

LESSON 11

WIN 95 TIPS/TRICKS TEXT FILES

BACKING UP REGISTRY FILES

There are a number of text files on your hard drive that contain tips and technical information about Windows 95. These files are located in the Windows directory. You can read or print them using NotePad or WordPad. The files include CONFIG.TXT, FAQ.TXT, GENERAL.TXT, MOUSE.TXT, and PRINTERS.TXT, PRINTERS.TXT, PROGRAMS.TXT, README.TXT, and others.

Here's how to view and print these files. First, click on Start, then Programs, then Accessories, and now open NotePad or WordPad. Click on File, then Open, then type the name of the file you want to look at and its location. For example, type C:\WINDOWS\FAQ.TXT and press Enter to read the FAQ.TXT file.

I have preached about the importance of backing up the data on your computer, and I've included information on making backup copies of the Registry files in our lessons. I'll once again talk about how important it is to keep a safe copy of Windows 95 Registry files and this time we'll use two files, CFGBACK.EXE and CFGBACK.HLP, which are located on your Windows 95 CD-ROM disk in the directory OTHER\MISC\CFGBACK\.

Let's make a shortcut for the CFGBACK.EXE file. First, click on Start, then Find, the Files and Folders. Open Look In: and select your CD-ROM drive. In Named: type CFGBACK.* and click on OK. (If your computer can't find them there, or you don't have the CD-ROM disk try finding the files on your C drive).

Once you have located the files, hold down the Control key and click on the first file to unhighlight it. Now, while still holding down the Control key, click on each file once so that they are both highlighted. Now click on Edit, then click on Copy. Minimize the Find box and open My Computer. Now open your C drive and then open the Windows Folder. Now you can click on Edit, then Paste and the two CFGBACK files will have been copied to your Windows folder. Close everything, and now right-click on an open Desktop space. Select New, then Shortcut. At the Command Line: type CFGBACK.EXE and click on Next. Type in Register Backup in the Select a Name for the Shortcut: and now click on Finish.

You can now make several backups of your registry files and by highlighting one of them you can restore that particular Registry file.

Now that wasn't so hard was it?

