December Newsletter

If you are receiving this message, it means that either I have done work for you in the past, I am doing work for you now, or you have expressed interest regarding me doing work for you in the future. If you would prefer to not receive further emails from me, please let me know about it.

Being that it is now December, I will be sending out invoices to any of you for whom I have done work in November, or for those who have not yet paid for October. Please remit your payment when you have a chance.

Holiday Season - Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and whatever else you may be celebrating. This month brings to an end my first full year in business, as I started in March of 2005. It may sound like a broken record each month, but I again want to thank all my past, current (and prospective....) clients for your business.

Coming No Longer - As I have been saying for a while, it was my intention to add an archive of my newsletters to my website. Well, the wait is over (at least the wait for me to get to it, whether others have been waiting to actually see them is another story...). There is a link on my homepage to all past newsletters.

Control Panel - I wonder how many people actually ever go to their Settings/Control Panel area. This is the place where you can add or remove hardware and software and modify display, sound, mouse, keyboard, font and so many more settings. I almost don't know where to start, there are so many, but let's take a look at something perhaps relatively simple but something that can have a potentially important effect on how you work on your PC. Believe me, this comes from personal experience.

OK, so what can you do with your mouse? There are numerous brands and types with some of their own features, but I will try and just deal with some of the basics...

Well, first off, for those of you like me who are left-handed, how about changing it so you can use it with your left hand? You can change the settings so that the mouse clicks are reversed (for those of you using MACs, I guess you don't have to deal with this...). At one point in my life, I used my mouse right-handed like most of the world, until I started to get pains in my right hand and elbow. I will make a long story short, but I wound up having surgery on my right elbow in 2001, so I had no choice at the time but to re-program my mouse.

You can also change the sensitivity of the mouse, so a little movement on your part can be a greater and faster motion on your screen. Some even have the capability of placing your cursor over the default setting when you are at a screen requiring a response. Be careful with this, because you might not want the default but, if you inadvertently click or press Enter, you will get it.

Most mouse drivers come with different types, sizes, colors, etc. of cursors. There are often "schemes" or "motifs" if you will, so all the cursors you see have something in common. Be aware that if you want to go with the fancy animated ones, though, you may be sacrificing some processing power.

OK, that pretty much covers the basics. You might want to check out your mouse's capabilities at some time and see if it helps you make your time in front of your PC a little less tedious.

Thank you all for your business (and potential business...)

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