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Pressure forces Microsoft to change Vista Licensing

Microsoft re-vamps licensing terms to allow the OS to be uninstalled and re-

installed on different machines

By Elizabeth IDG News Service – Nov. 02, 2006

Customer concerns over changes to Windows Vista licensing that limited a transfer of the license to only one machine have inspired Microsoft Corp. to revise the OS' licensing policy.

Microsoft has changed the retail license terms for Vista so that customers now may uninstall the OS from one machine and install it on another as many times as they want, the company said Thursday. The new terms do away with limitations on how many new devices to which the license can be transferred.

However, to continue to discourage pirating, Microsoft has worded the license so

that it is clear that users cannot "share this license between devices."

When the new licensing was disclosed several weeks ago, power users who rebuild their computers with new components several times a year or who plan to upgrade their computers more than once in the lifetime of the OS raised a fuss. They demanded clarification from the vendor about how scenarios like these would play out under the new licensing.

According to Shanen Boettcher, a Windows general manager at Microsoft, the company thinks it's come up with an answer to placate those users without encouraging software piracy, which the original change was designed to thwart.

"We think this clarification strikes the right balance," he said. Boettcher said the piracy problem has nothing to do with "the enthusiast community that was sending

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Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.



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me e-mails," but with people who install one licensed copy of Windows on many machines and sell those to other users.

"This is a definite improvement over the original licensing terms and I'm glad Microsoft has relented," said Don Smutny, a Windows user and software developer for a large IT company in the Midwestern U.S. However, he still is not convinced there

aren't other hidden complications within Vista's license that will have to be addressed later.

The change in policy will not affect consumers who purchase their Windows license preinstalled on a PC from a hardware manufacturer. No license transfers are allowed in those cases.

Submitted by: Wes Jackson



Stocking Stuffers for the Serious PC User



**Computer Frustrations
Coffee Mug**



Chocolate Mouse



Computer Puppies



<http://www.computergear.com/>



*An optimist thinks this is the best possible world.
A pessimist fears this is true.*



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Foxit Reader 2.0

Foxit Reader 2.0 is a free PDF document viewer and printer, with incredible small size (only 1.5 M download size), breezing-fast launch speed and amazingly rich feature set. Foxit Reader 2.0 supports Windows 98/Me/2000/XP/2003. Its core function is compatible with PDF Standard 1.6.

Version 2.0 introduces many exciting new features, including interactive form filler,

multi-language UI support, on-demand download of add-on, self upgrade, Javascript support, improved printing speed, streamlined UI and much more.

In the past, you have to download a huge PDF Reader from other software company, go through a lengthy installation process and wait for an annoying splash window to disappear just to open a PDF document.

Submitted by: Wes Jackson

Microsoft Unwraps Zune Site, and Makes Changes To MSN Music

Nancy Gohring, IDG – Nov. 03, 2006

Microsoft said it will soon start redirecting MSN Music customers to the new Zune site.

Microsoft unveiled a new Web site that describes features of the upcoming Zune music store and also revealed that MSN Music won't continue to sell digital songs.

The new site outlines details of the Zune player as well as the Zune marketplace, where customers can buy songs individually or subscribe to a monthly music download service.

The site already features a few bands and offers downloads of images and videos of



Zune advertisements.

Zune Add-Ons — It also features accessories that will be available from third-party manufacturers. A docking station will let users play music directly over speakers, a wireless remote will enable control from across the room while the Zune sits in a dock and cables will allow users to connect the Zune to their car stereos.

