



July 1, 1999 Meeting Announcement

Corel and Syntran

Our July, 1999 DVPC meeting will feature **Corel** with WordPerfect 9.0, Corel Draw 9.0, and WordPerfect Office 2000. You can read about this latest version of the #2 office suite from Corel in last month's issue of *Diablo Blue*. At the meeting we'll see some of the new features in both WordPerfect and Corel Draw, like web integration and support for voice dictation. We'll also feature **Syntran** and see a demonstration of *FaxPrint* and *CamPrint*. *FaxPrint* bypasses your computer, directing incoming faxes straight to your printer so they can be printed immediately. With *CamPrint* you simply connect your digital camera and your printer to the *CamPrint* unit and you can print all or individual photos, multiple photos of the same image, or select different sizes to print – all without having to turn on your PC. We may also see *CFR 200*, a Compact Flash Card Reader/Writer which is 100 times faster than using a serial port connection for getting photos into your PC.

DVPC meetings are held in the lobby conference room in Building B at the Bank of America Technology Center office complex in Concord, located near the northeast corner of Clayton Road at Galindo (see the Map to Monthly Meetings on page 15). Please use the main entrance of the building, which is in the center of the front of the building that faces Clayton road.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the main meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:00 we'll have the *New User's SIG* meeting; you can visit the Networking Table if you have something to sell or trade, need technical help, or just want to exchange views; and, as usual, we'll have library disks and those great DVPC mugs (version 2) for sale. The main meeting will include SIG news, random access, our presenters, and some of our usual great door prizes. See you at this month's meeting!

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President's Corner

By [Alan Mildwurm](#), DVPC

Snow in July? I hope not. Actually I have had several conversations with Corel and I think they WILL be at our July meeting. Of course, while I don't expect snow, I can't predict the likelihood of: floods, earthquakes, pestilence, comet/asteroid/Mir space station impact, volcanic eruption, plague, airport delays or Klingon attack. Assuming the earth remains in a stable orbit, we should be on.

Also presenting is Syntran with their two cool devices: FaxPrint2 and CamPrint. These devices are reasonably priced and fit a useful niche.

Last month Ron and I (and a few other notables, hangers-on, and assorted personages) attended the roll out of Microsoft Office 2000 at the new Metreon in San Francisco.

The Metreon was not even officially open. Workmen were scrambling around installing doors, pouring cement, and attending to other finishing touches to this new entertainment complex at Fourth and Mission. The Metreon is very cool. It boasts 16 theatres including an Imax, all

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sorts of high end “techie” stores (like *microsoftSF*), virtual video games, animal stuff, restaurants and more. It will be a great place, if you can get there. They expect 12,000 people a day and created 127 parking places, I am told. Of course, parking is *never* a problem in SF. By my calculation, if each car takes 94.48 people it should work fine. (Be sure to seatbelt that .48 of a person.) Luckily, BART is nearby. Steve Balmer was present to do a show on 2000 and it contains some very nice enhancements. We will get our own super presentation of Office 2000 in the next few months.

Bring your galoshes; put on your snow tires; find your earmuffs; we'll see you and Corel on July 1st!

More Blasts From the Past by Ron Ogg, DVPC

That stack of old issues of *Diablo Blue* that Alan Mildwurm handed me continues to provide material that reminds us that, when someone tells you about “the good old days of computers,” you should remind them that today is *much* better! And, so you know exactly what I mean, a reprint of one of those old articles follows for your interest and amusement. Look for more in future issues of *Diablo Blue*.

Our Archives: The Software Library by Sandi Baker, DVPC

From the July, 1986 Issue of Diablo Blue

The library has still not recovered the missing red edged folder that disappeared at the last general meeting Also missing was a large white Tyvec envelope (approximately 12x14) which contained the documentation for MultiMate. It is possible that I had put the library folder in that envelope. Please, if anyone accidentally picked it up, return it.

In the meantime, I am attempting to restructure the work which was already done in the library and on the bulletin board files. It is a much slower process than it would otherwise have been. I don't know what has and has not been done. I have uploaded most of the non—arced library disks onto the bulletin board now, but have not written the board readme files, so that can't be accessed by callers yet. I might add, however, that the files on the bulletin board will be more up to date than the ones on the library disks in most cases. I usually wait until I am sure that an update is really significant before updating all the library and old inventory and catalogs. It's much less time consuming to simply copy or upload a new program version onto the board. Consequently, you will often find newer versions of things on the board. When a disk has a significant change or improvement, the library will update it on all the disks.

