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INTERNET EXPLORER 9:

Microsoft has released the final version of Internet Explorer 9, and there's just one question you should be asking yourself: Should I bother installing it? Here's everything you need to know about the latest release of Microsoft's infamous browser. If you are running Windows 7 or Vista, you should absolutely install IE9 on your PC even if you prefer Chrome or Firefox, it's better to have a secure, updated version of Internet Explorer. Here is some things to consider before downloading this nice interface: INTERNET EXPLORER 9 DOES NOT WORK ON WINDOWS XP; you can install IE9 over top of the beta version if you had that installed; if you have 32-bit Windows, you should install the 32-bit version. If you have 64-bit Windows, you should install the 64-bit version (which includes the 32-bit version). Your video card within your computer will be severely taxed if you are forcing this new software to run on an older computer. It will be difficult to roll your version back if you made the jump without knowing this information but it can be done by uninstalling and re-downloading an earlier version.

IS MY LOG-IN PASSWORD SECURE?

Your secure password to log onto your computer is NOT secure? For \$10 you can obtain a crack to remove the password from anyone's computer. If you are at a non-secure public WiFi location, another patron can actually use this software to make you venerable next time you encounter this person. You will be surprised to see your password requirement is gone but I bet you may not have known that a stranger may have done the deed. Change your password periodically and NEVER do banking if you are not in a secure wireless location. If you ever find your former password gone, please go into your control panel and replace it immediately. It is like someone getting a hold of your house key. You would replace the locks right away, right? Please be assured that this is a rare occurrence but we are always aware.

GIVE YOUR COMPUTER A TUNE UP:

If you read my email newsletters, you already have this information. So many computers have accumulated lots and lots of bits of registry data that can get disorganized and actually make your computer do some strange things like shut off, blink continually, and most of all run slower than it used to. This is not just defragging. This is not just a disc clean up. This is an entire deep look into the bowels of your registry. The Internet has quite a few websites with registry cleaning software but which one would you trust? Are you installing a bogus application that is virus-ridden? Let me suggest you go to avg.com and look down the right hand side of the page where it talks about PC Tune Up. Below the header is an option to do a one-time scan and repair. I know and trust this source; so should you. Download the trial version of the tune up and install the software. You will be prompted to run it. When it is done, which could take fifteen minutes to over an hour; you will be asked if you would like to "fix" all the items they found to be wrong. Go ahead and allow it to repair your computer. You will be shown more tabs with extended information. Generally speaking you don't need to do anything else. If you choose to, you will be asked to pay for the full version. It is cheap. Do what you feel is best.

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