



Word 98 Privacy Bug!



This one is a doozy: Word 98 files may include hidden text from other files (live or erased) on your disk. The data is hidden when viewing the file in Word but open your Word file in a text editor like BBEdit and you might see private info from other word processing files or email! Microsoft is aware of this problem and has fixed it for all Word, Excel and PowerPoint on the PC by providing new Microsoft OLE files. The Mac solution still lingers.

NAV 5.0 Disk Corruption Bug



Symantec's new Norton Anti-Virus for Macintosh has a nasty little problem with System 8.1 and HFS standard disks. It seems that the utilities SafeZone feature can end up corrupting your hard drive. The work around: disable the SafeZone feature until Symantec provides the free fix they have promised.

Note: As we went to press Symantec just released a 5.0.1 Patch to NAV to take care of this problem:

<http://www.symantec.com/nav/nmac501.html>

PowerPoint 98 Save Bug



The Word Privacy Bug isn't the only significant boner in Office 98 for the Mac— Because of the way it works, PowerPoint 98 takes longer to save files over a network than to a native hard drive. Much, much longer. How much longer you ask? One user reported that a file taking 8 seconds to save to disk took 18 minutes to save to a server!

NetDoubler/QuarkXPress Corruption Bug



Asanté's NetDoubler 1.5.1 has a problem when used with QuarkXPress v.4.0.x— Saving files to across the network using NetDoubler can corrupt the XPress file. Asanté's work around? If you are using Quark 4.0.x disable your NetDoubler 1.5.1 until Asanté provides an update. (The problem doesn't effect QuarkXPress 3.32).

Norton Utilities HFS+ Bug



This is not so much a bug as a lack of a feature. Norton Utilities 3.5 cannot repair HFS+ Mac OS Extended volumes under Mac OS 8.1. Versions prior to 3.5.2 are not aware of HFS+ and so will corrupt your HFS+ disk (Apple's Disk First Aid 8.2 and MicroMat's TechTool Pro 2.0r3 can fix this). NUM 3.5.2 and 3.5.3 recognize HFS+ and treat these disks as remote volumes which it cannot operate on and so avoids the problem. NUM 4.0 expected this Fall should provide full HFS+ support.

Iomega ZIP/JAZ Software 6.0!

Iomega has released a new revision 6.0 of its software. The new set includes Iomega Driver 6.0.1, Iomega Tools 6.1, Iomega Guest 6.0.1. The software comes as a two file set: 6a includes the Driver, Tools and necessary manuals; 6b includes the Guest application, a nifty new Control Strip module, and new versions of the utilities FindIt and Copy Machine. The new 6.0 software is necessary if you are using one of the Revision B G3 Power Macs which use ATA ZIP drives instead of the SCSI ZIPs formerly installed (these new computers should ship with the new driver on the System CD). Under version 6.0 the Iomega Tools installs both SCSI and ATA drivers on each disk so unlike earlier versions it cannot simply update the driver on disk as it loads — To do a complete job the disk has to be reinitialized!

Get your Iomega 6.0 package at:

<ftp://12.16.226.4/pub/english/macv60a.hqx>

and,

<ftp://12.16.226.4/pub/english/macv60b.hqx>

Note: Precursor systems does not recommend using FindIt. If you insist on installing –and had a previous version installed– you MUST remove the previous FindIt INIT from your Extensions folder manually before you run the version 6.0b installer.

New Yamaha CDR firmware

Yamaha has released firmware flash updaters for its two CDR and CDR400 series and CDRW4260 series used in many third party CD writing drives such as LaCie. The 400 version "n" and 4260 version "h" now offer better support for writing for discs with the silver reflective layer.

<http://www.yamahayst.com/techsup/download2.htm>

Free Newer SpellTools

Is it a gesture to customers anxiously awaiting their G3 upgrade cards or is it a money making scheme to get you to upgrade to version 2.0 when it ships? Who cares! Newer Technologies is now giving away its nifty spell checking application SpellTools. Pick it up at:

<http://www.newertech.com/software/spelltools.html>

SPSS DeltaGraph 4.0.5c

There's a new updater for DeltaGraph versions 4.0.4 and 4.0.5 to turn them into 4.0.5c. Find it at:

<http://www.spss.com/tech/Patches/DGM-050898.html>

To go from 4.0.1 to 4.0.4 please download from:

<http://www.spss.com/tech/Patches/DGM090997.html>

And to go from 4.0 to 4.0.1 make sure you use:

<http://www.spss.com/tech/Patches/DG-06-072397.html>

Owners of version 3.5 can find another series of updates to get to version 3.5.4 at:

<http://www.spss.com/tech/downloads/dgraph.htm>