

CURRENT NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Did everyone have a great summer? And how about the last week or so. It was great, but now it will get colder and we can stay inside and work with our computers. Or watch TV but computers becoming more fun than TV.

Viruses are just as rampant as they were, Microsoft is still killing off old operating systems, and new technology is looming closer. I think the viruses are attacking older operating systems and helping Microsoft clean house. Viruses found and cleaned on older systems now leave a residue in the registry looking for a program that doesn't exist. And without that program, nothing will run. Therefore, the only solution is to erase and reload with costs more than the system is generally worth. Like I said last time, Now is a Good Time to Buy a New System, or if you are running a PII or greater, have us install a brand new copy of Windows XP Pro.

Clients and subscribers to MicroByte TekSolutions TekJournal, I need your help. Over time things change; people move, get a new ISP, change their email, etc. I am afraid that my contact list may be somewhat out of date, so I am asking for your help. Please go to the [Update my Account](#) page and send me the information requested. I promise never to sell, give away, or divulge in any manner the information that you provide. For everyone who provides me with updated information, I will send a coupon for savings on our inkjet cartridges as our thank you.

Someone sent me an email recently asking if I knew what the acronym of WINDOWS stood for. Here is their interpretation: **Will Install Needless Data On Whole System!**

I have updated my website yet again, and would like to hear your comments. Take a [cyber walk](#) through and then visit the Upgrade Client page to send me your thoughts and changes or additions you would like to see.

HOW DO I...(FORMERLY WINDOWS 101)

I have had a few questions recently about how to make a new folder in Windows Explorer. Since I never think about how to do it, I just assume that everyone knows. If you need a refresher, here are the steps.

Lets make a new folder on your C: drive to store Freeware you download from the Internet.

1. Open Windows Explorer
2. Left clicking on the Plus sign (+) beside an existing folder will expand that folder. Therefore, if there is a + beside My Computer, click it to expand the contents of My Computer.
3. Left click on the Plus sign beside the C: drive to expand it as well.
4. Next, highlight the C: drive by left clicking it once
5. Left click on File at the top left of the screen
6. Left click on New and select folder
7. You should now see a rectangle on the right side of the screen with the blue highlighted phrase New Folder. (It may be found under the C: drive on the left side of the screen depending on the version of Windows). Type in the folder name Downloaded Freeware. (If the New Folder name is not highlighted in blue, use your mouse to point at it, right click and select Rename, then type in the folder name Downloaded Freeware.)
8. The folder is now created

You can use the above steps to create folders anywhere you want, and use them to keep track of your information. We do however recommend using the My Documents folder to store your precious data since it is easier to back up one folder than remember where everything is.

Speaking of backing up data, what is the most overlooked, non backed up, and hardest to replace data on most peoples computer? Would you believe - Email and email addresses.

Here is how you can help save your data and make sure you never again lose your email lists.

If you use Outlook, make sure you backup the file or files with the .pst extension. Almost all of your information is stored here, and can be recovered using utilities built into Outlook. If you use Outlook Express, it is a little trickier. Under Windows 9x the main identity data is stored in C:\Windows\Application Data\Identities. In this folder you will see at least one seemingly undecipherable folder name in parentheses. Back up this folder. But you also want to make sure you save your addresses. Locate the folder called C:\Windows\Application Data\Microsoft\Address Book. Back up the file with the .wab extension in this folder. .wab stands for Windows Address Book. In Windows XP, the Application Data Folder can be found under each users name within Documents and Settings.

SURF'S UP

Where shall we go today? Why don't we just clean out the accumulating folders on my laptop and see where we end up? Because to include all those places would probably take a month just to type everything in. But here is a smattering of what I have save to review later...

Here is a site where you can literally get lost for a month. [Warner Bros.](#) This site has it all, Original programming, Movie trailers and facts, DVD, Television, Looney Tunes, and Music. Definitely worth a day or two...

Is there a superhero in your family, or a wanna be. Here is the site to check out if you are interested in comics being made into movies. The latest hype and allegedly inside word on what's what. [Superhero Hype](#) (note - there are lots of popups.

Anyone use Microsoft Office? Need some tools that don't seem to be included in the box? [Here they are...](#)

Almost anything can be had in an [e-zine](#). E-zines are the latest method to send you content that you may want. If it is, or ever was, published in an e-zine - it's probably here.

Have you ever been curious about [How Stuff Works](#)? If you have ever been curious as to how something works when it doesn't make sense, this is where you will find your answer. How rainbows work, How Vitamin C works, DVR's and pinball machines, Satellite TV and cell phones. The lists seem to go on forever.

VIRUS UPDATES

Viruses are getting to be more lethal than ever, so everyone should make sure their anti virus software is up to date. If your's isn't, call us to install the latest Norton Anti Virus at terrific savings.

I have been getting many emails concerning people getting emails directly from Microsoft complete with banners and logos that look really official. They are really viruses waiting to inhabit your system. Microsoft DOES NOT send email to the general public, and if they want your computer updated they have special methods for sending you a notice. And it isn't by email. If you get one of these emails DELETE IT. If you don't have Anti Virus software installed and you get one of these emails, you have been infected. Call us immediately.

Microsoft has released the latest patch to fix all security problems with previous patches which were released to fix the previous security problems in Internet Explorer which were exploited via the “Blaster” worms. The patch can be downloaded and installed [here](#).