

Food for Thought

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We all need to eat. Unfortunately, due to our frenzied lives, many of us find it easier to grab a quick bite at a fast-food restaurant rather than to cook up something healthy and great tasting. One of the biggest challenges to fixing a great meal is taking the time to fill your cupboards with ingredients you can actually use. Grocery shopping is a time-consuming, expensive, and sometimes arduous task. The web sites featured in this article can make your next trip to the grocery store easier (or completely unnecessary). In addition, you may even save a few dollars. When you have satisfied your hunger, you can check out this month's network resource, game of the month, and "Product Snapshots."

WEB SITES

If saving money is your motive for shopping online, you will want to purchase your groceries at [Priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) (<http://www.priceline.com>). Just as you can name your own price for airline tickets and hotel rooms, you can name your own price for groceries at [Priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com). To name your price for groceries, you pick the items you want from nearly 200 grocery categories. Next, you choose two or more brands you are willing to accept. Then, you name your own price. [Priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) will respond to your request in about 60 seconds, telling you which prices have been accepted.

After [Priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) responds, you print out your Prepaid Grocery List. (You must purchase the items that have been accepted—your credit card is automatically billed.) Then, you simply take your Prepaid Grocery List and your [Priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) WebHouse Club Card (which will be mailed to you) to any participating local supermarket to get your groceries. The bad news about [Priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) is that you still have to walk around the store and pick out the exact items that are on your list.

A more convenient option is [Peapod.com](http://www.peapod.com) (<http://www.peapod.com>), which allows you to order groceries online and have them delivered to your doorstep at the time you request. To make selecting products easy, [Peapod.com](http://www.peapod.com) includes features such as Express Shop and Find Item. In addition, you can sort items by price to find the best value. As an avid label reader and calorie counter, I especially like the fact that you can also sort products by calories or fat grams.

After you have made your selections, you click Checkout to choose a convenient delivery time. [Peapod.com](http://www.peapod.com)'s shoppers then shop at local stores and pack your order carefully, ensuring that perishable items stay fresh and that frozen items arrive frozen.

Delivery charges at [Peapod.com](http://www.peapod.com) vary, depending on where the order is being delivered and how much the order totals. The biggest drawback with [Peapod.com](http://www.peapod.com) is that it is currently available in only nine metropolitan areas. Until [Peapod.com](http://www.peapod.com) expands to your area, you can use the Peapod Packages feature. This feature en-

ables you to purchase nonperishable groceries and have them delivered anywhere in the United States via United Parcel Service (UPS).

[NetGrocer.com](http://www.netgrocer.com) (<http://www.netgrocer.com>) enables you to buy nonperishable groceries and have them delivered to anyone in the United States via FedEx. For example, you can send a package from [NetGrocer.com](http://www.netgrocer.com) to your mother, your grandmother, or another elderly friend or relative to ensure that he or she receives nutritious food without having to leave the house. You can even set up a recurring order that sends a package to a specific address at an interval you choose.

Shipping rates at [NetGrocer.com](http://www.netgrocer.com) start at U.S. \$5.99 for an order of U.S. \$60 or less. [NetGrocer.com](http://www.netgrocer.com) also features the "Ride Free Shipping" program. When you purchase groceries from [NetGrocer.com](http://www.netgrocer.com), you can buy items such as music CDs, vitamins, and more without paying the shipping costs for these additional items.

If all this grocery shopping seems like a lot of work and you would rather have someone else do the cooking, check out [Food.com](http://www.food.com) (<http://www.food.com>). At [Food.com](http://www.food.com), you can enter your zip code and get a list of local restaurants and catering companies that can take your order over the Internet. You can choose between restaurants that will deliver your meal right to you or places you can pick up takeout on your way home from the office.

[Food.com](http://www.food.com) also features a dining guide that reviews restaurants and articles about different kinds of food. In the Cooking and Entertainment section, [Food.com](http://www.food.com) editors answer popular cooking questions, review the latest cookbooks, and offer recipes guaranteed to be a hit at your next party.

NETWORK RESOURCE

[Novell](http://www.novell.com) (<http://www.novell.com>) recently unveiled its newly designed web site. In addition to sporting a new look, this new web site is faster and easier to navigate. This new web site supports [Novell's](http://www.novell.com) "one Net" marketing strategy by creating a secure and efficient foundation for conducting business inside, outside, and between organizations. In addition, the new [Novell.com](http://www.novell.com) was designed to simplify and accelerate [Novell's](http://www.novell.com) e-Business transformation and to provide an enhanced user experience and new web services. The [Novell.com](http://www.novell.com) home page features easy-to-find links to products, education, and support.

GAME OF THE MONTH

If you have the desire to climb into a huge tank and begin blasting away the enemy, [NetWare Connection](http://www.netware.com) reader Michael Hallsted suggests you check out Tread Marks from Long Bow Digital Arts. Tread Marks is a 3-D Battle Tank game, which recently won the Best Programming, Best Design, and Best Game

Product Snapshots

Advancements in technology always bring new products. Product Snapshots gives you a quick look at some of the new products that we find particularly interesting. (Please note these are first-look reviews; we have not conducted exhaustive testing.)

