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Computer Debug, Then Cleanup & Backup

Did you know? In 1945 a computer at Harvard malfunctioned. Grace Hopper, who was working on the computer, investigated and found a moth in one of the circuits. She removed it and ever since, when something goes wrong with a computer, it is said to have a 'bug' in it.

The MARK series of computers began with the Mark I in 1944. Imagine a giant roomful of noisy, clicking metal parts, 55 feet long and 8 feet high. The 5-ton device contained almost 760,000 separate pieces. This computer was used by the US Navy for gunnery and ballistic calculations. The Mark I was in operation until 1959.

Grace Hopper and Howard Aiken designed the Mark series at Harvard University in 1944. In 1991, Hopper received the National Medal of Technology.

3-Step Challenge...

1. Update your computer 'debugging' program to prevent any moths from affecting the software.
2. Start the cleanup process and purge unused programs and out-of-date files.
3. Institute a couple of backup procedures -- online, external hard drive, or CD/DVD backup systems. Backup, backup, backup. It is the best insurance policy you can own.

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