

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'll report on two useful utilities sent to me by a member of TDMAW.

The first is called "ERUNT" and it's a Registry Backup and Restore utility. This is a free utility available at [www.larshederer.homepage.t-online.de/erunt/](http://www.larshederer.homepage.t-online.de/erunt/) and it is advisable to make a backup of the registry before installing applications on your computer. This utility offers a number of options for making the backup of your registry easy.

The second isn't a utility but a service called gmail from Google. This free email service gives you about 2.8GBs of storage space and so they claim that you'll never need to delete an email again. I have a couple of gmail accounts as I find their configuration for email very good for newsgroups or user groups. Gmail is a threaded email system. This means that emails that share a common thread, such as topics from newsgroups, are displayed as one email with each separate email in the thread linked to the next. Also the large storage space gives you plenty of room for large attachments. The one drawback I see with gmail is the inability to create folders to sort your into. I mean if you're never going to need to delete an email, you're going to want some way of sorting it! Even though gmail is free, you need to be invited to get an account. So if you would like to give it a try, email me and I'll get an invitation to you.

Again, 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](mailto:meggert@wi.rr.com), my phone number is 262-679-7704 and my fax number is 262-679-7664.