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Welcome to Hewie's Views and Reviews newsletter. It's been a while since the last issue. I have updated Hewie's Favorite website over the weekend. I have deleted or fixed all of the dead links. There are over 1,500 links on the site and to determine broken links is quite a chore.

I was using LinkBot, a great program from Watchfire <<http://www.watchfire.com>> , (\$295) but their latest personal edition now has a limit of 1,000 links. Their alternative, or enterprise edition, is in the \$5,000 range plus a yearly subscription. That's a bit steep for a free website. I looked for an alternative. I am now using Net Mechanic HTML Toolbox <http://www.netmechanic.com/webmaster_products.htm> . It's \$40 per year and they email a link to my report. I have a choice of frequency and receive it weekly. While the reports are more limited than Linkbot, it's worth the savings.

I have been testing WindowsXP, which will upgrade Windows98 and WindowsME later this year. It is based on the WindowsNT and needs some of the latest equipment. So far it doesn't support my sound card or modem. This is an early beta version, so I expect that to change. However, it not only supports the HP CD writer and HP scanner, it has software included to write a CD or scan a picture. It took a bit of work and getting some files from an NT 4 disk, to make it network using NetBEUI. So far I like it, but it will be a big step for many users to move to it.

In recent weeks I have been doing some product demonstrations for Techsmith <<http://www.techsmith.com>>. I presented for the Ridge Computer User Group in Lake Wales, the Polk Computer Users Group in Lakeland and the Central Florida Computer Society in Orlando. If you need any screen captures for training or a website, try SnagIt! or Camtasia. This is a free plug, as I think both products are great. SnagIt! not only is a screen capture program, but is a video capture program similar to the old Lotus ScreenCam that I loved to use. The program includes a "Catalog Browser." I have been using the product for years and never tried this choice. What a find! It is a picture viewer and then some. It is even a graphic editor capable of many of the features of Paint Shop Pro and Photoshop.

I was doing some browsing and searching recently after visiting <<http://www.classmates.com>> and found a site for the school that I attended for kindergarten through eighth grade. They had an alumni area but asked for a limit of 15 lines. For those of you who know me, you know that I can't do anything in 15 lines or less! So I created a mini website and sent less than 15 lines, but included the link. If you want to take a look, my mini site is at <<http://www.hewie.net/jfh>> .

Here are the new additions to Hewie's Favorites. I skipped sending out a few updates, so take a look at the various pages for some great links.

CNET Channel Online

<http://us.channelonline.com/>

Business tools & services for VARs & IT solution providers. Lots of product info

Techsmith

<http://www.techsmith.com>

Publishers of screen and video capture programs SnagIt! and Camtasia

Bandwidth Speed Tests

<http://home.cfl.rr.com/ea/Bandwidth.htm>

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buildpc.com

<http://www.buildpc.net/>

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Everything Photoshop

<http://photoshop.sphosting.com/>

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Solve computer-related problems by asking questions to access knowledge bases from Microsoft, Intuit, Adobe & others

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Free service to determine how popular your website is

Guide to Grammar and Writing

<http://ccc.comnet.edu/grammar/>

Grammar and English usage, quizzes, and a way to submit questions about grammar and writing

Microsoft Train Simulator

<http://www.microsoft.com/games/trainsim/>

Take the engineer's controls or relax in a passenger seat and watch the scenery pass you by

MovieFlix

<http://movieflix.com/cgi-bin/action.pl>

Someday we'll all watch movies this way...

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