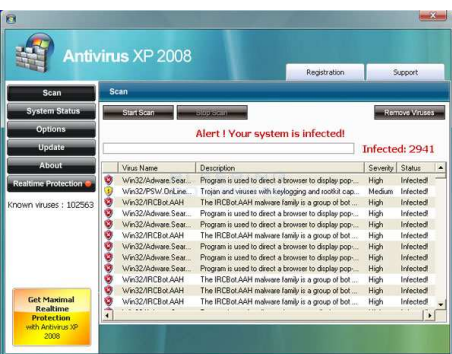


Don't Be Fooled By Fake AntiVirus Pop Ups

There is a new threat that is very very hard to prevent. Fake Antivirus software. This fake software comes in the form of a pop up or an email link. The pop up display a message that tries to convince you that you are currently infected and you **MUST** take action now. As soon as you click Yes or Allow you are giving this Fake Antivirus permission to access your PC. Once this happens these Fake Anti-Viruses actually proceed to download a whole bunch of viruses, spyware and rootkits to your PC. This infects the PC's and allows hackers to steal your personal information and to take over your PC.

To protect yourself make sure you have a an Actual Anti Virus protection such as Avast or Norton Antivirus as well as a good spyware protection such as Ad-Aware or Spybot Search and Destroy. These utilities are free and can save you lots of time, trouble and \$\$.

For corporate protection there are server based anti virus programs such as Symantec End Point Security and of course a gateway Anti-virus/AntiSpyware firewall such as the SPYRUSWALL sold by Hastain Consulting!
If you have concerns or need more information feel free to call us!



This Month's Q&A Technology Tips

Access Your PC from Anywhere for Free

Logmein.com

Logmein is a service hat will allow you to access your PC from any other PC via a web browser similar to Internet Explorer or Firefox. This service has a free component which is good for most home and small business users. It is similar to GotoMyPC and others that cost money. Logmein is a great free way to remotely access you PC and save you time on the road.



Keep Your XP Start Menu in Vista!

If you have upgraded to Vista but do not like the new Start menu layout follow these steps:

1. Right Click on the Start menu
2. Click Properties
3. Select Classic Start menu
4. Click Apply
5. Click OK

Now you can enjoy the same menu system you are used to!

EYE ON IT Current Industry Trends

Virtualization

Virtualization is the term used to describe 1 hardware server having the ability to host multiple Virtual PC's. So 1 server could be used by multiple people to host their workstation PC's. This is great for business as it reduces the TCO of workstation PC's by over 50%! It also makes it more efficient for IT Management to effectively maintain your companies technology. Hardware problems become a thing of the past.

Virtualization is an emerging technology that Hastain Consulting has mastered. If you are interested in saving your company \$\$ please give us a call!

SOFTWARE Monthly Picks

Malware Bytes

Malwarebytes.com

Malware Bytes is one of the best Spyrus clean up tools around. Very easy to use and does a thorough job.

IESpell

iespell.com

This great utility will spell check dialog boxes in web pages.

Manage or React?

Every business has PC's, networks and servers that run the day to day operations. When those critical components go down or experience problems often the entire business can be shut down until those problems are resolved.

Due to perceived cost most small businesses choose to react to the problems instead of proactively preventing them. Simply having a backup is not the same as preventing downtime and lost productivity to your workers.

Managed Technology offers greatly reduced downtime by proactively managing the maintenance of PC's, servers and networks. This increases employee productivity and ultimately the bottom line of your business.

Desktop vs. Notebook TCO: Different Users Mix	Desktops				Notebooks: Day Extenders				Notebooks: Traveling Workers			
	Base	Somewhat Managed	Moderately Managed	Locked Down and Well-Managed	Base	Somewhat Managed	Moderately Managed	Locked Down and Well-Managed	Base	Somewhat Managed	Moderately Managed	Locked Down and Well-Managed
Hardware & Software	\$ 1,312	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,271	\$ 1,228	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,495	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,505	\$ 1,482	\$ 1,435
IT Ops. Labor	690	639	572	438	1,045	961	881	661	1,092	1003	899	879
Admin Labor	216	215	214	210	263	263	261	259	282	281	280	276
Direct Costs	\$ 2,218	\$ 2,147	\$ 2,056	\$ 1,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 2,719	\$ 2,594	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,899	\$ 2,790	\$ 2,660	\$ 2,590
End-User Costs	\$ 3,649	\$ 3,122	\$ 2,594	\$ 1,539	\$ 6,400	\$ 5,473	\$ 4,545	\$ 2,689	\$ 7,023	\$ 6,004	\$ 4,983	\$ 4,440
TCO	\$ 5,867	\$ 5,269	\$ 4,650	\$ 3,413	\$ 9,224	\$ 8,192	\$ 7,139	\$ 5,033	\$ 9,923	\$ 8,793	\$ 7,643	\$ 7,030

Source: Gartner (March 2008)

Gartner Research, an industry respected research firm, released a study showing the Total Cost of Ownership over 1 year of 1 PC. The numbers were staggering ! **For 1 PC the cost savings alone for a managed PC was over \$1000 per year!** Imagine if you scaled that up to 10, 20 or more.

Hastain Consulting has been proactively managing networks through our **Hassle Free I.T.** program with great success. We have saved our clients time, money and headaches. Our emergency call volume has dropped dramatically after instituting this program. We would love to speak with you about it! Give us a call.



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Thinkgeek.com

Great site for all your Christmas Gadget needs. Check out the Optimus Maximus Keyboard for that UberGeek on your list.

Majorgeeks.com

Huge resource for utilities and tools for maintaining your PC

Download.com

Another large site for any application you can imagine. Many of them free!

Donate those Old Computers!

Computers for Classrooms

Computersforclassrooms.com

Computers for Classrooms is a great local non profit organization that takes your donated old PC's and refurbishes them and distributed them to schools and children without the means to have a PC. It is a great program. Hastain Consulting donates all of the used parts and upgrade left over's to them. It is a tax deductible donation and I would strongly encourage everyone to donate as soon as you upgrade!