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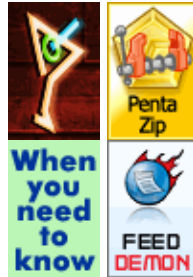
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## Windows Fanatics: February 13, 2004



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## **GNOMEREPORT: On A Really Big Boat...**

Part of me feels like opening mouth and inserting foot. On the other hand, my main concern is getting e-mail not going to Web sites. Here's the story that wins the "too tight restrictions" award:

"A friend of mine was going on maternity leave (in Canada it's a year from work), and the week before she was supposed to leave, she got fired because she made a personal call on a company phone. She went to a lawyer, since it was obviously not because of the call but the upcoming maternity leave – the lawyer said she had no case because the corporate policy said no personal calls on business phones. So, even though it's 'ok' to do so, be careful!" Ouch.

Tejaswy reports his company places a lot of restrictions, yet they get splattered with viruses all the time. I am thankful not to be dealing with viruses at work. I don't get spam there either, but of course, I don't use my work e-mail anywhere either except to get newsletters on products we use.

Since I monitor the Lockergnome bounced messages inbox, I get to see plenty of corporate e-mails saying the content is not appropriate. I guess that's what happens when you send a newsletter about computers, but with personality without bad words. Some e-mail monitoring programs are not very good as they bounced, claiming we had dirty words (we didn't). One said it was because we used the word cr@cker (as in "Polly wants a biscuit"), and many claim we have viruses, but we run our newsletters through a virus and spam checker before they go out. Mercy.

On a brighter note, we get humorous "Out of Office" notices. I want to say hello to the Boise, Idaho fishermen and I hope they had a great vacation. Also, hello to the guys on a "If we are not here, we are gone, most likely on a really big boat – out on the ocean somewhere, enjoying ourselves."

Anyway, I wasn't trying to "cry you a river" with my complaint. I hate to come home to hundreds of e-mails and you know I make an effort to respond to all messages... even the ones that aren't nice (for lack of a better word). Sure miss having my PDA slash modem set up.

Whenever at the office – surf wisely and respect corporate policies. That goes for me, too. You can do whatever you want at home. T'aint my bizness.

Corporately yours,  
Meryl K. Evans

## **DOWNLOAD: Adobe Reader SpeedUp v1.12**

- 58K
- Win9x/2k/XP
- FREE

<http://www.tnk-bootblock.co.uk/prods/misc/index.php>

{Speedup the super slow Acrobat} I get annoyed whenever I have to open a PDF file through the Internet because it's @(\*\$# slow. This program promises to speed up the process to make it bearable. Works with Acrobat versions 3 through 6.01. Crossed my fingers in hopes the program works and it does. The PDF files are noticeably loading faster. Since I am using a full version of Acrobat, it might be slower for me than most. With each new release, the program (as with most) gets more bloated and slower to load. SpeedUp will ease the pain. However, it has one bug. When I read an eBook with links, the links don't work correctly. I just disable it and it works again. [Meryl]

## DOWNLOAD: Mozilla Engine

- 106K
- Win9x/2k/XP
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{Replace IE browser engines} I use MyIE2 as my main browser since it has more capabilities than Internet Explorer and is easier on the eyes than Mozilla, which I also use. MyIE2 uses the IE engine, which is like saying it uses its heart with a different body. The Mozilla engine has a different make up and this patch replaces the IE engine with Mozilla's. Before you use the patch, ensure you have Mozilla's ActiveX control installed per the note on the Web site. I tested it by using [the main page of the css edge](#) since the spiral example looks almost identical in both engines. The engine worked without a hitch and nothing crashed. Be sure to read the page information as it doesn't work with all browsers and is imperfect in its implementation. [Meryl]

## GNEWBIE GNOOK: The Kernel's Secret Recipe For Headaches

Ken Colburn of [Data Doctors](#) answers Lynn, who wonders:

**Q:** I get a "has caused an error in Kernel32.dll" message a lot. I get it when using the Window Cleanser on my temporary internet file folder. What's up with this kernel thing?

**A:** The Kernel32.dll is a 32-bit "dynamic link library" (dll) file that is found in Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows Me. Dynamic link library files, in general, are called upon by your programs to address specific components. There are literally hundreds of these files on your system that can be called upon at any time instead of having to be pre-loaded in the system memory.

