

Tech Talk

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WELCOME

Thank you for all of the wonderful responses to last month's newsletter. It is a pleasure to serve such friendly and thoughtful customers.

This month we will continue our informative article on alternative operating systems and how they can be implemented into your current network.

If you have any questions that you would like to see answered, or more information on a specific article or tip, please feel free to contact us at 386-248-0000 or info@daytonanetworks.com.

Thanks Again,

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COMPANY NEWS

We would like to introduce and welcome Robert (Technician) to the Net Works, Inc team. We are also looking for sales reps and a web programmer. If you know of someone, send them our way, and if they are hired we will give you a free hour of labor.

WINDOWS VS LINUX Part 2 of 3 : Open Source

Last month we introduced you to Linux and the cost savings when compared to Microsoft Windows™. But Linux is just the operating system; the savings do not stop there.

The Open Source Initiative is a brilliant concept, but what it means to you, the user, is free software. More information about the OSI can be found at www.opensource.org.

We will focus on a few key pieces of open source software that you can use in your business:

- **OpenOffice.org** – If the extent that you use Microsoft Office is for documents, spreadsheets, presentations, databases, or drawings and diagrams then (wait a minute, that's everything office does) open office is the solution for you. It will even open and save in Microsoft Office formats! Started by Sun Microsystems in 2000 and titled StarOffice, OpenOffice is an excellent replacement for Microsoft Office.



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TECH TIPS

Do you find yourself doing the same repetitive tasks over and over again? Although there are hundreds of windows hotkeys and shortcuts; there are a few that are essential to every computer user.

F1	Help!
F3	Find / Search
CTRL+A	Select everything
CTRL+C	Copy to clipboard
CTRL+X	Cut to clipboard
CTRL+V	Paste from clipboard
CTRL+Z	Undo
ALT+TAB	Switch between windows

You can also record mouse movements and keystrokes and save them as macros using software such as the Macro Wizard found at www.vsisystems.com.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

Thanks for joining us and please feel free to contact us with any and all questions!

Hope to see you soon....

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(...Windows vs. Linux Continued)

- **GetFirefox.com** – The Firefox web browser is quickly becoming a common replacement for Internet Explorer. It has anti-spyware built in, as well as an excellent email client. Tabbed browsing was the selling point that got us to switch. Any serious web surfer cannot live without Firefox.
- **RealVNC.com** - A replacement for PcAnywhere™ or GotoMyPC. Control your computer from any Internet connection as if you were sitting at your desk. Perfect for working from home or while on the road. The newest version supports full color and multiple users connecting to the same computer; an excellent solution for online collaboration.

Not only is open source software a cost effective solution for the Linux OS, all of the programs listed have versions available for Microsoft Windows.

Next month we will wrap up this trilogy with **Part 3: Servers and Security**.

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