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One thing is for sure....there's always news in the computer world! I was shopping yesterday and stopped in the Apple Store at the Mall and was amazed at the number of people checking out the iMac's i Pads, i Phones and Macbooks! Did you ever notice that Windows based machines don't have this service available to us? No Genius bar to answer questions, no "free" classes when you buy a new PC, and it's hard to find anyone to even answer questions when you try to make that big decision as to what the features are on that new Dell or HP. One thing is for sure....Apple is doing it right for the consumers. And NO..... you don't need an antivirus software program on your new iPad. That's why I went there, to talk to them about security on this wonderful little tablet. ☺ I was told that it would take years for a "genius" to develop a virus that could attack the iPad iOS. (stands for i as in "I" pad operating system)

I found this neat little program that's free...that's what I like!... that will outshine the old Print Screen Key. I used to teach about that in classes because nobody even knew it existed! It's called Jing and here's what it can do.

"The always-ready program that allows you to instantly capture images and record video on your computer—then share them with anyone. Jing is a great tool for adding basic visual elements to all of your online conversations"

You can download it from this link <http://www.techsmith.com/jing-features.html>

I'm running Windows 7 on one of my machines and was asked where the traditional "show desktop" icon went. It used to be in the quick launch area of the Taskbar. I hadn't even noticed it was gone! If you look to the far right of the taskbar, just to the right of your time and date, you'll see a vertical bar. If you hold your mouse pointer over that bar, it will tell you that it will "show desktop". This is a great feature if you need to get back to your desktop when applications are open and you don't want to close them. ☺

Do you ever wish you could just have all your license keys on hand in case you need to reinstall a program such as Microsoft Office? Or are you a person who loses their keys because an envelope or case got thrown away by mistake? This program will be a lifesaver for you. It's called Belarc and it's "free"! Download the program and run it on your computer. It will give you information on all the keys, show any missing

security updates, list all the software programs on your computer and the hardware installed, shows your internet IP Address, Network and even tells you how many memory chips are installed in your computer and what they are. I run this program and print out the results and keep the information in my file cabinet....Just in case!! http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html

And if you're a shopper or do banking on-line, just a reminder, look for the "s" to be added to the http in your browser's address bar. Or check to make sure there's a gold lock on the bottom of the window to show that it's secure. When visiting a banking website, make sure that after you log out that you close out the Internet. Don't just go from one page to another because someone could actually access your banking information. Just exit Firefox, Chrome or whatever browser you're using and then reopen to continue with your surfing. Most banks will tell you this.

Do you like to sew? I know of one very talented lady that does and her name is Marcia! This offer gives you free patterns from McCall's. You can't go wrong there. <http://mccallpattern.mccall.com/free-downloads-pages-748.php>

One last thing. Did you ever think that a virus could be good???? Well, this is one that surprised me. Our government has developed, with the help of Israel, the Stuxnet virus to protect us. Read the article below. It's an eye opener!

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatches/globalpost-blogs/the-grid/stuxnet-flame-computer-virus-cyber-warfare-iran-israel-obama>

Ever you have a question that you want to ask, let me know. I can answer it in the next newsletter. And remember, there are no stupid questions. ☺

Hopefully, the rain will leave and we can all get out and enjoy the sunshine again. Have a good month! Below is a peek at Windows 8 ☺

http://download.cnet.com/8301-2007_4-57445919-12/hits-and-misses-in-windows-8-so-far/?tag=nl.e415

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