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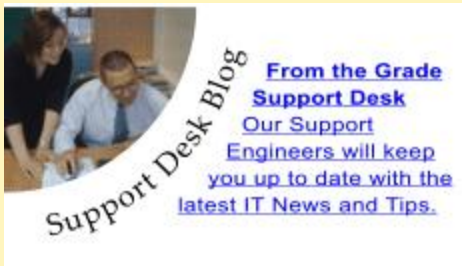
WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER

I finally got around to another newsletter; we have been very busy at Grade Computer Solutions. We have recently been providing a lot of our clients with equipment and services to upgrade or renew their aging systems. Is your equipment in need of updating?

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GRADE BLOGS

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There's always something interesting.



After many months of running Beta Microsoft Office 365 is now live.

Microsoft Office 365 is a new way to think about productivity in the cloud.

It brings together Office Web Apps, SharePoint Online, Exchange Online, and Lync Online in an always up-to-date cloud service with anywhere access via any mobile device. With Office 365, customers get the latest productivity solutions for a predictable monthly cost.

Why Office 365 from Grade/intY?



Grade/intY offers you not only Office 365, but a whole package of complementary solutions enabling you to get your IT services from one vendor, on one bill, through one management portal. Simple!

Find out more

<http://www.gradecomputersolutions.co.uk/cloudservices.htm>

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A humorous tale about the birth of the Internet

I came across the article in our local Church Mag, it really amused me I hope it amuses you too.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com. One day she said unto Abraham: "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said: "How, dear?"

Dot replied: "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable." (**UPS**)

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called **Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS)**, and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - **Hebrew To The People.(HTTP)**

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say: "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel [or eBay as it came to be known]. He said: "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied: "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"**YAHOO!!!!**," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it **YAHOO Dot Com**.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young **Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK)** that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as **God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything. (GOOGLE)**

And that is how it all began.....truly!

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3 GOOD REASONS TO UPGRADE TO WINDOWS 7.

Windows 7 has been out since October 2009,

and many users still working with Vista or XP continue to hold out, wondering... "is it safe to upgrade to Windows 7 now?" After all, only about 19% of XP users made the switch to Vista, and the vast majority agree... it was a step in the wrong direction.

Well, I'm happy to report that Windows 7 definitely shows some solid improvements over its predecessors. Grade have been upgrading our clients regularly now, and the majority of the users are quite happy with the new improvements.

The driver support is greatly improved over the earlier versions of Vista, which had so many users frustrated and sometimes downright angry that they simply couldn't get their older (but not necessarily old) products to work.

This problem has been addressed in the new version of Windows and many more products are compatible and can be easily installed.

Security is always a great concern.

Our clients regularly make it clear that security is of primary importance. The security in Windows 7 has been greatly improved over earlier versions and now includes UAC (User Access Control), DEP (data execution prevention), ASLR (address space layout randomization) as well as improved operating system kernel protection. Plus, the Ultimate version includes BitLocker and BitLocker-to-Go encryption, which protects your files from loss to hackers or theft.

Keep up with technology.

Now that we know that Windows 7 is a solid and widely accepted new Operating System, we can be sure that support for the older versions of Windows will disappear soon enough. We always make sure that our clients keep up to date, as we know how much my customers like their new toys... and few things are more frustrating than bringing home a new device just to find out it won't work with your outdated computer.

The biggest deciding factor in upgrading to Windows 7 probably won't be whether or not you should make the move, but rather should you make the move NOW? And that will be decided by the age of your current computer.

Did you just buy your machine in the last year or so and it came with a version of Vista or XP? Then it might make sense to upgrade to Windows 7 sooner rather than later so that you can take full advantage of all of the new features as soon as possible.

If your computer however is several years old, then you're probably best off waiting until it's time to replace your computer completely, where Windows 7 will come preinstalled. As Windows 7 is more powerful than its predecessors, it also requires more powerful hardware to run it properly, and your older computer might not be equipped to handle it.

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