



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
SEASONS GREETINGS!**



Happy Holidays

I just wanted to send a friendly greeting to thank you for your support this year. Although I don't see many of my clients as often as I would like, I am grateful for the faith they place in me when they do call! Thank you for making me part of your year- and making me a part of your computer's needs! I have very caring and supportive clients!

I am including the usual "article" and it really sounds more like a sales pitch- so you can ignore it if you like. Just know that I am not selling ME, but rather, reminding you about other important computer needs. Enjoy!!

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Revisiting Anti-Virus

Yes, I tend to really push the antivirus software. With all the junk we are facing, and the latest attacks on Microsoft based machines, having some protection is always better than taking a chance. If you are like me, and house a lot of personal and business stuff on your machine, it is smart to protect that digital property! I can't tell you what it felt like 5 years ago when I lost tons of digitally based family memories to a computer crash caused by a virus. The accounting I had backed up, my son's 1 year old laugh was a priceless piece, now long gone!

Trend Micro's Internet Security: My favorite antivirus company released the newest version of their software a month ago. They are joining the ranks of the "Internet Security" crowd- but in comparison, there is a lot more they offer... so, since I was shopping the options recently, I thought I would share the improvements. Overall- the greatest feature is the integration of products you typically purchase separately!

Anti-virus: Trend Micro (makers of PcCillin and a huge supporter in the corporate industry- also the first to offer PDA antivirus) continues to be top of the charts with their antivirus capabilities. They offer a free "housecall" virus scan from their servers which I use frequently with clients who report issues. Many of the latest viruses can disable a stagnant antivirus product. PcCillin continues to impress me!

Meanwhile, their Internet Security (computer based antivirus software) product updates itself- checking every three hours for changes, and installing upgrades on its own.

Firewall: Firewall needs are growing rapidly as many users are moving from dial-up to DSL or High Speed Digital Cable. Essentially, when you are open to the internet, your computer uses all kinds of "virtual" holes (called ports) to communicate over the internet in many ways. A firewall makes many of your ports invisible to intruders, malicious web sites, and worms that like to exploit those holes. Trend's package includes a firewall (if you are paying for McAfee- it is likely you had to pay an additional \$40 on top of the \$49 for antivirus just to have firewall security)

Anti-Spam: Have you been purchasing spam filters separate from all your other efforts to protect yourself? Ahh- Trend's security also includes that (do I sound like a commercial? Honestly, I don't get a dime for this!!) This alone got me to upgrade my software! Within minutes it began filtering my junk and putting a SPAM tag in the subject header. Now I can quickly "can" the SPAM! (For advanced users: I set up a filter to send it to my trash- I was pleased!! I still check my trash before I delete it, to be sure I didn't miss anything important!)

Web-Filters: This may sound a bit more advanced, BUT if you have children in the house you may want to place some filters on your internet access.

SO WHY AM I SHARING THIS?? Once again, I get no benefit from sharing this with you- in fact, if you keep neglecting your antivirus, it is likely you will eventually give me a call to look at all the "funny things" that are happening (And I guess that is good for me!) BUT, Trend is offering a special (two for one) for all those users who have more than one computer. Regardless, I have tricks to help drop the price when you need to upgrade- even if you do miss the special. OR you can keep spending \$\$\$ on all these features separately with Norton and McAfee. Trend isn't as well known publicly because they work in the corporate industry (protecting your ATM's, banks, brokerages and other corporate needs!!). I have been a user for 4 years, and haven't regretted it ONCE!

Here is a link, if you are curious:

<http://www.trendmicro.com/en/home/us/personal.htm>

This Month on Evtechie.com...

Well, aside from the Christmas Countdown my site has been keeping, not much new is going up until January! I finished my shopping, but now I am prepping for all the food I am going to make and EAT!! I did add an archive, and I am trying to get a search engine to work on my site. So, there are a few new things... but no new articles.

<http://www.evtechie.com>

TechieTip...

How do you set up an email filter?? Essentially it all deals with "Rules" [A rule usually looks like this:](#) Where the subject line contains the specific words: SPAM,, Move it/Delete it/Copy it to: (You indicate the folder or place). When you apply a rule, all new messages will be

filtered based on your rules.

- In OUTLOOK- Go to TOOLS -> Rules Wizard (you can also hit ORGANIZE and Outlook should walk you through setting up a junk filter) Click NEW, then put checks into each of the specific steps it asks you about. If an item is underlined, it means you can click it to modify the "terminology" you want to filter. This process is a bit advanced, BUT if you are brave, and like to teach yourself new tricks, give it a go.
- In OUTLOOK EXPRESS - Go to TOOLS-> Message Rules -> Mail It will give you options for setting up a set of filter rules. Follow the above description.
- Eventually I will take time to create a printable "Email Tricks" page.

Coming Next Time

Who knows... I'll try to make it good!

Until then, I thank you for your continued support and wish you a wonderful Holiday Season,

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