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It still makes for an enjoyable read.

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That means that our IT department remains focus on servicing clients and delivering services, so our newsletter will only focus on the most relevant items of the month.

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Mozilla released Firefox 3.6.2 late Monday to fix a critical security hole involving Web-based font technology.

"We strongly recommend that all Firefox users upgrade to this latest release. If you already have Firefox 3.6 you will receive an automated update notification within 24 to 48 hours. This update can also be applied manually by selecting 'Check for Updates...' from the Help menu," Mozilla's director of Firefox, Mike Beltzner, said in a blog post.

With the vulnerability, an

attacker could crash a person's browser and, worse, run arbitrary code on the person's machine, Mozilla said. Because it involves a technology called Web Open Font Format (WOFF) introduced in Firefox 3.6, it doesn't affect earlier versions.

Here are further details about the 111 changes in the new version and the not terribly verbose 3.6.2 release notes.

What does it mean for the SMB?

You should always have multiple browsers available to you, even if you standardize on one for all your daily functions.

It is becoming more common to see offices with Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome installed, albeit only one is the default browser, usually Internet Explorer. But having so many also means you have to keep up with patching!

The business side of technology

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Windows 7's XP Mode No Longer Needs Hardware

Windows XP's life span just got a little longer—and less complicated. Microsoft announced today that it is updating XP Mode in Windows 7 to no longer require the use of hardware virtualization technology.

Windows 7 but not losing use of their legacy programs. But it was not always clear to some users which PCs could use it and which couldn't; many of Intel's lower-end and midrange processors did support virtualization, for example.

version is here. If your PC does have hardware virtualization technology, such as Intel VT or AMD-V, XP Mode will still use it, and you won't need the update.

XP Mode, which can run in Windows 7 Professional, Ultimate, and Enterprise, was intended for small and midsize businesses interested in upgrading to

You can download the updated version of the software from Microsoft's Web site—the 32-bit version is here, the 64-bit



Office 2010 Upgrade Offer Launched

Starting 5 March 2010 consumers who have purchase and activate Office 2007 will be eligible for downloading Office 2010 at no additional cost when it becomes available in June 2010. All you need to be eligible for this program – Office 2010 Technology Guarantee – is the following:

Purchase Office 2007, or a new PC with Office 2007, and activate it between March 5, 2010 and September 30, 2010.

Redeem your Tech Guarantee before October 31, 2010 by visiting www.office.com/techg

For businesses Microsoft will launch the 2010 set of products, including Office 2010, SharePoint 2010, Visio 2010, and Project 2010 worldwide on May 12.

Microsoft is confirmed that Office 2010 SharePoint 2010, Visio 2010 and Project 2010 are on schedule and will release to manufacturing (RTM) next month

However, customers who want a DVD copy of the suite will have to pay for the shipping costs that come with free delivery.

Apple Confirms: iPad On Sale In "Most" Best Buy Stores On April 3, From 9 AM

In the morning of March 29th, Apple has [confirmed](#) that the device will be on sale in all 221 of its retail stores across the United States as well as "most Best Buy stores" this Saturday, beginning at 9 AM.

tail stores will host special iPad workshops to help customers learn more about the product.

iPad will be available in Wi-Fi models on April 3 in the States for a retail price of \$499 for 16GB, \$599 for 32GB, and \$699 for 64GB. The Wi-Fi + 3G models will be available in late April at \$629 for 16GB, \$729 for 32GB and \$829 for 64GB.

Apple also said its retail stores will offer a free Personal Setup service to every customer, helping them customize their new iPad by setting up their email, loading their favorite apps from the App Store, and more. Furthermore, all US Apple re-



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Botnets cause surge in February spam

Spam now accounts for close to 90 percent of all e-mail worldwide due to a surge in February, according to Symantec. Two botnets named Grum and Rustock helped push spam levels up 5.5 percent in February over the prior month, according to the security firm's [report](#)

After doing business as usual over the past year, Grum suddenly sprang to life in February, increasing the amount of spam it generated by 51 percent. As a result,

the botnet is now to blame for 26 percent of all global spam. Rustock also surged last month, pushing up global spam levels by 25 percent on February 17 to the highest level for the entire month. The rise of both botnets were traced to activity related to Canadian pharmaceutical spam, Symantec said. One of the hottest scams on the Internet, pharmaceutical spam now is responsible for 65 percent of all worldwide spam.

Though spam levels rose last month, the size of the typical spam message and the number of junk e-mails with file attachments both fell. The average size of a spam e-mail is now around 3.3KB compared with 5KB in October. The number of spam messages with attachments dropped to 1 percent in February from 10 percent last April. But that's not really good news, noted Symantec, because spammers now are hosting images online, shrinking the size of each spam and helping the botnets send out more spam per minute.

What does it mean for the SMB?

If you use a POP3 host e-mail account, there is not much you can do, but if your firm hosts their own Exchange, Lotus or Groupwise server, make sure you have a decent Spam-Filter device and you keep the firm-ware up to date.

Some brand recommendations to get you started are:

**Barracuda
Postini
Sonicwall**

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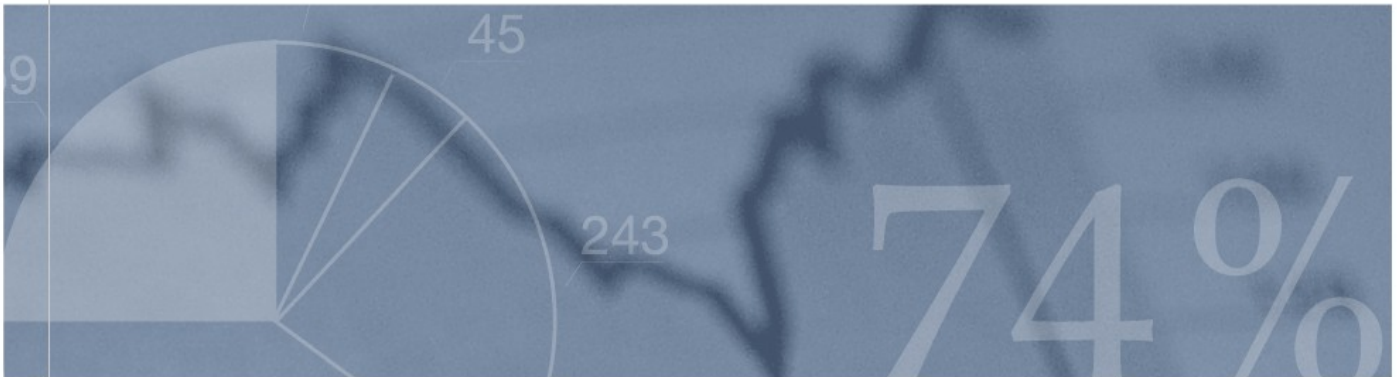
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