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Tip of the Week — Keep Your Computer Patched

One of the problems which afflict all computer users is ensuring that all your software is up to date at all times. I have just come across an excellent program which will help you do just that. It showed me that I had forgotten to update Internet Explorer from version 6 to version 7 after last year's virus attack.

If you do not update your programs you make it easier for an intruder to get into your computer and control it. The problem with this is that, like me, you do not know how to patch all these programs. This is, until now.

Patching computer programs is as simple as downloading and installing the updates to each program. It could be made much simpler if there was a single program which could check all the programs on your computer then update those that had become vulnerable to attack.

This program is called *Personal Software Inspector* and is available from www.secunia.com: and, best of all, it is free for home use! Download and install it now, then run a scan. You may be surprised at the number of programs which need patching. I certainly was!

Attaching Photos to Emails

Attaching One Photo to an Email

This is one of the standard questions which I am asked all the time. Have you ever received a photo which was too large to be seen on the screen? This tip will show you the easy way to attach a photo to an email in such a way that the person who gets it can see it in one piece.

To start, open the folder which contains your photos. This is usually *My Pictures* which is contained in *My Documents*. To make it easier to find the photo that you want select *View » Filmstrip* or *View » Thumbnails*. This makes it easy to select the photo to send.

Now select the photo which you want to email, then right-click (click with the right mouse button) on the photo and select *Send To » Mail Recipient*. You will now see a dialogue box: select *Make all my pictures smaller* and click *OK*. Your email program will open a window ready to send the selected photo. All you have to do is enter the address and any message, then click *Send*.

Attaching Many Photos to an Email

To select more than one photo just click on the first photo. Now hold the *Ctrl* (or *Control)* key down while you select each of the other photos by clicking on them. This is called a *Control-Click* and is one way to select a number of photos (or other files) at the one time.

If all the photos are together in the folder you can vary this technique. Select the first photo then hold down the *Shift* key while you click on the last photo. Again, right-click in the selection area and select *Send To » Mail Recipient*. This will send all photos in one email.

Websites

Personal Software Inspector   www.secunia.com