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Bits and Bytes...

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It's time again for our newsletter! In this issue: Virus alerts, Laptop News, regular maintenance and Woot ...

Virus and Spam Alerts...

Trojan.Tabela.D is a Trojan horse program that steals email addresses from the compromised computer. The Trojan sends the stolen email addresses using HTTP to the gabyphoto.com domain. Also, Trojan.Awax is a Trojan horse that attempts to download and execute files from a remote server. It will also send operating system information to this server and attempt to end security-related processes including anti-virus software as well as your firewall. If you are using a hardware firewall such as a router they cannot bother it. The best way to keep virus' out is to not open emails that you don't know who the sender is and keep all of your computers up-to-date with anti-virus software.

Looking to buy a Laptop...

Have you been thinking about getting a laptop but you are concerned about the size of the hard drive. Worry no more. Seagate has just launched a new hard drive. Instead of writing the data horizontally the data is now written vertically allowing for more room on the disk. The maximum size for a laptop hard drive had been 120 Gigabytes, now you can get up to 160 Gigabytes. There is quite a price jump for the new technology of course, the 120 Gig drive sells for about \$240 and the 160 is going for \$325. Now unless you are making DVD's or taking millions of pictures 160 Gigabytes should tide you over for awhile.

Ever Heard of Woot...

Woot.com is an online store and community that focuses on selling cool stuff cheap. It started as an employee-store slash market-testing type of place for an electronics distributor, but it's taken on a life of its own. They choose one item every day and place it on there website at midnight. You can buy the item until they are sold out or till midnight which ever comes first. The shipping on everything is \$5. The company is based out of Carrollton and they sell everything from big screen TV's to toasters at very reasonable prices. If you are interested have a look and see if they have something you want.

Regular Maintenance...

Make sure that you are keeping your version of Windows up-to-date by running Windows update on a regular basis. Microsoft discovers little bugs and releases patches to fix the problems. If your computer is not up to date you are more vulnerable to hackers and ad/spyware. Also make sure that your anti-virus stays up to date on all of your network computers. Even if just one of your network computers is unprotected you can get a virus that can destroy valuable information. Keep your computer running smoothly by running the disk defragmenter at least once every 6 to 8 weeks.

Just Curious...

Ever wonder how many of those new gadgets were sold for Christmas. Microsoft sold 600,000 X-Box 360's since Thanksgiving. Apple has sold over 6.5 million of their iPods in the last 3 months of 2005 worldwide. Other MP3 players brought in about \$3 Billion in revenue. And what about the music that has been sold for these new devices, how does 352 million songs for the year sound? 20 million of those sold between Christmas day and New Years.

Final Bit...

Hope you all have a wonderful and blessed New Year. Thanks for your support and thanks for our third year in business.

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