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## How 'Original' Internet Began

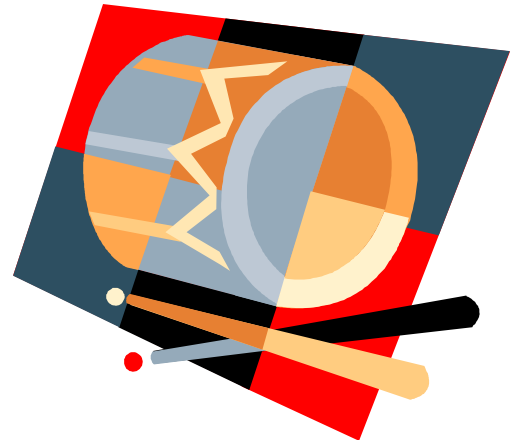
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In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com.

She said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?"


And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between, to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."



Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new prosperity and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed he did insist on making drums



***Memory Jogger...***  
**See you at the next SAGATUG meeting this Friday, February 14, 2002 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. (See page four for directions and more upcoming events.)**

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# Publisher 2002 - More Like MS Office

By Bob Allen

Most SAGATUG club members are aware of the fact that the Interface has been produced using Microsoft Publisher. I have been using MS Publisher 98 until a few issues ago.

Now I'm using Publisher Deluxe with Photo Editing. There is a big difference between the two. Publisher 98 was not nearly as user friendly and easy to learn as the newest version. For some reason Publisher 98 was different from its sibling Windows software. I often could not import text or graphics from other software or the Internet so I imported them into MS Word. Word will import just anything so I formatted the text and then im-

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that would work only with Brother Gates's drumheads and drumsticks.

And seeing it, Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others, and I fear that Job's son Stephen will not be able to pull our fat out of the fire as he did of yore with his fruit of the apple tree."

And as Abraham paddled his way across the water on his log, he looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay" and said, "We need a name that reflects what we are," and Dot replied, Do not worry yourself, my husband. Just log on. We will call our name, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner-Operators."

"YAHOO!", said Abraham

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ported it into Publisher. Now Publisher can not only do that but has a photo editor with it at no extra cost.

One of the most notable differences is that it works more like Microsoft Office with the same commands. While the new Publisher is much easier to use import text, occasionally I tried to import text from a website and instead of the new text appearing, the page went blank wiping out everything that was already there. However, as soon as I hit the "undo" toolbar icon everything went back to the way it was.

Generally, a great improvement and faster too.



# Microsoft Gives Extra Life To Win98

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Late last year, Microsoft pulled the plug on a group of older products, including all versions of DOS, Windows 3.xx, NT 3.5x, and the seminal Windows 95--- arguably the most important commercial operating system ever released. (See "It's Curtains For Windows 95" <http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20021211S0008> )

This cessation of support wasn't a surprise: Microsoft had announced its comprehensive "Product Lifecycle Guidelines" back in 2001. The guidelines called for older products to be phased out fairly rapidly; and for newer products gradually to ramp down through diminishing levels of support as time went on: The older a product was, the fewer support options would be available for it until it reached what Microsoft called "end of life," when all official support would stop.

Microsoft originally had Windows 98 set for a fairly aggressive march towards "end of life" in June of this year (2003) but got a lot of negative feedback: After all, Win98 remains the world's most popular operating system, and pulling the plug on it is no trivial matter. As a result, late last year Microsoft relaxed the schedule a tiny bit: in effect, granting Win98 a very limited stay of execution: It still will become MOSTLY unsupported in June of this year, but some paid support options will remain available (for those who want to pony up the money) for six more months.

Microsoft quietly juggled the support options for several products late last year; changing the dates and rates at which its software would drop through the four levels of support that Microsoft has set up: from full or "mainstream" support (with free and paid live support; support for warranty claims; online self-help support information; and freely-downloadable hotfixes, patches and updates) through "end of life" (no further support of any kind, period) The schedules aren't always easy to figure out because Microsoft's own pages on the subject are confusing and internally contra-

dictory in some places. I waded in, tried to make sense of the information available, and put it all in the current InformationWeek column, available (free) now at <http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20030307S0018> .

In it, we'll walk through the currently scheduled "life cycles" of Windows 98/98SE, Windows ME, Windows NT 4.x, Windows 2000 and XP Home and Pro.

NOTE: Believe it or not XP Home and Pro have \*DIFFERENT\* support lifecycles, with Home's support expiring TWO YEARS sooner than Pro's!

I'll also give you direct links to the five different Microsoft resources I found on product lifecycles, so you can try reading the tea leaves yourself, if you so desire.

This is important information for anyone using any version of Windows; and for anyone planning to move to XP. Please click on over to <http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20030307S0018> and check it out



**Next SAGATUG Meeting  
Time and Place:**

**7 to 10 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2003**

**Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South  
Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia.**

**(In the park just south of Huntington Drive)**

**Meetings are on the second Friday of every month**

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Manhattan Beach**, last Saturday, monthly, TRW Swap Meet, Admission Free.

**Santa Ana**, last Sunday of each odd month, ACP, 1310 E. Edinger, Admission Free.

**Pomona Swap Meet** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, monthly, at Cal Poly Pomona, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Admission Free

**Pomona Fairplex**, March 29 & 30 in bldgs. 6 & 7 at LA Fair grounds, Gate 14, Admission \$7, plus parking.

**Burbank**, June 21 & 22, 2003(Sat. & Sun.), Hilton Burbank Airport & Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5 admission

**Costa Mesa**, April 12 & 13, bldg. 12, 2002, Orange County Fair and Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$5 admission

**Del Mar**, March 15 & 16 at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5 admission, \$7 parking. March 22

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The deadline for the INTERFACE is the last Saturday of the month.

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