There are two types of library files on the bulleting board. Programs that are shareware and usually alone on a library disk are in archive form. This uses the extension .arc. The filenames are either DVPC#xx.ARC or the name of the program with the ARC extension. These need to be downloaded using xmodem and then unarced using ARC version 5.12 or above. They are usually fairly large files (256K or so) and will take quite a while to download. The other type of files on the bulletin board from our library are just regular filenames for smaller programs that can be used as individual files. We have tried to arc most things that require several files together so you won't be able to download half of a program's necessary files and not be able to use it. Most of the games are in individual files. Also, most of the utilities are in individual filenames. These too will have to be downloaded using xmodem because very few are ASCII files.

NEW RELEASES – JULY 1986

This month's new releases are the following:

#98 STOCK CHARTING Version 2.1 – This program was written by Charles Pack from my Sunnyvale Computer Workshop. It's in basic, but runs very quickly and does not seem to have any bugs. It plots different stock data over time

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for several stocks and allows the user to do moving averages on the data. The time and type of moving average is adjustable. This is not a demo. It's a full running analysis program for stocks or any other kind of financial data the user would want to analyze with a moving average. Pfro (another library disk) is a demo and is more of a portfolio manager type of program. Stock Charting is the only disk in our library which does actual technical analysis on the data. The only drawback to the program is that the data must be entered manually.

#99 PIBTERM Version 3.2.5 – This is a versatile telecommunications shareware program. It has many features. One of the best things about it is that it supports several types of protocols including xmodem, xmodemCRC, ymodem (allows transfer in packet sizes of 1024 bytes), kermit, telink (the protocol Fido uses for its netmail), and modem7 (similar to telink). It also supports several terminals such as the VT52, VT100, and others. It has an extremely large doc file and in fact is so large that I had to leave it in archive form on the library disk in order to get it all on there. Again, you can unarc it using ARC51. This can be found on the bulletin board or on disk *51 which also contains EXECPTALK. The library now contains several of the best telecommunication programs in the public domain. We have EXECPTALK on #51, QMODEM200E on #34, PROCOMM Version 1.10 on #30, and now PIBTERM Version 3.2.5 on #99. These shareware telecommunications programs are all really good. Which one you will prefer will depend on your own personal taste. EXECPTALK and QMODEM are quite similar, both being based on the original PCTALK. Both, however, have really improved the original program and each has different enhancements. EXECPTALK will support autodownload if you use it with a bulletin board that also supports that. It will support 2400 baud, and do ANSI color graphics and music. QMODEM does color and has really neat windows that let you move all around easily with several open on the screen at once. PIBTERM and PROCOMM are slightly different than PCTALK, but if you have used PCTALK, you should have no trouble using any of these.

#1 SYMPHONY TEMPLATES/2 – This is another disk full of Symphony worksheet templates reviewed by Ralph Fisher.

UPDATES ON EXISTING DISKS

#13 PCWRITE Version 2.6 – This latest version was donated to the library by Ann Meyer from her BBS. It has many enhancements and totally updates the old version we had before. Sorry, it took so long to get one of these. Normally, the authors continue to send User Groups the program updates, but somehow, they never get to me.

#34 PCOUTLINE Version 1.06--This wonderful program has just been updated. The update fixed the bug that was in redefining the macros in Version 1.02, which we had before. I have heard a rumor that there is even still another newer version (1.08). I am trying to ignore that one for a little while. This is really a great program and obviously has an author who is determined to keep on improving it, but he may be producing a new version every month!!!! Needless to say, if that's the case, this library will only update when the significant changes occur. This is still the all time greatest shareware program around and is every bit as professional as any commercial program you can buy. It's a mini database, search program, does windows, memory resident word processor, and thought processor all combined. In addition, he even throws in some utilities to make life easier.

LENDING LIBRARY

Our lending library is still going strong. I would like to request that those who check out the lending library programs bring them back when they agree to. We have had several people check out a program and not return it the next month, which is unfair to those others who have signed up to get it that next time. If some people continue to abuse the privilege of checking these out, it will be duly remembered and they will ultimately lose that privilege. In addition, would those who have agreed to do reviews, please do them and turn them in to me. The developers who have contributed those programs have done so because they want to hear your feedback, They won't keep on giving if we give nothing in return.

Please sign up and check the programs in the lending library out. Talk to Don Reid at the meeting or call him in advance to get your name on the sign up sheet.

SIG NEWS

Compiled by [Nick Chase](#), SIG Coordinator, DVPC, 680-4211

See the DVPC Calendar on [page 16](#) for the date and time of each SIG meeting.

Access/Visual Basic SIG [Ron Ogg](#) (283-7900 Ext. 201) and [Ted Armstrong](#) (939-4096) SIG Co-Leaders

The Access/Visual Basic SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Gateway Group's offices, 3687 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 350, in Lafayette. We're continuing to enhance the DVPC membership roster program to add a feature that will let us automatically generate the monthly meeting announcement email messages. Even though this is an Access program, we'll be working in Visual Basic (VBA). If you are interested in Access or Visual Basic, be sure to join other programmers at this month's Access/VB SIG meeting.

