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Velocita Technology, Inc. is proud to present to you our "Technology Interactive Monthly" newsletter. We hope that you will find the information contained within to be useful and informative. We will provide you

with the latest hardware and software innovations that the computer industry has to offer, as well as information on business technology that you will be able to use. If you have any ideas for future articles please contact us at help@velocitatechnology.com or by calling (815)744-9595.

Free Software ... Is It Safe?

With more dependence on the Internet and an increasing amount of software applications vying for a user's attention, companies are frequently developing free software, called "freeware" to entice the discerning user. Sometimes the freeware version of the software is a simplified version of an already-established program, containing fewer features to validate its free of charge status. This replica software can either be a basic version of a parent application (often a popular and sought-after software title) produced by the same company or it may be created by a different company aiming to make (often expensive) software universally available with a cleverly packaged mock-up. There is an abundance of free software available on the web, but you need to be cautious: sometimes software is unstable, and it must be used at the consumer's own risk. It can even be intentionally harmful spyware (software that can seize control of your computer) or adware (advertising software that monitors your computer usage). Sometimes it's tempting to download something you see an ad or link for, but you should be aware of the dangers of installing programs on your computer from unknown sources. One safe website to visit when looking for free software is techsupportalert.com you will find hundreds of, well organized, free applications. Another safe site you might consider is <http://pack.google.com>. This site has a number of free programs available from Google.



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Consumer Electronics Show 2009

The 2009 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas has come and gone. The show took place during one of the toughest economic climates in years, but that did not stop major companies from making new product announcements for items that could help you be more productive.

Our friends at Engadget were the "official blog" of the CES this year, which is both an honor and probably a major hassle, as it means keeping up with the 1000's of announcements and hand picking the stuff that is worth reporting.

I've gone through all of the products they talked about in the past week, and have picked a couple that I feel could benefit mobile workers (or are simply so cool I had to mention them).

The Palm Pre cell phone was without a doubt one of the biggest hits of the show. With just one product announcement Palm has gone from zero to hero. The Palm Pre will be out later this year, pricing is currently unknown, and it will launch using the Sprint network.

The Sony Vaio P ultra portable computer has a very high resolution screen, GPS, Wi-Fi, 3G internet anywhere access and all of the bells and whistles you would expect from a high end netbook ... all for under \$900; and did I mention its less than 2lbs. There are so many new products that they all cannot be mentioned here. However, Velocita Experts can help. Call (815)744-9595 or email help@vtjoliet.com for further information.

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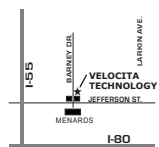
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More Tech Tips & Tricks

•When you browse the Internet, you might want to print a picture displayed on a website. Just right click with your mouse and select Print Picture.

•Some helpful tips when searching on the Internet. Use the + sign between words if you want to search for results that contain all of the words you provided; for example Velocita + Technology. To search the exact match, write the words in quotes; for example input "Velocita Technology". If you use the words AND - OR within the search criteria you input, the search engine (google) will use these words as operators of the search. For example if you searched Velocita or Technology your results will be any item with the word Velocita or the word Technology.



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Trivia



Challenge

1. What does SLR stand for in the world of photography?
2. What company coined the acronym PDA Personal Digital Assistant?
3. What year and for whom was the first ATM created?
4. In 1935 what technology was installed in Oklahoma City, and now are everywhere?

Last Months Trivia Questions & Answers

1. What does PDF stand for? Portable Document Format
2. What is BFF when texting? Best Friends Forever
3. What nation has setup a video game addition hotline? South Korea
4. What does GUI stand for? Graphical User Interface
5. If the phone company added one extra digit to phone numbers, how many new numbers would potentially be available within your area code? 90,000,000

Viruses - Spyware - Malware - Bots?!!

The Georgia Tech Information Security Center has released what its trends and indicators are for emerging computer security threats for 2009. The list is unremarkable. The scary part is that the emerging threats for 2009 are the same ones we have been fighting for years. The problem comes in that as we deal with what should be an emerging threat, we are busy fighting yesterdays war being identified as an emerging threat. Some of the emerging threats are:

- Malware
- Trojans
- Botnets
- Cyber warfare
- Threats to VoIP and mobile devices
- The evolving cyber crime economy

"Malware, especially from compromised web sites, was a huge issue in 2008. Many legitimate sites such as MSNBC.com, History.com, ZDNet.com and many others suffered compromises, in some cases for days. Unlike the past, the sites looked normal, but unsuspecting web surfers with vulnerable systems were exploited when they visited these sites.

As predicted, hackers increased compromising end points (individual systems such as desktops, laptops and servers) and placed less emphasis on external direct attacks - although this still happens frequently.

The Experts at Velocita Technology can help you with all of your computer security needs. If your computer is currently acting up you might be infected. Velocita Technology's Experts will evaluate your desktop, laptop or server computer to see if you'r currently infected, for Free, if you mention this article when opening your service request with our service department. Industry experts estimate over 80% of computers are currently infected. Have yours evaluated today.



Customer Spotlight

This months customer, Rendels GMC is, without a doubt, a well respected Joliet icon. Started in 1927 by Adolph Rendel and purchased by the Polcyn family in 1961, Rendel's GMC has been serving our community for over 82 years. Rendel's GMC is not only Joliet's local GMC Truck Center but also a state of the art collision repair center, service center and has "on the spot" towing available 24 hours per day. Rendel's GMC is a long time client of Velocita Technology and currently uses many different technology solutions provided by Velocita. From their phone system, video surveillance system, internet security filtering server, Windows Small Business server, as well as the new network cabling necessary throughout their new state of the art facilities just off of Route 53 on Mills Rd., Rendel's has relied on Velocita Technology for all of their technology needs for over 12 years. Patronize your locally owned Joliet small businesses.



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