



June 3, 1999 Meeting Announcement APC and Trend Micro

The June, 1999 DVPC meeting will feature **APC (American Power Conversion)**. We'll learn about uninterruptible power supplies and surge suppressors, including the Back-UPS Pro 350 and 500, the first UPS line with a USB port to interface to Windows 98 PCs. Power surges, brownouts, and blackouts can cause loss of data and corrupted files on unprotected PCs. Find out how you can protect your system from power problems at the June meeting. We'll also feature **Trend Micro** and see a demonstration of PC-cillin 6, the latest version of their desktop PC virus detection and eradication program. PC-cillin 6 costs only \$29.95 when downloaded from the Trend Micro web site. One of the most unique features that Trend Micro offers is their *On-line Virus Doctors* for help with your virus problems. You can chat on-line with Trend Micro's *Virus Doctors* who can give you expert advice and support, free.

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

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President's Corner

By [Alan Mildwurm](#), DVPC

Could it be that spring has finally arrived? The weather is beautiful and hopefully it will remain so – at least through July so Corel doesn't get stuck in a snowstorm. Hopefully they are not coming to us via the polar route!

I have a number of interesting presentations lined up. We haven't necessarily pinned down all the dates yet but the various speakers have committed. Of course in June we have American Power Conversions and Trend Micro. APC makes uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) and related products. Trend publishes an anti-virus product. (With the Melissa and Papa viruses (virusi?), all the major anti-virus companies are rushing out upgrades and new products. In July (weather permitting), Corel will join us. I think it is amusing that when they originally agreed to present to us they were shipping version 8 of Word Perfect. They sent us a copy for our raffle that I have kept in my

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garage for their presentation. When they finally get here, they will be showing version 9! Oh well! In August Lernout and Hauspie will show their speech recognition software. (Very cool stuff.) Check the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for an up-to-date calendar.

I have also been in touch with Penguin Computing, who will be giving us a Linux presentation – date TBA. In that same vein, Syntran, makers of Camprint and Faxprint, will also be presenting to our group – also date TBA. Camprint is a device which allows you to connect your digital camera to a printer and print pictures (contact sheet, multiple copies, multiple sizes, etc.) without the need for your computer. I just received an evaluation unit. Unfortunately, no manual was sent. I can get it to work but the output is not terrific. I am certain there are some settings which need adjustment but without the manual (yes, I normally hate reading a manual) I can not optimize my camera to the printer. More to follow! I haven't unpacked the Faxprint (except to see it did ship with a manual). This device will turn your printer into a plain paper fax receiver. It has the ability to store faxes in the event your printer runs out of paper. I will do a proper review of both products as soon as I have a bit more time. For the moment, they both appear to be well made and reasonably priced products which would serve a need.

I am trying to set up some “computer luminaries” to speak with us. I'll illuminate you as I progress. Our board will also do a “Favorite Shareware/Freeware” presentation at an upcoming meeting (like if it snows on Corel in July).

Some Blasts From the Past by [Ron Ogg](#), DVPC

Alan Mildwurm handed me a stack of old issues of *Diablo Blue* – and I mean *really* old, starting with June, 1986, our fourth year. It's fun to look at the articles in these old issues and see what we were all working with way back then. Let me tell you, when someone tells you about “the good old days of computers” remind them that today is *much* better! And, so you know exactly what I mean, we're going to begin reprinting some of those old articles for your interest and amusement. The first one follows... look for more in future issues of *Diablo Blue*.

Don't Bauder Me from the DVPC *Diablo Blue* Archives

From The 90/10 Column by Doug Blackburn in the June, 1986 issue of Diablo Blue

My recent experiences with seeing a 2400 baud modem in operation has been an eye opener in more ways than one. Text screams across the screen and file transfers are FAST, BUT, 2400 baud modems are much more susceptible to phone line noise than 1200 baud modems and require much more thought in their design. The most obvious sign of phone line noise is random characters, usually Greek, graphic, or math symbols, popping up on your screen spontaneously right in the middle of whatever you are typing, or even when you're not typing. Apparently the other computer does not see the same garbage, but it is very disconcerting. If phone line noise is encountered during a file transfer, the modems automatically slow to 1200 baud and resend the bad block, reducing the possibility of errors, but slowing transmission. Some 2400 baud modems appear to be so sensitive to phone line noise, they may rarely ever operate at 2400 baud.

