



Simplify Your IT

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Welcome

Welcome to Simplify Your IT, a newsletter produced by DP Computing. The newsletter is written in response to our clients needs and is available in both print and an email version. If you are receiving the printer version and would like the email version mailed out or vice-versa please let me know.

We hope this newsletter is informative and easy to read but if you have any suggestions or ideas for articles please let me know.

Thank you for reading and all the best for the year ahead.

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News

Some of the latest news and information relating DP Computing and IT in general is below.

- Small businesses with a turnover less than \$2 million per year are now eligible for a **30% tax bonus on equipment bought over \$1000**. This is part of the Governments new economic plan and you should check with your accountant for full details. This makes it an ideal time to purchase new IT equipment!
- With rolling power failures hitting Adelaide now is a good time to evaluate your power needs and invest in a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply). With a UPS you can continue working when the power goes out. Check out page 2 of this newsletter for this months special we have on an entry level UPS for workstations.
- Viruses and spyware are still circulating. Make sure you have adequate protection and that all software is up to date.
- MS Server 2008 and MS Small Business Server 2008 were released at the end of last year. Please see the column to the right for more information.
- Netbooks (a mini laptop for surfing the Internet and general usage) are making a big splash in the business world. These laptop start in price from just under \$500 and due to their compact small size are ideal for people on the move. For further information contact DP Computing.



MS Small Business Server 2008

Windows Small Business Server 2008 was released near the end of 2008 and is designed specifically for small businesses. It works with existing technology and delivers a comprehensive network at an affordable price.

Some of the many benefits include:

- Have virtually anytime, anywhere access to your business desktop, including e-mail, files, business applications, and more.
- Share resources and equipment, such as Internet access, printers, and fax machines, to get the most value from your technology investments.
- Enjoy compatibility and scalability. As your business needs change, Windows Small Business Server 2008 can change with you—easily add users, servers, and applications, or expand into other Microsoft technologies.
- Work confidently with a top performing network based on Windows Server 2008 technologies.

The Top 10 Reasons to Move to MS SBS 2008

1. Get a comprehensive, all-in-one solution.
2. Stay connected to your customers, vendors and suppliers.
3. Protect your business and prevent data loss.
4. Increase your business capacity. Access business information and resources from virtually anywhere at any time.
6. Stay safe with antispam and antivirus protection.
7. Keep your network healthy and up-to-date.
8. Take advantage of powerful technologies designed and priced for small business. Get the flexibility and scalability you need.
10. Create a bigger presence in the market.

For further information on how MS Windows Small Business Server can benefit your business contact DP Computing.





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Computer Recycling

When clients purchase a new computer or laptop they often ask about what to do with their old systems. Some clients use the old systems as secondary or backup systems in the office or home, others give them to a friend or relative that needs a computer while the rest throw them into landfill.

Before you throw out any computers give a thought to donating them to a recycling group. There are many such groups around and some refurbish the computers and give them to needy groups and individuals.

Groups that accept old computers are:

Australian Computer Society PC Recycling Group

http://sa.acs.org.au/pc_rec_sig

IT Share

<http://www.itshare.org.au/>

For a list of all recyclers near you visit the following Planet Ark website.

Planet Ark – Recycling Near You

<http://recyclingnearyou.com.au/>

Notes:

- 1) If you have sensitive, private or confidential information on your computer it may be best to either remove the hard drive or securely delete the information before donating it. For more information on how to do this please contact DP Computing.
- 2) Some recyclers charge money to accept your old equipment. Check before you do anything.

This Months Special

Legend 650 Power Hub UPS

RRP \$179 Only \$149 until 27/2/09

With the various power issues that plague South Australia during summer you should get a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply). A UPS provides surge protection and battery backup. During a power failure the battery backup feature allows you to safely save any data before shutting down the machine.

This small footprint, robust product is perfect for the typical workstation at the office or home. Get one now before that next power failure!



PC Security Tip

Malware (malicious software, eg. viruses, spyware and any other malicious and unwanted software) is still rampant and one of the ways this software spreads is via dodgy websites.

Software is now available that tests Web sites for malware so you can search the Internet with confidence.

Some of the leading antivirus suites (such as Trend Micro Internet Security) come with this software. McAfee also has a version of their SiteAdvisor program available for free download at:

<http://www.siteadvisor.com/>

If you have a server, company wide protection can also be installed and centrally managed from the server. Please contact DP Computing for more details.

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DP Computing is a computer consultancy formed in June 1993 with the aim of providing effective and relevant computer solutions to business and home users. We offer a full range of IT services including onsite support and troubleshooting, hardware and software sales, networking and website design.

All prices listed are subject to change. If you are in doubt over something or if the steps are different from what you see on your computer contact a professional.



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