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?? Uninstall

Question: Have you ever tried to uninstall a programs on your computer, and keep getting an error message that says your computer cannot open the install log. How do you go about completing the uninstall?

Answer: I recently loaded a program that I reviewed and wouldn't uninstall even though it was in the Add / Remove Programs list. And then, other programs never show up in the list.

Here are a handful of steps to get rid of the annoyances and their remaining parts (get ready for some

steps!):

WARNING : The following procedure involves editing your registry. Always make a back up copy before you start.... and if you are not comfortable with editing the registry, perhaps you shouldn't!

1. Start by finding the program path and file name.
2. Right-click on the program's shortcut and select Properties. Make note of the Target field, which has the complete path. (We'll use C:\program files\annoyance\annoyance.exe for our example.)
3. Next, to disable the program's ability to

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load automatically, select Start | Run, type "msconfig," and press Enter. (If you have Win95/2K, download Startup Control Panel [<http://www.mlin.net/StartupCPL.shtml>] to obtain this capability).

4. Go to the Startup tab and deselect anything having to do with the annoyance and its program path, and click OK.

5. Break the file associations by going into Windows Explorer, selecting View | Folder Options (or Tools | Folder Options if you're in Win98/XP) and select the File Types tab. Look for file types associated with your annoyance program.

6. After finding an association, either Change its association to another program or Delete it.

7. And now, the final (and toughest) steps - cleaning the Registry. Select Start | Run, type "regedit," and press Enter.

8. On the left side of the editor, look for HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\APPLICATION S, click the + next to this key, right-click the subkey matching the annoyance's file name, select

Delete, then Yes.

9. Now, go to HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE and look for a subkey matching the vendor name or anything related to your annoyance program. Click the + by the vendor name to view the subkeys. (If there are subkeys for other programs you're not deleting, then delete only the subkey for the annoyance.) If there are no other programs you're keeping, then delete the vendor key.

10. Repeat these steps for HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE key. Select My Computer at the top of Registry Editor's left pane, press <CTRL>-F, and enter "c:\program files\annoyance" into the search box.

11. Check all the options under Look At, click on Next or Find Next. If there's a match, delete the key, and press F3 to continue searching until you have found all matches.

12. Close Registry Editor, delete the program's folder and shortcuts, and give yourself a pat on the back.

Submitted by: G. Bulger



It's ok to kiss a fool. It's ok to let a fool kiss you.

But don't let a kiss fool you.

Purchasing a digital camera – a personal experience.

For a number of years I had decided that digital cameras were probably going to be a fad!! I felt the same way about the automobile in my youth too!! Did I hear someone say, “Luddite”?? But then a good friend bought one and I speedily discovered these “new fangled things” actually work. From this point, it was a natural move to see about acquiring one.

So last year, I started to look at the offerings on the market – and there were a lot of them. How to decide what was good to have and what was not?? Then there was the budget to be considered. Whenever I go into large expenditures, that is over about \$5, great care has to be exercised!! So I started to ask questions, read articles and go on to the Web for information.

Club members were very helpful with their comments. Local retailers, especially London Drug’s staff, were sympathetic when asked many rather elementary questions. I could practically see, “my dear deluded lunatic”, in their expressions!! The computer magazines on the shelves had many articles on digital cameras to help decision-making. And I found an excellent website (www.dpreview.com) with really good coverage and an amazing range of cameras. Not only were there professional

reviews, but purchaser’s comments about their own experiences of the various models.

A couple of numbers started to make sense. The number of pixels – how many were needed and how many could I afford!! A practical minimum seemed to be about 3 million. The “times optical” was more important than the “times digital” and as many “times” as I could afford was the standard. Ease of handling was another thing to look out for when buying. And the only way to see if that was good was to actually hold the camera and get the feel of it. I found that the really small cameras were not too easy to hold and to use.