The Kernel32.dll file handles memory management, input/output operations and interrupts, which are used to address hardware components.

It's an essential core component of Windows that acts as a traffic cop for controlling your primary hardware interface.

Unlike most DLL files, Kernel32.dll is loaded into a "protected memory space" when Windows is started up, because it is called upon constantly and so it can not be disturbed by other programs.

When you get a message that an error has occurred in Kernel32.dll, something has attempted to use the protected memory space it occupies. The portion of the error that comes before the "has caused an error" will point to the offending program.

There is a long list of potential causes of this error that include: viruses, low disk space, third-party software that is damaged or incorrectly installed, registry damage, bad memory (RAM), overheating CPU, bad power supply, bad hard disk controller, failing hard disk, damaged swap files, damage to the file allocation table, improper BIOS settings, incorrect hardware drivers, or a whole host of file corruption issues.

As you can start to see, the task of tracking down the exact cause can be daunting. The two most helpful bits of information for beginning your trek are the program name in the error message that caused the error and if you can recall when the problem began.

You referred to a third-party "Cleanser" that I suspect is the cause, because most of these types of programs try to force Windows into making system changes that it wouldn't normally make.

I am not a big fan of third-party utilities that claim to 'make Windows run better' because they seem to cause more problems than they solve. We constantly see customers bringing systems in that "worked just fine until I installed XXX" and often require quite a bit of work to repair the damage created by these programs.

Windows has plenty of utilities that are built-in that do a fine job of maintaining the system, so I would recommend learning what is already there.

Try uninstalling the "Cleanser" program to see if the errors go away. If you recently added memory (RAM), you may want to temporarily remove it to see if that has any effect. If you recently added a new printer and installed the software that came with it, try uninstalling it or anything that you can recall that was added since the error began.

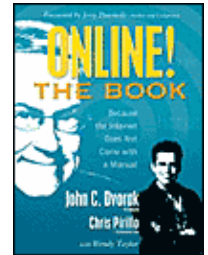
Kernel32.dll errors generally mean that you have a serious stability problem because something is attacking the core of the Windows operating system, so addressing the problem is important.

## **FAVORITE: Real-Life-Debt**

<http://www.reallifedebt.com>

{Help with money woes} Still paying off those holiday bills? Try the calculator on the home page to figure out how long it will take to get the holiday bills to zero. Real-Life-Debt is working to become a resource for understanding and tackling financial challenges. Get simple advice on how to deal with credit and debit card debt, identity theft, privacy, and bankruptcy. We hope you don't need this resource, but you might have a friend that does (hope not, of course). The site offers resources for more information as well as a weblog on

the topic. Here's to good financial health for us all. [Meryl]



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- Shareware
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{CD/DVD burning} With Nero 6, Ahead Software presents the follow-up to the famous burning solution Nero Burning ROM 5.5. And what a follow-up! Nero 6 is now the name for a whole suite of applications wrapped around the ultimate project launcher Nero StartSmart. Nero 6 is your All-in-One solution! With all the powerful and fun applications now included in Nero 6, all of your CD and DVD burning tasks can be managed in a breeze. [[Major Geeks](#)]

### **DOWNLOAD: W32.Novarg.A@mm Removal Tool v1.05.0**

- 150K
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- FREE

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{Virus removal} W32.Novarg.A@mm is a mass-mailing worm that arrives as an attachment with the file extension .bat, .cmd, .exe, .pif, .scr, or .zip. When a computer is infected, the worm will set up a backdoor into the system by opening TCP ports 3127 through 3198, which can potentially allow an attacker to connect to the computer and use it as a proxy to gain access to its network resources. [[Major Geeks](#)]

### **DOWNLOAD: Ad-Aware Referencefile**

- 409K
- Win9x/2K/XP
- FREE

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{Reference update} Latest referencefile for Ad-aware, a free multi spyware removal utility. To install, unzip into your Ad-aware and restart the program. Ad-Aware includes a Web updater, so downloading this manually is optional. [[Major Geeks](#)]

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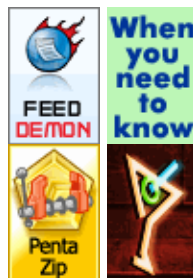
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## GNOMEREPORT: Let's Be Partners

Recently I was offered a partnership with another technician here in my home town. He is a respected professional whom I would work very well with. On the surface this would seem like a logical move for any self employed IT professional, right? Well, it actually depends...

