

Computer Bits by Mark Eggert of Raad One Network Solutions, Inc.

Welcome to Computer Bits, a series of articles on computers and network information. For this month I'd like to report on two useful utilities.

The first is called "Trojan Remover" and as its name implies it helps in the removal of Trojan horses and internet worms. I have had the opportunity of using this utility a couple of times now and it has helped in removing the Trojan horses that were on the computers I was fixing. It is made by Simply Super Software and is available at their website: www.simplysup.com. They offer a fully-working 30 day evaluation download and the utility is only \$29. The utility can be run at any time and you are warned to disable any anti-virus programs while the utility is running. The utility can also be set to run at startup. I find this utility to be very useful in cleaning Trojans and Worms from infected computers.

The second is called "CleanUp!" and it is a small utility that scans your computer for files that can be deleted, thus cleaning the junk on your hard drives and speeding up the performance of a computer. This utility is made by Steven Gould and is available from his website: www.stevengould.org/software/cleanup/index.html. It is a free utility but Steven does accept donations. This utility does a very thorough job of looking for files to delete. In fact, it is so thorough that Steven and I recommend that you run it in demo mode first to see what would have been cleaned up if it was run in normal mode. You may be surprised at what it finds! I have a folder structure on my hard drive where I keep downloaded files temporarily until I burn them to CDs or DVDs. CleanUp! found them and would have deleted the 4GBs of files if it had been run in normal mode. I wouldn't have enjoyed going back and re-downloading all of those files again! So while it is a good utility, you need to be careful with this one.

If any of you have utilities or programs you've found useful and think others would too, let me know about them. I'll take a look at them and maybe report on them in these articles.

If you have a computer or network question you'd like answered and you think others would like to know the answer too, please forward them to me. My email address is meggert@wi.rr.com, my phone number is 262-679-7704 and my fax number is 262-679-7664.