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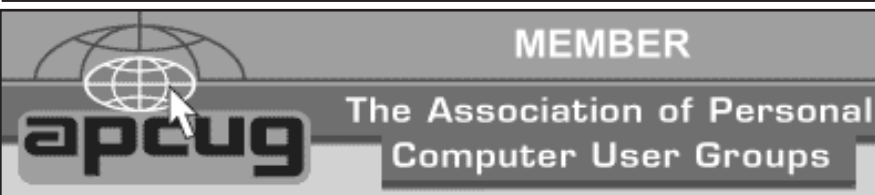
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By Wayne Perkey,
KIPCUG

March is here, and our 25th anniversary celebration continues! We have an exciting program for you. Brian Miller will be on hand for Back to Basics. Brian will update us on the ongoing recycling project, including a live demonstration. He will refurbish a usable PC, and strip one for parts. We will of course have him under a timer to see just how fast he can finish.

Don't forget to bring your detailed questions in for User to User. Helping our fellow members and guests find solutions to their problems is KIPCUG's mission.

Looking ahead, we have upcoming presentations from Corel, Cool It, Grisoft, Meego, and more. It will be an exciting year for KIPCUG. If there is a particular topic or presenter you would like to see, please let me know, and I will do my best to get them.

We should have great prizes in March, including some full versions of software from Panda, and some from our Vegas trip. Help us celebrate 25 years of KIPCUG!

From the Desk of the President

By Bill Buzan, KIPCUG

The birthday party at our last meeting was a tremendous success. The weather was bad and cold but many members and guests attended. From the amount of the cake and ice cream consumed, we must've had a good time. A new idea was sprung from the birthday party. If this was a good idea in February, how good would it be if we did it for the rest of the year? Not ice cream and cake, but other events to celebrate KIPCUG's growth and survival for the past quarter-century. The most important item at this yearlong celebration is you, the members, and any friends that you may bring with you to our meetings. We still gather on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist located at 4614 Brownsboro Road.

I have become very excited after a conversation with our program director as to the upcoming meetings and events he is planning. Apparently Wayne is working very hard to make our meetings both interesting and informative, and worth the time and effort we spend in attending them. The one ingredient missing from all he is doing is our vote of approval for his efforts by our attendance. Recently, I had an opportunity to review the offerings of many other organizations related to computer learning and support. We may well be the very least expensive avenue of learning, assistance and friendship for computer users. We are exposed to national computer manufacturers of both equipment and software and are kept abreast of the newest and latest changes. We are blessed with some venturesome individuals that

enjoy jumping into the middle of new programs, and then telling us of the benefits and the pitfalls that they found in their adventures.

We are currently offering a number of brief classes, usually two hours in length, on the basics of hardware and software most commonly used by our members. KIPCUG has now ventured into a new era, with the computer reclamation and utilization of these reclaimed machines to teach those who are unable to acquire PCs on their own. As with anything else, we need donations of both equipment and time. The computers need work and we need to help in the instruction of their use. This program is very worthwhile since the computers that they learn on become theirs at the end of their education. Join us if you have the time or anything else of value to make our efforts successful.

KIPCUG is finding its purpose and reaching its goals with the help of its members.

MEETING DIRECTIONS

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4614 Brownsboro Road

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Moving to Vista - What Not to Do

By Sandy Berger, CompuKISS
<http://www.compuKISS.com>

Microsoft's long-anticipated new operating system, Windows Vista, is finally here. After months of testing, I can say that it is a stable program and is more secure than any previous version of Windows. It also has a great new look and some wonderful new features. Just remember that there are always gotchas with a new operating system. Here are a few of the "don'ts" when moving to Vista.

First, five different flavors of Vista are available in the US: Home Basic, Home Premium, Ultimate, Business, and Enterprise. Don't bother with Home Basic. It doesn't have "Aero", the rich new visual interface. It doesn't have the advanced multi-media features for photos, movies, and television. It doesn't even have the cool new chess or mahjong games. All of this is missing, but Microsoft is still selling the Home Basic upgrade for \$99. The full version of Home Basic is \$199. If you buy a new computer with Vista, make sure that you get at least the Home Premium version. You can get a comparison of the different versions of Vista and what they offer at the Microsoft website.

