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**Back Up, Back Up,
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Every few months we keep reminding you about backing up. It sounds so repetitive, even to us, but, it is so important to your business. A Backup can SAVE your business.

Whether you use diskettes, tapes or CD's you need to rotate them. We suggest one for each day of the week. This way if you needed to restore and there is an issue with the last backup you still have several others to restore from.

Also very important is storing your Backup Off Site. Having a Backup of all your data in the drawer next to your computer should there be a fire would do you absolutely no good.

Have an employee take home a weekly backup, backup via the internet to another secured site, or keep a safe deposit box somewhere that you can store backups.

Decide how much data you can risk losing and backup at least that often and save it.

So, why is it so important to Backup? Well, would you believe, Dr. Seuss has the answer on the next page?

Important News about your OSAS and Traverse forms!

*Open Systems no longer guarantees form compatibility with Deluxe Forms **

Instead we recommend that you use NELCO



As Open Systems' exclusive forms provider, Nelco is committed to meeting your check, business form and tax form needs.

These are your choices:

1. Call them directly, **1-800-266-4669, Extension 4379**, ask for Jamie. He'll set you up with the correct checks, purchase order forms, pick slips, invoices, envelopes, tax forms and any other form you may need.
2. Call us and we'll send you an order form.
3. Go on-line to www.osas.taxforms.com and you'll see the 25% off fist time order Promo Code: 49G
You'll see this image!



WELCOME!

OSAS & TRAVERSE Users

Take 25% off your first order from Nelco
Enter Promo Code 49G in your shopping cart.

Go from there. 25% off your first order and you will know for sure that you will be 100% compatible with OSAS and Traverse

*** Note.** This does NOT mean that you need to throw all your checks, purchase orders and other forms into the trash can right now. But when you are starting to run out, follow the steps in this Newsletter to get your new forms from a Forms Maker that guarantees compatibility with OSAS and Traverse. Call us with any questions!

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Did you know.....?

That you can view Live Demos of all the OSAS and Traverse products by going to www.ims-stlouis.com and click on Live Demos of OSAS and Traverse!

There is even a link to Traverse E-Business demos called: Live Demos of Traverse E-business

Did you know.....?

That Open Systems has requirements for OSAS to run efficiently?

Memory Requirements:

Memory requirements depend on how many OSAS applications other than OSAS are going to be open at the same time, but the numbers below cover most of the typical scenarios. OSAS uses up to 4 MB of the workstation memory.

Workstations:

Win98, WinME - Minimum - 16 MB; Recommended - 32 MB; Optimal - 64 MB

WinNT 4.0 - Minimum - 24 MB; Recommended - 64 MB; Optimal - 96 MB

Win2000, Win XP Professional - Minimum - 64 MB; Recommended - 128 MB; Optimal - 256 MB

Servers:

WinNT 4.0 - Minimum - 64 MB; Recommended - 96 MB; Optimal - 128 MB; Win2000, Win XP Professional - Minimum - 128 MB; Recommended - 256 MB; Optimal - 512 MB; Novell - Minimum - 64 MB;



Why Computers Sometimes Crash!

By Dr. Seuss.

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort, and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse; then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang.

When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk, and the macro code instructions is causing unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory, you'll want to RAM your ROM, and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mom!

Courtesy of our friend and poet Kathy Walsh



Recommended - 96 MB; Optimal - 128 MB; UNIX/LINUX - Minimum - 32 MB; Recommended - 64 MB; Optimal - 96 MB

Memory requirements for the server depend on what other services and processes are taking place on the server as well as the number of users accessing the server. These numbers assume that you are not using any other services--i.e. email, Internet, etc.--on this server. If you are running these services, you may need to increase the memory requirements.



Processor Requirements:

Workstations:

Win98, WinME - Processor Speed: Pentium 100 or greater

WinNT 4.0 - Processor Speed: Pentium 100 or greater

Win2000, Win XP Professional - Processor Speed - Pentium 300 or greater

Servers:

WinNT 4.0, Novell, UNIX/LINUX - Pentium 200 or greater

Win2000, Win XP Professional - Pentium 400 or greater

Traverse requirements are entirely different. They will be addressed in a coming Newsletter.