After all this wandering around asking questions, I bought an Olympus 3020, with 3.4 mega pixels, 3 times optical zoom, powered by 4 AA Metal Hydrate batteries. At the same time I purchased a second set of batteries and a charger – a neat feature about this type of battery is its ability to charge up when only partially used. So far I have been very happy with the purchase and Club members have seen a few of the results on the PAPER MODEM picture page. Another benefit about this purchase is that Pam really enjoys the camera too – her previous complaint had been our cameras were too full of gadgets!! I do tend to like my toys!!

Submitted by Alan Forrest.



Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.

Microsoft Rings in Pocket PC Phone Edition

Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition Software Brings Integrated Wireless and Telephony Functionality to Technology-Leading PDAs

Microsoft Corp. unveiled the latest addition to the Pocket PC 2002 family -- Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition at the 3GSM World Congress 2002 in Cannes, France.

Ben Waldman, vice president of the Mobile Devices Division at Microsoft, demonstrated a new Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition software-based device from Hewlett-Packard Co., the HP Jornada 928 Wireless Digital Assistant (WDA), during a press conference at the show. Microsoft® Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition software is a revolutionary platform that combines the best of the PDA with integrated wireless voice and data capabilities. With devices using Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition software, customers can choose voice and text communication for wireless access to personal and corporate data. Either way, they're always in sync with their most essential information.

"With Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition, we've worked hard to make integration of the phone and Pocket PC applications seamless for customers," Waldman said. "As a result, we think these will be the most productive devices for mobile profes-

sionals ever delivered."

The enhanced features of Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition, which build on the Pocket PC 2002 software platform, focus on three main areas:

- **Pocket PC and phone integration.** Pocket PC Phone Edition software has been designed for seamless integration between the PDA and phone functionality. Examples include one-touch dialing from contacts, the ability to view and edit PIM data from the phone application, and subscriber identity module (SIM) migration services.
- **Great phone functionality.** Pocket PC Phone Edition software delivers the capabilities people expect from a great mobile phone -- including an intuitive dialer, call log, call notification, caller ID, speed dial, conference calling and a speaker phone, while also providing a new level of functionality including SMS/Inbox integration and personalized ring tones with any WAV file.
- **"Smart" connectivity.** Pocket PC Phone Edition software offers more options for connectivity, including support for multiple wide area networks (WANs) and Wi-Fi, and gives users the means to intelligently manage these multiple connections. Used with Server ActiveSync® technology and remote desktop synchronization,

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Computers come in two styles: prototype and obsolete!

Gas Prices around the World -

The above table, based on local prices converted to Canadian Dollars, was extracted from Canadian Business magazine of March this year.

What are we complaining about?? How about having to pay this sort of price for our gas?? And we think our costs are high.

By the way, don't show this to the government, they may get ideas!!!

Submitted by Alan Forrest.

Country	/Liter
United States	\$ 0.508
Canada	\$ 0.608
Australia	\$ 0.640
South Africa	\$ 0.881
Mexico	\$ 0.929
Greece	\$ 0.949
Czech Republic	\$ 1.086
India	\$ 1.101
Hungary	\$ 1.121
Poland	\$ 1.165
Switzerland	\$ 1.201
Turkey	\$ 1.231
Portugal	\$ 1.256
Sweden	\$ 1.279
Germany	\$ 1.305
Japan	\$ 1.311
France	\$ 1.342
Denmark	\$ 1.417
Korea	\$ 1.493

Pocket PC Phone Edition software provides the ability to securely connect to and synchronize personal and corporate information over the air.

"Pocket PC 2002, launched in fall 2001, set a new standard for functionality-rich handheld platforms," said Alex Slawsby, an analyst with International Data Corp. (IDC). "Phone Edition brings wireless voice and data capability to the Pocket PC 2002 family in preparation for a wireless future." Microsoft is working with a number of industry partners, including HP and mm02, to bring devices using Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition software to market. HP announced its intent to bring a Pocket PC

Phone Edition software-powered device to customers in Europe and Asia. The HP Jornada 928 Wireless Digital Assistant is HP's first full-color, high-speed GSM/GPRS-integrated Pocket PC. Intelligently designed inside and out, the ultra-slim HP Jornada 928 WDA uses Texas Instruments' new OMAP710 integrated GSM/GPRS modem and application processor, and offers the seamlessly integrated capabilities of a GSM/GPRS-enabled phone and a Pocket PC.

