

Enjoy the benefits of membership in CPCUG

- ◆ Helpline for computer and Internet questions
- ◆ Discounts on software, hardware, and books on computing
- ◆ Award-winning *Monitor* magazine
- ◆ Training classes at discount rates
- ◆ Mentors for computer building/specification
- ◆ E-mail service and Internet access options
- ◆ Access to members-only e-mail distribution lists
- ◆ Free software and books for writers of reviews for the *Monitor*
- ◆ Valuable door prizes at certain events
- ◆ Opportunities to enhance skills of leadership

The Capital PC User Group Users Helping Users *A Virtual Community Since 1982*

The Capital PC User Group, Inc. (CPCUG), is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational support organization for users of personal computers. Established in 1982, CPCUG provides a forum for PC users – from novice to expert – to share their experiences with computers and learn from each other. Whether at our monthly General Meetings, at a meeting of one of our Special Interest Groups, or in one of our many workshops, seminars, or training classes, you can find answers to your questions, exchange information, learn from experts, and explore the continuing and exciting advances in microcomputer hardware and software.

The best answers to questions about PCs come from users who are excited about the growing power of computing devices. And that's who you meet when you join CPCUG. Some of our members are experienced professionals who seek fellow professionals or comparably knowledgeable individuals to discuss on-going developments in the computing field. Many members are not experts, but are beginning or average users who seek help in dealing with their home or small office computer systems. All of these computer users come to the various meetings and events to get unbiased views from top professionals, who come from nearly every arena of this constantly changing field to share their expertise and answer our questions. The computer users also come to help and be helped by other users, gain useful insights into many aspects of computing, and to learn to better use and enjoy their computers,

How can I tweak my operating system so that programs run faster and better?

What do I need to know when buying a new computer?

Which web browser should I use?

What's a good word processing program?

What is a firewall?

What's new in software?

How do I protect my computer from viruses?

Which software package will work best for me?

How do I get on the Internet?

How can I get honest advice about computers?

Where can I find others who share my interests in computers?

The Capital Personal Computer User Group (CPCUG) can help you find the answers you need to aid you in getting the most out of your computer. Whether you use a computer that runs Windows, Linux, OS/2, or other operating system, you can find people in CPCUG who share your computing interests or can help you find answers to your computer problems.

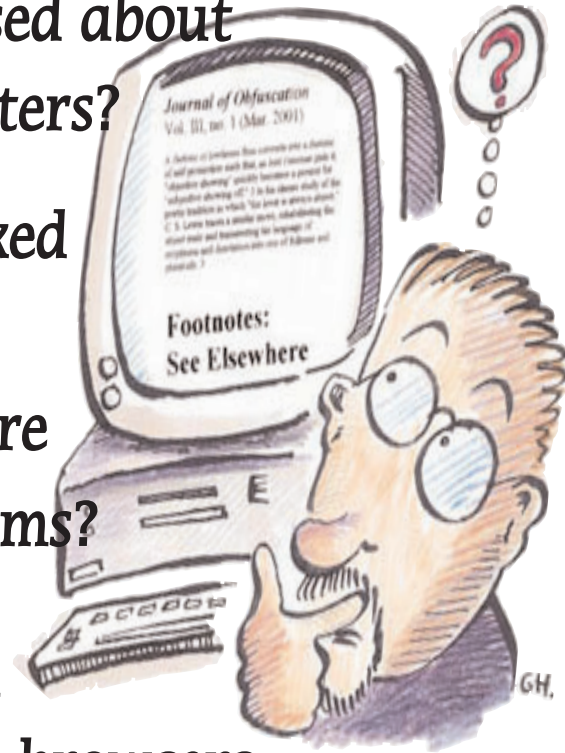
For more detailed information about CPCUG activities and membership benefits, check out our award-winning Web site at <http://www.cpcug.org>.

More questions? Call the CPCUG office at 301-762-9372.

Confused about
computers?

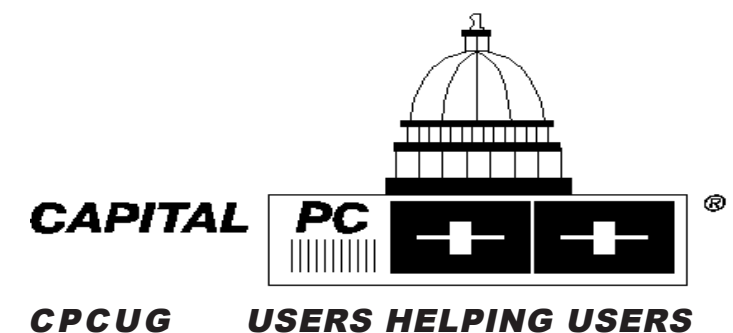
Perplexed
about
software
programs?