Another don't....don't try to upgrade without a large hard drive and at least one gigabyte of memory. You can use the Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor to determine if your computer is ready for Vista. Most older computers will come up lacking. So, you may not want to upgrade at all. Although Vista's better security is enticing, if you are happy with your Windows XP machine you may want to keep using it a bit longer because it may be not be economically beneficial to

upgrade. The Vista product upgrade can cost several hundred dollars. That plus the cost of extra memory and/or other hardware upgrades may make it wiser to just purchase a new computer with Vista pre-installed.

Don't expect every software program to work with Windows Vista. Intuit, the makers of the popular QuickBooks program have notified their users that no older versions of QuickBooks will run on Vista. Only an upgrade to QuickBooks 2007 will let QuickBooks users run the program on a Vista computer.

Because of the major security changes in Vista, most antivirus programs will also need an update to be able to run on Windows Vista. If you purchase a new computer, it may come with a trial subscription to Symantec or McAfee that will get you started, but you will have to purchase a new version in the future or move to a free antivirus program. Again, upgrading an old computer may be problematic because the old antivirus software will need to be removed before the new version is installed. Experience has taught me that it is often difficult to remove all the various pieces of an existing antivirus program. This is one experience you may want to avoid.

Some programs will also have trouble with Windows Vista new user controls, which make it more difficult to make changes to your computer. This bolsters the operating system against hackers, but can confuse some existing programs. Simple changes or work arounds for these types of problems can easily be found on the Web. For instance, I couldn't run Adobe Photoshop CS2 upon installation on my Vista

machine, but a few simple changes which I found documented on the Web, solved the problem quite easily.

Also, any specially written or high-end software programs may not work with Vista. This will not affect the average user, but if you have any unusual or specialty programs you will want to check out compatibility.

Much of today's current hardware will work with Windows Vista. Of course, you may want to check the manufacturer's website to be sure before you make that assumption. You may need to update a hardware driver or two. If you have older hardware, some may not work with Vista. So check it out before you move to Vista.

Of all the hardware problems, you can expect the most problems with audio equipment. Windows Vista has a new audio stack, which means that it handles the audio data structure differently than older versions of Windows. Also this audio change was made quite late in the Vista development process, so audio manufacturers may not have caught up yet. While this will probably not impact the average computer user, if you have any high-end audio equipment, make sure you check your compatibility before you migrate to Vista.

One last don't....don't worry about the 64-bit version of Vista. If you have a 64-bit processor on your new computer like the Intel Core2 Duo or AMD 64-bit processors, you may be thinking about trying out the 64-bit version of Vista. Don't do it unless you want to be on the "bleeding" edge of technology. Most hard-

Soft Hardware from Otterbox!

By Judy Lococo, KIPCUG

Fort Collins, Colorado, is a charming college town. I know, I've been there, done that and have the t-shirt. You would not expect to find many businesses prospering in this relatively quiet town that wasn't geared towards students and faculty. However, I have discovered one that is worth further investigation, as they have some products that seem to be extremely useful in today's global mentality.

After having been awarded a new 8700 Blackberry by Ziff Davis for participating in a webinar, I finally found the time to switch the cell phone to this device, and synchronize it with all the contacts, calendar

Vista (cont.)

ware does not currently have 64-bit drivers and the 64-bit version of Vista does not support the widely used 32-bit drivers. Also there is currently very little software that actually takes advantage of the 64-bit system. So leave the 64-bit version as something to dream about. It will be more secure and faster, but it is not yet ready for prime time.

However, the 32-bit version of Vista is ready for immediate use. The best way to move to Vista is to buy a new computer with Vista pre-loaded. Just be sure you check out these gotchas before you put your money on the counter.

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appointments, tasks, etc. that has glommed onto me from years of Outlook usage. However, the holster that came with it seemed to always dial home, whether I needed to or not. It seems that unless the keypad was locked when inserted into the holster, some of the keys along the side of the keypad were depressed, thus ET was phoning home without realizing.

