When you need to jump around in an Eclipse text file to verify a few things and then quickly return to where you were, you can insert Temporary Markers. Ctrl M is the keyboard command. A dialogue will open to let you create new temporary markers and jump to them. Also worth knowing, Hyperkey Shift-X will mark a spot, and Hyperkey Shift-V will jump to the last spot that you marked.

Did you know that you can insert temporary markers in a dictionary? You might be redefining or deleting some old dictionary entries. It could be quite handy to insert a temporary marker and jump back and forth from one part of your dictionary to another. Hyperkeys Shift-X and Shift-V will work in a dictionary, but let’s see how to create multiple spot markers in a dictionary.

Pressing Ctrl M while in a dictionary will open the Markers dialogue. The “New” button lets you describe the marker. A digit would suffice. When you leave the dialogue, Eclipse will automatically add the steno for the spot that you marked.

Markers are temporary; they only last until you close the file. For something permanent, you can add a comment. In a text file, press Alt N and select “Comment”. In a dictionary, you can select an entry and press the Enter key to add a comment. Later, you can click on your dictionary’s “Comment” column and sort the entries so that the commented ones are all displayed at the top of the screen.
In e-Tip #115 (December 2011), we talked about using Pogoplug to create your own personal cloud-based backup storage and save big time on backup prices. Pogoplug has just announced that they are partnering with Amazon Glacier to back up your various devices on-site and now with Glacier offsite as well. The Pogoplug will synchronize your backed-up data between your Pogoplug and external hard drive and Amazon Glacier in the cloud.

Amazon Glacier is way less expensive than other popular online backup options such as SugarSync, Dropbox or Google Drive. How much cheaper you ask? It is perhaps one-tenth the cost of these other services. For example, using SugarSync at the 100-gigabyte level will cost you $149 per year. For the same 100GB, Pogoplug is $29 per year. If you have even greater storage needs than that, Pogoplug pricing gets even better. SugarSync for 500GB costs $399 but Pogoplug costs just $99 per year and you get 1TB (terabyte), twice the amount of storage as with Sugarsync and at a much lower cost.

Keep in mind that with Pogoplug you need to have your own Pogoplug device and external backup hard drive that you install on your home or office network. The Pogoplug software then backs up your computers, tablets and smartphones to the Pogoplug and now it also synchronizes to Amazon Glacier. (Continued on page 3)

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It’s a three-speaker, four-part suite of webinars that offers 8 hours of continuing education credit.

On September 12 and October 9, Keith Vincent will offer “Editing from the Steno Keyboard with Total Eclipse 5”. Auto-Magic now makes it easier to edit as you write.

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Each seminar takes place on a Saturday and is offered in two parts. The morning and afternoon (6.5 hours) explore new features in Total Eclipse 5. The evening (3.5 hours) will teach formatting and automatic indexing. You can sign up for one session or two, according to your needs.

Keith’s seminar fulfills all the continuing education requirements for Texas reporters (including hours in rules/ethics.) It’s also eligible for NCRA CE points.

Details and registration at KVincent.com.
What are the disadvantages? **Well, DropBox and SugarSync, while a lot more expensive, do not require you to maintain your own hardware.** Therefore, they are much simpler to set up and manage. If ease of use is what you are going for, then paying the higher price of another service could be well worth it. **The cost savings with Pogoplug sure do make it worth looking into though, especially if you’ve got a friendly geek ready to lend a hand with setup.**

It gets even better because **now with the $29 to $99 Family Plans, your Pogoplug Classic device is included free with your order.** Pogoplug now has more than 1 million users. With prices like these, I expect them to be getting many, many more.

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