"HP is proud to be a leader in the wireless PDA arena," said Kok-Khoon Lim, general manager of the Jornada organization at HP. "Using Microsoft's Pocket PC 2002 Phone Edition software, we have created a WDA that is ideal for the on-the-go

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professional who needs to access data through e-mail or the Web and to place and receive

phone calls -- all in one sleek device."

Also to be announced this week is Mobile Information Server (MIS) 2002 Enterprise

Edition. MIS 2002 extends Microsoft's commitment to mobility by adding Server ActiveSync functionality that enables over-the-air synchronization of e-mail, calendar and contacts to Pocket PC 2002 devices.

Submitted by Y. Bulger taken from the February

What if Netscape had won?

By Charles Cooper

CNET News. COM

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COMMENTARY--It's anniversary season in Silicon Valley. When March 10 rolled around, the San Francisco Bay Area's media dutifully marked the three-year anniversary of the peak of the Internet frenzy with the usual menu of "then and now" stories. Truth be told, it was a date few people in this region--let alone the wider computer industry--cared to fix in their calendars.

Almost 5,000 Internet companies have either been acquired or gone bust since 1999, and the computer industry, which boomed during the go-go era, is still dealing with the fallout from the dot-com collapse. But another big anniversary is around the bend: Next month will mark 10 years since the invention of the Mosaic Web browser, a seminal develop-

ment that led to the subsequent creation of Netscape.

Netscape these days survives as a desolate outpost in the vast AOL Time Warner empire, something akin to banishment to Irkutsk. Note to AOL's people in PR: Don't bother calling to explain why I'm wrong and how this forgotten software unit still plays a critical part in the overall company's future. It ain't happening. In fact, the only reason more critics aren't seizing on the utter embarrassment that is today Netscape is because they're having too much fun picking on senior management for their laundry list of blunders.

You don't need to be a "Netscapee" to bemoan the demise of what once was the hottest company in the tech kingdom. I'm not going to waste time revisiting the much-chronicled sequence of events that led to its besting by Microsoft and subsequent acquisition by America Online. But what might have been had Netscape

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DANGER! Computer store ahead, hide wallet!

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won--or at a minimum, not lost--the browser war against Microsoft? Indulge me for a moment.

Windows RIP

Microsoft needed to take out Netscape because nothing less than the future of

the Windows desktop monopoly was at stake.

If Netscape had successfully transformed the Internet browser into a popular middle-ware platform, the need for a proprietary computing operating system would have become increasingly irrelevant, and Bill Gates might have wound up turning into the next Chris Hasset. Remember him? My point exactly.

Finally, a truly cool browser

There's nothing particularly bad about the current state of browser technology--that is if you are frozen in a time warp, circa 1999. But for the rest of the Internet-surfing inhabitants of planet Earth, Internet browser design stopped being interesting years ago. That's simply because Microsoft no longer faces any challenge that forces it to innovate. If Microsoft were still trailing behind Netscape, Internet Explorer would be a far better product. That's what competition's all about. If the forward and back arrows constitute the last stage in

Internet browser interface design, then we're an awfully sorry lot.

A new set of tech gurus

Silicon Valley's cult of personality would embrace Jim Clark, Jim Barksdale and Marc Andreessen. At the very least, they'd still be relevant to the technology conversation. They had their 15 minutes of fame, but we're now back to hanging on Bill Gates' every last word--just as we were when I first began covering the tech beat in 1985. So much for regime change.

The end of the PC

Applications that would have sat on top of the browser would have been smaller and not dependent on Wintel designs. Would it have signaled the end of the PC as we know it? Perhaps not but a Netscape-centric would have cleared the way for a multiplicity of new devices and applications, such as browsing from your home phone. At the very least, the open-source movement would have found solid footing sooner than it eventually did.

I know more than a few of you are ready to give me an argument. But while we can debate the ifs, buts and what-might-have-been until the cows come home, the computing world is not better off as a result of Netscape's diminution to the point of irrelevance.

