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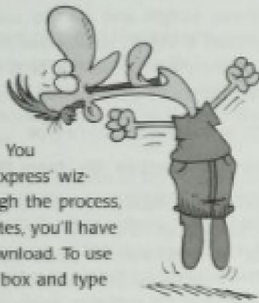
Online service provider CompuServe announced it would offer access to the Internet on this day in 1994. Previously, the company's 1.7 million members could only view CompuServe's proprietary content online. CompuServe was launched in 1969 as a computer time-sharing service and was the first commercial provider to offer email and technical support. The company was acquired by America Online in 1998.

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Twisted List: Secret Windows Software You Already Own

By Chris Pirillo

IEExpress Have you ever wanted to make a customized self-extracting executable? You already have the tool. IEExpress' wizard will step you through the process, and in a matter of minutes, you'll have something ready for download. To use IEExpress, open the **Run** box and type `ieexpress.exe`.



Vintage Windows Media Player If you're like me, you hate the new Windows Media Player. Sure, it's skinnable, but it also sucks up a lot of resources. Did you know the old one is still there? Yep, it's now called `mplayer2.exe`. Just type the name in the **Run** box.

Onscreen Keyboard Keyboard stuck? Don't want to reboot? Use the onscreen keyboard. It's an accessibility tool, but it'll work just as well for anybody. Click **Start**, **Programs**, **Accessories**, **Accessibility**, then select **On-Screen Keyboard**. Or, type `osk.exe` in the **Run** box.

Winchat Instant messaging is fun, but what if you don't want to install any of that kind of software on your machine? Launch Winchat, and then connect with another buddy on your network (your buddy also has to run Winchat). Open the **Run** box and type `winchat.exe`.

(Chris Pirillo is the host of Call for Help on TechTV.)



TIP OF THE DAY Most operating systems maintain a page (or swap) file. This is an area of hard-drive space that the operating system can use if it runs out of RAM. Using the page file slows the system down considerably, but it's better than crashing.

Even with scads of RAM, your system still requires a page file. So, it's worth optimizing it for better performance. Start by creating a dedicated hard drive partition for the page file. This keeps it from getting fragmented and mixed in with other data. Doing this on Mac OS X can improve performance by 10%–20%.

If you have multiple drives, put the page partition on a different drive from the operating system to minimize back-and-forth movement of the drive heads. If you can put the page drive on a different IDE chain, all the better. Best yet, put the page partition on the fastest part of the drive, which usually is the first partition.

To move the page file to another partition in Windows XP, open the System control panel. Click the **Advanced** tab and click the **Settings** button in the Performance section. Click the **Advanced** tab again, and click the **Change** button. Here, you can choose which drive or drives hold the page file. You also might want to set a value for the Initial size and Maximum size. Pick a single value for both to keep the system from spending time resizing the page file. 400MB should do.



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