I recommend that you not lay out hard earned cash or corporate profits for a 2400 baud modem until you get more information and see several in action. I have gotten negative feedback on the big 'H' and another manufacturer with a good reputation. U.S. Robotics seems to have a decent product right now, as for others, look before you baud.

Caesar III – A Software Review by Jessica Mildwurm, DVPC

Salutem Lectori! (Hail to the reader)

It's another toga party with *Caesar III* by [Sierra](#). Like the earlier version, you can play under any name you like, even Octavia. This isn't a fraternity party though. You are a real Roman Ruler! Hail to (insert your name here!)

This is a perfect game for future rulers of the world. And just to add a little something, if anyone knows of any colleges that have a major in world leadership, please let me know – don't forget to send scholarship info! This game has shown me the true rewards of handling a developing empire, and the hardships that bring these joys!

Do not fear! You, like the past Roman rulers, have a trustworthy council to consult when one of those little troubles, like my most common one – lack of funds, comes up. Et tu, Brute?

Let's talk about the easy part. Starting your empire. One might think that would be difficult, but remember that old quote "build it and they will come!" Perhaps Rome can be built in a day (at least a computer day!). To start your own empire all you need to do is choose a site (look for water access and a defensible position) and build some houses. Behold, the workers come with their carts to start living in Jessonia. Ah, a word that rolls off the tongue – pure magic.

The hard part comes after the initial colonization is completed. You actually have to feed these people. No, you don't have to cook them dinner; you have to build markets, granaries, and farms. The hardest part is making sure that they are close enough to their homes, You also need to provide police and fire protection, and if I were cooking, the fire protection would have to be in the house at all times. Taxes anyone?

The people's rights must be preserved in the Senate. (Senatus populesque Romanus – the Senate and the Roman people – SPQR). You can build forums. I like the temples the best. You have a choice of gods for your people to worship. Yet, there is a catch. All the gods must be equally represented so they do not become angry and curse your empire. Helpful tip: place your temples near the people so they can worship easily!

I haven't done a lot of trading yet with other nations. I've been too involved with my own. There are different versions of the game to choose from – some foster trade, others do not.

I give this game 5 gold dinari. Which reminds me – don't forget about entertainment and health care for your people! Fiddle on, Nero! Have fun, oh mighty ruler, but remember your teachers – Sierra and me!

To rule the world you need: Windows 95 or 98, a Pentium 90+ with at least 16MB RAM, a video card that supports SVGA High Color (16 bit), 4X CD-ROM drive, and 150 MB available hard drive space.

Good luck – build a better Rome!

Free Tech Support by [J. R. Ramirez](#), TechPointer.com

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If you need technical support for *any* computer, *any* operating system, go to [TechPointer.com](#).

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See *PC World News* at www.pcworld.com/pcwtoday/article/0,1510,10794,00.html for a complete review of TechPointer.com.

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. 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 meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Montevideo School in San Ramon at 7:30 p.m. Call Alan at (510) 770-5770 (work) to confirm the date. 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

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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.

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

The Internet SIG meets at 7:30 p.m. (*new time!*) 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 meeting last month had a good crowd of 12 people. Our speaker was Dave Chu, a Representative from Epson Printers – and he also has his own consulting firm called *Best DPI's*. Dave had so much information that we'll have to have him back. He talked about printers, scanners, papers, and inks. If you missed Dave you missed something good.

June 8th is the next meeting, at 7:00 p.m. This time we will be meeting at Fast Frame of Concord, 1801-G Sutter St. at the corner of Clayton Road, between Action Photo and Kinkos, and one block over from Park and Shop. Phone there for directions at 925-682-7960. Steve Brown is going to show us large format ink jet printing.

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

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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.

New SIG?

