

### ***Pentium Bug Crawls Out***

A newly-found bug in Intel Pentium processors is now being openly discussed on the Internet.

The "Pentium F0" bug can crash Pentium MMX and "classic" Pentium (non-MMX) computers.

Message traffic concerning the bug is heating up in Intel newsgroups, just as traffic did for the Pentium FPU (floating point unit) bug a few years ago.

"We've just found out about it today. We're looking into it," an Intel spokesman said. "We have no further comment at this time."

An instruction to take advantage of the bug could be maliciously inserted into a any program. This opens a big hole for hackers and other security threats.

Ed. note: Since this bug was first reported by Damar Group last week, Intel has announced a workaround.

### ***That's a Big Drive!***

IBM announced a 16.8GB disk drive for desktop computers.

The Deskstar 16GP drive is one of a series of drives that use Giant Magnetoresistive technology (GMR). These drives currently range from 3.2 GB to 16.8 GB. All spin at 5,400 RPM, a standard speed for hard disk drives.

"This size drive is perfect for cost-conscious network administrators who need lots of storage space," said Dave Murphy, President of Damar Group, Ltd. in Columbia, Maryland.

IBM also announced the Deskstar 14GXP, a high-performance drive that store 14.4 GB. The Deskstar series ranges from 10.1 GB to 14.4 GB and spins at 7,200 RPM.

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### ***Fast, Cheap HP Printers***

Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP) has unveiled a line of new printers and scanners that communicate using JetSend technology.

HP LaserJet 4000 family of four network printers will be complemented with the JetSend-enabled Network ScanJet 5 scanner. JetSend enables devices such as printers, scanners and fax machines to talk to one another automatically without the need for special device drivers, servers or human interaction.

The LaserJet 4000 printers have a 100MHz processor and print 17ppm (pages per minute). Resolution is 1,200 dots per inch, significantly higher than competitive printers. Pricing is \$1,099 to \$1,599.

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### ***Personal Time Manager***

Isbister International, Inc. has released an interim update to the popular personal information manager (PIM) application Time & Chaos32.

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