



Hi KDSI Customers!

It's August ... time for back-to-school, time for football, time to open the windows and get some fresh air and time to do some fall cleaning. EVEN your computer! If you haven't done it recently, perhaps you should run scan disk and disk defragmenter on your computer. These tools are available in Windows, by double-clicking on "My Computer" (Windows 95, 98, ME) or clicking on "My Computer" in the start menu (Windows 2000, XP), right-click on the hard disk drive and click properties in the drop-down menu; then click the "tools" tab. Scan disk is particularly useful on Windows 95, 98 and ME; but all versions of Windows benefit greatly from disk defragmenter.

Oscar of Grand Island, NE is the winner of our 10-4-10 Anniversary prize. He will receive 10 Golf Balls!

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The KDS "I-team"

Product Highlight - KDSI Business Email Services

Whether you are running a small business or a multi-million dollar company, your colleagues expect professional communication. With KDSI's Business Email solution you can start with 5-10 email addresses, then add as many as you need. Plus, our system provides you with an easy-to-use web-based control panel that allows you to manage your email services.

Our full-featured email solution includes:

- The ability to add and delete mailboxes and aliases; change passwords
- Unlimited email address aliases... sales@yourcompany.com can be set up to point to multiple representatives in your company
- Vacation auto responder
- A "catch-all" mailbox feature that allows messages that are misspelled/misaddressed to be received, bounced or deleted
- Secure Webmail Access -- anytime, anywhere access to email
- Advanced Spam Filtering -- exclusive functionality allows customers to accept/reject email from random email addresses
- 24 x 7 Advanced Technical support
- No software to install, no hardware to manage, no upgrades or patches to download

For more information on our email services, contact Nicki at 888-382-5670 or local to Grand Island 308-382-8764.

What's new at KDSI? - NEW www.mykdsi.net FEATURE!

Have you ever visited, www.mykdsi.net? If not, this exclusive KDSI Customer Service page allows you to sign-up for Bruno, request a FREE personal web page, check web based email, monitor dial-up usage, and check billing information.

A NEW feature has recently been added that allows you to forward your current @kdsi.net email address. Visit www.mykdsi.net for ALL of the details.

We will be adding more new features soon ... so, CHECK BACK OFTEN!

Industry News - The Evolution of Portable Storage Solutions; New Card Verification Value Code (CVV) Requirements

THE EVOLUTION OF PORTABLE STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Some of us who have been around the computer industry for years, remember the delicate nature of the floppy disk. It was a less-than-perfect media, to be sure, but it was all we had back then.

The "floppy" disk, really used to be floppy. In 1967, Alan Shugart at IBM invented the floppy disk drive which used an 8" disk. It was called "floppy" because it was packaged in a flexible plastic envelope. In 1981, the first 5.25" disk drive and disk were created for the IBM personal computer, although some would say that Apple beat them to the punch in the late 1970's with their own 5.25" media and drive. By the mid 1980's, technology had improved to the point that the 3.5" inch disk was created, and even though it was in a stiff plastic outer sleeve, the term "floppy disk" had been with the disk media long enough that it stuck.

Even though many machines still come with the former-standard 3.5" floppy drive, most people will find the small storage space (by today's standards) of little use. In fact, many manufacturers are fast listing the 3.5" drive as an option. There are many portable storage options available for today's computers that far outstrip the floppy disk in both capacity and reliability. Here are two options to consider:

USB Thumb Drives -Sometimes referred to as USB flash memory or USB flash drives:

- Capacity: 64 MB to 1 GB
- Portability: Highly portable
- Price: \$10 to \$1000+
- Requires a special drive: **No**; uses standard USB ports on current computers

Compact Flash:

- Capacity: 16 MB to 2 GB
- Portability: Moderate (requires drive)
- Price: \$14 to \$200
- Requires a special drive: **Yes**; a compact flash reader/writer

In addition, computer manufacturers are increasingly offering multi-reader/writer drive options as add on options, that take the place of the 3.5" floppy drive.

One thing is certain: As computer technology changes, so will the inevitable evolution of portable storage options. In 20 years, we will probably look back at today's portable storage options as quaint.

NEW CARD VERIFICATION VALUE CODE (CVV) REQUIREMENTS

"CVV is a new authentication procedure established by credit card companies to further efforts towards reducing fraud for internet transactions. It consists of requiring a card holder to enter the CVV number in at transaction time to verify that the card is on hand." For more, point your browser to <http://www.sti.nasa.gov/cvv.html>

August Internet Tips/Tricks - Firefox Browser Tabbed Browsing Feature

Have a group of web pages that you like to open all at the same time but don't want to open each URL separately? Why not use the power of the Firefox browser and tabbed browsing to get the job done quickly!

Here's how you do it:

With Firefox open, right-click on the area beneath the address bar (where you type in the URL of the website you want to navigate to) and click "New Folder." Type in the name that you want to call the folder (something like "My Morning Pages" for instance.) Now open up and add each page that you want to have opened simultaneously and then click "Bookmarks" and "Bookmark this page." You will get a dialog that will ask you where you want to place the bookmark. What you need to do is click the smaller arrow to the right of the "create in:" dialog and choose the folder that you created under the "Bookmarks Toolbar Folder."

Once you have all of the addresses added to your folder, click on the folder and click on "Open in tabs." All of the pages that you want opened simultaneously will open in their own tab in Firefox.

And just for fun Did you know that there's NO Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins?!?!?

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