion for future meeting topics? Please send an email to TEAM MEMBER Jack Link at redoscar3@yahoo.com and type "LINUX SIG" in the subject line.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

NEW USERS SIG

Come join us at the October 10 meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We meet at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 10200 Linn Station Road, in Suite 110 of the Triad East Building. You will find the learning curve easy enough for anyone to join in at any time. We will take our second look at a backup system and we will actually set up and do a backup of a computer with a system that is probably the best on the market that is easy to use and inexpensive to purchase. It will help you keep your complete system backed up for years to come.

At the September 12 meeting, we looked at some software and the requirements necessary to do your backups quickly and easily. In addition, we passed around some hardware necessary to do the backup and talked about some of the best ways to do a backup that are quick, easy and thorough.

The Q&A session follows the presentation each month. Do you have a question? Jot it on a piece of paper and bring it with you for an answer you can understand. Questions go into a drawing for a prize(s). Come find out about our new NUS Group on the Internet, where you can get answers between meetings by email or on the Internet.

The NEW USERS SIG holds its meetings on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We meet at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 10200

Linn Station Road, in Suite 110 of the Triad East Building.

If you want to review or if you are a new PC user, you are invited to join the NEW USERS SIG. We don't go too fast so everyone can follow. We start with the basics and gradually build up your knowledge base and skill level. Each member will have a computer to follow Charley through every step of every feature. This hands-on experience will give you the opportunity to follow the lessons as projected on the screen in the front of the classroom.

TEAM MEMBERS Susan Moore and Tom McArdle will help members follow the presentation and master the skills at every meeting. Join us in a comfortable environment that makes learning easier. We invite all those attending to join us for a mini PIG SIG after the meeting for a brief time, to address any personal PC questions.

To join our mailing list, send an email to Charley at sig@win.net and be sure to include NEW USERS SIG in the subject line. We will send you a reminder of our meetings and the topics to be covered a few days before our next meeting.

NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG (NEW)

Important! Remember our new day! Please mark your calendars with the NEW day for our NEW USERS DAYTIME SIG. It will be the third Monday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Our next meeting will be on Monday,

October 17.

This is a hands-on SIG. If you are new to computers and need help opening and closing computers correctly, using your mouse in a program and saving information to a document, this is the place to be.

If you would like to see programs by 599CD, this is the place to be. Please bring your earphones.

Are you interested in Word or Works? We will help you learn about changing fonts, size, colors and saving your work. If you need help moving folders or creating folders, this is the place to be.

An interest was expressed in learning how to get on the KIPCUG Site. We will show you how to do that.

Are you having difficulty with the keyboard? You may try typing this sentence at home as all the letters of the alphabet are practiced. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. With this one sentence in Word or Works, you may change size, color and fonts and save your work to a document. If you are not a typist and practice this sentence every day you will be amazed how your typing skills will improve.

We will talk about free Picasa2 and if it would help you find all your pictures that you have lost in "Neverland".

We meet from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM on the third Monday of each month. CCUM is located at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. To be added to the email list, please send SIG LEADER Winnie Miller an email at winnie.miller@att.net.

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If you are interested in a special program, email me and I will let you know if we can help you.

PDA SIG

There are currently no meetings scheduled for this SIG. Members are requested to let our SIG DIRECTOR know their ideas for this group. If you have a handheld device, we want to hear from you.

This SIG plans to review and explore the hardware and software of Personal Desk Assistants, Smart Phones and like devices. SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller encourages all members that are interested in this group to contact him. We expect to cover all versions of PDA's including the newest combination units with phone, PC and photo capabilities.

Members using these devices or that are considering the purchase of a PDA are asked to contact Brian at sigs@kipcug.org. You will be added to a contact list for advance notice of future meetings, topics, times and location.

REAL ESTATE SIG (NEW)

The REAL ESTATE SIG will meet on October 18 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222 at CCUM. The SIG will continue the discussion of Financing and Money begun at the September meeting. Any member that did not receive a Financial CD Disk at the September meeting may receive theirs at the

October meeting. After that the floor will be thrown open for any discussion of Real Estate and the Financing of the same.

The mission of this SIG is to provide property owners and investors the opportunity to gain a greater insight into their transactions, so that they can protect and guide their endeavors more effectively.

