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## Canada's Internet Use Grows

By SCOTT DEVEAU - Globe and Mail

Three-quarters of Canadians have at least one computer in their homes and are spending an average of 13.5 hours a week on-line, according to a new study, detailing the use of Internet and technology in the country.

The study, prepared by the Canadian Internet Project, aims to understand the impact the Internet and technology is having on Canadians.

The CIP is part of a global effort, the World Internet Project, being performed

by research centres in more than 20 countries. The WIP intends to track and document the emergence of the Internet in households and businesses around the world.

"[The CIP] study provides a benchmark that will allow Canadian researchers to trace the development of the Internet over time," said Dr. Fred Fletcher, co-investigator of CIP and Director of the Graduate Program in Communication and Culture at York University.

According to the study, Canada is second only to the U.S. in terms of the proportion of those on-line, though only 36 per cent of those polled said they believed that most of the Internet's content

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### Uses for AOL Discs:

Attach it to a ruler and presto! - you've got a fly swatter.



## Abort, Retry, Ignore

Once upon a midnight dreary,  
fingers cramped and vision  
bleary,  
System manuals piled high  
and wasted paper on the  
floor,

Longing for the warmth of bedsheets,  
Still I sat there, doing spreadsheets:  
Having reached the bottom line,  
I took a floppy from the drawer.  
Typing with a steady hand, I then invoked  
the SAVE command  
But got instead a reprimand: it read  
"Abort, Retry, Ignore".

Was this some occult illusion? Some ma-  
niacal intrusion?  
These were choices Solomon himself had  
never faced before.  
Carefully, I weighed my options.  
These three seemed to be the top ones.  
Clearly, I must now adopt one -  
Choose: "Abort, Retry, Ignore".

With my fingers pale and trembling,  
Slowly toward the keyboard bending,  
Longing for a happy ending, hoping all  
would be restored,  
Praying for some guarantee  
Finally I pressed a key --  
But on the screen what did I see?  
Again: "Abort, Retry, Ignore".

I tried to catch the chips off guard --  
I pressed again, but twice as hard.

Luck was just not in the cards,  
I saw what I had seen before.  
Now I typed in desperation,  
Trying random combinations.  
Still there came the incantation -  
Choose: "Abort, Retry, Ignore".

There I sat, distraught, exhausted, by my  
own machine accosted;  
Getting up, I turned away and paced  
across the office floor.  
And then I saw an awful sight,  
A bold and blinding flash of light,  
A lightning bolt that cut the night and  
shook me to my very core.  
The PC screen collapsed and died,  
"Oh no -- my database", I cried.  
I thought I heard a voice reply,  
"You'll see your data-- Nevermore!"  
To this day I do not know  
The place to which our data goes  
Perhaps it goes to Heaven where the an-  
gels have it stored.  
But as for productivity - well,  
I fear it has gone straight to Hell.  
And that's the tale I have to tell -  
Your choice: "Abort, Retry, Ignore".

*Submitted By: Y. Bulger*



### Uses for AOL Discs:

Room dividers for hamsters.



## Helpful Hints

### Scandisk is Missing

- Double-click My Computer, and then right-click the hard disk drive that you want to check.
- Click Properties, and then click Tools.
- Under Error-checking, click Check Now. Click Start.

### Taskbar Buttons

By default, all open windows using the same application are grouped under a single icon. This saves Task Bar space.

If you want to group, or ungroup, similar taskbar buttons...

- Right click on Taskbar
- Select Properties
- Check or Uncheck Group similar taskbar buttons

### DEVICE DRIVER PROBLEM

On occasion, when you upgrade device drivers—programs that allow your computer to communicate with components such as a disk drive or modem—you'll find that the component suddenly won't operate correctly. In all likelihood the update is faulty or installed incorrectly. XP has a tool, **Device Driver Roll Back**, that will undo the update. *Exception:* The tool will not undo a printer driver update.

To access **Device Driver Roll Back**, click on **Start, Control Panel, System**, the **Hardware** tab and **Device Manager**



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#### Uses for AOL Discs:

Clay pigeons for target practice.



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is reliable and accurate. More than 3,000 Canadians were surveyed between May and June, 2004, for the study.

According to the findings, only 18 per cent of Canadians have never been on-line, while 56 per cent are considered "heavy users," using the Internet more than seven hours a week.

More than two-thirds of those surveyed are experienced users, having been on-line for more than five years, and use the Internet regularly at home or at work.

Of non-users, the primary reason for not going on-line is a general lack of interest. Young people, not surprisingly, are more likely to use the Internet (90 per cent between the ages of 18-24) and the older Canadians are, the less likely they are to go on-line. There is a marked drop off in use after the age of 45. There were some interesting contrasts found in the report.

