



THE PREZ SEZ...



Happy August Everyone!

Well, it's the time of the year where not a whole lot gets done outside and air conditioners are working overtime trying to keep us cool. I hope you are all accomplishing that at least.

August will be the last month we will be having only one live meeting, and it's going to be a great one. Hopefully a lot of members will be on hand to welcome our guest speaker Sheri Paddock, Director Of Marketing at Blue Squirrel. I'm sure she'll have an entertaining presentation.

Our meeting on August 23rd will be our last ONLINE meeting of the summer. Several members took advantage of our online meeting in July, and learned some great information from Jim Richardson on Computer Security. Thanks Jim for preparing the program and working so hard to keep our members informed

I'll be offering an opportunity in the near future to do a software review. So keep watching the message board for the option to get free software. In return, you will be asked to use it, write a short review, and do a mini presentation for the members. (not as hard as it sounds). More details to follow.

September will bring us back to our normal schedule of two live meetings per month. I'm looking forward to getting back in the "groove" again and getting some great programs, classes and information moving through our club. 'Till then, keep cool, keep safe n keep computing. Joannie



Lon's Freeware of The Month

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Create Horizontal Text Dividers in Word By Frank Verrano

Here is the scenario: You have a huge file of stuff, whatever it is. And it is hard to find anything in it. You might ask, however: why make a big file when you can make a bunch of smaller files with their own titles, each group tucked in a separate folder, etc. True, true.

If you have hundreds of such topics then you'll have hundreds of files, even hundreds of folders and that can get very cumbersome. Your file management becomes unmanageable, difficult. How do you handle such a situation?

I am going to write a series of very useful articles on file management. This is the first article. It lays the ground work for what is to come. If you do not now have a big file but a bunch of small files, read on in this article and the succeeding ones on how to deal with them. (cont'd on page 2)

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For purposes of this article pretend you already have a huge file and you need to separate your huge file into separate identifiable text sections. How? I'm glad you asked. What *obviously* comes to mind is a line of hyphens, or underlines, or asterisks or whatever. Of course, you know how to do that. Just hold down the key until you get to the end of the line and depend on the repetitive function in the computer.

But there is a better way, a faster way, as a matter of fact, there are two ways. I'll describe the fast way only. Let's pretend that I need to put a divider or break, if you will, right here at this point in the article. I choose to use the hyphen. So I typed 4 hyphens and pressed Enter and here is what I get.

And that provided the divider with continuous thin line. I am hoping that editor Frank porter can work this out in Microsoft Publisher. Now lets say that we really don't want that thin line. We want a heavier line. This time I typed 4 successive underlines and then pressed Enter. And this is what I get:

Notice that it is a heavier line and you really cannot tell that it is an underline. But if you want the heavier line, use the underline. Now let's be different and chose the asterisk instead. Typing just one asterisk (*) will not do the trick. Nor 2 or 3. You need to type 4 of them and press Enter like this:

(editor's note: these are supposed to be little squares, but my computer would not make them).

Well, what do you know! I don't get asterisks! Just a continuous series of blocks. Is there any other kind of divider I can find? I wonder what you get if you use the pound sign (#). Here goes:

Look ma! They aren't pound signs! Here's another:
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This time I keyed the wiggly line to the left of the one (1) key 4 times and pressed Enter. It looks more like the carrot of the six (6) key. Go figure. Now I will use the equal sign (=) and that will give me a long equal sign. (At least it is consistent with the equal sign character.) I doubt that this divider makes anything more equal. But it is another divider. Here it is:

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There you are. Six different dividers! Take your pick.  
Now isn't that exciting? No?

And Then There Was the Main Frame.  
By Frank Verano

I am sure that some of you worked in some big companies and you used a 'computer terminal' at your workstation. There was a 'Main Frame' some where else in the company facilities. Your workstation computer terminal was only one of many that (time-) shared the use of the Main Frame.