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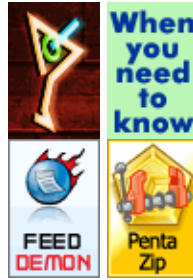
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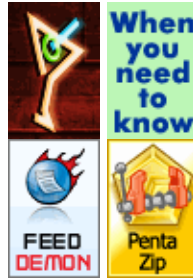
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{Memory analyzer. But you probably could have figured that out, eh?} RightMark Memory Analyzer aims the detailed, stable and accurate measurements of the most important low-level characteristics of the CPU/Chipset/RAM subsystem of your PC. Seven types of tests are implemented in the current release of the RightMark Memory Analyzer suite, that allow you to determine the following low-level parameters of the platform. [[Major Geeks](#)]

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### The mathematics of marriage

- [Posted by Marc Erickson](#)
- February 14, 2004

A researcher believes he can [predict the outcome of most any marriage](#) with a few squiggles on a chart. [John Gottman](#) said a 20-year study involving more than 600 married couples shows by carefully plotting how a husband and wife interact and then reducing those observations to a formula, researchers can tell which marriages will succeed and which are heading for the rocks. [In a report](#) at the [national meeting](#) of the [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#), Gottman said studies by his [Relationship Research Institute](#) and the [University of Washington](#) show how couples resolve differences is a key factor in whether a marriage will last. The methods used by couples for conflict resolution can be [expressed mathematically](#) or on a [simple graphic](#) to predict how the marriage will endure. In effect, math has now found a place in love and marriage, he said.

### Photos of HP iPAQ 6000 series

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

Italian Pocket PC fan web site reveals [photos of new Pocket PC phone from HP – the HP iPAQ 6000 series](#). We must conclude, that the previous picture of the h6300 from Smartfone.net is exactly what the final model will look like, not a fake as we were saying. The only difference is the previous image has the optional mini keyboard attached.

## **PalmSource Drops Mac Desktop Support**

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

PalmSource Inc. says future versions of its Palm operating system for handheld devices will not have built-in synchronization software for Apple's Macintosh computers. The decision to abandon Mac desktop support in its new Palm Cobalt OS stemmed from the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company's limited development resources, PalmSource officials said Thursday. We are not a huge company and our energy and resources (have) to go into guaranteeing that Palm OS Cobalt is a competitive product against rivals like Microsoft or Symbian, PalmSource chief products officer Larry Slotnick said. [ Via [Paul Thurrott's Internet Nexus](#) ]

## **The Vault Single User Edition is dead&**

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

& Long live the Vault Single User Edition. With our new pricing for Vault, some readers will note that we have eliminated the Single User Edition. Previously priced at \$49, this offering was quite popular with self-employed consultants and their ilk. In place of the Single User Edition product, we have implemented what could be called an Implicit Single User Edition. In a nutshell, Vault is now free for one user. Just download the Vault binaries and install them. You don't need a serial number at all. Details from [Eric.Weblog\(\)](#).

## **Parts of the source code for Windows are leaked onto Internet**

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

Microsoft says that [incomplete portions of the source code for some versions of its Windows computer operating system were leaked over the Internet](#), but analysts caution that it is too early to say how much damage the leak may cause.

## **PowerDVD 5 Deluxe Sale Friday Only**

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

Amazon.com: The Friday Sale: [PowerDVD 5 Deluxe](#) is a DVD player software. It comes with customizable video/audio controls that deliver a viewing and listening experience.

