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Backup

So, have you all backed up?

Antivirus, antispyware, antispyam, firewall

The Grisoft company which makes AVG anti virus and antispyware has released a new version called AVG Internet Security which deals with viruses, spyware, spam and has a firewall. It actually scans as you surf the internet, so you are fully protected. If you chance to click on a poisoned link, then you will know not to proceed. I also like the fact that it has an antispyam feature; so that all unwanted emails are filtered out. It will cost you \$69.95, which is more than the antispyware cost you but it offers so much more protection. Go to the Grisoft site and check it out.

Interesting problem

I do meet some interesting challenges as I wend my way to my clients: This particular client asked: "Why are some of the file names in My Documents blue?" As I said, interesting. The first thing I noticed was that the blue file names were older than the normal black file names. Then it occurred to me that the blue ones were actually compressed. Another of life's little mysteries - How did the files become compressed? It seemed that the user would have had to tick a box somewhere to activate the compression. My client assured me that she had no idea how to do this. Well, I changed the compression option by right clicking on the file, clicking on Properties, Advanced and unticked the box that said: Compress contents to save disc space.

Secure Networks

When you set up a wireless network or get someone to do it for you, always secure it. Otherwise, people can use your network to surf the internet – saw an example of it the other day, where someone was innocently using a neighbour's wireless network - the neighbours were paying for her internet access. If you don't know how, then ask someone who does e.g. me.

Free Office Suite

For those who already know about OpenOffice, or those who think that MicroSoft charge too much, There is a new version of OpenOffice available – FREE. OpenOffice can load and save Word, Excel and PowerPoint documents. The latest version is 2.4 and available from www.openoffice.org

Cheers,

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