Read more: <http://www.zune.net/en-US/default.htm>

Submitted by: G. Bulger



In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

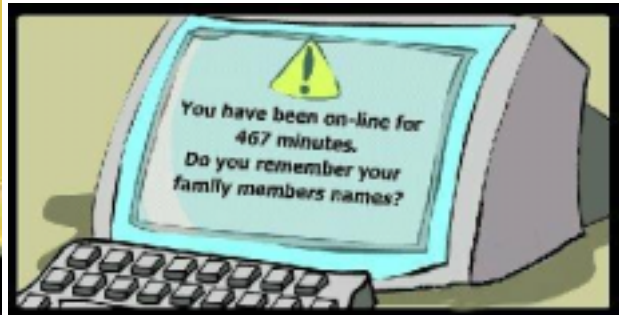
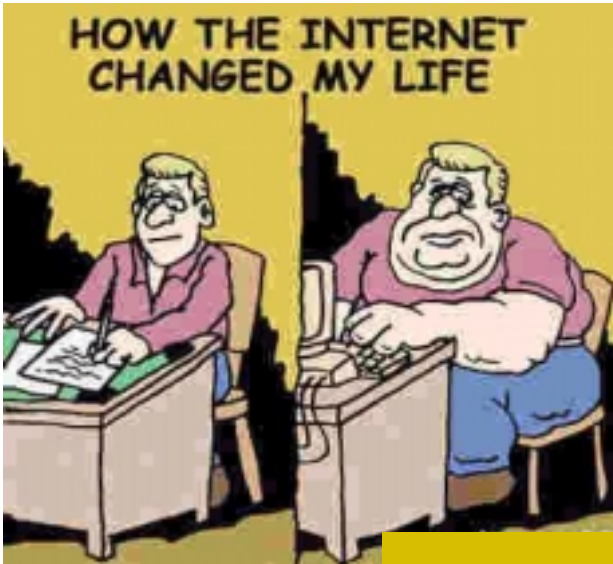


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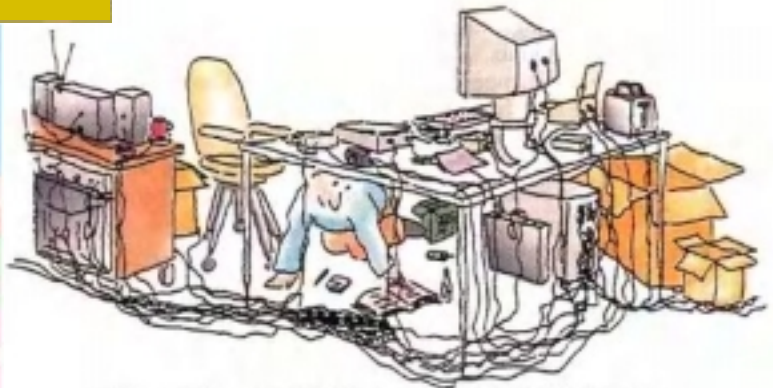


Casual Friday for the Telecommuter

Stupid computer
Keeps saying
"you got mail"



All I did was hit the Delete Button



"Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on."



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Seagate Bakes Security into Hard Drive

By Joris Evers CNet - Oct 31, 2006

Hard-drive maker Seagate Technology on Oct 29 provided more details on encryption technology designed to make life tougher for computer thieves.

The Scotts Valley, Calif.-based company has developed full-disk encryption technology that can be built into hard-disk drives. The new Seagate DriveTrust Technology automatically encrypts all the data written to the disk, making it inaccessible to anyone who doesn't have the correct password when the computer first boots up.

"It is a new way of thinking about what the capabilities are of the hard drive, beyond just storage," said Scott Shimomura, senior product marketing manager at Seagate.

"The primary market right now is the mobile computing market, because there is so much sensitive data that is being stored on notebooks," Shimomura said. "But we view DriveTrust as something that can be used in all drives." DriveTrust is already available in Seagate's DB35 disk drives for digital video recorders and other digital entertainment devices.

In the first quarter of next year, the company plans to ship a hard-disk drive for notebooks that features the technology,

called the Momentus 5400 FDE 2.

Seagate pitches its encrypting hard disk as an alternative to full-disk encryption software such as products sold by PGP and PointSec Mobile Technologies. Additionally, high-end editions of Microsoft's upcoming Windows Vista operating system include an encryption feature called BitLocker.

All of the data is being encrypted and decrypted on the fly," Shimomura said about DriveTrust. "There is no processor and memory consumption, because the encryption is all happening down in the drive. Tests we have done internally have shown minimal impact on throughput and write-read performance."