Enter Otterbox, from Fort Collins (<http://www.otterbox.com>)! They have cases for many different toys we now consider indispensable. They have products for the Blackberry, for the Treo, for the iPod Nano, for laptops, etc., so it would behoove all y'all (I had to do that at least once...) to see what is available for your gadget du jour. Not only do these cases stop the phone home syndrome (poetic, isn't it?), but they are also shock-resistant, water-resistant, dust-resistant, scratch-resistant, and offer protection against extreme elements. The most significant discovery I have found is that you can use all the Blackberry features while it's fully encased in the Otterbox, such as the track wheel, the keypad, the escape key, etc! When you need to recharge the unit itself, a small plug removes from the side of the case to allow access, so you don't even have to remove the case for this veritably essential chore.

The company is very user-friendly, and seems to be perfectly accommodating, to ensure that you are satisfied with their products. The black and gray color isn't the most flamboyant scheme, but it will go with almost any wardrobe choices you have, and doesn't call attention to what you are doing. The molded

rubber and o-ring seals are a bit on the bulky side, but really do provide an unbelievable amount of protection, and transform a fairly delicate instrument into something a lot more usable and carefree. The Blackberry itself is not skinny, so just a little more girth doesn't deter me from believing this is an extremely essential accessory, especially for less than \$130.00 US.

I am one of those people who think hardware is boring, as all it does is just sit there and blindly obey. However, these superb soft hardware enhancements, that actually do what they purport to, without a lot of glitz and hype, aren't at all boring. They are practically a necessity.



Now, if they could only find a way to protect you from leaving it on the seat in the taxi!

Review of Spin It Again

By Rod Rakes, APCUG Advisor; President and Editor, Gwinnett SeniorNet PC Users Group, Georgia; Editor and Webmaster, Huntsville PC User Group, Alabama

Convert vinyl records and cassette tapes to MP3's and CD's
<http://www.Acoustica.com>



What is it? Spin It Again by Acoustica is a software program that will make it easy to convert your collection of cassettes, 33's, 45's and even 78's to MP3/WMA/WAV files or directly to CDs. Some folks have even used the program to rip 8-Tracks. Remember those?

Cost? \$34.95 retail, but \$27.96 for User Group members. This 20% discount is available online from the link above. You must use the code "CLUB2007." You will receive a registration code via email. But, you can try it free for three times. (3 albums).

Where do I get it and/or read more? <http://www.Acoustica.com>. The program is an 8+ MB download.

System Requirements: If you have a Windows computer with a sound-card you're ready to use the software!

Recommended? YES!

How good is it? REALLY GOOD!

First off, I was impressed by the voice instructions when the program starts. There is a Hookup Wizard with photos of how to connect to your amplifier, cassette player or turntable. Songs are automatically divided into files based on the lull between songs. A Level Wizard sets the volume level automatically based on playing a portion of your loudest song in an album.

You can save the files as MP3, OGG, WMA or WAV files. A variety of choices are available to clean up the recordings, e.g., Damaged Record, Damaged Tape, Tape clean with Equalizer, Tape Noise Begone, Warped record, even a No-preamp blues setting, etc. Someone referred to this as a Mikey cereal eater that eats Snap, Crackle and Pop. Accept the defaults and it's very easy work.

I recorded three record albums and two cassette tapes of music using a stereo amplifier, cassette player and turntable. The result was free of any clicks, pops and hiss of the original recordings, at least to my ears. The only "problem" I had was a song by Judy Collins that had long silent passages which fooled the software into thinking there were several songs. But, it was easily fixed with the Merge options. (Be sure to read the tutorial.) I chose to save the songs in MP3 format and gave each a name in the chart before actually hitting the Save/Convert button. You can embed in the files the Artist, Title, Genre, Year and add comments. On the last test, I chose to record an album directly to CD using the Spin It Again software. It worked like a charm with no need to make a later recording from the MP3's using Nero, Roxio, etc.

