Brian Gongol's Security Update

Weekly Checklist for July 29, 2006
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Urgent this week:

- Firefox users need to upgrade to version 1.5.0.5 – it's available by clicking on "Help" and "Check for updates".

- The rise of "fuzzing" attacks is another reminder that you should run your computer on a limited-access account for virtually everything you do. See our instructions below under "Other recommended security measures."

- Symantec is warning of a new batch of "Trojan horse" viruses that appear to be coming from online retailers, but really come from crooks trying to launch identity crimes. Don't open e-mail attachments you don't expect from people you don't trust.

Important to do every week:

- Run a backup of your important computer files and store it in a safe location.

- Update your anti-spyware software and run it. If you need free anti-spyware software, visit http://www.safer-networking.org/en/spybotsd/ and download Spybot Search and Destroy.

- Update your anti-virus software and run it. If you need free anti-virus software, visit http://free.grisoft.com and download AVG Anti-Virus.

Other recommended security measures:

- Set up a limited-access user account on your computer and use it for most purposes. See http://www.gongol.com/howto/createalternateadmin/ for complete instructions.

- Use Firefox, Opera, Safari, or another web browser. See http://www.gongol.com/howto/getanewbrowser/ for complete instructions.

Other helpful links:

- Listen to the WHO Radio Wise Guys Saturdays from 12:00 – 2:00 Central via streaming audio at http://www.whoradio.com/ or on 1040 AM.

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