Check out the Access/VB SIG on the web for information about each month's meeting at www.dvpc.org/sig_vbaccess – or navigate there from the DVPC home page (www.dvpc.org), select SIGs from the menu bar at the left, then click on the Access/VB SIG icon. See the web page or the Clarion SIG announcement below for directions to the meeting.

Advanced Users SIG [Jeff Noyer and Sharon Clark](#), SIG Co-Leaders – 937-5282

The Advanced Users SIG meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 336 El Divisadero Avenue in Walnut Creek. Directions: From downtown Walnut Creek, take Ygnacio Valley Road toward John Muir Hospital. Continue past Walnut *Boulevard* and John Muir Hospital. At the intersection of Ygnacio Valley Road and Walnut *Avenue*, turn right onto Walnut *Avenue*. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Blackstone Drive, then make the first right onto El Divisadero Avenue. Follow the road as it curves to the left. 336 El Divisadero Avenue will be on your right, immediately after the curve. It is a one-story, gray/brown house with white trim. The Advanced Users SIG is for anyone interested in discussing advanced topics such as hardware and software issues, cutting-edge technologies, networking, Windows NT Server and Workstation, troubleshooting, etc. Please join us to participate in this very informative and educational forum. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Clarion SIG [Ron Ogg](#), SIG Leader – 283-7900 Ext. 201

The Clarion SIG meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Gateway Group's offices, 3687 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 350, in Lafayette. Check out the Clarion SIG on the web for information about each month's meeting at www.dvpc.org/sig_clar. TopSpeed's Clarion 5 is a powerful object-oriented database development tool that competes with products like Visual Basic and Delphi and even products like PowerBuilder. If you are an advanced Clarion developer you are invited to join the SIG. This is a SIG for advanced users, so beginners will want to get some hands-on experience before joining. We're continuing with coverage of the Clarion 5 *Programmer's Guide*, so see the [Clarion SIG web site](#) to find out what chapter to read. Be sure to come early for a good seat; the meetings are very well-attended.

Directions: take Highway 24 west to the Central Lafayette exit, and keep to your left to the stop sign at Deer Hill Road at the end of the exit ramp. Turn left onto Deer Hill Road, and continue to where it dead ends at Happy Valley Road. Turn left onto Happy Valley Road. Turn right at the traffic signal at Mt. Diablo Blvd. Take Mt. Diablo Blvd. through the next traffic signal and turn left into the driveway at 3685/3687. Immediately turn right into the parking lot in front of 3687. Take the elevator to the third floor to the door on the right just before the end of the hallway. See the Clarion SIG's Web page for a map. If you get lost, call Ron Ogg at 283-7900 Ext. 215.

Education and Entertainment SIG [Alan Mildwurm](#), SIG Leader – 510-770-5770

The Education & Entertainment SIG usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Montevideo School in San Ramon at 7:30 p.m. **However, Montevideo School and the E&E SIG are closed for summer vacation.** The E&E SIG is oriented to exploring the best in education and entertainment software for the PC. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings, and bring your kids along – they'll have a great time, too! Directions: Take 680 to Bollinger Canyon Road, go west to San Ramon Valley Blvd., go south to Montevideo Rd. and turn left. Proceed east on Montevideo about 3 blocks to Broadmoor and turn left. The school is 1 block on the right. We meet in Room 22.

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Internet SIG [Craig Peterson](#), SIG Leader – 671-7025

The Internet SIG meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Computer Renaissance, 959 Contra Costa Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. We cover everything about the Internet, from browsing and email to creating your own web site and the tools for doing so. For more information, please call Craig Peterson at 671-7025 or him an email message at compmail@pacbell.net.

Microsoft Project SIG [Elias Asmar](#), SIG Leader – 299-8500

The Microsoft Project SIG meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at InterPro ADF's office at 3569 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210. Park in the lot behind Radio Shack. The entrance to suite 210 is at the back of the building. Enter through the door marked "210" at the parking lot end of the walkway from the street and take the stairs to the second floor. Everyone who is interested in Microsoft Project and project management is invited to attend. If you plan on attending, please call Elias Asmar at 925-299-8500, Fax 925-299-8511, or send an email message to him at: elie.asmar@iadf.com.

New Users SIG [Bill Earl](#), SIG Leader – 939-5874

The New Users SIG holds its meetings at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular *DVPC* monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Bank of America building B. We discuss whatever is confusing or puzzling new PC users. If you are a new user of PCs who would like to meet with other new users – and some experienced users who can answer your questions as well – then join us at the New Users SIG meetings at 6:30 p.m. prior to each *DVPC* monthly meeting.

