



"Local Support • Personal Service • Since 1976" www.ccstech.net "Relax...we're on IT"

April 2010

Volume 8 Issue 4

CCS Technologies

300 Main Street, Coopersville, MI 49404
616.997.TECH(8324)
Fax 616.997.9317
206 Washington, Grand Haven, MI 49417
616.842.TECH(8324)

Information.....info@ccstech.net
Tech Support.....support@ccstech.net
Sales.....sales@ccstech.net

Greg Slatergslater@ccstech.net
Ellen Slatereslater@ccstech.net

Karen Strickland ...kstrickland@ccstech.net
Ryan McMillenRmcmillen@ccstech.net
Joe Vanderstell.....jvanderstell@ccstech.net
Scott Toney.....stoney@ccstech.net
Steve Skodack.....ghstech@ccstech.net
Gary Slager.....gslager@ccstech.net

CCS Technologies Store Hours
Grand Haven Store Coopersville Store
M-F 9:00 am to 6:00 pm M-F 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sat 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Sat 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Back issues: www.ccstech.net/news.htm

How much Antivirus do I need at home? by Scott Toney

Antivirus on a personal computer is a matter of preference. Some people want lean and mean, but some people want "everything". Usually the antivirus with lots of features tends to be a bit heavier (may slow down your computer) and requires a bit of tech savvy to manage. People who ask if they need a firewall usually need a simple antivirus because of the technical complexities of a firewall.

Right now, we recommend Microsoft Security Essentials for home use. It is an effective and free antivirus that does not require any type of activation and does not currently have an expiration date.
http://www.microsoft.com/security_essentials/



Some products that label themselves as an Internet Security Suite include a firewall. In general, they do offer good protection and another layer of protection above the firewall that is built into Microsoft Windows. However, what we've found is they require a higher level of technical expertise to use properly. The

messages that come up are a bit cryptic for a novice when they ask to "allow or block" something. What happens is the user will start to say yes to everything to get the annoying pop up messages to go away. Then their high end firewall starts to allow in the bad guys and block the good guys, making it really no protection at all. That is another reason why we recommend a simpler antivirus like Microsoft Security Essentials to the average home user.

While most commercial products do offer good protection, we've found on our internal testing that most of the time some products like Norton, Trend Micro, or McAfee are a bit heavy on older systems and may cause some problems. Many times people do not realize that they need to remove their old antivirus before installing any new antivirus product.
You can not have more than one active antivirus program running at a time, as they will fight with each other to "protect" your computer.

"Relax...we're on IT"

Hot Seller!
lenovo



2.1 GHz Intel Dual Core
3 GB DDR RAM
320GB Hard Drive
DVD+-R/RW
15.6" Display 1366x768
Intel 4500 Graphics
Keyboard+ numeric keypad
Intel PRO/Wireless 5100
Windows 7 Professional -or-
Windows XP Professional
12 Month Mfg. Warranty
Setup and Ready to Use!

ALERT! Your Microsoft updates may be expiring soon!

The following dates for Windows Updates will expire from Microsoft. After that time, you will no longer receive any automatic updates for the following products:

- April 13, 2010 All versions of Microsoft Windows Vista with no Service Packs installed
July 13, 2010 Windows 2000, no longer supported at all Windows XP with Service Pack 2 or older installed (Note: There is no Service Pack 3 for the 64bit version of XP Pro updates will continue for it until all updates for Windows XP expire.)
April 8, 2014 All Windows XP updates expire, no longer supported

We recommend you keep your Operating System up to date with the latest security patches and updates at all times, in addition to using a good current antivirus product. If you are unsure of the version of Windows you have installed on your computer or the status of updates, please call any of us at CCS Technologies and...

"Relax...we're on IT"



Billing Notice:

Beginning in April 2010 a monthly finance charge of 1.5% will be assessed on all CCS Technologies invoices over 30 days past due. To avoid finance charges please make your payments within thirty days of the invoice date. If you have any questions, please call (616) 997-8808.

