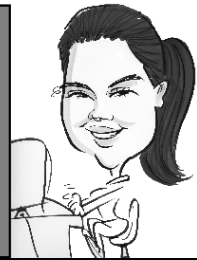




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We're now at issue #9 of our newsletter! In this issue: Being safer on your computer, a New Gadget, Virus Alert and Surge Protectors!

Virus Alert:

W32.Sasser.Worm is a worm that attempts to exploit the vulnerability described in Microsoft Security Bulletin MS04-011. It spreads by scanning randomly selected IP addresses of vulnerable systems.

The Lsass.exe process will crash after the worm exploits the Windows LSASS vulnerability. Windows will display the alert and shut down the system in 1 minute.

Please make sure that your computers are up-to-date with Microsoft Updates. They have released a patch to help keep this virus from affecting your computer.

Practice Safe Computing...

- Turn off and remove unneeded services. By default, many operating systems install auxiliary services that are not critical. These services are avenues of attack. If they are removed, blended threats have less avenues of attack and you have fewer services to maintain through patch updates.
- Always keep your patch levels up-to-date, especially on computers that host public services and are accessible through the firewall, such as instant messenger programs and file sharing programs such as KaZaa, Lime Wire or BearShare.
- Use passwords that do not make words, such as purposely misspelled words or use numbers in place of certain letters. Most hackers have devices that go through a dictionary to find the password, if your password is not in there you are much safer.
- If you think that your computer is infected with a virus, immediately turn it off until you find a way to get the problem fixed. If your computer is on a network the virus can spread to other computers if it is not turned off. Also, if the virus is one that sends itself out in e-mails it may be affecting the computers of people in your address book.
- Encourage your family and co-workers not to open attachments unless they are expecting them. Also, do not execute software that is downloaded from the Internet unless it has been scanned for viruses. Simply visiting a compromised Web site can cause infection if certain browser vulnerabilities are not patched.

Know what's going on behind the wheel!!!

Plug the CarChip "black box" data recorder into the diagnostic port in your automobile and it continuously records data from your car's computer control system. Then download the recorded data into your PC for review. CarChip records up to 300 hours of trip details including date and time, distance, speed, idle time, excessive accelerations, hard braking and engine diagnostic trouble codes for around \$175.00. System requirements: Win 95 or higher. Supports most 1996 or later vehicles. A must have for every teenage parent and car nut!

The Last Byte...

It is storm season again. If your surge protectors are over 1 year old it is probably time to replace them. It is best to make sure that all of your electronic devices are plugged in to a surge protector that is in good working order. If one device that is not protected gets hit and it.

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Happy Mothers Day!