TECHNICAL GEEKERY TIPS

Microsoft Word

Do you ever have zillions of documents open in Word? I sure do, and going through each to save it after editing all over them sure gets annoying. That's why I use a hidden way of saving all open documents at once. It's really simple once you know the trick. Hold down the Shift key while clicking File. The Save option will change to Save All, with a pile of disks as the icon. The next time you go up to the File menu, it will go back to normal.

Note: If you use Office 2007, I would assume you could hold Shift while hitting the Office Button, but I haven't tried it.

Internet Explorer Version 7

Are you browsing on a small screen and tired of all the junk cluttering up the screen? Simply press F11 while in the browser and the browser will full-screen. If you move your mouse away from the top of the screen, the navigation bar will disappear. Simply move the mouse to the top to see it again.

Firefox Version 3.0

Hey, guess what? You can also browse full screen. It works exactly the same as in IE.

Windows

How would you like to change a folder's icon so that you can pick it out easily? Well, now you can, if you have Windows XP or Vista, and in just a few seconds. Simply right-click the folder and choose Properties. Click the Customize tab at the top and choose Change Icon. You have a good number of icons displayed immediately, but you can get even more. Try typing the following into the Look For Icons In This File box at the top:

- Shell32.dll (default)
- Moricons.dll (old programs, especially notable for the great file cabinet picture toward the end of the listing)
- Progman.exe (XP ONLY, all sorts of stuff)
- Syncui.dll (folders)
- Pifmgr.dll (brightly colored household objects)
- User32.dll (error, info, etc. icons as displayed throughout Windows)
- Explorer.exe (seemingly random)
- Dialer.exe (phones)
- Regedit.exe (weird cubes)
- Taskmgr.exe (variously filled status bar-thingies)
- bthprops.cpl (possibly Vista only, random again)

For a video of this process, see http://www.thetechnicalgeekery.com/walkthrough/changeicons.swf. You will need to have Flash Player installed. The first few seconds will not have sound. If you cannot get this to work, please contact webmaster@thetechnicalgeekery.com as this is a new program and we need information to get it working all the time.

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