

July 2010 Newsletter



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Being that it is July, I will be sending out invoices to any of you for whom I have done work in June, or for those who have not yet paid for previous months.

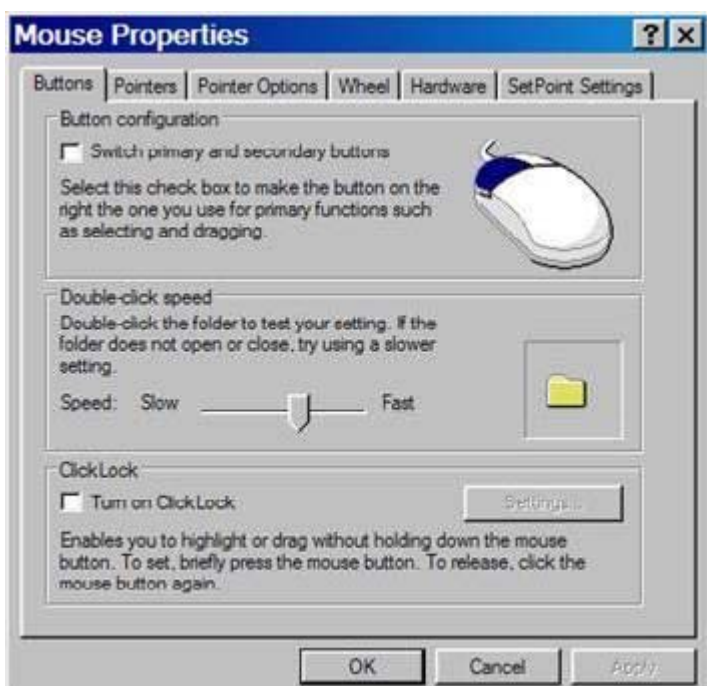
News & Info

The Latest – As I mentioned in my July 4th greetings, it has been a little hectic for me, hence the late invoices and the even later newsletter. Things have calmed down a bit, but it looks like I may be pretty busy for the next few months so, even though I will try my best to provide the same quick response I have in the past, some things may take a little longer. I hope you will all understand.

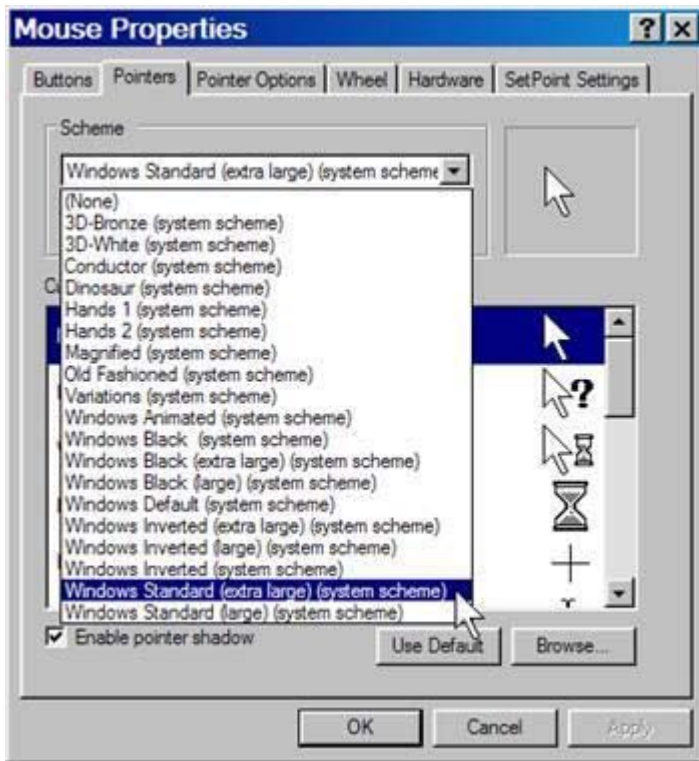
Health Watch – I am scheduled to have a minor surgery August 12th. It's for a sports injury (I made the mistake of getting my wrist in the way of a line drive in softball...) but it is an outpatient procedure and should not affect me too much. I will not be able to play any sports for about 4 weeks but I asked the doctor if I would be able to type and he said it should not be a problem. For a couple of days after it, though, I will have to take it easy so, please, no emergencies around the 13th, 14th, etc. of August if you don't mind...

Where's My Mouse? – Monitors are getting bigger and bigger but people are still hungry for more and more screen real estate, so resolutions keep getting higher and higher to allow for more characters per inch. Which means characters keep getting smaller and smaller. And, as some of us are getting up there in years, our vision may not be as sharp as it used to. I recently dealt with someone who said they sometimes have problems finding their mouse. Well, did you know there are a number of ways to make your mouse easier to find?

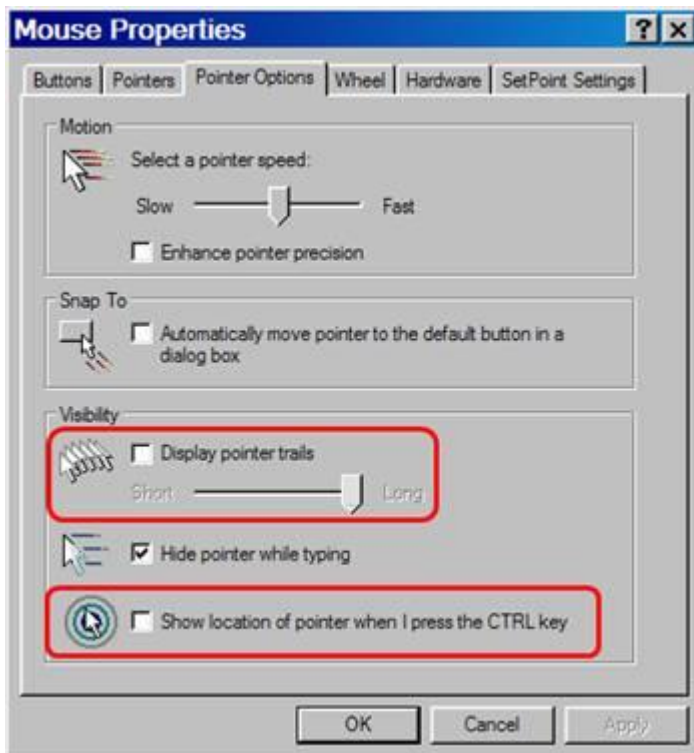
Control Panel – There is an icon in the Control Panel specifically for controlling your mouse. If you go there, you will see something similar to the following:



There are numerous features here, but I am concentrating on visibility, so I will only discuss a few. If you select Pointers, you will see that Windows has provided quite a few separate “schemes” of pointers in various sizes and colors:



I have selected Windows Standard (extra large) (system (scheme), since I want my mouse to be as big as I can get it so it is easier to see. Even so, sometime the “extra large” mouse seems to be hiding away somewhere on my desktop. For this, there are Pointer Options:



As you can see, I have highlighted 2 options that will help in finding that pesky rodent.

If you select "Display pointer trails", when you move your mouse it leaves a trail of pointers in its wake, making it much more noticeable. You can adjust this setting so you would see a lot or just a few trailers.

The other option is pretty cool in that, if you don't see your mouse right away, just press the "Ctrl" key and an animated circle displays over your mouse.

Hopefully these steps will be helpful if you find yourself looking all over for your mouse.

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