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“Get your priorities right. No point digging hard if it is in the wrong direction.”
Sriram Phaneswar

Wil Wilcox: iHateSpam
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Constant innovation is a hallmark of Total Eclipse, so there's always something new to learn. It may be an explanation of an amazing new feature or just a faster way to do a familiar task, but Eclipse users have always been eager to help each other. In this spirit, we continue our FREE newsletter to anyone who wishes to receive it. Whether our **e-Tips** are a basic tip for editing efficiency or a challenging macro, we hope you'll find them helpful.

Wil's e-Tip

Ban Spam

Finally, a solution for e-mail spam that really works. I'm so tired of spam. It shouldn't be a full-time job deleting all of the spam you receive. Over the last several months I've been testing various programs that promise to eliminate spam. iHateSpam is the best I've seen. I've looked at JunkSpy, SpamKiller and JunkBusters, but they require that you run a separate program, and in my tests are not as effective as iHateSpam. What won me over to iHateSpam is that it truly blasts spam to smithereens. I've used iHateSpam now for a couple months and wouldn't be without it. It is filtering out approximately 99% of the spam e-mail I receive. That means that out of the over 100 spam e-mails I receive each day, usually only one or possibly two end up in my in box which is a miracle. Since there is now a proven method to combat spam, you can go back to enjoying your e-mail once again.

iHateSpam works in conjunction with Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express. There is an AOL version in the works. iHateSpam loads a spam database into the message rules in Outlook. Whenever an e-mail is received, Outlook searches for certain words using the spam definitions automatically supplied

by iHateSpam to filter out unwanted spam messages. If a spam e-mail gets through, there is a button called the "Is Spam" button. If you get spam, just click that button, and that message is reported as spam to the iHateSpam server. The good folks at iHateSpam will verify that the message is indeed spam and will add it to the database to be filtered out in the future. You can also mark messages as "not" spam and add senders to either an enemies or a friends list. This is a collaborative effort by all of the program's users to stop spam.

The iHateSpam program is updated automatically each time you check your e-mail. Every time you open up Outlook or Outlook Express it automatically downloads the updated spam definitions similar to the way antivirus software gets updates, but you are not required to do anything but check your e-mail for this to happen. It then looks for key words such as "Viagra" when you receive incoming e-mail. When first installed, iHateSpam also creates a friends list from your address book, so if one of your friends sends an e-mail that contains any of the words the spam filter uses, their message will still get through. This program definitely works.

iHateSpam currently is priced at \$19.95, a 33% discount, through October 31st and will go up to \$29.95 November 1st. There is a link on our Web site at <http://www.e-CourtReporter.com> that you can click on to get more information or to download the program. I would encourage you to download the iHateSpam program and start enjoying its benefits right away. What have you got to lose? It's also a lot of fun. Now you can go back to the business of producing your transcripts without the annoyance or interruption of unwanted spam.

Keith's e-Tip

A Few Spelling Checker Tips

- 1) Press Shift Alt S to spell-check your document. If you want to pause in order to type or perform other editing functions WITHOUT losing your list of ignored words, press Alt P to pause. You probably know this already, but how do you "un-pause" and resume the spell-check? Just press Shift Alt S again.
- 2) Press Alt S to check the spelling of a single word. If you want a quick way to check the definition of a word, press Alt S twice and then Alt D for "Definition."

3) Not sure if two words like "book case" would be spelled correctly if you removed the space? Then mark the two words (F7 or Hyperkey m) and press Alt S. The status bar of your Total Eclipse screen will then report whether "bookcase is correct."

4) Goofy translations can come from typos in your steno dictionary. Since your main steno dictionary probably contains thousands of entries, so there's a good chance it contains a few spelling errors, too. Why not use the spell-check process on your steno dictionary. Press F9 to open your main dictionary, then Ctrl Page Up to go to the first entry, then Shift Alt S to spell-check.

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Burbank, CA	November TBA

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