Photo SIG [Chuck Graham](#), SIG Leader – 680-1333

The Photo SIG meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on July 13th at 7:00 p.m. We'll be back to our regular meeting location at Graham Family Photo, 5100-35 Clayton Road, Concord, in in the Vineyard Center, next to Kmart, at the corner of Ayers and Clayton.

If you're interested in digital photography, scanning photographs, and more, check back for all the details about this interesting new SIG. You can also contact Chuck Graham, the Photo SIG leader, via email at graham@value.net for more information.

Real Estate SIG [Bill Thompson](#), SIG Leader – 693-0174

The Real Estate SIG meets on the third Monday of each month. Because we're still tying down the meeting location, you will have to check with Bill Thompson for the exact time, location, and directions. We have limited seating so you **must RSVP for the meetings**. Please contact SIG Leader Bill Thompson at 925-998-8530 or email him at thompson@DLSNetwork.com.

Windows SIG [Ron Ogg](#) (283-7900 Ext. 201) and [Walt Parsons](#) (934-0775), SIG Co-Leaders

The Windows SIG meets at the Community Room at the Concord Police Department Building on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Everyone who uses, is interested in, or is curious about Windows on their PC, is invited to attend. See you all at the next Windows SIG meeting.

Here are directions: The Concord Police Department is at 1350 Galindo Street in Concord. From the 242 Freeway take Clayton Road east to Galindo and turn right; the Police Department building is 3 blocks south on your left. From Highway 24 take Monument Blvd. east and continue on Monument Blvd. to where it changes to Galindo; the Police Department building will be on your right a short distance past the signal at Cowell Road.

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New SIG?

Are you interested in starting a new SIG? It's easier than you probably think! To get started, just see our new SIG Coordinator Nick Chase at the monthly meeting, or send him at email asking about starting your new SIG at nachase@yahoo.com.

There are lots of areas where you may find DVPC members with interests that are similar to yours. How about a database SIG? Or a genealogy SIG? You'll never know until you give it a try. Ask Chuck Graham who started the popular Photo SIG, or Bill Thompson who started what's probably the first Real Estate SIG in the country. It's up to you!

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*"I am a real computer person and as such recognize the ultimate reality of the **'Paperless Society'**. In keeping with this spirit and in an effort to help DVPC reduce overhead costs, I say "Nay" to a written newsletter. Give it to me electronically, I want to get my copy of DVPC's Diablo Blue off the Web. (I can always print it out on blue paper and don't even have to admit that I did!)"* Turn in this form at the monthly meeting – or email to nopaper@dvpc.org

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DVPC Board Meeting Minutes by Tom Krauss, DVPC

Meeting Date: 6/8/99 **Time :** 7:00 p.m. **Location:** Alan Mildwurm's house

Bank Account: \$900 (Approximately)

Upcoming Speakers :

July: [Corel](#) WordPerfect 9 and WordPerfect Office 2000, and [Syntran](#) Photo and Fax Printing Software

August: [Lernout and Hauspie](#) Speech Recognition Software

September: [Enfish](#) Personal Document Management Software

News Flash: Corel has called Alan twice to confirm for the July meeting! Looks like they're serious.

Old Business:

Projector: Despite the presence of Charlie, we did not talk about this for the second month in a row.

New Business:

Publicity: Mark showed us drafts of a several brochures and notices, which despite their high quality we promptly critiqued. We amazed even ourselves with the number of reasons we identified for coming to a DVPC meeting. However, I was pleasantly surprised that Charlie did not think to add "To enjoy presentations viewed with our high quality video system".

Among the materials Mark brought were a dozen or so clip art images of PCs. Ron jumped on this. He has been wanting to redesign the masthead of Diablo Blue, and found just the image he needed in Mark's clip art. One of the other Board members (modesty prohibits naming him) then voiced the excellent idea that Ron paste a version of our trademark mountains onto the screen of his PC image. I think this design will be a real winner.

Robert Austin Computer Show: Craig announced that although he could set our display up at the June 12th show, he would have to leave before the show started to catch a plane. He asked if anyone else could man the both for the rest of the day.

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Email Meeting Notification Available by Ron Ogg, DVPC

We're providing an Email Notification service for the DVPC monthly meeting, and for SIGs as well, for all current, paid-up members. If you're interested in receiving an email message announcing each monthly meeting, and for the SIGs you attend, fill out this form and mail to the address on page 16 of this copy of *Diablo Blue*. Note that there's no separate notification for the New Users SIG since it's held on the same night as the monthly meeting.

