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Free Extended Warranty!

For a Limited Time Only . . .

Display Systems International is pleased to offer hardware upgrades for our existing customers with FREE three year-extended warranties. Now the hardware you purchased years ago can be upgraded, as well as the software. New software features are available with the latest version and new hardware makes operation of the software smoother.

Extended three year warranties are also available to new customers purchasing full systems. From now until the 31st of December 2001, any customer buying new systems will receive the 3-year warranty at no extra charge.

Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe, you will believe it, but if someone tells you a wall has wet paint, you will have to touch it to be sure? D



Video Contest Winners!

All the videos have finally been reviewed by our team of experts, and the votes have been tallied.

Telemedia in Whitehouse, TN took the third place prize. Second place was received by LCTV in Thibodoux, LA. And the final Grand prize winner was CCTV in Temiscaming, PQ. Congratulations!

Some honourable mentions are as follows; KBUR in Burlington, IA; Hometown Cable in Shenandoah, IA; Splitrock Telecom in Garretson, SD and Sumner Cable TV in Wellington, KS. All the entries were wonderful and we had a tough time making a final decision. A huge thanks to all those who participated this year! D

This is the pricing guide for hardware upgrades aforementioned in the adjacent article. The free 3-year warranty extension is available with the upgrades until the closing date of the offer.

Premium System - Typical Configuration for ELITE2000 and ELITEGOLD Creation Systems

IBM Compatible Computer, Celeron 766, keyboard and mouse, 2 powered speakers, microphone, 128 Meg RAM, 3.5" floppy drive, 10 Gig Hard Disk (or better), 52X CD-ROM, Windows 95/98, 4 Meg VGA Graphics board, VGA Monitor (IB400), NTSC video output (IB470), Photo Express software (IB600), current DSI software, sound board (IB520), UPS backup (IB360), and single pass color flatbed scanner (IB510) (or substitute image capture board (IB500) instead of flatbed scanner). Includes choice of modem / network card. **\$2900.00**

Base System with Communications - Typical Configuration

IBM Compatible Computer, Celeron 766, keyboard and mouse, 128 Meg RAM, 3.5" floppy drive, 10 Gig Hard Disk (or better), 52X CD-ROM, Windows 95/98, 4 Meg VGA Graphics board, NTSC video output (IB470), and current DSI software version, UPS backup (IB360). Includes choice of modem / network card. **\$1800.00**

Base System - Typical Configuration

IBM Compatible Computer, Celeron 766, keyboard and mouse, 128 Meg RAM, 3.5" floppy drive, 10 Gig Hard Disk (or better), 52X CD-ROM, Windows 95/98, 4 Meg VGA Graphics board, internal NTSC video output (IB490), and current DSI software version, UPS backup (IB360). **\$1400.00 D**

A Trucker's Breakfast

A young man at his first job as a waiter in a diner has a large trucker sit down at the counter and order, "Gimme 3 flat tires and a couple of headlights."

Bewildered he goes to the kitchen and tells the cook, "I think this guy's in the wrong store, look at what he ordered!"

The cook says, "He wants 3 pancakes & 2 eggs sunny-side up."

The waiter takes a bowl of beans to the trucker.

He looks at it and growls, "What's this? I didn't order this!"

The young man tells him, "The cook says that while you're waiting for your parts you might as well gas up!" D

Tips and Tricks

Tips and Tricks is a section that offers suggestions to make your pages look more professional, and provides short-cuts for saving time while using the DSI software. This issue of 'Tips and Tricks' features "**Disabling Autoscans**".



Power outages can happen from time to time. Disabling the autoscans is handy when rebooting systems from a remote location. An autoscans installed on the computer, may interfere with daily functions after a power interruption has occurred. In this case, a person may have to drive to the remote computer site to reboot the computer(s). This is hardly worth the hassle since disabling the autoscans can be done anytime in under 5 minutes. This is a good

precautionary measure for systems that are susceptible to power surges or any other electric mishap.

Beginning on the desktop, double click on "My Computer". A screen will appear with icons in a window, but look to the top beside the *Files* drop-down menu. Click on the *View* menu. Select the option "Folder Options . . .". Once again another window will come up. Above the window are three tabs, select the "View" tab. A list of options will appear in the window space below. Under the Hidden Files folder are three options, check the Show All Files circle. Then press OK.

Now you will be back at the "My Computer" window. Double click on the C: drive. Then find the file called *Msdos.sys*. Right click on this file. Go to the *Properties* option and deselect the Read-only option. Press OK, again. Then right click on the document and press the top "Open with . . ." option.