Future meetings will delve into all aspects of property ownership, Buying, Owning and Selling. Most everyone is living in a home, owned or rented, and has an interest in their future with real estate. Make plans to join us at any of our upcoming meetings. I can promise that we will be discussing subjects that are of great interest to you and your family.

The REAL ESTATE SIG meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM at 6:30 PM. CCUM is at 4614 Brownsboro Road (US 42) at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. Directions are on the KIPCUG web site at www.kipcug.org.

To be added to our e-mail list to receive advance notice of the SIG's activities, contact Bill at re_sig@insightbb.com or call 639-7647.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

At the September 27 meeting, we will use our technical indicators to try to determine the near term direction of the market, and to hone our skills using these indicators with everyone's input. We use a group

discussion format to answer everyone's questions and let everyone tell how they use the indicators.

Additional information will be announced by email to all members on our list. With the late date of the SIG meeting and potential market fluctuations, email is the best way to inform all of our discussion topics.

The August 23 meeting continued our ongoing discussion of mathematical analysis of market trends. Members shared the tools that they have found to be successful in analyzing today's market.

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 topic information, contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 897-7718, or email him at mjlsks@insightbb.com to be added to the email distribution list.

New attendees are encouraged to come to the meetings to learn about technical analysis and its application to the present market conditions. We generally discuss the present market, and use any web-based indicators available. Many times, we also have someone present topics of interest to anyone using technical analysis.

We are always looking for suggestions for topics of discussion, or suggested presentations by knowledgeable groups or individuals. Please send your ideas to SIG LEADER Myron Smith at mjlsks@insightbb.com.

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UTILITIES SIG

On October 20 at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM, Co-SIG LEADER Charley May has another group of small but useful software and freeware releases that members can examine. Charley continues to scour the internet for these unknown utilities that members find hard to delete once they try them. If you are looking to add something new to your computing experience, then join us this month and try one or two of the gems Charley has found.

At the September 22 meeting, Co-SIG LEADER Tom Mc Ardle introduced Forte's Agent 3.0, the latest release for this popular newsgroup reader. The new features made this one a must have for 'power downloaders'. Trial copies of the program were available for those attending. Members were shown how to unlock the mystery of the thousands of newsgroups that remain just a mouse click away.

Members are kept up-to-date with timely messages and answers to their questions at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KIPCUGUtilitiesSIG/>. You do not have to be a member of the group to view the messages, but you will need to sign up (free) with Yahoo for full access. Links to sites discussed in our previous meetings are posted there.

Examining a mix of freeware, shareware and retail programs, this SIG hopes to make your computer experience more enjoyable. Members may bring blank CD's to exchange for free and trial versions

of featured utilities.

This SIG meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM. To be added to our advance notice list sign up at the Yahoo groups site or contact Co-SIG LEADERS Tom Mc Ardle at usersig@insightbb.com or Charley May at sig@win.net. Please add the words UTILITIES SIG in the subject line of your email.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The October 6 6:30 PM meeting of the VISUAL BASIC SIG at the Bon Air Regional Branch of the LFPL, 2816 Del Rio Place will look at Cliff's text-to-speech software, and SIG LEADER Martin Campion's Rails West game. Martin will also look further at serialization and deserialization. We are looking for members with an interest in developing their skills in this powerful, but user friendly program. Join us and begin to develop a new set of skills that can unlock the power hidden in your PC.

On September 1, SIG Member Tony Dattilo agreed to show off his GPS parser software. He used a GPS device that he has bought along with Microsoft's Streets and Trips. Microsoft makes available a small software driver which makes the USB interface of this device appear like an RS 232 connection to the computer. The device continuously transmits comma-delimited strings of data from as many satellites as are in view. Each string starts with a code.

Tony found a GPS parser written

in C++ and translated it into VB.Net so we could use it in the VISUAL BASIC SIG. He crafted a new interface for the data so that we could see more of what data was available. Part of the software read all the com ports to see which were active. Then the active ports could be tested to see which were emitting GPS data. A center textbox showed all the code strings and other boxes showed longitude, latitude, etc. Since the receptor was not moving, one might think that the data would not change, but that was not the case, since the data is not that precise. The changes, of course, were very small.