Baffled
by web browsers,
e-mail, and the Internet?



The Capital PC User Group

has the help and support
you are looking for!



The Capital PC User Group has a variety of features and activities that are of interest and value to computer users at all levels of expertise.

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Group (SIG) events enable computer users to meet with others who use the same software or have similar computer-related interests, such as the Internet, statistics, investing, and computer consulting. The meetings are excellent forums for learning what works and what doesn't.

CPCUG currently has nearly 20 active SIGs, and new ones can be formed as interest for them develops; at least one is sure to meet your needs. Find out how to get more from your operating system and make productive use of the Internet. Learn to do such things as automatic formatting in word processing and graphics programs, setting up linked tables in your database program, or getting the most out of a wide variety of other programs.

Helpline

Need quick help with a hardware or software problem? With the CPCUG Helpline, your solution may be only a phone call away. The Helpline is a list of members who have volunteered to provide phone or e-mail assistance in their areas of expertise. Our Helpline is published regularly in the user group's *Monitor* magazine. This invaluable service is a perfect example of what our group is all about – users helping users.

Free Educational Seminars

CPCUG offers free seminars on a wide range of computer topics. Participants receive reliable information and timely advice from experts. Seminar topics vary from basic user instruction to advanced programming tutorials.

Occasionally, CPCUG presents its own popular and free seminar entitled "Before You Buy (or Build) a Computer." (The 100-page seminar presentation and reference slide publication, updated just before each seminar, is also available at the seminar for a small fee.)

Low-Cost Workshops & Training Classes

CPCUG offers a variety of low-cost classes (currently numbering about 80, with more under development) at two locations in the greater Washington, DC, area, on such topics as:

- ♦ Digital Imaging
- ♦ Home Networking
- ♦ Creating Web Pages
- ♦ Web Logs (Blogs) & XML
- ♦ Under the Hood
- ♦ Digital Video
- ♦ MS Word
- ♦ MS Office
- ♦ MS Excel
- ♦ MS Powerpoint
- ♦ JAVA programming
- ♦ C++ Programming
- ♦ Basics of Computers for Beginners
- ♦ Windows Maintenance & Troubleshooting
- ♦ How to Make the Most of Your PDA
- ♦ Job Hunting on the Internet
- ♦ Shopping & Auctioning on the Internet

The Monitor Magazine

The *Monitor*, the User Group magazine included as part of your CPCUG membership benefits, contains a wealth of computer information, practical tips, and hot industry news. Regular features include reviews of software and hardware products, reviews of books on different aspects of computing, reports on meetings and events, and columns addressing a variety of personal computing issues.

E-Mail Distribution Lists

If you own or have access to a PC and a modem, you can connect with yet another free source of

information and advice: CPCUG's e-mail distribution lists.

The Capital PC User Group operates more than 30 public and private e-mail distribution lists as an extension to our monthly meetings. Here members share experiences and technical expertise. You can find information on the best prices and vendors for a particular product, get help with a software or hardware problem, or solve a programming dilemma. Questions and comments from any user – from beginner to PC wizard – are always welcome.

Internet Access Through CPCUG

CPCUG has its own Internet domain, *cpcug.org*. Internet access and e-mail accounts are extra-charge items, but different levels of accounts are available at competitive rates to suit the needs and budgets of members. Full Internet access is included with all accounts. Some types of accounts include shell access, of particular value to computer professionals.

Join CPCUG

To become a member, please fill out the Membership Application form attached to this brochure. If you fill it out and submit it, along with your dues payment, at this event, you will receive 13 months of membership for the cost of 12 months! Otherwise, at your convenience, you can mail it in to the address provided, or fax it to 301-762-9375 when paying by credit card, and receive the regular membership.

Your membership starts with the first *Monitor* magazine mailed to you, which may take 4 to 6 weeks. You will also receive a membership identification card with your member number. But there's no need to wait; you may participate immediately in all Capital PC User Group activities.

Mail to: Capital PC User Group, Inc.
19209 Mt. Airey Road
Brookeville, MD 20833

Phone: 301-762-9372

If paying by credit card, you may fax the Membership Form to 301-762-9375.

----- Membership Application -----

Name: _____ Phone: (H)(____) _____ - _____
Address: _____ (W)(____) _____ - _____
City/State: _____ E-mail address: _____ Zip: _____

Include my name in the Capital PC User Group Membership Directory. Yes No

Membership: New Renewal Dues: 1 year, \$42 Foreign residence:
 2 years, \$78 \$60 per year

**Please make check payable to:
Capital PC User Group, Inc.

Payment method: Check Mastercard VISA

If paying by credit card: Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Signature (required): _____

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