I had a priceless cassette tape of family nonsense that had been re-recorded from reel to reel tapes from long ago when my children were small. The volume varied greatly. I placed the cassette tape in a small inexpensive hand held player (Walkman type) and connected a cable between the speaker jack and the Line In jack in the back of my computer. This meant I could adjust the sound during the low and high volume sections of the tape by using the player's volume control. That worked satisfactorily since the tape was not perfection in the first place. The recording was even better than the original with little or no hiss and a more consistent volume level! There is an option for auto-leveling the volume for a given song to eliminate distortion on high peaks.

An MP3 file of LaPaloma had a loud click at the 51-second mark that could not be cleaned properly even with the special peak click filtering after manually isolating the click. I was finally able to eliminate the click but each side of the original click had a warble that was worse than the click. The Help file said if this happens, try to make a better recording somehow. Since it was only one click, I would guess there was a spot of something on the vinyl surface or a pin point gouge. You can't make a purse out of a sow's ear, huh?

One of the fun and useful features is the ability to adjust the speed of a recording. I recorded several old 78 RPM records using the 45 RPM speed of my turntable and increased the speed accordingly using the drop-down menu until it sounded

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Office 2007 Anxiety

By Winnie Miller, KIPCUG



I attended the Microsoft Office 2007 Launch Tour and was impressed enough to install Word 2007. I still am pleased with the product but encountered "Upgrade Anxiety." My installation went well. However ...

Outlook Express started spell checking in French. This was disconcerting as it challenged every word I wrote and my French is limited. The tool for selecting any language except French had disappeared during the installation. After frantic attempts from many "geeks" the problem was solved. You must re-install the dictionaries from your OfficeXP Word CD and uncheck all the items except Tools. I did, prayed a little and it worked. If you do not have your OfficeXP Word CD you may be up the proverbial creek.

I found out the hard way that you must save Documents to a different file format if you plan on others opening your message on their computer. Microsoft has changed the default file settings in Office 2007 to an XML format. For example: Word 2007 default setting is .docx. You cannot send a document in that Word 2007 format unless your recipient can open a .docx file.

Fortunately, there is a workaround. Word 2007 can save files in the traditional Office formats.

Instead of choosing "Save" choose the "Save As" option under "file" on your tool bar. Under "Save As" you will find five choices. Word Document, Word Template, Word 97-2003 Document, Find add-ins for other file formats and Other Formats. You must use Word 97-2003 Document. If you are looking for File, stop right now. You have a round colored picture in the upper left corner that controls one of your many drop-down boxes. The new Word assumes you aren't proficient in English.

There is also a "Compatibility Pack" for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. I found it at the bottom of the download link on

www.microsoft.com/office.

It allows those using XP or 2004 versions to work with the new file formats. The download is 27 Mb and can take up to an hour to download if you are on dial-up.

Being a print addict, I tried printing. If you have a duplexer on your printer, you must be careful from which print symbol you use. Visit your little colored picture at the top left again. If you hit Print, you now have three choices. You must select the first Print in the box to be able to use your duplexer. If you select your customized Tool Bar, your print symbol will only print and your selection for the duplexer will not be a choice.

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The nominees must be KIPCUG members and must be willing and available to serve the organization.

Now is your chance to serve on the Board of Directors by having your name placed in nomination.

The bios and pictures for all of the nominees will be published in the April Computer User News. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting during the May General Meeting. The elected Directors will take office immediately at the close of the May General Meeting.

The twelve directors to be elected:
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The SIG uses the tools that are available in Access without programming. Users bring problems and we come up with solutions.

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

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

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

This SIG takes donations of computer equipment and restores them to working condition. These computers can then be distributed to people in need, providing a valuable service to the community. We are always looking for donations. We also welcome people willing to help restore computers for distribution.

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 Charley May at sig@win.net or 773-7155

This SIG examines software and hardware topics that will make your photographic efforts more fun and rewarding. Members at any level of experience and with any type of digital camera are welcome. Please

bring your camera, manual, photo CD and special software. We will all increase our ability to understand digital photography.