Send me Email notification of each monthly DVPC meeting:

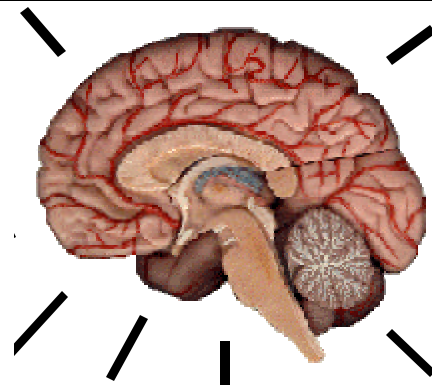
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Also send me Email notification of each of the SIG meetings I've checked below:

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Advanced Users SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarion SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Real Estate SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education and Entertainment SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet SIG	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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Alan said he and Charlie could do it in the morning. Mark said he planned to be there for a workshop on loading Linux on PCs from about 1:00 to 3:00, but could do it the rest of the day. If someone could show him how to set up, Craig wouldn't have to come. Craig said he could set up, but had to leave. Alan said he and Charlie could do it in the morning. Mark replied he could set up if someone would show him how, but could not man the booth for part of the afternoon. Craig said he could come and set it up...Alan said he and Charlie could...Mark said he could...

This went on for about twenty minutes, then we drifted to other topics without resolving this scheduling impasse. At the end of the meeting Alan asked what we were going to do about the show. Craig said he could set up but had to leave. Alan said he and Charlie could do the morning but not the afternoon. Mark said with proper training he could set up and do the morning, but not from 1-3. With the scintillating insight of a trained lawyer, Alan spotted a problem: no one could do the afternoon. After a little more discussion, it was decided to forgo this meeting and make an appearance at the next one.

It's not easy, running a computer club.

New User SIG: Bill Earl raised some issues at the last meeting that were discussed. Bill courageously runs the New User SIG each month before the regular meeting while the rest of the Board is schmoozing with the vendors and trying to get extra free stuff. He has been having problems in that regular members come in and sit among the New Users and talk to each other so that it is hard to see who is in the SIG and to hear their questions and answers. It was decided to reserve a groups of seats specifically for this SIG. If you are a New User, look for a sign and reserved seating at the next meeting.

FaxPrint 2 by [Alan Mildwurm](#), DVPC

I love new hardware toys. This device from [Syntran](#) is really very useful. It is literally a pocket-sized fax RECEIVER that can receive, store and print faxes through a connected printer.

Setup is very easy. There is a set of dipswitches that allow you to define options. The options include (1) when to pick up: 1 to 3 rings or 5 to 8 rings; (2.) Printer size output: reduced size or normal size – this option allows you to receive legal size documents on letter sized paper; and (3) printer selection (HP, Epson, Lexmark, Canon, Oki, Panasonic, Kyosera, Brother). Note that not all printers from these companies are supported, and certainly other printers may work in emulation mode.

Basically, just set the switches, plug in a phone line, the printer, and the power and wait for a fax. You can plug a regular phone or answering machine into the unit as well. If you have an answering machine, change your greeting to include: "If you are sending a fax, press the * (star) key." If you run out of paper, or the printer is off, the FaxPrint 2 can store about 30 pages in its memory. The unit automatically detects between voice and fax signals, however, there is a start button on the unit which can be used for "faxback", or if you answer the phone and realize the call is a fax.

Included with FaxPrint 2 is an autoswitch unit which detects whether the "signal" is from your computer or is from the FaxPrint 2, and then sends the file on to the printer. Of course, your computer does not need to be turned on for this to work.

The FaxPrint 2 unit operates at 14,400 baud, ITU group 3, has 1 Meg of memory, and retails for just under \$100.00.

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Office 2000 Install Bug with Access 97 by Richard Haefele

I installed Office 2000 Premier version on my drive J partition. I asked it to not remove any of the prior Office versions. After it was installed, it flagged something so Access 97 would open only in the run-time version. I uninstalled Office 2000 and reinstalled Office 97 but this did not fix my problem. Actually I tried to install and uninstall Office 97 several times.

I called Microsoft on Thursday 6/10. They told me to completely un-install Office 97 and then reinstall it. They faxed me instructions on how to edit the registry and delete dll's and other files to completely un-install Office 97. I did this, but it did not help. I think it also screwed up some other software, as Visual Studio 6 installs with errors now, and Microsoft SQL 7 will not run. (I hope to reinstall SQL 7 in a few days and hope that this will fix it, at least.)

I then called Microsoft again (now it is Monday 6/14) and told them my story. They say "oh – yes – this is a known problem and we are working on a solution and we'll call you within 72 hours." So between Thursday and Monday they realized they had a problem.

On Tuesday afternoon they did call and left a message. I returned their call Wednesday morning and asked them to email the solution. They did. The problem is caused, Microsoft says, when Office 2000 loads on a PC where both the Retail version of Access and the Access Run-time have been installed. This was the case on my machine. The solution was

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The Internet, Present and Future by Stephen Morgan, APCUG

The estimated number of Internet subscribers recently hit 83 million people, up 20 million in the last 6 months. The introduction of good, inexpensive computers with modems will cause 1998 and '99 to be the years that people will look back on as the start of the "connected" lifestyle.