Switch to the Diablo Blue Web Edition

*"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: 5/12/99 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Location:** Alan Mildwurm's house

Bank Account: \$850 (Approximately)

Upcoming Speakers :

June: [American Power Conversion](#) UPSs and Surge Suppressors, and [Trend Micro](#) Anti-Virus Software

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

I got to the meeting five minutes late and almost missed our semi-annual vote. As I sat down, Ron was moving the motion. There was a quick course of "Ayes" which I joined in, wanting to be a part of this, whatever it was. Ron then pointed out that although the "Ayes" carried the motion, no one had bothered to second it. There were several "Seconds", another vote, and again the "Ayes" carried the motion. While we sat around resting up from this heady exercise of parliamentary procedure, I asked what I had just voted for. You will be pleased to know that we approved the purchase of new card stock for our DVPC membership cards.

Old Business:

Projector: Despite the presence of Charlie, we did not talk about this.

New Business:

Publicity: Mark Allan, our new Publicity officer, asked for some direction as to what the club's goals and objectives were. More specifically, he wanted to know who our target market is for membership. We explained that our target

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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:

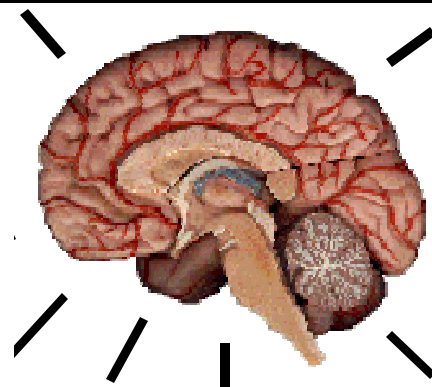
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Also send me Email notification of each of the SIG meetings I've checked below:

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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"/>
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Get a Friend to Join DVPC!

DVPC Board Meeting Minutes...

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market is anyone with a check for \$25.00 in their hand. If they would attend meetings, write articles for the newsletter, or even do a presentation at a club meeting, so much the better. The rest of the evening was devoted to fine tuning these concepts and discussing ideas for publicity and for attracting new members.

So what is the aim of our publicity? Charlie said it best: "To get people to come to the meetings". You can't get new members unless they see first hand that they can benefit from joining the club. It really hurt, but I had to agree with Charlie on this. Mark added the excellent observation that there was nothing to be gained by publicizing the value of DVPC if we did not deliver on those promises.

All of the usual publicity ideas were raised and re-analyzed: brochures in stores, print media, postings on bulletin boards at Diablo Valley College and elsewhere. We have never been short on ideas, just on follow-through. We hypothesized on why someone joins DVPC, reiterating all the reasons identified in the member survey that was done a year ago (the top three reasons were to hear the vendor presentations, for the raffle, and for information – "Random Access"). And we came up with some excellent new ideas, too.

Mark is very enthusiastic about publicity and growing the club. He did not get discouraged as we kept telling him how to design brochures and other materials. He even managed to feign interest as we recounted tales of publicity efforts from yesteryear. It is good to have new blood on the Board like Mark and Peggy, with new ideas and fresh commitment. Watch us... no, join us as we charge madly towards the new millennium.

Maybe a club song and secret handshake...

Visual Basic 6 Tip by [Bruce Feld](#), DVPC

I put a frame on a form and put some text boxes on the frame. When I double clicked the label control and moved the label to the frame, you could not see the label nor the caption property of the label. This seemed odd.

After selecting the label control in the properties window, then experimenting to no avail with the "send to back," "send to front" command, I fired up the *MSDN* CD (Microsoft Developer's Network, Microsoft's tech support offering available both on CD and as *TechNet* on the Microsoft web site at www.microsoft.com/technet/default.htm). I used key words "send to back" and "front" but found no assistance on the problem.

Then I tried a different approach. I clicked the label control on the tool palette, instead of double clicking the control, then dragged the label control across the frame to the appropriate size. This time I could see both the label and the caption of the label on the frame.

Hope this tip saves you Visual Basic developers some time.

Get Involved! Learn!
Join a SIG today!