It was 1974 when I started working at Rockwell in Downy in the Space Division. (When I first saw the mockup of the Shuttle, I muttered to myself "They'll never get it off the ground!") At the Space Division I had my first experience with the terminal and the Main Frame. There are two aspects to this job that I want to talk about here. One pertains to use of the Main Frame Computer itself and the other pertains to statistical programming using that computer through my workstation terminal. (Of course, you know that the shuttle actually did get off the ground, much to my chagrin and delight.)

Remember those IBM cards? Or Job Control Language (JCL)? In many of the Company departments the Main Frame was used these cards as input. The first few cards of the deck contained the specialized JCL (Job Control Language) which essentially, told the computer what to do with the rest of the cards which contained data to be worked on. These were huge decks of IBM cards.

Key Punchers (human beings) used key punch machines to enter data onto these cards. When the data for a particular job was ready the stack of cards would be a couple of feet long. The stack was given to the Main Frame workers to process. The JCL cards told the Main Frame workers what tapes to pull from a huge storage room to run the program for the job. The jobs were submitted by evening for computer use during the night.

In the following morning your job would be done and you were presented with a huge printout. I left out a lot of details here but this is sufficient to get you to see what the procedure was typically like.

The other function where I was involved was in the use of the Main Frame much like I would use my PC except that my work station had a link (by phone lines) to the Main Frame. Of course, my terminal had a (tiny, 14 inch) monitor and a keyboard. The main difference between the terminal and a PC is that in the former, the computer part was the Main Frame and it was shared with as many as 250 other terminals, all over the country. That often posed a problem because too many people time-sharing the computer (Main Frame) usage slowed the operation considerably at certain times of the day.

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Thanks to Herb & Lou Wood for the email

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The SAS Institute in North Carolina developed a statistical analysis system (called SAS) created using Fortran language. Many companies who had the need to do statistical analysis of their data bought the software. I ran that program to keep track of the Shuttle tile database. That database was stored in the Main Frame. The manufacturer of the tiles and the installers at the Cape and others had access to the database and had authority to enter data. I accessed the database to provide analyses for various 'customers' who were analysts, engineers, etc.

To summon the program at the terminal I typed certain words to tell the Main Frame to load the program, *much like you now click on an icon on the desktop to open a program*. Upon loading I'd have the program available for me to do my programming. It is sort of indistinguishable from your PC, (no LCDs and no big monitors) except that your program uses the computer only part of the time. You are sharing it with many others.

As you can see both Card system and actual data entry system at a terminal were in use at the same time. Of course, we know that eventually the PC came into it's own. I suppose that such systems still exist in various places although the PC made obsolete many of the functions.

Later when I retired, believe it or not, I got some SAS contract work at ARCO in downtown LA and other places but I will write later about the ARCO contract because it is amusing and informative. I'll tell you what happens when lawyers get involved in programming.

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Sheri Paddock**, Director Of Marketing for **Blue Squirrel** will discuss several of their products, and how to use them.

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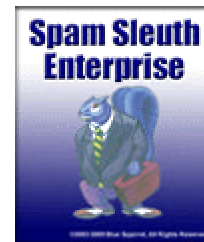
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## Drunk Driving on the Internet

Found on the internet by F. Verano

An article by John Dvorak in the April 1994 issue of PC Computing magazine described a bill going through Congress that would make it illegal to use the internet while drunk, or to discuss sexual matters over a public network. The bill was supposedly numbered 040194 (i.e. 04/01/94), and the contact person was listed as Lirpa Sloof (April Fools backwards). The article said that the FBI was going to use the bill to tap the phone line of anyone who "uses or abuses alcohol" while accessing the internet.

Passage of the bill was felt to be certain because "Who wants to come out and support drunkenness and computer sex?" The article offered this explanation for the origin of the bill: "The moniker 'Information Highway' itself seems to be responsible for SB 040194... I know how silly this sounds, but Congress apparently thinks being drunk on a highway is bad no matter what kind of highway it is." The article generated so many outraged phone calls to Congress that Senator Edward Kennedy's office had to release an official denial of the rumor that he was a sponsor of the bill.