Internet users are more likely than non-users to consume some forms of media, such as music and books, but are less likely to read newspapers and magazines.

Television watching decreases as Inter-

net use increases, but television remains the primary source of entertainment for users and non-users alike.

Men (75 per cent) were more likely than women (69 per cent) to use the Internet, and anglophones (74 per cent) used it more than francophones (66 per cent), though French-speaking Canadians were more likely to consume Canadian content.

The province of Alberta (75.8 per cent overall) scored the highest for regular use, while the Atlantic region scored the lowest.

More than eight out of ten heavy users, and more than half of low (less than two hour a week) and medium (between two and seven hours a week) users, have a high-speed connection.

The Canadian Internet Project is funded in part by Bell Canada, the Government of Canada, Telefilm Canada, Ontario Media Development Corporation and the Canadian Media Research Consortium.

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#### **Uses for AOL Discs:**

Keep 'em in the trunk for extra traction in the snow.



## Gates Intros Live Software Services

*Elizabeth Montalbano, IDG News Service*

Company plans to offer an entire range of Web-based services, including Windows Live and Office Live.

SAN FRANCISCO -- Microsoft Tuesday unveiled its software-as-a-service strategy, an effort to provide a more seamless connection between customers and their business and personal data by offering a range of services accessed over the Web by various devices.

Calling the plan "Live Software," Microsoft Chairman and Chief Software Architect Bill Gates also unveiled new services for both Microsoft Windows OS and Office productivity suite, respectively called Windows Live and Office Live, that provide Web-based services separate from

the software products to Microsoft customers.

Speaking with Gates at an event in San Francisco Tuesday, Ray Ozzie, Microsoft chief technical officer, said that with Live Software, Microsoft plans to offer an entire range of Web-based services that customers can use in conjunction with Microsoft software or on a stand-alone basis.

"Microsoft's intent is to offer a general services platform," he said. "It will have a tremendous number of services within it, such as storage services, communication services, peer-to-peer connectivity and an identity mechanism."

Live Software also will include software for various devices that will enable customers to take advantage of the portability of Web-based services, Ozzie said.

More of this article please go to:  
<http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,123364,00.asp>

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## Teens Redefine Media on their Own Terms

Melissa Paredes, a 16-year-old in Lompoc, Calif., maintains a Web site

where she posts her own poetry and pictures and shares music. So when she was mourning her stepfather, David Grabowski, earlier this year, she reflex-

ively channeled her grief into a multimedia tribute.

Using images she collected and scanned from photo albums, she created an online slide show, taking visitors on a virtual tour of Grabowski's life--as a toddler, as a young man, at work. A collage of the photographs, titled "David Bruce Grabowski, 1966-2005," closes the memorial.

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### Uses for AOL Discs:

Melt the plastic of the disks into a giant sculpture.

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"It helped me a lot," Melissa said in an instant message, the standard method of communication among millions of American teenagers who, according to a study released Wednesday by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, are fast becoming some of the most nimble and prolific creators of digital content online.

For all of its poignant catharsis, Melissa's digital eulogy is also a story of the modern teenager.

Using the cheap digital tools that now help chronicle the comings and goings of everyday life--cell phone cameras, iPods,

laptops and user-friendly Web editing software--teenagers like Melissa are pushing content onto the Internet as naturally as they view it.

"At the market level, this means old business models are in upheaval," said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew project. "At the legal level, this means the definition of property is up for grabs. And at the social level, it means that millions of those inspired to create have a big new platform with which they shape our culture."

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"Ever have one of those days when one millionth of a nanosecond feels like an eternity?"



"Is there a file compression program that will help me squeeze 12 hours of work into an 8 hour schedule?"



### Uses for AOL Discs:

Bench press weights (I can press 120).



## Internet Fathers get Presidential Medal

By [Marquerite Reardon](#) - Staff Writer, CNET

**Robert Kahn and Vint Cerf, who developed the TCP/IP protocols used to transmit traffic across the Internet, next week will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civil award.**

President George Bush announced the recipients on Thursday. The Net's founders are two of several recipients of the award, including such prominent figures as Muhammad Ali, the three-time heavyweight-boxing champion and gold medalist at the 1960 Olympic Games; Carol Burnett, actress and comedian; and Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve for the past 18 years.



Vint Cerf

The two men were hon-

ored earlier this year with the 2004 A.M. Turing Award, widely considered to be the computing field's equivalent of the Nobel Prize.

Cerf and Kahn developed the TCP or transmission control protocol in 1973 for the US military while working for the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency or [DARPA](#).



Robert Kahn

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