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.genealogy-family.com

The Genealogy SIG has presentations on the use of The Master Genealogist software. TMG is a full-featured database that can help you organize, research and publish your family history. Each session has a short Q&A. For presentations check genealogy-family.com. Interactive census forms are also available on this site.

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

The Genealogy II SIG also helps you to understand The Master Genealogist software; however this SIG utilizes a Q&A format. You bring the questions and we can usually provide the answers. Having trouble with your TMG program on your laptop - bring it with you. We have plenty of room to setup your computer and check-out your problem.

HANDS ON SIG

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

This is a chance to find some assistance and learn more about your PC. We will work with you to get your machine back up and running at top speed. We can help you build/upgrade your own PC. You need to bring

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your complete system, monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables and processor. Members with repair experience are encouraged to drop in and help.

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 773-7155

We can help you expand the capabilities of your existing system. Learn how to add your own hard drive, audio or video card, memory module, DVD burner or build your own computer from the ground up. Learn the tips and techniques necessary for a successful hardware upgrade.

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 at jim.travelstead@louisville.edu or 852-4761(W), 375-4796(H)

The SIG focuses on various versions of MS Windows software, its features, methods of operation, and problems along with hints and tips. This SIG is for users who are comfortable with the daily use of their computer, have mastered their fear of computers, and are willing to push the envelope a little.

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

Meetings consist of round table information exchanges on any economic subject of current interest. Questions and presentations are encouraged. Each meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange. This is not an investment club; they DO NOT discuss mutual funds.

NEW USERS SIG SOUTH

Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Resurrection Episcopal Church at 4100 Southern Parkway in the Computer Lab. Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at sig@win.net or 773-7155

This SIG is geared to the level of most of the attendees to help them stay on track. We have computers for you to receive hands-on training while watching the presentation on the screen at the front of the room. Time is allotted for questions.

TECHNICAL MARKET ANALYSIS SIG

New Location - Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Old National Bank, 4201 Shelbyville Road, at the corner of Shelbyville Road and Hubbards Lane, in the rear meeting room. Contact SIG LEADER Myron Smith at 897-7718 or mjslks@insightbb.com

We use technical indicators to try to determine the near term direction of the market and hone our skills. The SIG uses a group discussion format to answer everyone's questions and attendees can tell how they use the indicators. We have discussions about the present market and use web-based indicators. Topics of interest are presented at many meetings.

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 773-7155

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.

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 at 810-9125 or mccampion@aol.com

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This SIG discusses features of the Visual Basic program, frequently discussing games that are being developed or VB.Net.

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

Learn how to build web sites! SIG consists of main presentation or discussion, tips and tricks that webmasters can build into their site, and Q & A session. Past presentations have included FrontPage, Dreamweaver, how to include video, JavaScript, cascading style sheets, image software, and "What's legal?" All knowledge levels welcome. Current topic posted at info.win.net/training.html.

WINDOWS OS SIG

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

The group will focus on maintaining and updating Windows OS's to keep them performing at peak efficiency. The SIG includes topics covering Windows Operation Systems from Windows 95 through XP-SP2, with an emphasis on changing technology. Time is always reserved to resolve problems and answer questions members bring to the meeting.

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Free and Shareware Utilities from Camtech

By Ira Wilsker, APCUG

WEBSITES:

<http://camtech2000.net>

<http://camtech2000.net/Pages/FlyingPigsDL.html>

http://camtech2000.net/Pages/Password_Reveal.html

<http://camtech2000.net/Pages/PassVault.html>

<http://camtech2000.net/Pages/MultiStock.html>

<http://camtech2000.net/Pages/Downloads.html>

http://camtech2000.net/Pages/Ultimate_Startup_Manager.html

<http://camtech2000.net/Pages/StripEm.html>

Most of us like bargains and possibly free software. Most of us have a need for or utilize utility software to ease our computer activities and improve performance. There are many sources of freeware and shareware, and many authors of such software post their creations on their own websites. For those not familiar with the term "shareware", it is software that is intended to be shared with other computer users,

but is not totally free; users are typically honor bound to pay the license fee if they try it, like it, and continue to use it. One such author of dozens of free and shareware utilities is Camtech at camtech2000.net.

