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From The DealsGuy

for October, 2002 by Bob Click,
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Group

Since one of my items is lengthy, I'll forget my personal comments. It was an interesting experience too, but should be in next month's column.

*Aladdin Update

Aladdin has released some updates and a special offer. They offer user groups a discount as usual. You can check it out on my Web site from my Announcements page [\[http://www.dealsguy.com\]](http://www.dealsguy.com) or register at [\[http://www.aladdinsys.com/support/usergroups/index.html\]](http://www.aladdinsys.com/support/usergroups/index.html)

*Help for the Investor (Its About Time!)

My thanks to Norm Black who leads an investment SIG in the Alamo PC

Tips 'n Tricks for Beginners

Tom Coleman

Everyone is good at something. It gets to be frustrating when you are not good at what you are trying to do. I am hopeless at creating Web Pages. My last few efforts put me off permanently so that now I farm out the job. There is a limit to how much new knowledge you can absorb. We need to decide that there are some things that we choose not to know. Then if it comes up we can "pass on that one". I believe that this attitude can be a real saviour when it comes to computing. No one can be good at everything so a list of priorities helps to save time and stress. However it can be an excuse to be lazy or to spend money instead of learning or developing better habits.

DOS Can Help!

No one needs to learn DOS these days. Whilst a grasp of DOS will make some things easier, or even possible, generally it is not part of today's computing requirements. That said, there are still a few tricks that are useful. For example you can spend a lot of time resolving the source of a printing problem using Windows. Some printer programs are better than others at assisting your troubleshooting a printer. If the printer works from the DOS prompt then the problem is not the printer, nor the cable, nor the port. If it does not work from DOS, then the problem is the printer, the printer cable or the printer port. If it

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**6 pm Works and Office compatibility by Jim
Carter**

7 pm Q&A

8 pm Front Page 2002 by Rich Lubinski

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User Group for connecting me with “High Growth Stock” (HGS). If you are an investor (many UGs have an investment SIG), this could be just the ticket for analyzing your investments. Norm says a member made them aware of HGS and now both Alamo Investment SIGs, as well as some of the members, are using it. Since I’ve not yet tried their product, HGS folks wrote the description that follows:

“High Growth Stock investing solutions (HGS) introduces you to an exciting set of investment products and services that keep you abreast of the pulse of the market, meeting the needs of the individual and institutional investor alike. We are dedicated to offering systems, products and services that, together, will provide an end-to-end seamless process for successful investing in a volatile and often tricky market. The heart and engine of our offering is the HGS investor software developed and launched years ago. It is continually enhanced and upgraded several times each year with greater capability, functionality and features that allow our clients to be smarter and more profitable investors, as well as the capability to do whatever style of investing you aspire.

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damental and technical analysis from value and momentum investing, respectively.

“In summary, the HGS investing solutions provides whatever style of investing you aspire to and enables you to get the job done efficiently and quickly. In addition, there are several training CD’s that take you through the basics from intermediate levels to advanced concepts of how to use the tools. The training CD’s are a series of movies and PowerPoint slides that make it easy to follow in several case studies. In addition, there are free weekly market reports at our website providing up to date reviews of the market. We also feature a free Learning Center of case studies that assist you in the principles of HGS investing.

“There is a free HGS Forum at our website, hosted by Yahoo, that you can participate in or just read the wonderful exchange of ideas and investment suggestions from our clients. In addition, we provide a monthly newsletter (invariably 20 pages in length) that you can subscribe to and download at your convenience. The HGS seminar is 3 days in length and gives you an in-depth understanding of the HGS strategy, process and software tools. For more details on High Growth stock investing solutions go to [<http://www.highgrowthstock.com>].

“Two special offers and Promotions are offered to members of the PC User Group readership of Bob Click’s DealsGuy monthly column.

1. A FREE, no strings attached, risk free, sixty (60) days ‘introductory subscription’ to High Growth Stock (HGS) investing solutions (A \$125.88 value). This offer is designed for the ‘professional’ investor, not the beginning investor or user. What you receive for this no cost offer is:

A CD containing all the information and data that our regular clients would pay \$755 for.

The free no risk 60-day ‘introductory subscription’ to HGS investing solutions ‘begins the day you install the CD’ with the HGS investor software and stock market data, and ends 60 calendar days later.

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A fully functional copy of the HGS investor software, designed, developed and marketed by Industry Monitors.

The HGS historical database of stock/market price and fundamentals from our partner, Quotes Plus, Inc.

The HGS monthly newsletter written by Ian Woodward and Ron Brown, who are professional investors, for the most recent month and via our website for the months published during your 60-day introductory subscription.

Free weekly HGS market reports written by Ron Brown made available via our website.

Instructional tutorial movies (9 in all) for using HGS investor software that provide an excellent overview of all the software and numerous techniques.

Guide to High Growth Stock investor software is the software user guide.

The High Growth Stock investing strategy guide is a 60+ page presentation by Ian Woodward to assist HGS investors in developing solutions for selecting high growth stock portfolios, industry groups and stocks.