The VISUAL BASIC SIG meets monthly on the first Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Bon Air Regional Branch of the LFPL, 2816 Del Rio Place. To be added to the email list for a reminder of meetings and topics planned, contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at mccampion@aol.com. Add the words VB SIG to the subject line of your email.

WEBMASTERS SIG

On October 20, the WEBMASTERS SIG will meet at 6:30 PM at the Win.Net offices. This month's main topic will cover the basics of CCS: Cascading Style Sheets. SIG LEADER John Henderson will lead the group in a review of the web pages created by SIG Members. Don't be shy, the comments are always constructive. Learn what parts you have done right and what areas could be improved. John will also review how a webmaster can protect a client/visitor list from

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being harvested by spammers. Learn this and other valuable tips and tricks when we meet in October.

Carlile Crutcher of Video Kitchen led the group on September 15. Members saw a demonstration of how a video file was created. "Crutch" used free software most of those attending already have. Members were shown that video and audio solutions are available to any webmaster. Attendees learned what software and file types worked best and were most compatible with a variety of browsers. A special thanks to all at 'Video Kitchen' for sharing their ideas.

Every WEBMASTERS SIG includes design tips and tricks. There is usually time after the main presentation for Q & A. Every meeting contains web design elements or tips for both the beginner and the more advanced web site creator. KIPCUG members are encouraged to ask for a review of their web site.

See www.inetwebmaster.com for information on the current topic, a map and summaries of our recent presentations.

Non-SIG members interested in building a web site or just learning how the Internet works are invited to any of our meetings.

We meet at 6:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Win.Net offices. To be added to the mailing list for notices of this SIG's activities, please email TEAM MEMBER Roger Klingeman at roger@klingeman.win.net and include the words WEBMASTERS SIG in the subject line of your message.

WINDOWS OS SIG

At the October 14 6:30 PM meeting in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM, SIG LEADER Bob Rose will look at things Windows XP left out of their operating system. Bob will show what could have been included by Microsoft, but was not added to the package. Other software add-ons and plug-ins are out there and Bob will show you what they can do. Always on the cutting edge, this SIG will help keep your PC running at its best.

On September 9, we examined a "beta" copy of Windows latest release, re-named "VISTA". This Operating System should be on the store shelves sometime in 2006. Bob and SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller gave the members their first peak at the "transparent look" that this latest release incorporates. Most of the changes were evolutionary, not revolutionary. SIG Members will have to wait until early next year for the final "Release Candidate".

The SIG will focus on maintaining and updating the various Windows OS's to keep them performing at peak efficiency. While our direction will be forward, questions and topics for older formats will be part of the topic list we intend to cover.

The SIG includes topics covering Windows Operating Systems from Windows 95 though XP- SP2, with an emphasis on changing technology. Time is always reserved to resolve problems and answer questions members bring to the meeting.

To be sure we can get to your particular issue, please contact SIG LEADER Bob Rose, britdude@techemail.com, by email a few days before the meeting so he can have members prepared to address your problem.

The WINDOWS OS SIG currently meets at 6:30 PM on the second Friday of the month in the Computer Lab, Room 222, at CCUM, 4614 Brownsboro Road, US Hwy. 42 at the Blankenbaker Lane traffic light. Check the KIPCUG web site at www.KIPCUG.org for a map to the meeting site. To be added to the email list, please contact SIG LEADER Bob Rose, britdude@techemail.com and put the words WINDOWS OS SIG in the email subject line.

YOUTH SIG

Your input is requested for us to reorganize this SIG. We hope to include KIPCUG and CCUM members in this SIG and hold weekend meetings in the Computer Lab. Consideration is being given to offering a computer gaming or an 'Instant Messaging' focus to this group to stimulate youth interest. If you have children or grandchildren with a desire for some additional computer activities, we want to hear from you. Please continue checking the KIPCUG web site for the latest information at www.KIPCUG.org. Saturday meetings are the likely dates for this SIG.

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Free Homework Help and More from Yahoo!

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<http://education.yahoo.com>

Now that school is back in session, a perennial problem of the ages is homework at all levels, from primary school through college. Another issue facing many families is selecting a school or college for their matriculating children. Still another issue in our highly competitive society are those standardized entrance exams, such as the SAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, GMAT and others that hold so much influence over our future.