Disk drives with the new technology contain an encryption chip and special software that runs it. The encryption on the Momentus drive will use a 128-bit Advanced Encryption Standard, or AES, algorithm. It will be available in capacities up to 160 GB.

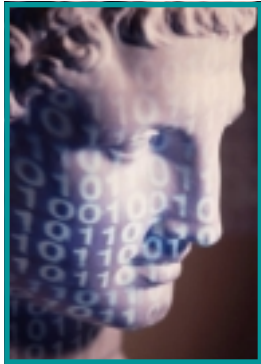
Submitted by: Y. Bulger



The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.



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Computer Research News

Group of University Researchers to Make Web Science a Field of Study

STEVE LOHR - Nov. 2, 2006
NY Times

The Web has become such a force in commerce and culture that a group of leading university researchers now deems it worthy of its own field of study.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Southampton in Britain plan to announce today that they are starting a joint research program in Web science.

Tim Berners-Lee, who invented the Web's basic software, is leading the program. An Oxford-educated Englishman, Mr. Berners-Lee is a senior researcher at M.I.T., a professor at the University of Southampton and the director of the World Wide Web Consortium, an Internet standards-setting organization.

Web science, the researchers say, has social and engineering dimensions. It extends well beyond traditional computer science, they say, to include the emerging research in social networks and the social sciences that is being used to study how people behave on the Web. And Web science, they add, shifts the center of

gravity in engineering research from how a single computer works to how huge decentralized Web systems work.

"The Web isn't about what you can do with computers," Mr. Berners-Lee said. "It's people and, yes, they are connected by computers. But computer science, as the study of what happens in a computer, doesn't tell you about what happens on the Web."

The Web science program is an academic effort, but corporate technology executives and computer scientists said the research could greatly influence Web-based businesses. They pointed in particular to research by Mr. Berners-Lee and others to build more "intelligence" into the Web — moving toward what is known as the Semantic Web — as an area of study that could yield a big payoff.

Web science represents "a pretty big next step in the evolution of information," said Eric E. Schmidt, the chief executive of Google, who is a computer scientist. This kind of research, Mr. Schmidt added, is "likely to have a lot of influence on the next generation of researchers, scientists and, most importantly, the next generation of entrepreneurs who will build new companies from this."

Submitted by: Y. Bulger



*Age doesn't always bring wisdom.
Sometimes it comes alone.*



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Apple's iPod Shuffle – *redherring.com*

Tiny iPod shuffle with 1 gigabyte of capacity to hit stores early November.

The smallest member of Apple Computer's iPod family of digital music players will go on sale Friday, the company said. Apple's new iPod Shuffle will be available through retail stores, resellers, and web sites.

The diminutive device, about half the size of the original iPod, measures about half a cubic inch in volume, tips the scales at about an ounce, and comes in an aluminum skin. It has a small clip for wearing the device.

The iPod shuffle has 1 gigabyte of flash memory, allowing it to hold about 240

songs. The new shuffle also comes in as the lowest-priced member of the bunch at \$79 US.

Apple claims that the device has 12 hours of battery life, presumably because of the flash memory and lack of a large color screen sported by other iPods. The device is available to connect with either a PC or a Mac.

Submitted by: Y. Bulger



Henry Breadon passed away on October 2nd 2006.

He was a member of the Nanaimo Computer Club, and used his computer to send out helpful "computer tips" to

people on the "Moccasin Telegraph," a newsletter for Yukoners and ex Yukoners which has a membership of over 500 people now. He was also a lifelong friend of mine. We were born in the same

hospital in Whitehorse, a month apart. Years later we both ended up living in Nanaimo!

Henry will be sadly missed by hundreds of people for his contributions to Yukon history. He had a sharp, incredible memory of his early days on the paddlewheelers and his many other enterprises while living up there.

The Yukon will miss him as will his many friends and family on Vancouver Island.

Submitted by Joyce Yardley



The End ...