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Did someone say Cookie?

by Chris Grandfield



What is a Cookie? Is a cookie a tasty treat? Or is it a term used in web browser terminology? Well believe it or not, a cookie is both. The basic definition of a cookie is a file with information about your preferences when you visit a given website. When you visit a website after being sent a cookie for that website, the cookie basically remembers that you have been there before. Common things the cookies store are things like your username and password so you do not have to reenter them every time you visit that site. Cookies are also what allow you to have personalized web-

sites where you can customize what is displayed like on "My MSN" or "My Yahoo".

So you wonder—Why the heck is it called a cookie? The origin of the word actually is a computer science term that is used when describing an opaque piece of data held by an intermediary. Lou Montulli, currently the protocols manager in Netscape's client product division, wrote the cookies specification for Navigator 1.0 — the first browser to use the technology. The origins of the cookie's name is not particularly amusing. Lou Montulli just decided to call it a cookie and then the other web browsers followed suit.

If you do not want to have cookies on your computer, you can delete them.

"A Cookie is a file with information about your preferences when you visit a given website"

In fact, deleting cookies once in a while is a good idea. They can build up over time depending on how much you surf the web. Most web browsers have a built-in option to delete the cookies. In Internet Explorer, go to the Internet Options under the Tools menu and click the button that says delete cookies.

Now that you know what a cookie is and where it came from, go have a cookie.

A Sony PSP 2000?

The new PSP 2000, better known as PSP Slim, was made available on September 10 in two different versions: a black PSP-only package (\$170) and the Dexter Entertainment Pack (\$200) which includes a silver PSP with the Dexter game, a Family Guy UMD video and a 1GB Memory Stick Duo.

So what is the difference between the old and the new PSP? The new PSP is 19% thinner and 33% lighter than the original. The thinner PSP offers a slightly sleeker, more rounded look and feel. Plus, all of the control buttons are sitting a bit more elevated for better game

play. The new PSP has a system setting called "UMD Cache," which enables faster loading of game discs. The PSP Slim has 64MB RAM versus the 32MB on the original model enabling faster performance. The new PSP features an AV output jack which doubles as a standard headphone connector. With the purchase of a special cable, you can display the PSP's audio and video on virtually any TV. All-in-all, the improvements are not drastic enough to make current PSP owners upgrade, but opens up the market to new buyers.

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Do NOT be Wrong about Copyright

by Eric Mackey

With the privilege of quick and highly accessible Internet on campus, there comes the responsibility of following Northwest's Computing Policies. Perhaps one of the hardest things for a freshman to let go of is the free mp3.

Since Napster started at the end of the 90s, copyright infringement has occurred on so many occasions and by so many people that it appears to be kosher and acceptable. Since then, billions of dollars worth of movies, music and software have been stolen and passed on from one person to another. After thousands of broken bands along with the drain of the record industries

bank account, the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) has found it necessary to get some of their money back and take a stand against the copyright infringement.

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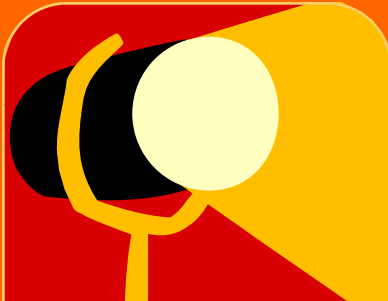
The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) extends federal copyright laws to protect work from electronic reproduction or distribution. This covers *anything* that is copyright

protected. Hence, Northwest does not allow sharing of music, movies or software that are copyright protected. Even though Limewire, Bearshare and Kazaa are all prohibited on our net-

work, anything legal such as iTunes music is ok to use. If you are unsure about potentially breaking a copyright policy, check to see if you have done any of the following DO NOTs:

- Making an MP3 copy for others to download
- Joining a file sharing network (Kazaa, Limewire, Morpheus)
- Receiving/sending email containing copyrighted material
- Transferring copyrighted material through instant message services

For more information about Northwest Computing Policies and copyright laws, go to www.nwmissouri.edu/comperv/ClientComputing/ComputingPolicies.htm



PERT SPOTLIGHT Audra Gustin

Audra is a sophomore from Kearney, MO currently living in Millikan for her first year as a PERT. She is studying Interactive Digital Media with an emphasis on visual imaging and would like to design websites in the future.

Audra is a choreographer for Northwest Dance Company and for local competitive Acrobatic Gymnastics teams. Audra grew up competing in acro and won an international gold medal in 2003. She also works at Maryville Dance Academy teaching tumbling classes twice a week.

