Welcome

This is the first edition of our monthly newsletter. We have compiled short, concise articles that may be of interest to you and your company. Feel free to visit us on the web at busix.com and give us your feedback. We hope to include such features as:

- Productivity Tips
- Technology News
- Useful web site of the month
- Humor
- Trends in hardware/software
- Care and Maintenance
- Trivia

If there is anything that you'd like to see or if you have an article for us, please forward it on to us. We can be contacted at info@busix.com

News

Are your systems flawed?

Microsoft has warned the public of "new flaws in its popular Windows software" as the company shifted to monthly updates for software holes that could allow hackers to break into computers. They will begin issuing monthly warnings and software patches to repair these errors, but they need to be installed before that can work.

These patches and updates keep your desktop computers stable and secure. If you are behind on these updates by even a few weeks, your data could be compromised and your network brought to its knees in seconds.

For information on how to protect your office from these issues, refer to the Gold Maintenance package on our website at www.busix.com.

Productivity

Power surfing with Google

Have you ever spent hours searching for something with different search engines and when you finally have found the perfect match, you get a 'Page not found' error?

With Google, all of the matches shown in the listing are cached, or stored locally on their servers, for viewing after the page is removed or located elsewhere. Give it a try at www.google.com.

If you have ever been browsing a website trying to find specific information, you know how tedious it can be. Typically navigation menus and links are confusing or sites aren't laid out intuitively.

With the Google toolbar, a free download from toolbar.google.com, you can search the whole site for the information that you want. It will highlight the words that you have searched for, making it easy to locate the appropriate matches.

The Google toolbar will also block annoying pop-up ads, fill forms in with one click, link a web log to the page or narrow your search to a specific country.

Trivia

Did you know…

A standard IDE hard drive spins about five times faster than a helicopter blade?

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Maintenance

When the Windows™ get dirty…

As the leading desktop operating system provider, Microsoft® is constantly innovating and improving their products to keep up with cutting edge hardware technology as well as the increasing demands of security and stability for production computers. In many cases, the simple process of installing a software patch or two will do the trick to bring your computer up to date. Every couple of years, however, it becomes necessary to launch a brand new product which include the useful properties of previous versions and adds new features that users world wide have been asking for.

When a new version of Windows™ becomes available, it is common for businesses to continue using their current version, for they see no real advantage to upgrading just for the sake of upgrading. In many cases, this goes along without problems until one of two things happen:

1. The operating system is no longer supported and becomes a risk to use in the work place, similar to a rusty D8 CAT on its last legs in a construction site, or;
2. New programs or system hardware are purchased for the business that require advanced components to run properly.

It is becoming increasingly common to see systems fail when a minor upgrade is performed with either software or hardware. At this point it becomes necessary to upgrade to a newer operating system, but how much will it cost? How many licenses will be needed? How long will the network be down for the install to occur? Will it be necessary to learn an entirely new and different system? The answers are relatively simple and straight forward.

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News continued…

The expert staff at Busix is on hand to do a complimentary analysis of your network at any time to show you how your business can benefit from upgrading. We will compile a fully documented solution for you along with one final price including the length of time necessary to implement it. We take care of the details – you enjoy the results!

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The Last Word…

If it doesn't work, laugh at it:

- **What's the difference** between Windows 95 and a virus? (a virus does something)

- **If Bill Gates** had a dime for every time a Windows computer crashed… (oh, wait, he already does!)

- **A customer comes** into the computer store. "I'm looking for a mystery Adventure Game with lots of graphics. You know, something really challenging."

"Well," replied the clerk, "Have you tried Windows 98?"

These and more computer jokes at
www.98computerjokes.com

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