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Scared of computer viruses?

Well, If you don't have a anti-virus program in your computer, or you have a program and it's not up to date, you should be!

Computer viruses can do anything from replicating itself without you ever knowing it's there to Making your hard drive inaccessible and deleting files. They all will alter system performance, eat memory and replicate.

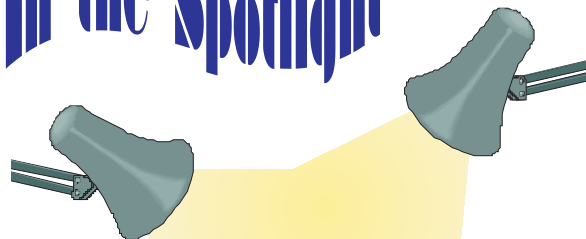
To protect your computer from viruses, call us to install an effective anti-virus program, that can be updated on line.



The Monitor on the Internet

We have been getting calls requesting information from past issues of *The Monitor*, so we have now put it on the internet.

In the Spotlight



The Year 2000 Problem

Have you been informed on the Y2K (short for year 2000) problem? Well, It may not be a problem for all, it will mostly affect those who use spread sheets and accounting programs. If your computer has this flaw, it wants to read the 00 (as in 2000-01-01) as 1900-01-01 or as 1980-01-04. How to Test your computer for the Flaw: Using windows '95 -

- 1) In File Manager choose Control Panel.
- 2) From Control Panel choose Time/Date
- 3) Set the date to 12/31/99 and the time to 11:59pm
- 4) Close and reopen the Date/Time dialogue box
- 5) The time should be 11:59pm and advancing. Wait until the date changes (should roll over into 1/1/00)
- 6) If the date doesn't change correctly, your computer isn't year 2000 compliant. 7) If the date is correct, continue test.
- 8) Close Date/Time dialogue box and Control Panel.
- 9) Create and save a file (Microsoft word, for example)
- 10) Enter anything into the file and select File and then Save As.
- 11) Select a Directory to save the file in and save the file as Y2kTest (double click on OK).
- 12) Exit out of program.
- 13) Open File Manager and select Directory where file was stored.

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14) Select View from the menu bar

15) Select All File Details from the pull down menu.

16) Highlight the file you created (click on it one time)

17) Verify the date the file was created is correct

(0/1/00). If incorrect (1/1/:0, for example) your PC is not Year 2000 compliant.

18) Delete the test file (select File, Delete, then YES).

19) Open Date/Time and enter the correct date and time.

Using DOS:

(Power off test)

1) At prompt, type C:>DATE 12-31-1999 (hit enter) and C:>TIME 23:59.

2) Power off the system, wait over one minute and power on the system. 3) Allow the system to boot and check the DOS date. It should read 01-01-2000. If it's not (it's usually 01-04-1980) your machine is not Year 2000 ready.

(Power on test)

1) At prompt, type C:>DATE 12-31-1999 (hit enter) and C:>TIME 23:59.

2) Wait for more than one minute, and check that the DOS year has changed to 2000.

3) Reboot the computer and check the DOS date. It should read 01-01-2000. If it does not, your machine is not Year 2000 Ready.