

Tip for October 2006
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You will all be happy to hear that all my wireless networks are working well. So the chains of garlic worked.

There is a new nasty out there that you need to be wary of. It is called deluxe communications. I don't know where it comes from, but it is extremely hard to get rid of. Please make sure that your anti virus and anti malware are up to date. I have said before that the best ones are both from the Grisoft company – AVG for viruses and Ewido for malware. Just Google any of the three names above and you will get to the site.

AVG is free for people not making money out of their computer work but Ewido costs \$42.95 a year. You have to use your credit card to purchase it (a very safe site) or they give you a number to ring.

The story is the same for anything – take care of your equipment and it will take care of you.

And PLEASE backup your important data/files/pictures/whatever as you create them. It is not much good talking about a backup that was 3 weeks ago. It doesn't take long to do especially if you have a memory stick – you just drag from one folder to the other. So get yourself a memory stick and then if your system does crash, you have your data backed up. And remember Microsoft can self destruct as well as be attacked by nasties.

When you do discover that you have been attacked, do another virus/malware scan in safe mode after turning off system restore – Control Panel – System – System Restore. Then restart your machine, turn system restore back on again and then scan again.

If you have lost files to a reformat, then you can recover them – the program is called Recover My Files.

Sorry about all the doom and gloom but you need to be aware.

Cheers,
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