Who Am I? Who Are You? Tip by [Ron Ogg](#), DVPC

DETERMINE A COMPUTER NAME OR LOGGED-ON USERNAME

Found while surfing the Internet

Do you support users where the hardest part is trying to determine their computer name or the logged-on username? Wouldn't it be great if this information were always on the desktop? Here's how:

1. Start the Registry Editor (regedt32.exe)
2. Move to HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B30309D}.
3. Select the <No Name> value and delete it.
4. From the Edit menu select *Add Value*.
5. Leave the value name blank and set the type to REG_EXPAND_SZ.
6. Click OK and enter the text "User: %USERNAME% on: %COMPUTERNAME%".
7. Click OK.

Click the desktop and press F5 (for refresh) and the change takes effect. Now, when each user logs on to the workstation, the My Computer icon on the desktop will have the text "User: xxxxxx on: wwwwww" in place of the text "My Computer."

The usual warnings and disclaimers about editing the Registry apply: ***Backup, backup, backup!***

Free Microsoft Project 98 3-City Tour by [Jan Roycraft](#), Microsoft

TechNet Briefing: "Effective Project Management with Microsoft Project 98" 3-City Tour

Effective project management is at the core of every successful business. Your business card may not say "Project Manager," but let's face it – you probably manage projects. You deal with budgets, assignments, and deadlines. It's a million details, covered with a precarious patchwork of spreadsheets, documents and emails. Learn how Microsoft Project 98 can enable you to take control of important business projects, whether they include overseeing simple, short-term projects or managing complex multi-project schedules.

Microsoft Project 98, the world's most popular project management software, is a powerful application that can be used to efficiently plan, manage, and communicate project information.

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- √ Works the way that you do – Full compatibility with Microsoft Office applications, as well as other databases and systems, means that users learn Project 98 faster and can share information easier with others in your organization.

Let Microsoft Project 98 take care of the details. Your next project can proceed in a steady, and reasonably linear, manner. Start by attending one of our free TechNet Briefings and receive a FREE evaluation copy of Microsoft Project 98. 3 dates – 3 locations; select one best for you and register today!

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Free Microsoft Project 98 3-City Tour...

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- √ Sacramento, June 22; event code #25024, events.microsoft.com/isapi/events/event.asp?s=670893
 - √ Santa Clara, June 24; event code #25025, events.microsoft.com/isapi/events/event.asp?s=670894
 - √ San Francisco, June 29; event code #25026, events.microsoft.com/isapi/events/event.asp?s=670895
- Register today – no cost to attend. Call 888-267-3836 or go to www.microsoft.com/norcal/update.htm.

Corel Clips – WordPerfect Office 2000 by [Corel User Groups Program](#)

Corel Corporation announced the launch of its flagship word-processing package, *WordPerfect Office 2000*.

With this latest release Corel has concentrated on delivering greater performance, increased compatibility, and fantastic value. “We are extremely pleased with the newest version of WordPerfect Office 2000,” said president and chief executive officer of Corel, Dr. Michael Cowpland. “WordPerfect Office 2000 is a tightly woven, high-performance package that will offer our current consumers a sensible upgrade opportunity as well as attract and impress new customers. Not only does the new suite provide a fully integrated and complete office solution, it has greater compatibility at a highly competitive price.” Various versions of WordPerfect Office 2000 will hit store shelves in May, and will contain a combination of the following:

- *The powerful word-processing package WordPerfect 9*
- *The Quattro Pro 9 spreadsheet package*
- *Corel Presentations 9 for use in creating high-quality slide shows and drawings*
- *The personal information manager CorelCENTRAL 9*
- *The award-winning voice-powered software Dragon NaturallySpeaking*
- *The easy-to-use Web site creation agent, Trellix 2*
- *Paradox database software*
- *Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications*
- *Adobe Acrobat Reader*
- *Corel Print Office desktop publisher*
- *WordPerfect Office 2000 Software Development Kit*
- *NetPerfect enterprise Web publisher*
- *12,000+ clipart images, 1000+ fonts, 200+ photos*

Performance of WordPerfect Office 2000 has been greatly improved. For example, users can easily create long, richly formatted documents with text and graphics in WordPerfect 9, with the new navigational tools and the exclusive Corel RealTime preview technology. Quattro Pro has enhanced capability which greatly improves data analysis while Corel Presentations includes more emphasis on the Internet, with features such as the potential for users to publish their slide shows directly to the World Wide Web.