In search of profitable high growth stocks are the first three chapters of a book written by Ian Woodward.

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special temporary offer. The annual subscription cost for these services is \$755.26. The HGS folks have agreed to a first year subscription period of 14 months instead of the usual 12 months, an additional value to you of another \$125.88. To convert to annual after your trial offer, order at <http://www.highgrowthstock.com>.

When you look at the entire deal I have arranged, You are getting 16 months total of service for \$755.26. The first two months are totally free with no out of pocket money. They say that without this deal, it would cost you \$755.26 + \$251.76 for the extra 4 months. It's a \$1,007.02 package for \$755.26, a 25% saving with no financial commitment for the first 60 days. If after 60 days you're not convinced it's for you, just walk away and it didn't cost you anything but some time to evaluate this fine product. Just using the FREE trial is a great deal for the serious investor.

*How About Secure E-mail For A change (PCs only)

I received this offer from Eric Leve at Centuriansoft. I realize that some folks don't care if somebody might read their e-mail, but here is software to encrypt it at a good price, bundled with another great product. I'll post the information received from Centuriansoft on my Web site's announcement page <http://www.dealsguy.com> where you can see their argument for encryption, full descriptions of the products in this deal, and their offer. Please read it all carefully.

Briefly, SoftClan "e-cryptor" allows the user to create and send self-decrypting e-mails that do not require the recipient to have any additional software to decode the message. Once received, the recipient needs only to expand or execute the attachment, click on the resulting envelope icon, and finally, input the password to access the enclosed and formerly encoded information.

Also, for a limited time Centuriansoft will

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prints from DOS then the problem is in Windows or the program you are using.

How do you print from DOS? You can go to Start | Programs | MSDOS Prompt or Start | Shut Down | Restart in MS DOS mode. Either way you will end up at the DOS prompt. It looks like this

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C:\WINDOWS>
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if you went through Start | Programs | MSDOS Prompt . Otherwise it will be

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C:\>
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Both of these prompts are followed by a flashing cursor. At the DOS prompt type in

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DIR *.TXT
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and press {enter}. This will give you a listing of files with a 'TXT' extension. These files are usually plain text files, they have no formatting and they are usually easy to print. Now, if your list of files is too long for the screen just type

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DIR *.TXT /P
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and press {enter}. This will cause the list to pause at each screen full. And for the smarty pants who know too much. Do not use DIR *.TXT /W because we want to see the size of the files. You should pick a file that is less than about 3000 bytes. The file size is the first group of numbers after the file name and extension. The idea of picking a file of less than 3000 bytes is that this will all fit on one page. There is no point in printing multiple pages if all you want to do is to see whether or not the printer prints

anything.

Of course you may get the dreaded "File Not Found" message. In this case substitute *.BAT or *.INF for the *.TXT.

Test the Printer

Having chosen a file of an appropriate length (There is a nice one called SUPPORT.TXT in C:\WINDOWS in W98 SE) you can send it off to the printer with the command

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COPY SUPPORT.TXT PRN
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Of course, this assumes your printer is plugged in, turned on and has paper in it.

If the printer springs into action and produces the appropriate work, all well and good. However some documents, for reasons best known to troublemakers and malcontents, lack the signal to tell the printer to spit the page out. This is known as a *Form Feed*. The form feed signal is the ASCII number 12 which we can generate at the DOS prompt with ^L (*L is the twelfth letter of the alphabet*). This is also known as Control L (also written as Ctrl+L), because you make it by holding down the Control key and tapping the L key once.

You need to send the *Form Feed* off to the printer, so the command

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ECHO ^L > PRN
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will do the trick.

Translated into English this means

Make a copy of a Form Feed and send it to	ECHO ^L >
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Tips 'n Tricks for (Continued from page 4) Beginners **Be Smarter Again**

If you are feeling lazy, cunning or pressed for time you need not send a print job to the printer first. The above command alone will tell you that the computer is communicating with the printer by causing it to churn out a blank page. You can also use it on those occasions when you just want to clear the printer.

Now, you've determined whether or not the printer is working, how do you return to Windows? Type EXIT and press {enter}.

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include a free copy of "Steganos 3 Security Suite" with your order. Steganos 3 Security Suite is a complete security solution for your PC. Its features include seven great products and I liked the looks of them all. MSRP for SoftClan "e-cryptor is \$59.95, but DealsGuy readers can get the entire package for just \$39.96, shipping included. \$7.00 shipping for Canadian customers. Call 1-202-293-1634, or e-mail [eleve@centuriansoft.com] and mention promotion code 777 to order. Visit their Web site for information on their entire line of products. [<http://www.centuriansoft.com>] More next month.

That's it for this month. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click [Bobclick@mindspring.com]. Visit my Web site at [<http://www.dealsguy.com>] for past columns. Also, I keep adding interesting articles (taken from user group newsletters) to my "Articles of Interest" page for viewing or downloading.

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