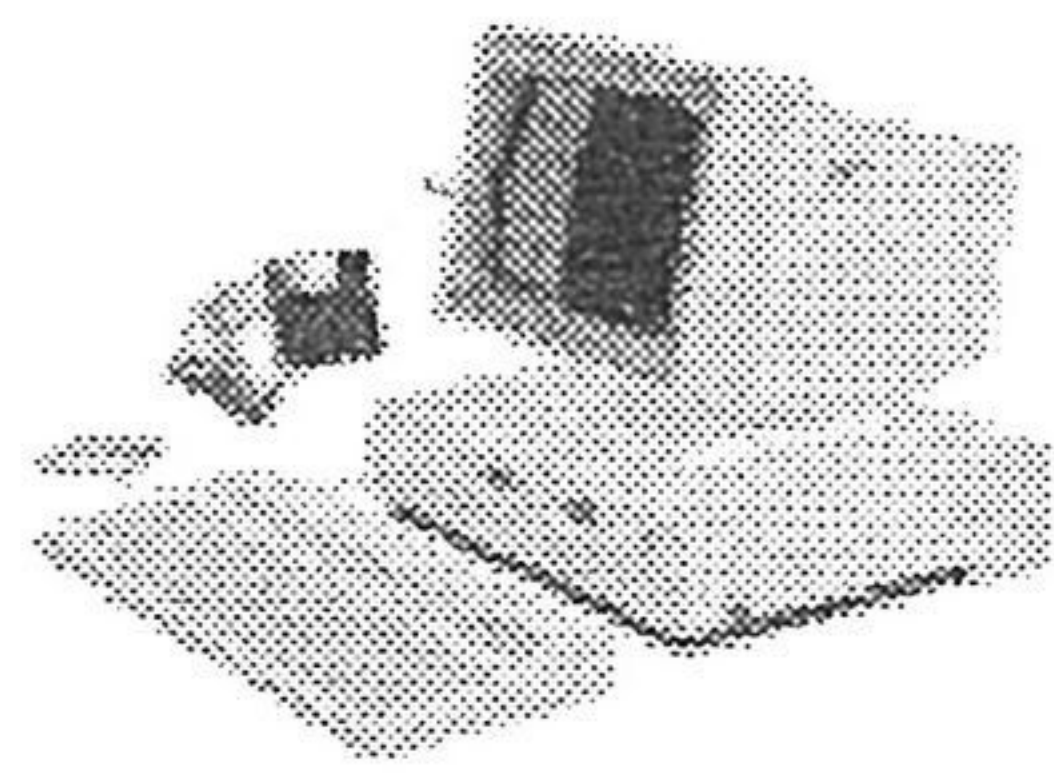


Computer Tips



Hello and welcome to our first computer tips column for 2002. We would like to extend our best wishes to the community for the New Year. Now that I'm over the holiday cheer, time to get back to work.

Our subject this month is backups. Backing up your data is absolutely necessary if you feel your data is worth anything to you. The major question to ask yourself is this: if my hard drive unexpectedly quit today, could I move forward without some of my crucial data. To the home user, this may depend on how much you value your data. If you use your computer for any business applications, then backing up data becomes crucial. Could your business function if you lost all your data right now?

There are several ways to back up data. Most programs have the ability to save whatever you are working on, to a file or floppy. One of the main things to remember is that it is always best to save the information to some kind removable media such as a floppy, CD, zip drive, or something of this ilk. If you are backing up to your hard drive then your backups will be destroyed if the hard drive crashes. There are several programs on the market that will help with backing up. They can be very complicated or very simple depending on which package you buy. Windows also comes with it's own backup program. The following can access this: click on start, programs, accessories, system tools. You should see the icon for back up. If you don't see it don't panic. The program is located on your windows CD and can easily be installed. We will gladly give you instructions over the phone.

What is the best removable media to use? Floppies have been part of the computer scene for years, unfortunately their capacity leaves a lot to be desired. Use them only if you are working with files smaller then 1.44 megabytes. CDs are our choice at Debug, they are relatively inexpensive and have a capacity of 650 megabytes. The only real cost associated with them is the cost of a CD burner. This is a one-time cost. If you invest in a burner then you will also find lots of other uses for it. Zip drives are another alternative. Their capacity is generally smaller then a CD

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1st prize \$25.00 Jordon Miller

2nd prize \$15.00 Carly Burns

3rd prize \$10.00 Emma Windfeld

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1st prize \$50.00 gift certificate - Angelo's Restaurant

Winners Linda & Brian McCormack

2nd prize - Gift Basket - Black River Cheese

Helen and Gerald Ferguson

3rd prize - Gift Certificate - Walker's Greenhouse (donated)

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