Compatibility is of major importance to all WordPerfect users, and it has been greatly improved in a number of ways. For example, WordPerfect Office 2000 has enhanced file support / conversions with Microsoft Word, Excel and

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PowerPoint, and supports PDF, VBA, HTML, ODBC, SGML, XML, and OLAP. The WordPerfect 9 file format remains unchanged since WordPerfect 6.1, so users can easily import or export their files to and from WordPerfect 9. Users can also import WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS files into WordPerfect 9.

Corel also announced the launch of *CorelDRAW 9* – the latest version of its award-winning graphics and image editing suite. The newest release of Corel's flagship graphics program, CorelDRAW 9 delivers high performance and productivity enhancements, exceptional compatibility features, unparalleled creation tools and exceptional value.

“The graphics application and supporting utilities offered in the CorelDRAW 9 Graphics Suite deliver the latest in design technology, including productivity enhancing features, interactive tools and support for Internet publishing,” said Dr. Cowpland. “Both new and existing users will find CorelDRAW 9 to be valuable to the design process as well as overall productivity.”

- √ The suite includes *CorelDRAW 9*, *Corel PHOTO-PAINT 9*, *Bitstream Font Navigator*, *CorelTRACE*, *Corel Texture*, *Corel Capture*, and *Canto Cumulus Desktop*. The new release is an exceptional tool, which is ideal for producing professional designs and images.
- √ *CorelDRAW 9*: CorelDRAW 9 is a powerful and intuitive vector illustration and page layout application that provides a full range of creation tools, innovative effects and high-quality output features.
- √ *Corel PHOTO-PAINT 9*: Corel PHOTO-PAINT 9 is a comprehensive photo-editing, image composition and painting application. A number of major professional improvements common to both CorelDRAW 9 and PHOTO-PAINT 9 are featured in the suite: Publish to PDF features: Options include job ticketing, image down-sampling options, bookmark and hyperlink support and preset PDF styles for quick publishing.
- √ Enhanced EPS, PSD file format support Embedded ICC profiles: While previous versions included support for industry standard ICC profiles, CorelDRAW 9 and PHOTO-PAINT 9 allow users to embed ICC profiles into various file formats. This provides users with greater control over the entire color management process between applications.
- √ Multiple on-screen Color Palettes: This allows users to view more than one Color Palette using the Color Palette Browser window or the Color Palettes menu in the Window menu and checking the palettes they wish to view
New color palettes: A host of on-screen colors have been added, including coated and uncoated versions of popular PANTONE inks.
- √ *Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications 6* support: The leading application in customization technology, Visual Basic integrates rich development capabilities with host applications System Requirements

There's an Early Bird Bonus of a free copy of *CorelDRAW Art & Artistry* (1998) When you purchase *CorelDRAW*

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Corel Clips – WordPerfect Office 2000...

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9 (full or upgrade) between May 15 and June 30, 1999, Corel will include a copy of CorelDRAW Art & Artistry (1998), free after mail-in rebate. This attractive coffee table book and CD-ROM features over 1,000 images from the 1997 Corel World Design Contest. CorelDRAW Art & Artistry, which has a suggested retail value of US \$49.95, also features How To and Tips and Tricks sections which provide comprehensive information about how award-winning designs were created.

Corel Corporation is now shipping *Corel Print House Magic 4* and *Print House Magic 4 Premium*. The latest versions of this graphics suite make it easier than ever before to create a wide range of projects such as calendars, greeting cards, banners, invitations, paper toys and other stationary items.

Corel Print House Magic 4 includes:

- √ Corel Print House for creating projects from scratch or from pre-designed sample files
- √ Corel Photo House for editing images and applying unique special effects
- √ Over 22,000 graphic images, including 10,000 clip art images and 12,000 photos 30 TrueType fonts 383 samples and templates

Corel Print House Magic 4 Premium, the deluxe edition of this graphics suite, includes:

- √ Corel Print House for creating projects from scratch or from pre-designed sample files
- √ Corel Photo House for editing images and applying unique special effects
- √ Corel Family & Friends for personal calendaring and scheduling
- √ Over 80,000 graphic images, including 60,000 clip art images and 20,000 photos
- √ Over 300 TrueType fonts
- √ Over 4,000 samples and templates

Both *Corel Print House Magic 4* and the Premium edition contain several new and enhanced features, including:

- √ More photo-editing effects, featuring Custom Warp and object transparencies
- √ More projects, including party theme sets and games
- √ Convenient search engine and flyout catalog to find images fast
- √ Arrange to Background feature for easy template creation
- √ Improved Internet capabilities for easy e-mailing and Web publishing.