Submitted by: Greg Wilson



"Remember: the average is as close to the bottom as it is to the top."



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"Nurse, get on the internet, go to SURGERY.COM, scroll down and click on the 'Are you totally lost?' icon."



If Bill Gates had a penny for every time Windows crashed....Oh wait, he does.



Walking the Trapeze With "The Net"

Sites of Interest for this Month:

This site has mega amounts of interesting things, from Internet tips to Graphics and discussion forums on just about anything.

<http://www.internet-tips.net/>

Oh Canada—clipart

<http://canflag.ptbcanadian.com/>

"Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I learn"

The purpose here is to involve you!

....this being the motto of this site.... This online Tech offers loads of information and is set out in a way, which makes it easy to find information on Windows 95, 98 & 2000

<http://www.dewassoc.com/support/index.html>

Submitted by: Y. Bulger



Silence is foolish if we are wise, but it is wise if we are foolish

Forget your password... Take the ID Mouse!

The ID Mouse is the first fingerprint scanner that can do everything a mouse must be able to do, and vice versa: a safety key for your computer with full mouse function. The ID Mouse prevents unauthorized access to your computer. Only your fingerprint is the "Open, Sesame!" and identifies you as the "correct" user. This prevents any unauthorized use of your computer and, at the same time, any unauthorized access to corporate or personal information. Access to your computer is safe, simple and handy, and puts an end to the annoyance of remembering PIN codes and writing down passwords. Besides, the ID Mouse is a comfortable, ergonomic mouse with a scroll wheel, designed for right and left-handed people. Siemens' ID Mouse is a PC integrated peripheral device. The ID Mouse combines the functionality of a comfortable, ergonomic mouse with scroll wheel and identity verification by fingerprint with Siemens' new FingerTIP™ Sensor. Reliable identification in the system by simply touching the fingerprint sensor. Computer passwords, used to prevent misuse, can be replaced with Siemens' ID Mouse to modernize without any additional equipment. The ID Mouse prevents unauthorized access to your computer: By your biometric characteristics (minutiae), your fingerprint identifies you as the only authorized user. The ID Mouse is the first

product with the FingerTIP™ Sensor that combines mouse functionality with fingerprint imaging on a capacitive, not an optical, basis.

How does the ID Mouse work?

Siemens' ID Mouse scans one or several of your ten fingers into the system. It is also possible to enter the fingerprints of one or several other authorized persons. This prevents unauthorized access to corporate and personal data by third parties: because the ID Mouse is programmed to your fingerprint and cannot be deceived, e.g. by a copy of your fingerprint. The ID Mouse is connected to your computer via the USB interface, leaving all your computer's available interfaces free for other applications. The ID Mouse forms a compound device according to USB specifications that combines two logical devices in one hardware. The ID Mouse is controlled by means of a high-speed controller that handles communication via the USB, on the one hand, and processes the signals from the pointer device "mouse", on the other hand, and carries out communications with the FingerTIP™ Sensor. The ID Mouse fulfils the requirements of a scroll mouse according to USB HID (Human Interface Device) specifications. The FingerTIP™ Sensor measures the capacities between sensor surface and finger. The result is transformed into a digital image. The characteristics of the fingerprint (e.g.

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Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

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branching, etc.) are determined by means of algorithms and stored with access protection. When a finger is scanned, these reference data are compared with the original finger. Archive storage of the fingerprints is access-protected. No finger-

print data are stored in plaintext.

For whom is the mouse suitable?

The ID Mouse is recommended for anyone who values security.

Submitted by: Y. Bulger – article taken from <http://www.my-siemens.com>

NEWS

On Wednesday, March 12th, 2003 we had an excellent presentation from **John Chow** on WINDOWS XP PROFESSIONAL Operating System. At present he is associated with sales/systems for Discovery Computers, while taking Computer Studies at Malaspina Community College. He was obviously well versed with the topic. Starting with a little intimidation (!!) namely a book on the topic, which must have been three inches thick at least. Thankfully, he had marked a few salient points for his presentation; otherwise we'd have still been there!! He handled himself very well and did not hesitate to redirect the questions back to the main topic.