Looking back over the last 5 years, it is mind-boggling how much has changed. Faster modem speeds, increasingly better Internet browser software, and an explosion of content available for viewing has made the Internet the biggest event of the 90's. What is going on now, and what will happen in the future? And what will be the effect on how Americans communicate and conduct their daily lives? This article tries to cover the present and point out how today's trends could influence life in the year 2005.

Present Trends

Online Communities – The Internet is quickly becoming the favorite meeting place of the world. Students, Parents and business people log on for hours a day, talking to others in chat rooms and also by using the "buddy software" that lets you know when the people you want to communicate with are online and allows you to have conversations with them anytime. Before, you were limited to talking to 1 person at a time on the telephone. Now you can converse with dozens of people at a time.

Online gaming. – There are dozens of online area's to play games against others, the amazing thing is that several of them average over 100,000 users at one time! Whatever kind of game you play, you can now join with others on the Web and play anytime! No worry about getting a partner, there are always thousands of other people to play. No worry about wanting to leave early or late, there is always someone willing to take your place.

Online shopping – It has come down to this, anything you can buy at a store, can now be bought online. Cars, computers, clothes, appliances, books, music, antiques, pharmaceuticals, travel, jewelry... the list is endless. Since the merchants offering the products do not have brick and mortar stores to maintain, often the prices are less expensive than at traditional retail stores. There are even merchants that offer prices that are below their cost just to have you come to their sites and see the advertising.

Online news – Almost every newspaper in the country is also being published on the Web. It is now easy to keep up on news from your hometown, even if it is located 2000 miles away. Not only can you take your pick of any or all of the

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major newspapers, you can arrange to have them downloaded to your computer during the night, so that you can read them that morning.

Online Radio – Listening to the radio on the Internet has become so popular that Microsoft's newest web browser comes with a listing of all radio stations that offer Internet broadcasting. It even comes with a "radio tuner" that you can dial and get different broadcasts just like on your radio at home. At the present time, quality is good with voice radio; a fast modem is needed to hear true stereo music.

What can we look forward to during the next 5 years? Here are some predictions:

The number of users of the Internet will climb to 80% of the USA population, or roughly 240 million individuals.

Pocket-sized computers with wireless Internet access will be available to everyone. This Summer IBM will introduce its new MicroDrive that fits 340 megabytes on a hard drive the size of a townhouse cracker. The next advance will be in 2001 when Optical Drives will store 20 Gigabytes in an area slightly larger than a postage stamp. Speech recognition software will become 99% accurate and will be the primary way to interface with all your computers. Combine all this with cheap access to nationwide digital cellular service and the ingredients for a truly connected society come together.

The Internet will be everywhere, a central part of every day. 95% of the population between 8 and 70 will have personal Internet access. Schools will become wired for the Internet and wonder how they taught without it. Homes will have computer access in several places, allowing the whole family to be connected.

40% of all purchasing will be done on the Internet. During the next 5 years look for a large number of business's to close their doors because of inability to compete with web merchants. A huge benefactor of Internet sales should be anyone that delivers items bought on the Internet.

Call me a dreamer, but I believe that with the Internet available to all, more and more issues will be debated and resolved on the Internet. The near instantaneous nature of Internet communication means that policies can be proposed, debated and voted on within weeks. Imagine what the effect would be if new laws were proposed on the web, emailed to each person, debated on bulletin boards and then each person made a decision and sent it to their elected official! I believe that this will be especially useful for local communities to find out what residents want.

I have always believed that while not all change is good, without change, things will never get better. We are looking at changes in the next 5 years that will totally transform the way everyone will work, play and manage their lives. Our challenge is to make sure that we seize this opportunity to make our lives better.

This article is furnished as a benefit of our membership in the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization to which this user group belongs. The author, Stephen Morgan has been watching and participating in the advance of computers since 1976 when he got hooked by one of the first Multi User Dungeons (MUD) available through the Minnesota Educational Internet System. He is currently the program chair for the Plateau PC Users Group in Crossville, TN and the Northwest USA advisor for APCUG.