Camtech has categorized its software utilities in several easy to comprehend categories including desktop, internet, utilities, system, logos, screen, games services, and stationary. Some of the shareware software listed is authored by people other than Camtech, but many of the titles are original to Camtech.

Free and Shareware Utilities from Camtech (cont.)

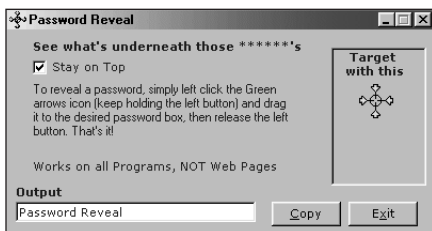
Many of us like to create catchy web pages, Power Points, and other attractive projects to which we would like to add color and animations. Camtech offers free download of animated gifs of a variety of fireworks images. Likewise, many of us that use Microsoft's Internet Explorer get bored with the stylized "e" logo on the top right corner of Internet Explorer, or the proprietary logo placed there by our internet service provider, and would like to replace it with a different icon. Camtech offers a shareware utility explicitly for that purpose, "IE Logos", which contains 24 replacement logos for Internet Explorer. IE Logos will work on most computers with Windows versions from 95 to XP. A registered version of IE Logos can be purchased for \$15.

Many of us have noticed how bland our desktops are, as well as the blank stationary used by Outlook and Outlook Express email programs. For those who want to jazz up the appearance of their emails and desktops with some colorful and humorous stationary and wallpaper are available. Camtech offers a variety of free stationary and desktop products at camtech2000.net/Pages/FlyingPigsDL.html. The classic retort "when pigs fly" can be applied to both Outlook Express emails as well as boring desktops by implementing the flying pigs selection which will display a porcine figure traversing the email or desktop, complete with optional helicopter sounds. Star Trek fans will appreciate the "Space Odyssey" stationary which displays an email message which overlays an animated fleet of phaser firing starships. Other animated choices for email stationary includes a

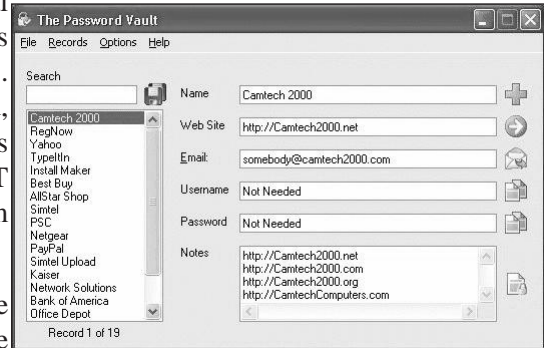
Thanksgiving themed "Turkey Trot", a "Smokey Ghost", and a "Bart Moonwalks" with an animated knockoff of Bart Simpson moonwalking across the top margin of the email.

We frequently multitask while on the computer often answering phones or engaging in conversations while our computers are turned on. A cute program "CT Stickies" allows the user to post virtual "sticky notes" as reminders on our monitor screens. These notes can be edited, saved, deleted, or used as needed. If the user finds CT Stickies useful, the program can be registered for \$20.

As one who tries to practice good internet security, I use different passwords on many of the websites that I visit. Many programs will store passwords, sometimes only displaying them as a string of asterisks or stars. Camtech offers an easy to use and free "Password Reveal" utility, which can quickly display the actual password hidden behind the asterisks. The program is loaded and a cross-hair cursor is dragged over the asterisks revealing the hidden password. A more sophisticated version, Password Reveal Pro, also works on most web pages displayed with Internet Explorer 5 or later, and can be registered for \$20. Both versions will work on Windows 95 through XP.



Sometimes I cannot remember the passwords that I need for the many protected sites that I visit. Camtech offers a shareware password manager "Password Vault" (\$20 registration fee) that can track websites, usernames, and site passwords in a secured environment. The passwords and usernames are stored encrypted, and cannot be read by other programs, providing another level of safety.



