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## Chapter 1

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### 1.1 Year2000.html

Year 2000 to cost businesses dearly

Businesses in the UK will have to pay out £31 BILLION, as they approach the year 2000, it was revealed yesterday.

The massive figure, revealed by top Government advisors - is three times bigger than had been estimated previously.

The problem is that thousands of computers, ranging from PC's in offices and banks to computers that control traffic lights and the NHS, are unable to differentiate between the year 1900 and 2000. They tell the year by the last two digits of the year, so after 1999, the computer thinks that it is 1900, instead of 2000.

January 1, 1900 fell on a Monday, but January 1, 2000 will fall on a Saturday. This means that bank vaults could open on the wrong days, traffic lights will run weekend programming instead of weekday programming, complex systems that backup data via phone lines will back up data on the wrong days etc.

30,000 extra Information Technology workers will need to be employed to cover the mammoth task of reprogramming computers.

Robin Guenier, who is the head of Taskforce 2000, a Government funded programme has admitted that the problem will not be fixed in time for the year 2000.

He said: "Imagine all these computers which control everything from DSS payments to nuclear power stations going wrong. It doesn't just affect big businesses, as it will also affect millions of ordinary people. It could mean workers not getting paid, the unemployed not getting benefits, the ill not getting the right prescriptions, and hundreds of thousands of businesses will need new computers."

Some big companies are already taking steps into their own hands. BT is thought to be spending around £300 million on its complex computer system, and Barclays Bank and the NatWest are thought to be spending about £100 million each.

Of course, Amiga users don't have to worry, as our computers are better than computers from the "Itsy Bitsy Machine" company, and their inferior "Pretty Crap" computer, or even AppleMacs - you must have heard the saying, "Machine Always Crashes, If Not The Operating System Hangs!". Sorry about that Stephane, but I was told this by a penpal in Norway, Ragnar Fyri.

Stephen Graham

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