



# The Paper Modem

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## Microsoft to nix some Net product activation

By [Robert Lemos, CNET News.com](#)  
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Customers who find themselves reinstalling Windows XP should be ready for a headache: Microsoft will no longer support activating the product over the Internet for PCs which have Windows pre-installed.

Intended to curtail the stealing and selling of certificates of authenticity, the new security measure will start at the end of this month. At first, it will be limited to the Windows XP software preinstalled on systems shipped by the top 20 PC sellers.

"The main reason (for the change) is to address piracy in this area," a Microsoft representative said on Thursday. "Microsoft has found various people selling the labels of authenticity that they have copied or have pulled off other PCs."

The change is the latest attempt by Microsoft to [target software pirates](#) who try to sell stolen copies of Windows XP or the certificates of authenticity that mark the software as legitimate. The company has a plan to check that people's operating systems are properly licensed before allowing them to download certain updates. The plan, known as [the Windows Genuine Advantage initiative](#), was [introduced in January](#).

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**How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?**

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Starting Feb. 28, Microsoft's product security will require that customers who need to reinstall their operating system call a customer service representative to get a code that will reactivate their Windows XP system.

New systems shipped from the top 20 PC makers, also known as original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), will be preactivated, stated a memo posted to the blog [Aviran's Place](#). The Microsoft representative said the memo was authentic.

*Submitted by: Greg Wilson*

## Microsoft Announces Internet Explorer 7.0

During Bill Gates' keynote address at RSA, he announced Internet Explorer 7.0, designed to add new levels of security to Windows XP SP2 while maintaining the level of extensibility and compatibility that customers have come to expect. Internet Explorer 7.0 will also provide even stronger defenses against phishing, malicious software and spyware. The beta release is scheduled to be available this summer.

**Internet Explorer 7.0 Under Development**  
Microsoft announced today that it is actively developing Internet Explorer 7.0 for Windows XP. Although specific features are not yet being discussed, you can be sure that Microsoft is working to make this the best and most secure browser for Windows, and you can expect a beta version this summer.

Microsoft understands that spyware, malware, and viruses have been big issues for consumers. Windows XP SP2 includes significant upgrades to Internet Explorer, incorporating a stronger security infrastructure to help thwart malicious software attacks, block suspicious content and eliminate many common spoofing

attempts. Building on those advances, Internet Explorer 7.0 will add new levels of security and features. When discussing browser options, please keep in mind that Microsoft is innovating along this front, and you can expect to see the beta product sometime this summer.

*Submitted by: Gord Bulger*



**If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?**

## What Do You Mean - Open With? –

*Newbie Club*

Ever tried to open a file, and get that box that shouts, "You're an idiot! You can't open that file! What program do you want me to use?" It's called the "Open With" dialog box.

Try this. Open Notepad... (*Start, Programs, Accessories, Notepad*). Type a few letters... then click *File, Save As*, and give it a name: "test.abc". Save it to your Desktop for easy retrieval.

Now, go to your Desktop and you'll see a new icon that looks like a little Microsoft Window Logo flying on a white box.

Try double clicking that icon. No the file won't open, but you will open the "Open With" dialog box.

Here's why. Windows didn't recognize the ".abc" file extension and didn't know which program to use to open the file. So it asks you. Like you're some kind of guru, right?

If you had saved that file you created in Notepad and given it a ".txt" extension, it would have opened up in Notepad when you double clicked the icon. Because Windows knows that Notepad will read any file with the .txt extension.

So... what do you do when trying to open a file that's real, but you don't have the necessary program? The "Open With" dialog box will do you no good.

You must install the program needed.

For example, you receive a file by email attachment that's a Microsoft Word document. You don't have Word installed on your computer, but do have Microsoft Works.

You can't open a Word document with Works. Sorry. You'll have to install MS Word. If you receive a file with a ".ppt" extension, you need Power Point in order to open that file.

Where you can find a list of file extensions, and the programs needed to open those files? Easy. Just jump over to <http://www.google.com> and type "file extensions" into the search box.

The web is crammed full of resources. And you only need a couple of tools to find links to all the other tools you need to build your home on the web.

File extensions are the key. Once you understand how they work, you've de-mystified another corner of your computer.

*Submitted by: Greg Wilson*

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## A Day In Tech Support

Tech Support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop."

Customer: "Ok."

Tech Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support: "Ok. Right click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support: "Ok, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

Customer: "Sure, you told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."



**Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?**



## Back to Basics

### If You Care About Your Friends, Change How You Send E-Mail!

Do you sometimes wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it? Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people that received the message before you -- namely their e-mail addresses. As the messages are forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some person to get a virus and his/her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across their computer.

Also someone can take all of those addresses and *sell* them ( yes – addresses can be sold to Spammers) or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel.

How do you stop it? Well, there are two easy steps:

1) When you forward an email: **DELETE** all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message. When you click Forward, you can High-

light them, right click and click delete; backspace them - whatever it is you know how to do. (or just not FORWARD the email at all... copy the body of the message and paste into a new email) It only takes a second.

2) Whenever you send an e-mail, don't use the "To:" or "CC:" Use only the "Bcc:" (**Blind Carbon Copy**) for sending the message. Click on the little address book beside "To" to "select recipients" (or the "Bcc" if you have it) but put the recipients in the "Bcc" box instead of the "To" box. That's it - it's that easy – now no one knows who you sent the great joke to and a spammer cannot get your email list.