## Office 2000 Update

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

Microsoft has released an update to [Office 2000](#). By installing this optional update, the MsiFileHash table for your Microsoft Office product is updated. Updating the MsiFileHash table will help Office reduce the chance that the Office Setup program will need access to your Office 2000 source CD-ROM when you install Office updates in certain scenarios. Additionally, by updating the MsiFileHash table, the need to copy files from your source will be reduced, resulting in faster file copy (when necessary) and reduced network traffic (when applicable). [ Via [kbAlertz](#) ]

## Macromedia Shockwave Player 10 Public Beta

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

One of the purposes of this [beta](#) is to gather feedback to verify compatibility with existing content and applications. [ Via [ActionScript Hero](#) ]

## ATI CATALYST Comparison

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
- February 14, 2004

A new driver has been released, ATI CATALYST 4.2. Things changed lately, there is now a fresh new demo ready to create benchmark results. Talking about Unreal Tournament 2004 Demo, a first person shooter with all the latest elements of DirectX 9. A fresh Windows XP installation including service pack 1 from Microsoft has been used with ofcourse DirectX 9.0b. The most used resolution used now is 1024x768 with a color quality of 32 bit. Thats also the reason that we used it. We used games the get the most realistic results in [ATI CATALYST 3.10 VS ATI CATALYST 4.1 VS ATI CATALYST 4.2](#).

## PayPal Developer Network Blog

- [Posted by Meryl](#)
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The PayPal Developer Network team has created a [PayPal Developer Network Blog](#), which of course, has a feed available.

## Sun adds Rock to its UltraSparc roadmap

- [Posted by Marc Erickson](#)
- February 14, 2004

[Sun Microsystems Inc.](#) [shed some more light](#) on its UltraSparc roadmap Wednesday, outlining plans for two new processor families that will use multithreading techniques to boost the performance of Sun s servers.

The chip families, dubbed [Niagara](#) and Rock, will both cram several processor cores on a single piece of silicon, allowing them to execute potentially dozens of threads or sets of computing instructions simultaneously, Sun officials said during a conference for analysts in San Francisco.

Niagara, which Sun has discussed briefly before, will be geared towards network-intensive applications, said [David Yen](#), executive vice-president of Sun's processor and network products group. It is expected to be used in Sun's blade servers, where it could boost performance by as much as 15 times compared with Sun's UltraSparc III, according to Sun.

## Hotel chain lends guests iPAQs

- [Posted by Marc Erickson](#)
- February 14, 2004

Hewlett-Packard Co. and [Fairmont Hotels & Resorts](#) have teamed up to offer the hotel's clientele access to HP's newest wireless technology—the HP iPAQ Pocket PC. This announcement arrived on the heels of HP's launch of its newest Pocket PC in June of last year, as well as the launch of Fairmont's wireless LAN almost two years ago. Starting Thursday, throughout Fairmont's [41 international locations](#); 20 of which are in Canada; members of the company's guest recognition program will be offered use of the wirelessly-enabled HP iPAQ during their stay. The program, called the [Fairmont's President's Club](#), can be joined by signing up through the company's Web site.

## Mozilla unleashes Firefox and Thunderbird

- [Posted by Marc Erickson](#)
- February 14, 2004

The [Mozilla Foundation](#) this week [released previews](#) of its new Web browser, [Mozilla Firefox 0.8](#), and new e-mail application targeted at the enterprise, [Mozilla Thunderbird 0.5](#).

This is the first time Mozilla has separated the e-mail client from its Internet suite. The application was released this week under the name Thunderbird v0.5; a preview version of its soon-to-be-released v1.0. Enhancements to Thunderbird include the ability to synchronize address books with Palm devices, improvements to Internet Mail Access Protocol (IMAP) Performance and more secure password authentication. Thunderbird has also improved support for lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), improved migration from Netscape 4.x and added a better spell checker with an expanded English dictionary.

Firefox 0.8 sports a new download manager, which makes tracking multiple downloads easier, Mozilla said, adding that it is easier to manage bookmarks and to install on Microsoft Corp.'s Windows clients. Firefox 0.8 also boasts easier handling of extensions through small applications which extend the browser's functionality, Mozilla said. More than 200 of these extensions exist and enable such functions as spell-check, removing ad banners and the ability to search sites such as Amazon.com from the Firefox toolbar. Also, Mac OS X users now have a new default browser that seamlessly integrates with the OS X desktop client.

## Crazy After All These Years

- [Posted by Marc Erickson](#)
- February 14, 2004

*Robert X. Cringely speculates about Microsoft's plans for another defacto monopoly.*

### **Does the Key to Microsoft's Plan for Global Media Domination Involve Driving Judges Insane?**

Last Friday afternoon, I sat in a fifth floor courtroom at the U.S. District Court in Baltimore, Maryland watching Microsoft, [Burst.com](#), [Sun Microsystems](#) and others duke it out in front of Judge Frederick Motz. Next to me in the peanut gallery sat reporters from Bloomberg News and the Wall Street Journal. What I found most interesting was comparing their running commentary with what later appeared in published stories. There was a lot more happening in court than you read in the newspaper, that's for sure.