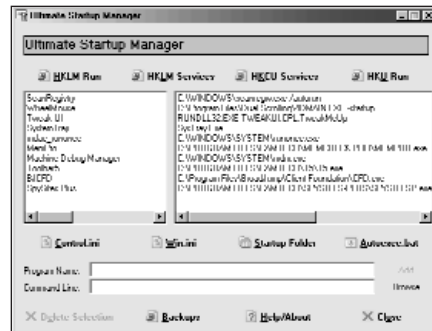
Casual investors may like Camtech's "Multi Stock Browser" which can monitor an unlimited number of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Financial information can be displayed in tabular form or graphed in any of four formats. Quotes and graphs are apparently obtained from Yahoo. A symbol lookup feature allows the user to quickly locate the symbol for any listed investment. A fully functional free demo version can be downloaded, or a fully registered version, with free updates for life, can be downloaded for only \$15. As with almost all other Camtech products, Multi Stock Browser will work on all versions of Windows from 95 to XP.

One factor that contributes to slow or poor computer performance is having too many programs load when the computer boots or starts up. Many spyware and other mal-

Free and Shareware Utilities from Camtech (cont.)

ware programs may be loaded in the startup process, and may be neutralized by preventing them from starting. The startup process can be manually managed on most versions of Windows by clicking on START - RUN and then typing "msconfig". For those who want to automate the process, Camtech offers its "Ultimate Startup Manager" which will search for items that load at boot from the seven different places that such programs may hide. For safety reasons, this utility automatically backs up the startup listing before any changes are made mak-

ing it quick and easy to restore any changed settings. This shareware program can be registered for \$20.



Many of us receive emails that have been countlessly forwarded by others with a series of ">>>>" symbols before each line making read-

ing and subsequent forwarding difficult. It is also poor netiquette to forward email with all of those extraneous symbols cluttering the screen. Fortunately, Camtech comes to the rescue again with its free "StripEm" program that cleans emails and other text files of useless characters.

Camtech produces and distributes dozens of cute and useful programs, many of which are free to the user. Most computer users will likely find something interesting on the Camtech site.

YouTube Revolutionizes the Internet!

By Linda Gonse, Editor and Webmaster, Orange Country IBM PC Users' Group, California www.ocropug.org

Just when I thought creative ideas were running out for ways to use the Internet, along comes YouTube, www.youtube.com. Its content includes movie and TV clips, music videos, and amateur works - such as video-blogging. The innovative site's popularity is staggering. Almost 20 million visitors browse YouTube each month, according to Nielsen/NetRatings. And, in confirmation of YouTube's originality, Time magazine named it the "Invention of the Year" in 2006.

Although I only discovered YouTube in December 2006, it was founded in February 2005. In about a year and a half, YouTube has been so successful Google sealed the deal to buy it in November 2006 for \$1.65-billion! Not bad for a site that was launched with a video of a co-

founder's cat playing with a dangling string!

Now, "Users upload 6500 new videos to the site every day," according to a January 2007 Time magazine article. Many of the videos are taken with home camcorders and cell phones. In fact, videos that showed L.A. police repeatedly punching a suspect on the ground, a college student being tasered, and an outraged comedian yelling disparaging ethnic descriptions, were shown on television

news after first being uploaded to YouTube. These homemade videos, which were a sensation on the news, initially prompted me to check out the site.

Incredibly, YouTube viewers watch 100 million videos each day - up from 10 million last year. The most-watched clip, with over 36+ million views is a compilation of head-butt animations inspired by the one Zinedine Zidane administered in the 2006 World Cup soccer game.

YouTube is free. You only need to



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sign up if you want to leave comments about the videos, rate them, or upload your own.

Choose videos from categories like Recent Videos, which include viewer ratings, video length, and description. See samples.

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normal. I'm trying to find my 78 RPM copy of Roy Acuff's "Sixteen Chickens in a Frying Pan." Everybody needs to hear that.

For the tinkering types out there, many tweaks are available including

a change in sampling rates, sensitivity of track detection, recording levels, etc.

Highly recommended.

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