See *Corel WordPerfect Office 2000*, *CorelDRAW!* and *Corel Print House Magic 4* at the June DVPC meeting.

An On-line version of the Corel Clips newsletter is available at: www.corel.com/usergroups/news.

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

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Send your articles or member ad copy as email attachments to the [Newsletter Editor](#), or mail to: Editor, Diablo Blue, P.O. Box 2222, Orinda, CA 94563-2222. See the deadline information in the Calendar on page 15 of each issue of Diablo Blue.

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Please submit articles and columns to the Newsletter editor by email at rogg@value.net or mail them to:

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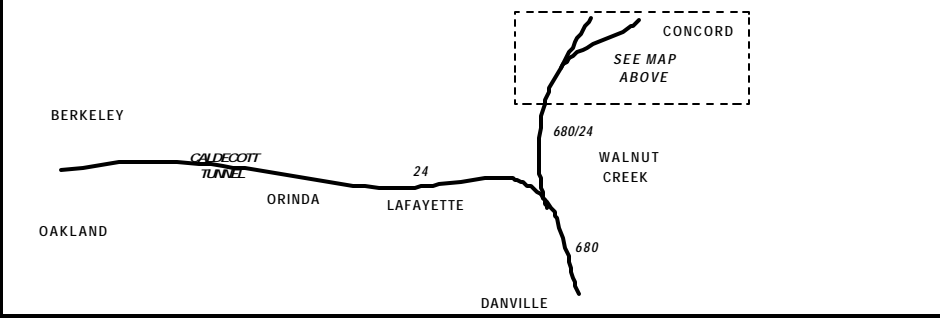
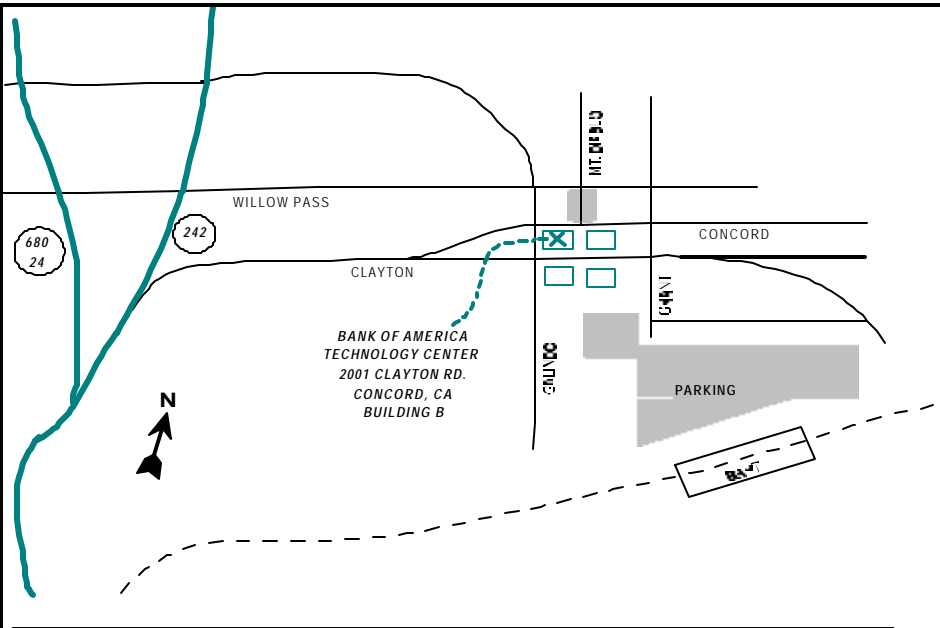
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