



Brian Gongol's Security Update




Weekly Checklist for April 29, 2006

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Urgent This Week:

-  Disable JavaScript on your Internet Explorer browser. A security hole was reported this week that hasn't been fixed and can leave your computer vulnerable to attack if you use Internet Explorer.
 -  If you're using an alternative browser, like Firefox, be cautious, too – news of a similar security problem (also dealing with JavaScript) could put lots of browsers at risk of attack. Until the next time you update your browser (by which point some of these security problems should be fixed), try to limit the amount of browsing you do on non-trusted sites.
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Important to Do Every Week:

-  Run a backup of your important computer files and store it in a safe location.
 -  Update your anti-spyware software and run it. If you need free anti-spyware software, visit <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/spybotsd/> and download Spybot Search and Destroy.
 -  Update your anti-virus software and run it. If you need free anti-virus software, visit <http://free.grisoft.com> and download AVG Anti-Virus.
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Other Recommended Security Measures:

-  Set up a limited-access user account on your computer and use it for most purposes. See <http://www.gongol.com/howto/createalternateadmin/> for complete instructions.
 -  Use Firefox, Opera, Safari, or another web browser. See <http://www.gongol.com/howto/getanewbrowser/> for complete instructions.
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Other Helpful Links:

-  Listen to the WHO Radio Wise Guys Saturdays from 12:00 – 2:00 Central via streaming audio at <http://www.whoradio.com/> or on 1040 AM.
-  Get a professional website for under \$500 at <http://www.northernrepublic.com/>