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Computer Jargon

Hard disk: A device that allows naive users to delete vast quantities of data with simple mnemonic commands.

Printer: A electromechanical paper-shredding device.

Modem: A preripheral used in the unsuccessful attempt to get two computers to communicate with each other.

Network: An electronic means of multiplying your hardware and software problems exponentially.

Documentation: A perplexing linen-bound accessory usually employed solely as a decorative bookend.

Lap-top: Smaller and lighter than the average secretary.

Portable: Smaller and lighter than the average refrigerator.

Transportable: Neither chained to a wall nor attached to an alarm system.

User-friendly: Supplied with a full-color manual.

Very user-friendly: Supplied with a disk and audiotape tutorial so the user needn't bother with the full-color manual.

Extremely user-friendly: Supplied with a mouse so that the computer user needn't bother with the disk-and-audiotape tutorial, the full-color manual, or the program itself.

Easy to learn: Hard to use.

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Easy to learn and use: Won't do what you want.

Powerful: Hard to learn and use.

Spreadsheet: A program that gives the user quick and easy access to a wide variety of highly detailed reports based on highly inaccurate assumptions.

Word processor: Mythical software that magically transforms its user into a professional author.

Macintosh: Mythical hardware which magically transforms your average office worker into a professional illustrator.

Desktop publishing: An excellent means of missing your printing deadlines by three weeks instead of three days. Also used to produce professional quality junk mail.

Thought processor: An electronic version of the indented outline procedure that thinking people instantly abandon upon graduation from high school.

Database manager: A program that allows the user to manipulate data in every conceivable way except the absolutely essential one he conceives the day after entering 200 pages of raw material.

Project manager: Software for generating fantasy scenarios of amazing optimism which can instantly be changed to reflect the truth after the project is completed. The Winnebago of software.

Integrated software: A single product that deftly preforms hundreds of functions the user never needs and awkwardly performs the half-dozen he uses constantly.

Now available: Available any day now.

Available soon: Available in a year or so.

Standard: Similar to something else on the market.

Backup: The duplicate copy of crucial data that no one bothered to make; used only in abstract sense.

Copy-protection: A clever method of preventing incompetent pirates from stealing software and legitimate customers from using it.

Warranty: An unconditional guarantee that the program purchased is actually included on the disk in the box.

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The standby pool for the last game in *Frobozz* is: Nelson, Barents, Gibson, and Acheson. Does anyone want on or off the list?

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Benwick

Spring, 1908

ENGLAND (*Lange*) F LVP S French F MID-iri(nso).

FRANCE (*Holley*) A bre-PIC, A gas-MAR, F SPA(SC)-mid, F MID-eng.

GERMANY (*Rusnak*) A MOS-sev, A STP-mos, F nwy-NWG, F swe-NWY, F bal-DEN, F edi-CLY, F NTH-eng, A lon-WAL, A YOR S A lon-WAL, A mun-BOH, A ber-SIL, A kie-MUN, A bel-BUR, A tyo-TRI, A ven S A tyo-TRI(d,r tyo,pie,tus,otb), A BUD S A tyo-TRI.

ITALY (*Gonsalves*) F ROM H, F tun-WES, F wes-LYO.

TURKEY (*Peters*) F apu-VEN, F ADR S F apu-VEN, A ser-RUM, A tri-tyo(d,r vie,otb), A UKR-sev, A con-BUL, F smy-AEG, F ion-ALB, F NAP-rom.

Deadline for Fall, 1908 is 9PM EST, February 10, 1989. The proposal was defeated. Now proposed: a concession to Germany, a G-T draw. Stuart Lange is the new player for England. Melinda Holley takes over as France.

PRESS — England (such as it is) to World: Surrender HELL! (Actually I voted yes, but I don't want any of you folks thinking I'm a wimp!)

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Your sub has expired.

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