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Tip of the Week — Browsers (again)

This week Google celebrated its tenth birthday, and Happy Birthday to us from Google! Our present from Google is a new browser: Google Chrome. This browser is really good, and may, in time, even oust Firefox as the best browser in the world. I suggest that you download it from www.google.com/chrome. On this page you can download the installer which, in turn, downloads the browser. You can also take a tour of Chrome: I really like some of the functionality of this browser. It has some cool security features: it will show you when a site is suspected of phishing and it will warn you when a site wants to do nasty things to your computer.

Earlier I stated that Safari, the new browser from Apple, was faster than Firefox 2. Firefox 3 is faster than Firefox 2 but still slower than Safari: Chrome make Safari eat its dust. This is one serious browser. Microsoft will have its hands full with the new version of Internet Explorer: if it is as bad as early reports suggest then Microsoft may well have to dig its own grave after the debacle called Vista.

Documents: Saving and Finding

Too many people find that every time they save a document (perhaps a photo from a friend's email) it gets lost and they call me in to find it. There are a number of standard places to store files: they have names like *My Documents*, *My Music* and *My Photos*. There are also many internet sites which suggest that you save downloads to your *Desktop* for the simple reason that it is more difficult to lose a file on your desktop than in any other place. Windows has a tool called *Desktop Cleanup Wizard* which will hide (but not remove) files into a folder called *Unused Desktop Items*: this happens normally every month or two.

If you save everything on your desktop it will rapidly get too cluttered. A better solution is to save everything in *My Documents*: however it, too, can become cluttered, and you can then set about creating folders for each file type (downloads, word documents, etc) and moving all the files of each type to the appropriate folder.

After a while, if you have to do this too often, you may find it easier to save files in the correct folder in the first place. This is, for many people, an advanced subject but one which will make saving and finding files easier.

Program Websites

A number of people have suggested that I provide notes for the programs and websites given on this program. This is in hand, and these items will be on my website as soon as I make the time to add them. Please watch this space.

Websites

Firefox	www.mozilla.com/firefox
Safari	www.apple.com/safari
Google Chrome	www.google.com/chrome
Opera	www.opera.com