Become a Mentor by [Alan Mildwurm](#), DVPC

DVPC has a large number of knowledgeable members who are intermediate to expert users of various software packages. We're going to resurrect our Mentor program and take advantage of this storehouse of knowledge and let members share their knowledge with other members. If you use particular software packages, and would like to help other members when they have questions about any of those packages, you are a candidate for becoming a Mentor. Check the web site and look for a Mentor Information Form at the May meeting, and help your fellow DVPC members

MS Office Tip: Selecting a Column in Word by [Ron Ogg](#), DVPC

How to Select a Column in Word

Have you ever wanted to select a vertical column of text in Microsoft Word? Here's how to do it:

First, you need to have some text that is lined up in a columnar fashion, like these lines of product description text for a electronics catalog:

Stereo System	<i>JV1765</i>	<i>\$229.95</i>
Stereo System	<i>JV1766</i>	<i>\$388.95</i>
Stereo System	<i>JV1821</i>	<i>\$499.95</i>
DVD Player	JV6020	\$449.95
Television Set	JV8965	\$999.95

In our example, let's say that you want like to select and copy only the model numbers and prices of the three stereo systems in the second and third columns of the above example. Move your mouse to the first character you want to select (the "J" in JV1765 in our example). Now, hold down the Alt key and drag the mouse to the last character you want to select (the "5" in \$499.95 in our example). The block we have highlighted in bold italic above will be selected, and you can copy, delete, format, or take other actions on the selection. This technique works in Word 95, 97, and 2000.

Office 2000 Install Bug with Access 97...

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very easy to implement: just delete one file and rename a registry item and reload Office 97.

However, I am now wondering if I should reload Office 2000 or just stick with Office 97...

Here's the fix:

Uninstall any Access 97 *runtime* applications you have on the computer. If Office 2000 setup detects Access 97 runtime applications, then it incorrectly removes the retail version of Access 97. This is a bug in the Office 2000 setup program.

Next, run regedit and expand the node HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT. Under the HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT node, expand the Licenses key. You may have to scroll down the window in order to find it.

Under the Licenses key, expand the **8CC49940-3146-11CF-97A1-00AA00424A9F** key. Under this key there should be two keys: Retail and Runtime. Rename the Runtime key to some other name (e.g. RuntimeOLD). To do this right click on the key and select Rename. Then type the new name into the key. Close the Registry Editor.

Install Office 2000 to a folder other than where Office 97 is installed, picking Custom installation and checking the box to retain Office 97 programs. After the Office 2000 installation has completed, rerun regedit and navigate to the same key we did previously: HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Licenses\8CC49940-3146-11CF-97A1-00AA00424A9F. Select the Runtime key we renamed RuntimeOLD above, and rename it back to "Runtime". Close the Registry Editor.

Verify that Access 97 still works on the machine, and reinstall any Access 97 runtime applications you uninstalled. This should solve this installation problem if you are unlucky enough to encounter it.

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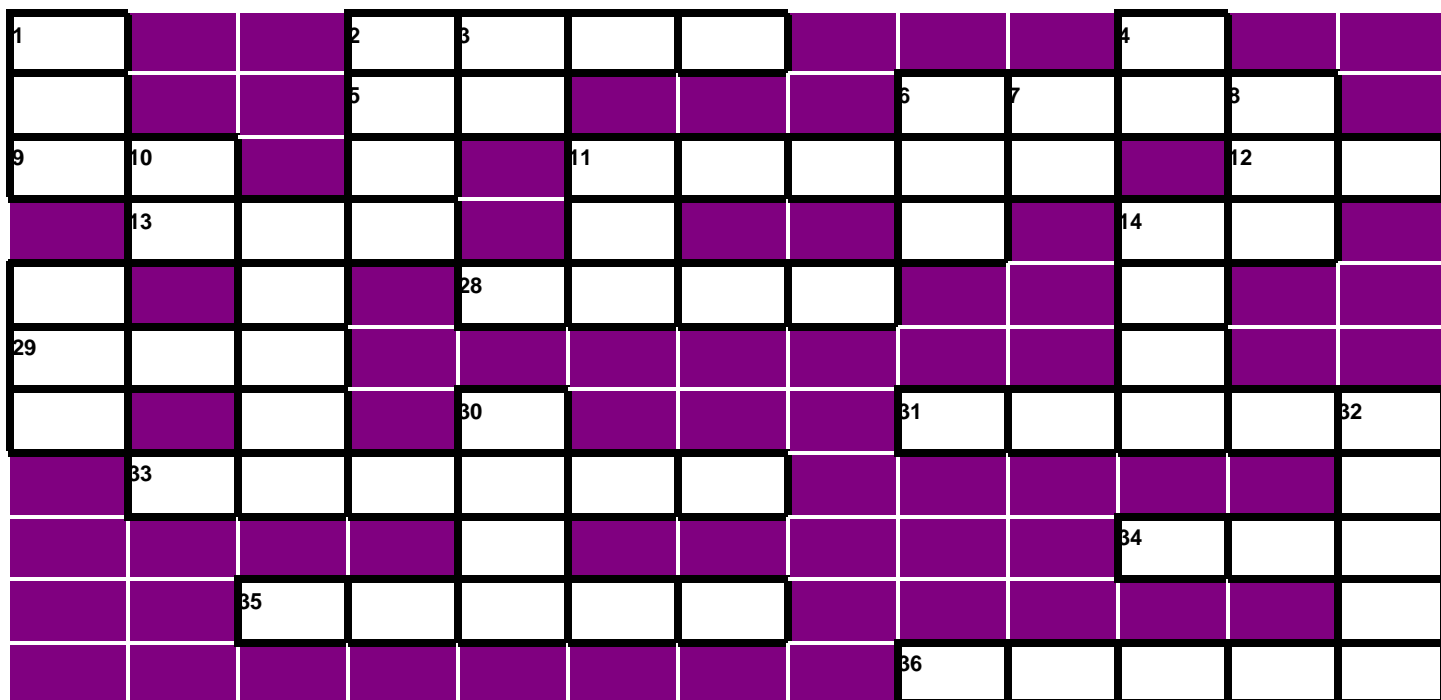
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Computer Crossword

