

## **LESSON 173**

### **WINDOWS 98/ME - UNDOCUMENTED FEATURES**

Windows 98 and ME have a couple of useful features that Microsoft has chosen not to document. Here are two features I find useful.

If you want to look at the properties of more than one hard drive, double-click on My Computer, hold down the Ctrl key and left-click on each drive you wish to see the properties of.

Right-click on any of the selected drives and choose Properties. A Properties box will open with a tab for each of the drives you selected while holding down the Ctrl key. For example, if you selected your hard drive, CD-ROM drive and your Zip drive, there would be three tabs in the Properties view box. Click on the tab that represents the drive you wish to see and the properties for that drive will be displayed.

Note that if you have set Windows up to use a single click to do what a double click does, hold your mouse pointer over the first drive until it highlights. Now hold down the Ctrl key and do the same thing for any other drive whose properties you wish to see. You can now right-click on any of the selected drives and click on Properties.

The Registry editor can be confusing as you drill down into the various folders and files. Windows shows the path of your current location in the Registry at the bottom of the REGEDIT panel. To use the Registry editor, click on Start, then on Run and type "REGEDIT" (without the quotes) in the Open: box. Notice that as you double-click on folders that have a + located to the left of the folder, the Registry editor takes you deeper into the Registry file system. The current path location information presented at the bottom of the Registry editor window keeps you informed of your position and location in the Registry files.