Open the file using NOTEPAD. Now, make a small code change. There is a line that says :

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Autoscan = 1
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This particular line can be found in the middle top half of the code. Change the one(1) to a zero(0) in this line of code. Then press "Save", under the *Files* scroll-down menu. Make sure to go back to the *Properties* option and reselect the Read-only option. Now when rebooting the computer, either on purpose, or after a black out, the autoscans will not disrupt the reboot procedure of the computer. D

We would like anyone who has a good idea for our Tips and Tricks section to please get in touch with us and share your idea. If we put it in a future issue of *The Monitor*, we will give you credit for it. Please call us at 306.934.6884 and ask for Rachel. D

Not Another One . . .

A nun, a priest, an Irishman, a Jew, a Scotsman, a rabbi, and a blonde walk into a bar.

The bartender looks at them and asks, "Is this some kind of joke?" D

Biography Corner

Mr. David Falk. Dave has been employed with DSI for five years. Dave is an important part of DSI, as he handles the shipping & handling and the technical support.

Born: Saskatoon, SK

Education: Two diplomas at CDI college in Saskatoon, LAN administrator and Office Administration.

Interests: Working on his pilot's license, racing cars.

Career Goal: In the future, Dave would like to fly for a commercial airline.

DSI Responsibilities: Service director: Technical support, and shipping/handling. D

Ensure software stability...

The *remote rebooter* is a device that is now included with all remote systems and modems. Although you may never use it, it is a nice "insurance policy" to have.

If your remote system stops working due to back up failures, electrical surges due to storms, shut downs or any other complication, you can remotely reboot the computer. Simply call the computer and as soon as the pre-assigned number of rings is reached, the computer will reboot itself. This saves having to drive to the headend in order to physically reboot the computer. D



SCARY SOUNDS

This fellow who had spent his whole life in the desert comes to visit a friend. He'd never seen a train or the tracks they run on.

While standing in the middle of the railroad tracks one day, he hears the whistle, "Whoee Whoee!" but doesn't know what it is. Predictably, he's hit -- but only a glancing blow -- and is thrown, to the side of the tracks, with some minor internal injuries, a few broken bones, and some bruises. After weeks in the hospital recovering, he's at his friend's house attending a party one evening. While in the kitchen, he suddenly hears the teakettle whistling. He grabs a baseball bat from the nearby closet and proceeds to batter and bash the tea kettle into an unrecognizable lump of metal.

His friend, hearing the ruckus, rushes into the kitchen, sees what's happened, and asks the man from the desert, "Why did you ruin my good tea kettle?"

The desert man replies, "Man, you gotta kill these things when they're small!" D

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- I would like someone from DSI to contact me.
- Please add my friend to the DSI mailing list.
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Please fill out the following so we can serve you better:

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 State: _____ Zip: _____
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Joke of the Day

A young executive was leaving the office at 6:00 p.m. when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in hand. "Listen," said the CEO, "this is important, and my secretary has left. Can you make this thing work?" "Certainly," replied the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button. "Excellent, excellent!" the CEO exclaims as his paper disappears into the machine. "I just need one copy."

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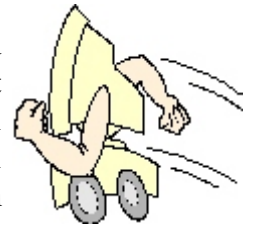
Taking a moment . . .

On behalf of Display Systems International, we would like to express our sorrow to those who lost friends or relatives in the events of September 11. The attacks were not simply on three buildings and some planes, but on an entire society and its members. The attack was not only on the people directly involved, but on anyone who values security and freedom. Both Canadians and Americans hold these values of prime importance. As such, our aim, is to conduct business in as normal a manner as possible in defiance of the goals of such terrorist attacks. D



On the Road Again . . .

DSI representatives Richard and Rob will be in attendance at the 2002 SCTE vendor show in San Antonio, TX to be held on June 5 - 7, 2002. See you at booth number 619!



The North-Central Cable show, March 11 & 12, 2002, is coming up soon. DSI will be in attendance there, as well, with Richard and Edgar managing the booth. Booth number will be released in a later Monitor issue. D

Error Message Haikus

Tired of those annoying error messages on your PC? In Japan, they have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft error messages with their own Japanese haiku poetry to add an oriental serenity to normal everyday aggravation.

Windows NT crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.

With searching comes loss.
And the presence of absence:
"My Novel" not found.

A file that big?
It might be very useful.
But now it is gone. D

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