ADREM SERVER MANAGER 3.10 CLIENT/SERVER EDITION

AdRem Server Manager 3.10 from AdRem Software enables you to manage, maintain, and monitor servers. AdRem Server Manager 3.10 consists of the following main modules:

- **Server Configuration.** Using this module, you can easily view and change up to four server configurations, including hidden parameters, on a single screen.
- **Active Connections.** Using this module, you can monitor information about the current connections to a specific server. For example, you can monitor statistics such as kbps receiving rates, kbps sending rates, opened files, and utilization percentage.
- **Opened Files.** Using this module, you can see who is using a specific file. You can also send messages to a specific user or disconnect a specific user.
- **Disk Management.** Using this module, you can view information about a volume and about the users using this volume. For example, you can set and change space limitations, or you can modify access rights to any directory or volume. You can also see who is using the most resources in a volume or directory. In addition, the Disk Management module includes a search feature and maintains information about deleted files.
- **NLM Configuration.** Using this module, you can compare the configuration of a specific NetWare Loadable Module (NLM) with another server or with default NetWare server configuration values. You can easily see which NLMs are outdated, which are missing, and which are duplicated.
- **Server Tool.** Using this module, you can configure features such as antivirus protection module and event scheduler. You can also enable the 128-bit encrypted remote secure console.

AdRem Server Manager 3.10 supports NetWare 5.x, 4.x, and 3.12. To use AdRem Server Manager 3.10, the server console must be running Windows 2000, NT, 98, or 95 and the Novell client software version 2.5 or above. For more information about AdRem Server Manager 3.10, visit <http://www.adremsoft.com>. You can also call +48 (12) 423 16 31 (Poland.)

DS-150 DIGITAL RECORDER

The DS-150 Digital Recorder from Olympus America Inc. is one of the slimmest, most compact recorders available. The DS-150 Digital Recorder has 8 MB of built-in memory, enabling you to record up to 160 minutes of messages. In addition, the DS-150 Digital Recorder uses Variable Control Voice Actuator (VCVA) technology to optimize built-in memory by stopping the record function when the microphone senses silence.

The DS-150 Digital Recorder's LCD display shows message number, real-time counter, time remaining, current time and date, and recording mode. (The DS-150 Digital Recorder has two recording modes, standard and long.) To help you organize your recorded messages, the DS-150 has two folders, each of which can store up to 99 messages. In addition, you can easily move messages from one folder to the other.

The DS-150 Digital Recorder also includes IBM's ViaVoice speech-to-text software. ViaVoice's adaptive speech recognition technology "learns" your speech patterns as you work and can convert your messages to text. (The DS-150 Digital Recorder also includes a headset that lets you dictate directly into your computer.)

In addition, you can download your messages to your computer. You simply connect the recorder to your computer with the provided serial cable or an optional USB data transfer kit and then select files to download. You can download the entire contents of the recorder, the contents of a specific folder, or an individual message.

You can purchase the DS-150 Digital Recorder through retail channels for the suggested price of U.S. \$249.95. For more information about the DS-150 Digital Recorder, visit the Olympus America web site at <http://www.olympusamerica.com>. ●

awards at the Independent Games Festival in San Jose, California.

In Tread Marks, you can compete in Off-Road Tank Races, or you can compete against humans and computer tanks in battle. According to Hallsted, Tread Marks is easy to learn and fun to play.

Tread Marks is both a standalone game and a network game. If you are playing Tread Marks over a network, none of the computers needs to have the game CD-ROM inserted to play, including the computer acting as the server. In addition, the interface is easy to understand, and changing the game settings and options is easy.

Tread Marks features two modes, race mode and battle mode. Your goal in the race mode of Tread Marks is to get across the finish line before all of the other tanks. It's that simple.

Your objective in the battle mode is just as simple: You must collect different weapons while trying to blow up the enemy. You choose the number of computer tanks, length of time to play, hit (or frag) limit for the game, and the computer tank's level of intelligence. The default settings of 20 minutes per game, 20 frags per game, and four computer tanks with zero percent intelligence level are good while you are getting a feel for the game, but you'll find you soon need to turn it up a notch.

The basic game controls are also easy to master. You simply maneuver using the arrow keys and fire your weapons using the space bar. As a result, the learning curve on this game is extremely short—you can sit down and enjoy this game immediately.

Tread Marks' landscape is fully deformable, the music fits the action, and you can

play for 10 minutes, 20 minutes, or however long you like—it is entirely up to you. Another nice feature is that you can rename the computer tanks, enabling you to figuratively fight against your real enemies.

You can play Tread Marks in standalone mode or with up to 32 other people over a network or Internet connection. Tread Marks supports Windows NT, 98, and 95. You can purchase Tread Marks through retail channels for the suggested price of U.S. \$34.95. For more information about Tread Marks, visit <http://www.treadmarks.com>. You can also call 1-705-377-4500.

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