

Computer Corner

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Question:

When I reply to a friend's email, I get a response that says, "... user unknown" or "... host not found". I verified the fact that my friend sent the email. Is there something wrong with my computer? - Chris

Chris,

There is nothing wrong with your email. However, there may be something wrong with your friend's email settings. An incorrectly typed **Reply to** email address will create this issue. The 'Reply to' is found in Outlook and Outlook Express on the Menu, under "Tools" then "Accounts" (or, Email Accounts). Reply email is setup in the email account settings. Ask your friend to look for a typo in his 'Reply to'.

Question:

What is a "404 Error" and how did everyone come to use that number for bad web pages? - Dave

Dave,

Established rules allow the internet to work correctly. The W3C or World Wide Web Consortium establishes and implements rules. One rule is the status code, "404", and it literally translates to "Not Found" on web servers. Therefore, when you receive a "404 Web Page Not Found" error, they mean it. The internet is full of rules, even if it does not seem that way.

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- If you want to learn more about the W3C, their web site is www.w3c.org.
- If you want to see all available status codes for HTTP try; www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec10.html
- Some Web Masters have taken 404 errors to new levels. Here is a site dedicated to different 404 errors - www.plinko.net/404/

Question:

I recently made a mistake while typing something in Word and all my open windows disappeared to the task bar. What did I do? - Martha

Martha,

The combination of keys you entered is a **Windows Keyboard Shortcut**. The sequence you entered is **WINDOWS-D**. The WINDOWS key is usually the second bottom key in from the left on a standard keyboard with a picture similar to the Windows logo. There are a number of special key combinations to accomplish tasks, and you can create your own shortcut keys.

Here are some shortcut combinations:

- Alt-Spacebar-C Close active window (also accomplished with Alt-F4)
- Alt-Spacebar-N, R, X N-Minimize, R-Restore, X-Maximize active window
- Alt-Tab Show and Switch between open windows
- Windows-D Minimize/maximize all open applications
- Windows-E Open Explorer
- Windows-F Open the find dialog box
- Windows-R Open the run dialog box

Visit: <http://www.pctechshop.com/msshortcutkeys.html> to learn about Shortcut Keys

Create your own shortcut keys by visiting: <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/winkeyboard.aspx>

Until next time, I am 410 (as the W3C would say)

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