There were lots of questions, and in the interval, he was nearly buried in the group of members seeking his advice on different aspects of the O/S he was discussing. There was a great deal to cover, and he said that he had only reviewed a few of the many features in this most recent Win-

dows Operating system. We expressed the wish to have a return engagement, and he did not argue too hard!!

Again John, our sincere thanks for an excellent review of a complex subject.

It was another great presentation on Tuesday March 18th 2003. The Website of the **City of Nanaimo** was the topic and Per Kristensen, Chief Technical Officer for the City the presenter. He brought along all his own equipment, and perhaps wisely, kept a close eye on it throughout the meeting!! There was a connection to the City's Website available for the duration of the evening and we were able to see all the many screen images very quickly as the connection was through Shaw Cable.

This was a project that started quite a few years ago and our own Gary Korpan was an initiator with Per. The development was rapid and we were shown screens

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It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education.-Albert Einstein

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with a plethora of information on our City. I loved the scenes of the City on the opening screen, which changed between daylight and night under program control – now that was tricky!! Another 140 images were used to decorate the different screens. It was difficult to see any aspect of our City, which was not covered in the many links presented. Questions flowed and Per was kept hopping to give replies.

The Internet version, which we were shown, was supported in greater depth by the Intranet system for the use of City

staff. This second level contained information of a more confidential nature; the liaison with other cities, regional districts and Provincial Government sources was reviewed. Some of the detailed work was subcontracted to Island Internet here in town – good to see local industry supported.

Altogether a great success – and our thanks to Ben Poudrier for organizing these two great demos!!

Submitted by: Allan Forrest



What's happening in March 2003

The presenter for the April 15th meeting (second monthly) will be Ev Salo from Island Technology Group . She will be working with MICROSOFT WORD. She is an accomplished teacher and is going to give insight into some of the less known features in the program.

Neil Jacobson Computer Consultant and Jeff Saunders of Staples— Brooks Landing will be doing the April 9th. presentation. The presentation will be on the “All in One” multifunction machines.



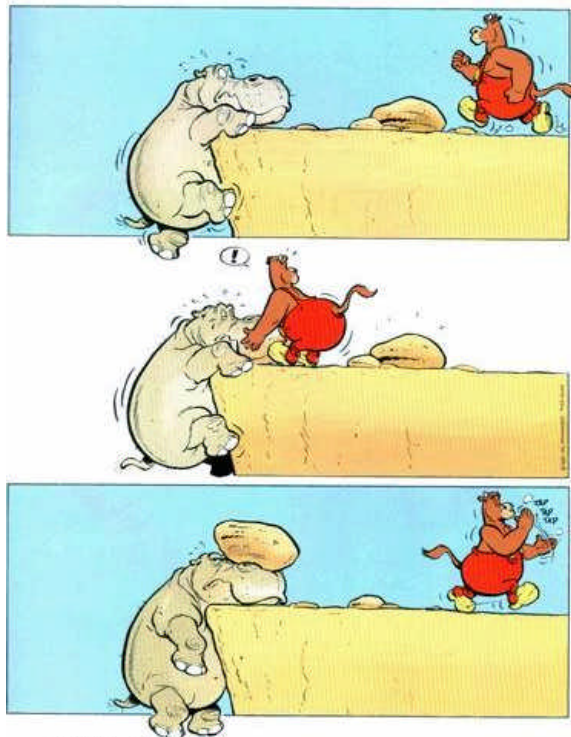
You know you're old when your candles start costing more then your birthday cake!



LAPTOP FOR SALE

e-Machine, e-Slate Laptop with Travel Case for sale: \$1500.00 or best offer, hardly used at all.

AMD-K6 3D Processor, 64 MB RAM, 56K modem, 450MHZ, 4 GIG Hard drive, Mouse, Windows 98, Publisher 98, Norton Anti-Virus, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Works, Microsoft Money, Adobe Acrobat, Family Tree Maker 10.



MORAL of the Picture:

**FRIENDS may not be able to PULL you up.....
BUT
THEY will still think of ways not to let you FALL.....**