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## PRODUCTIVITY HACK

(Because Who Doesn't Need More Time in the Day?)

How do you delete words from whatever you are typing? You don't have to correct mistakes by backspacing one character at a time! The **Ctrl+Backspace** keyboard shortcut is used to delete the entire word and the space preceding it to the left of the cursor. This is a useful time-saving shortcut that works in many applications, such as **Microsoft Word**, **Outlook**, and **Google Chrome**.

There is no direct equivalent to the Windows **Ctrl+Backspace** key for a Mac, but you can achieve the same functionality by using **Option + Delete** to delete the previous word. If you are specifically looking for the behavior of a standard Mac "delete" key (deleting the character to the right of the cursor), you can use the **Fn + Delete** combination.

## The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit [www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge](http://www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge) by **October 31, 2025** to answer the contest question. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. **Good Luck!**

Click the **Quiz Challenge** link and choose which answer is the correct function for **Ctrl + Backspace**.

## Learn from The Network Guy

I've been told that traditional programming refers to a manual, rule-based approach to software development, so a programmer writes exact instructions (code) for a computer to follow. How does that differ from machine learning as used in Artificial Intelligence?

### The Network Guy:

Machine learning uses algorithms to enable computers to learn from data and make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed for every scenario. It analyzes large amounts of data and identifies patterns and can improve performance over time.



## Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

John Astin, the actor who played Gomez Addams on the original The Addams Family sitcom, had jacket pockets that were lined with asbestos so he could safely stash his lit cigars, which he often used in character.

Marvel's subsidiary, Toy Biz, successfully argued in the 2003 case Toy Biz, Inc. v. United States that some Marvel mutants were not human. The goal was to classify action figures as "toys" rather than "dolls" (which represented humans), thereby avoiding a higher import tax. The court agreed that these non-human, mutated characters did not fit the definition of a human and were thus "non-human" for the purposes of tariffs.

Heisler is TV's favorite fake beer, earning itself the nickname "the Bud Light of fake beers" for its on-screen ubiquity. It's one of 40 different custom fake beer labels Studio Graphics, the in-house graphics team at the legendary Hollywood prop house Independent Studio Services, has created in the past 40 years.

Daniel Radcliffe wore the same dirty hat and jacket for six months in order to frustrate paparazzi because the pictures would always look "old" and couldn't be sold.

When he was penning the script for Star Wars, George Lucas had an Alaskan Malamute who sat in the passenger seat of his car while he drove around. Sweet, loyal, and very hairy, she inspired the writer/director to create Chewbacca, Han Solo's lovable co-pilot.

The mask the killer Michael Myers wore in the Halloween films was in fact based on William Shatner's face. Not just his face, but specifically a Captain Kirk death mask created for Star Trek.

*"The past doesn't go away. So, you can either live with it forever or do something about it."*

– Bucky Barnes, Thunderbolts

## PenTeleData is Proud to Serve Saint Clair, PA

**Saint Clair is in the heart of what had been for many years an active scene of mining operations. It is about the only community in Schuylkill County that is relatively flat. Its area is broad and long and surrounded on all sides by mountains.**

The beginnings of the borough stretch back to 1808, when the Commonwealth patented the tract to James May. Tracts passed through many people until 1830 when a deed was named to Arthur St. Clair Nichols. The deed stated the land is four hundred and two and 3/4 acres, upon which the town of St. Clair has been located and laid.

The first industry in the borough was lumbering due to the dense forests in the area and a valley where a large stream of water flowed. The Mill Creek served as a source of energy and means of transportation. Coal mining began in the borough in 1824, with the discovery of rich coal veins under the entire borough. The most important of the veins are Primrose, Mammoth, Orchard, Skidmore, SevenFoot and Buck Mountain. The Mammoth Vein was accidentally discovered in 1830 by bank teller Issac Beck, while washing his hands in the creek. Coal operations surrounded the borough from this time up to the 1960s.

Patriotism has always been a pride of Saint Clair's citizens. During the Civil War, the borough gave the greatest percentage of men in Schuylkill County, including several members of the "First Defenders" who answered the call of President Lincoln. During the Spanish-American War Saint Clair responded with 105 men. During the "Great War" (WWI) Saint Clair sent 366 men to the armed forces and five women who served as Red Cross nurses.

St. Clair was called home by several notable citizens, including John Siney, Dr. Joel T. Boone, Dr. Claude A. Beck, creator of the first working defibrillator and Congressman Timothy Holden. Professional sport figures included Jack Titus, Jack Quinn, Eddie Delker, Bob Ryan, Joe Holden, George Sommers, Ed Shrockman and Lance Rautzman.

(Source: <https://stclairpa.gov/history-of-st-clair/>)

## Tech Myth Buster

### MYTH:

Incognito mode makes Internet browsing completely anonymous.

### FACT:

Incognito mode only prevents your browser from saving history. Your employer or websites can still track your activity.

