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Scripts are used for many things on computers. Everything from customizing and automating repetitious tasks to changing the way the computer functions. One example is the script that contained the steps that a computer goes through when starting up. Other scripts control how your computer's hardware is configured. These instructions are operating system commands and can be modified in a text editor or through system access panels. Always be sure to understand what you are doing before changing a system command.

One of the most common scripts that the average user will come in contact with are **macros**. Most programs use some form of macro. A macro, at it's simplest, is a recorded series of keystrokes that help automate repetitive tasks. These tasks, once copied into a script, can be accomplished with a few keystrokes. You can use macros to help you write letters, create memos, or build reports. Some macros stop and beep when you need to enter information. Some present a screen with detailed information and multiple choices. Many programs allow the user to record personalized macros for their own unique use such as inserting your name and address.

Most computer users will use scripts in some way, perhaps without realizing it. One common script that users often use are Wizards or scripts that install new software. These type of scripts will take you step by step through complex processes and stop at a certain points to offer users different choices.

On the Internet there are a number of script languages including JavaScript/jQuery, Perl, VBScript, PHP and many others. These programming script languages allow **website programmers** to create many interesting and useful functions. These scripts are often written into web pages or stored on the server that you connect to. These type of scripts are used for processing forms, keeping statistics, counting visitors to website, querying databases as well as limitless other processes with more being introduced each day.

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