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# CDN The Daily Backup

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A Newsletter from CDN Technology, Inc.



In My  
Humble  
Opinion

*I could not resist bringing the CDN newsletter back for the 2006 Holiday Season. Many things to talk about and many things to be thankful for.*

*Coming off a great year with increased experience and lots of new clients. I am very grateful for being so blessed for being recommended by many of you so many times to others.*

*CDN Technology and PC Man are sporting new and improved web sites for a better client experience. Many new tools and links. CDN is also starting a great relationship with a new off site backup product called **Data Deposit Box**. See the back flap for more valuable information on this popular new off site data backup service from CDN.*

*In this age of increased data dependence for business and home users backup has never been more affordable. Check it out on my web site:  
[www.cdntechnology.com](http://www.cdntechnology.com)*

Glenn

## Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 Ready for Primetime?



IE 7 is the first significant update to its Web browser in five years. Security was the No. 1 investment for the update, Microsoft has said. Critics have likened predecessor IE 6 to "Swiss cheese" because of the many security vulnerabilities in it. A third and final beta of IE 7 was released in late October.

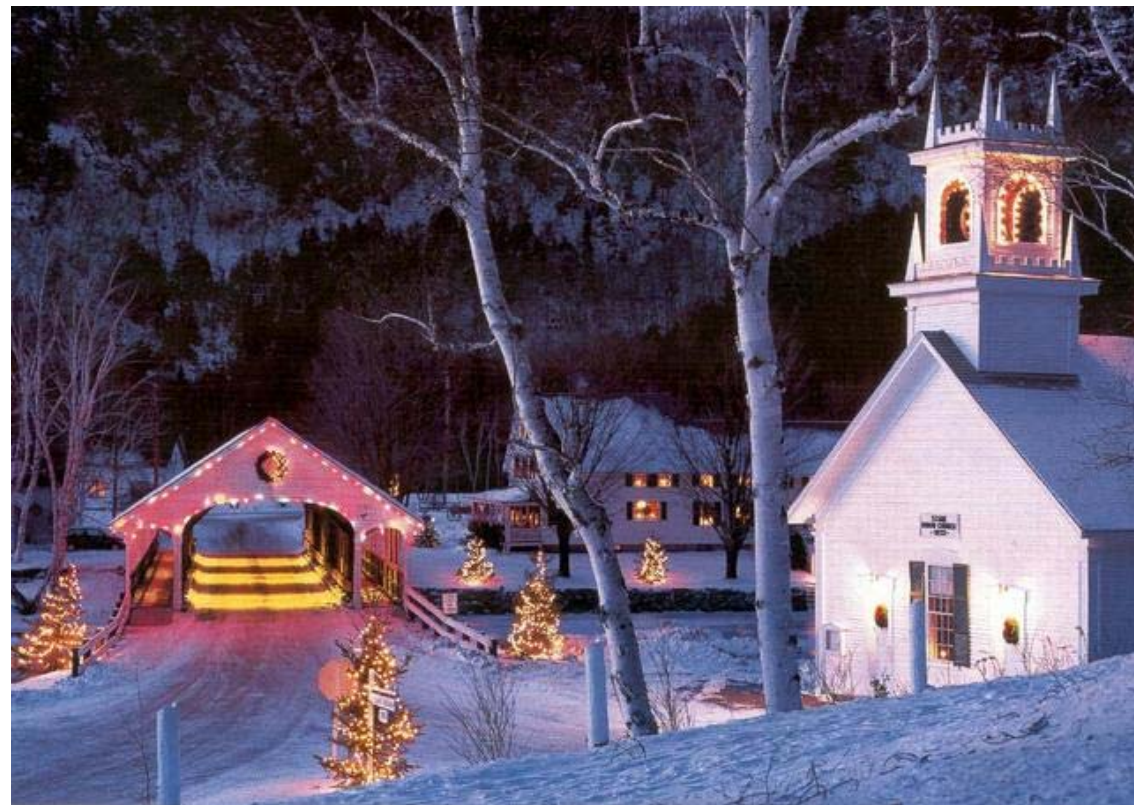
IE7 is being pushed out over Automatic Updates, but you will be able to choose whether you want to install it or not. Automatic Updates will first notify you when IE 7 is ready to install and then show a welcome screen that presents key features and the choices to install, not install or postpone installation. I have tested it and have not found any features that each user would not want.

Microsoft has made available a tool, free from them, called Microsoft Internet Explorer Blocker Toolkit. It does not expire and is available from Microsoft's Download Center Web site. You can also download the file, called *IE7Blocker-Toolkit.EXE*, from my FTP site at my web site; [www.cdntechnology.com](http://www.cdntechnology.com).

Microsoft has added some interesting features and enhanced many others. Tabbed browsing is significant and very useful. You can open several Internet sites in the same browser window. The Anti-Phishing filter is a very significant development and helps the average user to browse the Internet safely. Of course, the new look is significant but I can't say that I have become used to it yet.

Printing is also much easier. Remember you always were not able to fit the whole page in portrait printing. Now IE7 shrinks the text so it will fit. It also gives you a page setup section to control margins and other features on the page. This part works GREAT.