The issues before the court included some scheduling of future hearings and discovery based on a recent ruling by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals that while Microsoft was found guilty of more than a hundred instances of anti-trust in the DoJ case, other cases won't be allowed to start with that many strikes against Redmond: they'll have to prove at least some of those crimes all over again. This looks like a victory for Microsoft except it opens the door to further legal discovery that puts Microsoft at some risk.

### **Microsoft weighs options: Investor, knight or observer**

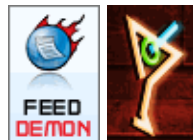
- [Posted by Peter Raymond](#)
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Microsoft has [three options](#) in the Comcast–Disney takeover fight: play the savior, the banker or stay on the sidelines.

Microsoft, which holds 7.4 percent of Comcast and has helped the company in deals in the past, is saying nothing about Comcast's bid, or about any role that it might play. Wall Street investment bankers say they have not yet detected any signs of the Microsoft deal machine rumbling into motion.

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### Atom vs. RSS: Who Cares?!

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Everybody s up in arms over this Atom versus RSS thing. This one s better than that one. That one s better than this one. It s one big pissing match, and all we have at the end of the day is a bunch of guys running around with wet pants.

The rest of this entry definitely contains content not suitable for younger audiences, pregnant women, or people with heart conditions.

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## ExtremeTech

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If you can t go to Intel s 2004 Developer Forum, held during the week of February 16th, ExtremeTech s got you covered. We ll be blanketing the show in full force, bringing you news, analysis, keynote reports and deep technology stories detailing important sessions and breakthroughs through the [IDF RSS Feed](#).

## RSS Feed Reader in Classic ASP

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This is a small and simple code to use [RSS Feed](#) in your current [Classic ASP](#) pages/applications.

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## Darwin on RSS

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**What is RSS?** All news, all the time, coming at you. I don't want to go to the Internet and search for news stories; I want them to come directly to me. So many news stories; so little time.

## My Yahoo and Atom

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Since everyone's jumping up and down about the Atom vs. RSS (or Google vs. RSS if that's your paranoia) debate, it's probably worth pointing out that [My Yahoo's RSS module](#) also groks Atom. It was added last night. It took about a half hour.

*Warning: Bad language in the entry.*

## Feedsplitter.php

- [Services](#)
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- 02.12.2004

[Feedsplitter.php Demo Page](#) shows the newsfeed at right as it s rendered using client–side Javascript generated by the feedsplitter.php script. Using this method, any newsfeed can be rendered as part of any webpage.

## Newzspider

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*Newzspider– is a news aggregator that runs on your computer and downloads headers from your favorite news sites and blogs. It is flexible and very easy to use. NewzSpider supports ALL RSS standarts (0.91, 0.92, 1.0 and 2.0). And the best of all you can try it for FREE for as long as you wish!*

## Fark RSS via Pluck

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[Pluck](#) and [Fark](#) (say **that** 10 times is rapid succession) have [combined forces](#) to create an [RSS Feed](#) for that crazy news site. (link via [Scraped Feeds Blog](#))

## RSSgenr8

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[RSSgenr8](#) is a HTML to RSS Converter for generating an RSS feed from a Web page.

## Pluck

- [Software](#)
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- 02.11.2004

[Pluck](#) is a browser companion that sits on the left hand column of Internet Explorer.

## Windows XP Expert Zone Community Website

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- [Meryl](#)
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If you d like to keep track of new updates to content and headlines on the [Windows XP Expert Zone Community Website](#), it now has an RSS feed.

## CompleteRSS

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## PV Comics

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## RSS = Rudely Syndicated Spam

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- 02.10.2004

There s a new type of spam on the horizon and it s coming to an RSS aggregator near you. The newest type of spam that we can expect to start seeing in coming months will be RSS and ATOM spam. Essentially this means that RSS and ATOM feeds will likely start containing paid advertising slots distributed to those who subscribe.

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