The popular internet portal Yahoo! has created an educational portal to assist with the issues above, as well as other educational assistance. Education.yahoo.com may become a primary destination for those seeking homework help, sample standardized tests, or information on choosing a college or school.

The menu bar at the top of the page is divided into sections labeled K-12 Schools, College & Grad School, Courses & Degrees, Reference, and Homework Help. The K-12 page contains information and links on "Choosing Schools", which includes parent reviews, and information on school visits. Also on that K-12 page is information on and about principals and school superintendents. A "Resource Center" allows parents to rate their childrens' schools.

The "College & Grad School" tab leads to a page with comprehensive college information. Schools can be searched based on location, size, sports, tuition, and other factors. A "Graduate School Search" can be

useful to locate Masters and Doctoral programs that may be suitable. A "Financial Aid Center" contains information on scholarships, grants, loans, and other financial sources for college expenses. Also on this page are links to sample entrance exams, including the SAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, and GMAT. A PSAT review is also linked on this page. College rankings, from the popular U. S. News and World Report survey, are also available to indicate the best colleges, best law schools, best graduate programs, and best business schools.

Education.yahoo.com is also an excellent example of some of the positive benefits of the internet, in its resources to assist with homework. In the "Reference" section are a variety of online resources, including several of the traditional references commonly found in school and public libraries. What many students will find most helpful in an online format familiar to them are such popular references as The American Heritage Dictionary, The American Heritage Spanish Dictionary, Roget's New Thesaurus, the Columbia Encyclopedia, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, Gray's Anatomy of the Human Body, The Oxford Shakespeare, World Factbook, and a Conversion Calculator. These respected references may be utilized by students of all ages and grades to assist with school projects, homework, and other educational pursuits.

In the short run, one of the most valuable resources on this website may be the "Homework Help" page. At the top of that page is a resource beloved by many students, and bemoaned by many teachers, the ever-popular "Cliff's Notes", which

are available online. According to Yahoo, over 150 titles of the common black and yellow diagonal striped books are available online at the site. The Cliff's Notes online are not the unabridged full-text retail versions, but a critical summary of the contents, including author information and summaries, commentaries and glossaries for each chapter or section. For many students, this abridged information may be the key to unlocking the mental processes of understanding the contents and stories of the titles.

Other homework assistance is also available at this site, such as the "Math Help" links. The math help is indexed by grade level and category, and includes elementary school and middle school math, pre-algebra, algebra 1 and 2, geometry, pre-calculus, and calculus. It is obvious that this help may be applicable to students in college as well as in the lower grades. Upon clicking on the link for the appropriate level of math, a standardized list of chapters is made available, that can readily be correlated to almost any relevant math book. The "math help" mostly works on a series of tutorials based on the individual level of the student. Within each chapter are a series of questions followed by interactive tutorials which include explanations, graphs, charts, tables, diagrams, or other apt information. By completing the listed questions, the student may be ready to proceed to the next chapter, utilizing the hundreds of interactive tutorials and questions.

While a free Yahoo! educational resource may lack the prestige and polish of more sophisticated and expensive commercial products, it is a quality resource befitting almost

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To sign up younger members or to volunteer your assistance, contact SIG DIRECTOR Brian Miller at sigs@kipcug.org. Please put the words YOUTH SIG in the email subject line.

This SIG's mission is to develop the computer skills of middle school or advanced elementary school students. It will cover topics beyond those basic skills taught in the school system. High school age students can volunteer to assist in this SIG.

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Shadow offers the option to save from one to 10 prior versions of files, enabling easy restoring of the earlier versions.

As a bonus, NTI is also offering a coupon on its website (no purchase required) good for half off any other NTI product purchased from NTI's online store.

With products such as the bargain priced Shadow, and a device such as an external hard drive or CD/DVD burner, there is now absolutely no reason why current backups should

not be maintained. With retrospect, what if my unfortunate caller from New Orleans had a current backup, and had taken his current backup with him?

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all students. With information such as is available at education.yahoo.com, today's students should be able to find the homework assistance that mom and dad are sometimes incapable of providing, as well as information of future educational choices.



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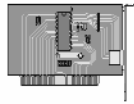
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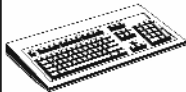


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