You also have the ability to have your search engine of choice show up in the browser menu. During setup, and anytime, you can chose the search engine of your choice. You will also need to read up on RSS feeds as a new part to getting news on your computer. All in all the new IE7 is well thought out and worth the time to get acquainted. Keep in mind it will be part of your Internet experience soon or later, that is unless you use AOL or Firefox. Keep in mind Microsoft recently bought the Firefox browser. It is now called Microsoft Firefox 2007. It looks just like IE7.....Duh??



# Merry Christmas

Many thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon my company and me over the past year. My personal and business success can only be judged by the successful relationships and friends that have been established.  
**There have been many!**

**May you and your family realize the many blessings of the holiday season  
and  
may your home be filled with happiness.**

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## AntiVirus of the Year

CDN's pick for first place among the crowded offerings for AntiVirus is Trend Micro's Internet Security 2006. They have just released 2007 version with little changes but good enhancements in usability.

The product combines protection from viruses, hackers, spyware, & phishing for the home and small office environment. It sets up easy, has a good user interface and protects you in all areas of Internet security.

Great enhancements include the addition of a WI-FI wireless protection plugin, an enhanced Spam filter and the addition of parental controls to help filter unwanted sites for young children.

It will schedule regular scans for AntiVirus AND separate scans for spyware detection and removal. It is a good addition to Internet Explorer 7 with many new security features.

Contact CDN for a copy or download it from the Trend Micro web site.

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## Wireless Router of the Year

That prize goes to the D-Link MIMO router. It supports all the compatible wireless networks except the new 'N' networks. It is good enough for the toughest applications in homes and small businesses up to 25 users.

The biggest feature for the home user is the ability to self-install the router through an easy to follow installation wizard on CD. It allows for easy setup of all features, but I would still recommend the use of an expert to make sure you pick the right features and setup everything correctly to avoid annoying problems later.

I have found the range of the router, which uses the MIMO technology; Multiple In and Multiple Out delivers superior range and signal strength in all environments. I recommend it highly.

## Windows Vista Are you ready?



Microsoft says that Windows Vista, Office 2007 and Exchange 2007 for businesses, are the most significant releases in the Company's history.

Many developers and customers are skeptical, and they are saying it is just more of the same: more products, greater cost and complexity to integrate, deploy and manage. I agree with that assessment. Approximately 75% of the PCs out there will not be able to run it effectively. Microsoft says a minimum of a 1.0GHz system with at least 1.0GB of RAM memory are necessary. Some PCs do not even have a DVD drive; Vista comes on DVD, so make sure you can install it. If you are unsure Microsoft has a tool (as usual) that you can run called the *Windows Upgrade Advisor Utility*. You can download it from Microsoft or get it from my FTP site on my company web site at [www.cdntechnology.com](http://www.cdntechnology.com).

To further demonstrate the complexity, check out the different versions of Vista:

**Windows Vista Home Basic.** This version of Vista provides basic operating system functionality. Average home users will choose this version, although stepping up to Windows Vista Home Premium will offer more functionality.

**Windows Vista Home Premium.** This version is sort of a cross between Windows XP Home and Windows XP Professional. It offers much more functionality than the Vista Home Basic edition and is probably the version that most average to advanced home users will install.

**Windows Vista Business.** This version is comparable to Windows XP Professional. It offers standard business functionality and will be a staple on the corporate desktop.

**Windows Vista Enterprise.** The Vista Enterprise version offers advanced functionality such as BitLocker Drive Encryption for laptops, application compatibility tools, and multi-language support.

**Windows Vista Ultimate.** The Vista Ultimate version combines the best of the home and business editions into one feature-rich operating system. This version also includes the Windows Media Center.

One of the special features of Vista Home Premium is the 3-D Aero Glass Graphics. It is supposed to be the best, but your computer may not be able to handle it. To be considered Premium Ready, the graphics adapter must have a minimum of 128 MB of video RAM. Vista Capable cards require only 64 MB of video RAM. Unless you plan on using the Aero Glass graphics, there is no reason to upgrade your existing video adapter if it's Vista Capable. Keep in mind that most laptops will NOT be premium ready!

To make your Windows Vista installation go as smoothly as possible, you should ensure that your existing applications will run under Vista before installing it. You can download and run the *Application Compatibility Toolkit* to help you identify applications that may not run under Windows Vista. You can again get it from Microsoft or download it from my FTP site.

Backing up your data is one of the most critical steps in upgrading your operating system. Unfortunately, this step is often overlooked in the excitement of installing the latest operating system. In addition to backing up your data, it's best to verify that you have all of the installation media from your existing software and the appropriate licensing information before you start the installation. The Data Deposit Box program/service is perfect for this task. Check it out on the features of this backup on the back page.

In summary:

Windows Vista's enhanced functionality and snazzy Aero Glass visual effects will demand steeper hardware requirements for all the PCs you have at home and your business. Consult with a qualified Technology Consultant before considering the upgrade to Vista, as well as any significant operating system of program upgrade.