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It's time again for our newsletter! In this issue: Virus alerts, Microsoft Problems, Googling tips and Our Special News ...

Virus and Spam Alerts...

A virus to be on the look out for is the W32.Pahatia.C a worm that spreads to mapped network drives and attempts to end certain processes and close certain Internet Explorer windows. This virus shows why it is important to have anti-virus software on every computer in the office. Please be very careful when using Google Desktop, this is not a product that we recommend for several reasons. First it can cause the computer to boot very slow, it has been known to allow theft of personal information and it can be a system resource hog. Finally just FYI spam is up over 59% since December 2006. So if you have noticed an increase in spam this may be why.

Problems from Microsoft...

Microsoft has patched numerous Windows flaws and addressed numerous vulnerabilities affecting Outlook Express and Windows Mail. These vulnerabilities can be triggered by viewing malicious mail, such as spam. Also, a malicious messages containing a link to a geocities web page masquerading as a Yahoo! login site is currently circulating over Yahoo! Instant Messenger. Never follow suspicious links. It is important to make sure that you are downloading all of the critical updates from Microsoft to help keep these problems out of your system. If you think you might have been affected by either of these items please let us know and we will be happy to help you out.

Tips for Google Searching...

Google's Advanced Search has updated the way that their Date filter works, providing users with fresh results updated within the last 3, 6, or 12 months. That may not seem like that big of a deal, but it's a major improvement on Google's previous implementation, which considered a page new each time Google re-indexed it. That means that if a web page was created two years ago but indexed by Google within the last 3 months, it used to show up as new. The new implementation of the date range determines the URL's age by the first date it indexed the URL, meaning that it now works the way you'd expect. If you want to find fresh Google results on a topic, the advanced search just became a lot more useful.

A Trick to Try with your Gadgets...

While browsing the internet I came across a page that detailed the steps necessary to save your cell phone after it takes an unexpected bath. The process is rather simple: 1) Remove the battery, 2) Dry your phone, 3) Soak in Alcohol, 4) Let your phone dry, and 5) Start using it again! The alcohol displaces the water and any sediment left behind from the unexpected "swim" and evaporates much faster than water. It is important to make sure the phone is fully dry before attempting to power it back on, but you don't have to wait for it to dry before the alcohol bath. I haven't tried this personally, but honestly, at this point what do you have to lose?

Trouble Reaching Us...

Since we have moved we have been having trouble with our phones. We have listed an additional number that you can try reaching us at in our contact information above. If you don't hear back from us within a few hours please try the other number. We are working to get the problem resolved.

Final Bit...

We would like to share some good news with you all. We are expecting our first child in November. We find out the babies gender next week and I will let you all know as soon as we do. The current due date is November 12th but we all know that will probably change.

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