

November 2009 Newsletter



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Being that it is November, I will be sending out invoices to any of you for whom I have done work in October, or for those who have not yet paid for previous months.

News & Info

Lucky (?) Number Seven??? – Microsoft has launched its new operating system, Windows 7. I have been following its approach and it looks like this will not be another Windows Vista debacle. I don't think I will install it right away, at least not on my desktop, although I will probably try it out on my notebook PC. I will keep you posted.

Send me your "thousand words" – It would be nice if all computers looked the same and worked the same and displayed things the same way. Nice, but it will never happen, so there will be times when I need to see how something looks on YOUR system. I have my own screen capture software that I couldn't live without (Hypersnap, which I have mentioned in a past newsletter), but there is a procedure which anybody can use on any PC and it could sometimes save a lot of time and grief. So, here are the few simple steps:

First, find the "Print Screen" button on your keyboard. Mine says "Print Screen" but I believe it is sometime abbreviated to "PrtSc" or the like. As its name implies, it can be used to print the contents of what is currently displaying on your monitor. However, there is a way to save these contents so they can be sent electronically.

What you do is press the "Ctrl" key and the "Print Screen" key at the same time. What this does is place the contents displaying on the monitor in the computer's Clipboard, which is where things go when you do a "Copy", in preparation to doing a subsequent "Paste". Can you see where we're going here???

So, once you have copied the contents to your Clipboard, you can open up any image editing software or even word processing software like Word (PCs usually have the "vanilla" but actually pretty powerful Paint software. It is found in the Accessories folder). After the software has been opened, do a "Paste" using whatever method you are comfortable with. You should then see the entire contents of what was displaying on your monitor. If you feel industrious, you could then maybe edit it and just keep what you wanted to show me, but, in any event, you can then save it and email it to me. This could prevent having to spend a lot of time trying to describe what is happening.

Refreshing – On many occasions, I have updated a client's site and they email me back and say they don't see the changes. There can be many reasons for this, and I could spend a lot of time going into the caching and options and settings, etc. on various browsers but you can usually just refresh the page and the changes appear. Refreshing can be done in a number of ways. There is usually a Refresh button on the menu, which typically looks like a Recycle icon. You can also press "Ctrl" and "R" or the F5 button.

Video Players – Many people are now looking to add video to their websites. There are numerous video players available, and I have spent time "surfing around" and have found a number of free ones that are out there. They may not have ALL the bells and whistles that the ones you have to pay for do but, since most of the people I do work for are looking for economical solutions, I use the freebies I have found. If what I use for you is not acceptable, I can get something fancier but you need to be aware that fancy comes with a price.

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