



# Simplify Your IT

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## Welcome

Welcome to another edition of Simplify Your IT.

In this edition, we have information on the Government's Tax rebates, how you can get a free upgrade to Microsoft Internet Explorer v8, hints on buying a new computer as well as our monthly special.

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

If you are receiving the printer version and would like the email version mailed out or vice-versa please let me know.

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## News

The latest news and information relating DP Computing and IT in general:

- MS Windows 7 (the successor to MS Windows Vista) is scheduled for release later this year. If you would like further information or a demo of the new operating system please contact us.
- Samantha has now promoted from general administration to the Business Development Manager. You can now expect to see her more with client interaction and at a lot more networking functions.
- Internet Explorer v8 has been released. For further information see the article to the right.
- Work on the Government's new National Broadband Network is scheduled to start in Tasmania in the middle of this year.
- McDonalds have now completed their nationwide rollout of free wifi broadband at all their restaurants. You don't need a coupon, special code or need to pay any money. Just visit your closest store, turn on wifi on your laptop or mobile phone and you are on the net.
- There is a surge in fake antivirus programs circulating through email and on the Internet. If you receive any messages saying your computer is infected check to see that it is your actual antivirus program informing you of this. Otherwise the program displaying the warning may itself be the virus. To help avoid infections make sure your antivirus software is current and all Microsoft's security updates are installed. Please contact us for more information.

## Small Business Tax Deduction

Eligible small businesses will benefit from the Government's Economic Stimulus Plan with a tax break when purchasing new computer equipment. This makes it an ideal time to upgrade your current computer systems.

Small business with a turnover of \$2 million or less will have access to an additional 50% (previously 30%) tax deduction for eligible assets costing \$1,000 or more purchased between 13 December 2008 and 30 June 2009 and installed before 30 June 2010.

For further information, please contact your accountant or the taxation office.



## Internet Explorer v8

Microsoft have recently released version 8 of Windows Internet Explorer. This new version seamlessly delivers all of the experiences available from the web, and helps people browse faster, safer, and easier than ever before.

Internet Explorer v8 is available as a free download from Microsoft, either through the Windows Update feature or at the following website:

[www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer](http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer)



## Free Antivirus

DP Computing are giving away copies of Trend Micro Internet Security Pro for three computers (valued at \$129). All you need to do is:

- 1) Refer a new client to us or if you are not currently one of our clients become one.
- 2) Mention this competition.
- 3) We will then give you a copy of Trend Micro Internet Security.

Stock is limited and the offer ends once all copies are gone so contact us now.



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## Helpful Hints When Buying a Computer

Here are a few pointers to keep in mind when you go looking at buying a new computer.

- 1) Decide on your software before you choose hardware. This way you can configure the hardware to suit your software needs. Try not to be tempted by marvellous features and specifications. Buy your hardware to support your software.
- 2) Brand names do not necessarily mean a better machine. For certain models, manufacturers may assemble their computers from the cheapest available components. They may also use only proprietary components which can only be obtained through them.
- 3) Cheaper is not always better. If things go wrong you want the dealer to still exist and to provide a backup service to get your system fixed ASAP. Look for a dealer that you can trust and work with you in the future.
- 4) Think about the future. If you spend a bit more money now the computer may last 6 – 12 months or even longer than a cheap system.
- 5) Do your research in advance. The technology field is known for jargon and three letter acronyms. Some disreputable salespeople may even dupe you into paying more money for obsolete and unnecessary technology. Check out [www.techterms.com](http://www.techterms.com) or speak with DP Computing if you need help with the various terms.
- 6) Look at any fine print – see if the monitor, software any other equipment you need is actually included in the price.
- 7) Software can be expensive. Contrary to what many people think, software can cost as much or even more than the computer itself!
- 8) Check to see if the software included is legitimate. Some companies try to sell pirated software or cheaper software licensed only for educational or home use. If you are unsure contact us or check out: [www.howtotell.com](http://www.howtotell.com).
- 9) Check whether the companies phone support lines are in Australia or overseas.
- 10) Is the warranty onsite or back to base? If there is a problem with your computer will the company come to your premises or will you have to take it back to them?
- 11) Is all the software setup and configured or will you have to do this?
- 12) Ask whether the computers are assembled within Australia.

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*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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**See page 1 for full details.**