In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her boyfriend, listening to music, nap time and playing video games. Some of her favorites are Final Fantasy, The Legend of Zelda and Katamari. Audra's favorite music tends to be Alternative or Indie rock, but she is always looking for music that would be good for dance.

Web Browsing Basics

by Audra Gustin

Getting on the Internet does not normally require a whole lot of thinking — you click the icon, the window opens and there you go. Internet Explorer is probably the most popular web browser for PCs since it is the default browser for Windows and some people do not know about the alternatives.

Mozilla Firefox

Firefox is increasing in popularity and is a great alternative to Internet Explorer. Firefox 2.0 is the most current version and includes tabbed browsing, spell checking, virus, pop-up and spyware blocking, and loads pages fairly quickly. Installing the Firefox browser is simple. You can go to www.mozilla.com to learn out more about it.



Netscape Navigator

Netscape has improved a bit over the years and now includes features such as: resizable text area, a news area, visual refresh and URL correction, which automatically fixes common typing mistakes in the address bar. The new



release provides more security options and is available at browser.netscape.com.

Safari

Safari is the Apple Mac and iPhone browser. Safari is also now available for Microsoft Windows. Safari claims to be the fastest and most easy to use browser in the world. With speeds up to 2 times faster than Internet Explorer, Safari gives you more time to view web pages and less time to wait for them to load. Safari includes all the security and privacy features of other browsers as well. For more information, go to www.apple.com/safari.



How do you know which browser is best? Visit the websites, search for browser comparisons that meet your needs and try them out! Internet Explorer is not a bad browser, but it is not the only one, so check out the other options.



Computer Tips

4 Tips You Should Know

1 To minimize all your active windows with the keyboard, press the Windows key + M.

2 Print a document quickly by pressing Ctrl + P.

3 In Internet Explorer, go to View then Toolbars and uncheck the toolbars you do not want displayed.

4 To cancel an action, press ESC. To undo an action, press CTRL+Z. To repeat an action, press CTRL+Y.

Fun Links

Bluefly.com

Buy designer clothes for great prices!

MyPyramid.gov

Get a personalized eating plan to help you stay off the curse of gaining the Freshman 15.

CNet.com

Get the latest information on gadgets, electronics and upcoming technology.

Get Connected!

by Beyza Aydar

Welcome to Northwest! An exciting year full of events is ahead of us. Getting involved in campus organizations is one of the most important components of your college experience. You will get a chance to share common interests with your peers and meet a lot of people!

The organizations are divided into several categories: academic, political, Greek life, honorary, mass media, multicultural, performing arts, religious, residential life, special interest and sports clubs. Northwest has over 160 campus organizations. You are guaranteed to find one that will interest you. Northwest Dance Company, Fencing Club, Northwest Paintball, Sign Language Club and Scribblers

are among the many organizations that bring people with the same interests together.

If you are interested in politics and ready to make a change, Student Senate is waiting for you! Student Senate is the representative governing body of all students at Northwest. You can become an associate member when you complete an application. You can even become a senator, if you get elected. For more information, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/studentaffairs/organizations/government.htm

Multicultural organizations give Northwest students a chance to meet people from different backgrounds

and cultures. International Students Association, Asian Students Association and Alliance of Black Collegians are some of your options. For more information on the aforementioned organizations, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/studentaffairs/organizations/multicultural.htm.



Making the most of your freshman year is in your hands. Take advantage of campus organizations and develop new skills. Finding the organization that interests you the most is at the tip of your fingers! For detailed information on all organizations, visit www.nwmissouri.edu/studentaffairs/organizations/index.htm

Space Mania

by Nathan Fuller

Everyone needs space to backup their files as they run the risk of losing essential files. No one knows if their computer will crash or if it will get dropped and broken. However, backing up everything you may need in the future is wise. Losing a fifty page research paper the night before it is due is not fun.

Each student at Northwest is given storage space on the Northwest network outside of their campus laptop. Catbert is Northwest's Student Storage server. Faculty, staff and students can use Student Storage. All students receive 30 megabytes of free space on their storage drive. Catbert can be accessed from any computer on the Northwest network, which means you can access your files from Colden Hall, the Union or any other campus building. Campus wide access to your storage folder is great if you forget to bring your assignment to class and need to print it immediately.

Steps to access your Catbert storage folder:

- Right-click on My Network Places
- Click Search for Computers
- Type in Catbert and press Enter
- The computer Catbert will appear on the right side of the window after a few seconds.
- Double-click on Catbert
- Double-click Students
- Double-click the folder with the last 2 digits of your s#
- Double-click on the folder with your s#

Another thing students use to back up their files is a thumb drive/USB drive. The great thing about purchasing a thumb drive is you can take it anywhere and they have greater space capacity making it easier to back up photos and music files.