As an extra note – when you reply to someone else's email to answer a question that they might have asked you, reply **at the top**, not below the original message. When you reply below the original message, the person receiving it might think that you accidentally pushed reply and forgot to reply. If the message contains a number of 'back and forth' question and answers it can get even more confusing. Standard practice is always replying at the top.

*Submitted by: Greg Wilson*



**Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?**



## Microsoft Streets and Trips



*Presentation Wednesday February 9th*

Where would we be without the support of our members?? A good example was the great presentation by **Bob Goerzen** of Microsoft's "STREETS AND TRIPS" .

Now granted, there was a puzzling start until we realized that Bob's brand new laptop had a faulty graphics card. But this was quickly remedied by using the club's PC and by the lucky fact that one of our members just happened to have the program in his van.. off we went!!

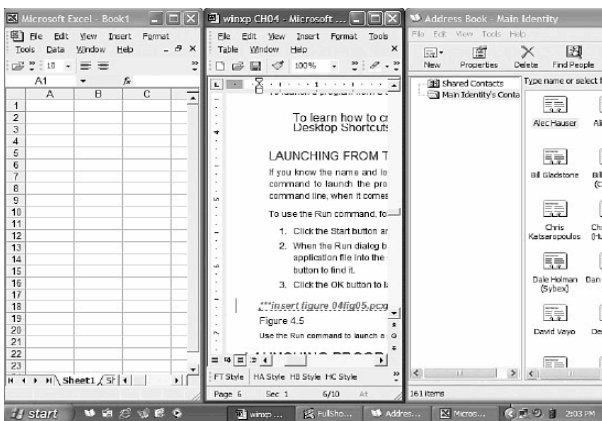
Then, selecting Abbotsford to commence the route planning, and Nanaimo the destination, Bob let the program do its own initial selection.

Due to knowledge of the streets in the Lower Mainland, Bob was able to direct the program to a more efficient path - this was done by selecting points along the route for the program to replace in its mapping. There was also some confusion about the ferry routes which required manual intervention to resolve. Generally speaking, the program required some manual "tickling" to get the best results.

Then members from the audience supplied various "spots" for Bob to see what the program had in the way of information. The results were mixed - Gabriola Island was largely unmapped and showed many blanks. Traveling up-island, Port Hardy, for example, had most of the streets included. The program appeared to be most suited to long distance travel rather than close quarters.

A very interesting presentation that members all enjoyed - again, thanks to Bob.

*Submitted by: Allan Forrest*



## Arranging Windows On Your Desktop

You can display any two windows side by side on the desktop by first clicking a window's button on the Taskbar. Next, press and hold the *Ctrl* key and *right-click* the second window that you want to open, then click **Tile Vertically**. This works great when you want to view two Word or Internet Explorer windows at the same time.

*Submitted by: Greg Wilson*



**Why do you have to "put your two cents in".. . but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?**

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# Adobe Photoshop *elements* 3.0

## PhotoShop Elements 3 has three basic functions

Organizing – Acquiring photos, camera, hard drive etc and organizing them.

Editing photos

Sharing photos with others

**Welcome Page** - The welcome page menu has these choices

View and organize photos

Quickly fix photos

Edit and enhance photos

Make photo creations

Start from scratch

## View and Organize Photos

Photo organizer imports photos and prioritizes them

File > get photos;

From camera or card reader

From scanner

From files and folders

From mobile phone

From online sharing service

By searching

File > burn – backup to CD or DVD

Tags label photos, multiple tags can be used e.g. Steve and fishing

Photos can be arranged chronologically, allows searches by dates

Photo review creates a slide show and contains basic manipulations such as rotate, tag, mark for printing, etc.

Photo compare allows evaluation of

multiple shots by showing two photos at once. By choosing preferred photos you can narrow down your choices for printing or creations. You can also rate picture with a star system.

Similar photos or photos of one subject can be stacked and be represented by only one representative photo.

## Edit Workspace

Quick fix allows for automatic corrections.

Standard edit is the full blown edition New Tools such as the Healing Brush Tool, Red Eye Removal Tool, and Cookie Cutter Tool make complex tasks simpler.

## Sharing

Printing allows you to print or order prints on line

Email sets up photos for emailing in various formats

Creations

Slide show

VCD with menus

DVD with menus

Photo Album pages

Cards

Postcards

Wall calendars

Web photo gallery

*Submitted by: Steve Wawrykow*



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## COMPUTER GENDER

A French teacher was explaining to her class that in French, unlike "House" is feminine la maison." "Pencil" is masculine - "le crayon."

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.

**The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computer"), because:**

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;

3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and

4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

**The women's group however, concluded that computers should be masculine ("le computer"), because:**

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;

2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;

3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem; and

4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

*Submitted by: Y. Bulger*



## Donations Wanted!

Yarn for the Linus Project, these wonderful ladies knit blankets for children who need comforting during a time of need, so if you are cleaning out your sewing closets please donate your odd balls of yarn to Lois and her fellow knitters .....

Email Lois: [doubleswish@shaw.ca](mailto:doubleswish@shaw.ca)

Linus Website: <http://www.projectlinus.org/>



**The End .....**