by [Craig Peterson](#), DVPC



Across		Down	
2	Basic Input/Output System	1	Smallest piece of data
5	Input/Output	2	Image stored as a series of dots
6	Letter design	3	Input/Output
9	BASIC command that goes with "from"	4	Power reading when a "1" is read in binary code
11	OS used before Widows 95	6	The way information is set up in a document
12	How the computer thinks	7	Operating system
13	Random Access Memory	8	Key on your keyboard
14	1,000 bytes	10	Command in BASIC used to get either value
15	1,000,000 bytes	11	Collection of commands or programs
17	The best place to get computer information	16	Boot Sector
19	American Standard Code for Information Interchange	17	Magnetic data storage media
22	Manual data entry device	18	1,000,000,000
26	To have a program start	20	Graphical representation
28	Small circuit board that holds several DIPP chips	21	C:\
29	Type of monitor	23	Esc
31	Chip maker	24	Measure of modem speed
33	Data that has been stored	25	Permanently stored memory
34	Contact point of a computer chip	27	Command to keep new information
35	Modulate/demodulate	30	Process of transferring data
36	PC interfaces	32	Connecting images with commands

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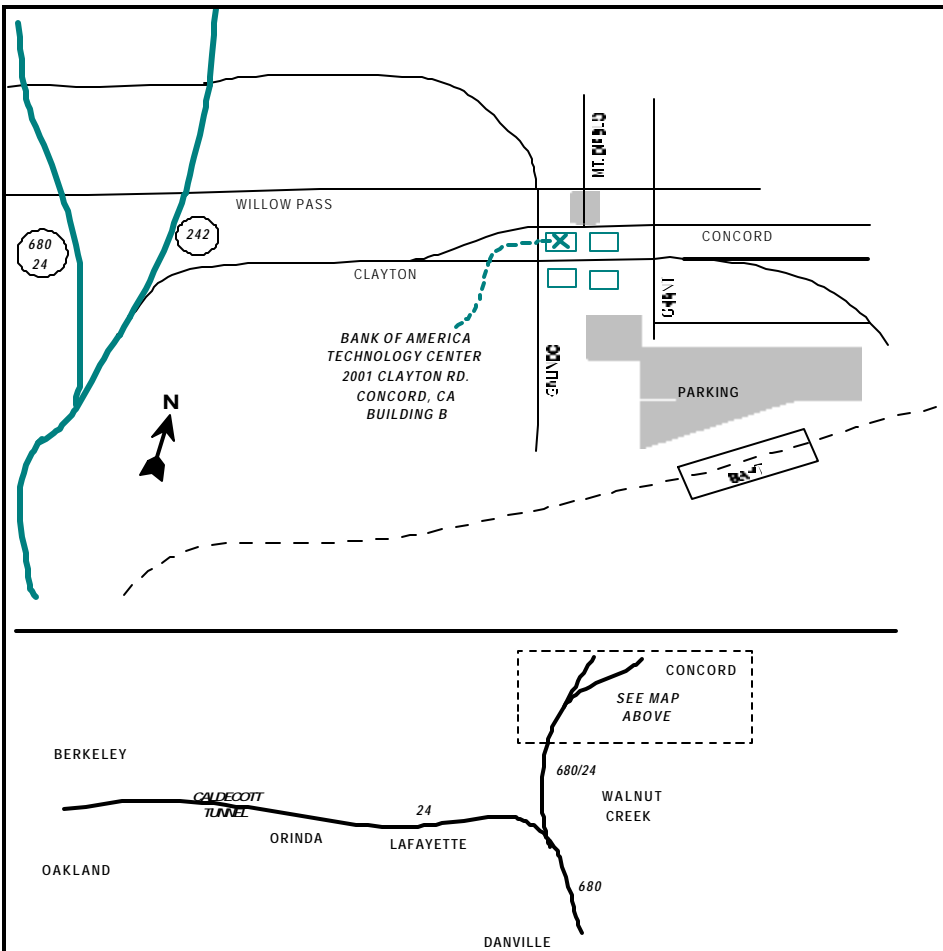
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