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Tip of the Week – Keep Up To Date

I spoke about a recent client who had not updated his Windows or QuickBooks since last century. I have also spoken about another client who wanted a new computer but who also wanted to keep his dialup internet connection because he only used the internet two or three times a week.

Both clients had the same problem: their technology had been overtaken by the inexorable march of progress. Both clients had solutions to their problems, but in both cases there were significant problems to be overcome, both in finding and surmounting these problems.

For some other people the only place to live is on the bleeding edge, where every day is a risk which it is a joy to surmount. An obvious example of this is the first people who setup shop providing desktop publishing services to businesses. They had problems with their computer, problems with their printer and problems with their software. However, because of the pent-up demand they were able to command high prices for their services.

These are the extremes in the continuum of people and their approach to risk. Which way do you swing?

Backup Your Phone

I realised, during the week, that I had not backed up the phone numbers on my mobile phone for some years. I have over 500 numbers stored on my phone and I would hate to lose this information. Most of the numbers are not available anywhere else so I could not ring people to ask them for their number.

Android phones

I use an Android phone, the HTC Desire. This Android phone has the ability to export all phone numbers from the phone to an internal mini-SD card. This is the first step to creating a backup of all the numbers on my phone. The next step is to actually copy this exported file to my computer so that it can be included in my normal daily backup.

A similar process can be used to copy the photos which I have taken with my camera. These are not as magnificent as those that I take with my real camera, but I still do not want to lose them.

To copy phone numbers and photos to my computer it is a simple matter of removing the internal mini-SD card, inserting it into a carrier SD card then inserting this carrier SD card into the slot in my computer. I then use Windows Explorer (or some other file-manipulation program) to copy the file to my hard disc. This is now part of my weekly routine so that I do not lose all the new numbers which come my way each week.

Any other material which I have stored on my phone can be copied to my computer in the same way so that it is backed-up in the normal course of events. This, hopefully will prevent any major mishaps from being fatal to my peace of mind should my phone go to heaven or hell.

iPhone

The iPhone is another beast altogether. I have never owned one and have not had a client who needed my help to backup his or her iPhone. If anybody out there can help me overcome my ignorance I would be delighted to hear from you.

Further Information

None this week.