Anonymous writes:

In the September Bar Journal one of your questions related to printing parts of an e-mail. There is a program called ClipMate that can help. (about $25) http://www.thornsoft.com/clipmate6.htm. I have used this software since its first beta release several years ago and find it to be the best shareware I own. I see from their website that it won another BEST award again this year. With this program, you can copy and then print directly from their program or paste to your heart’s content. The program saves the copy indefinitely (or until you erase it). Once you own this program, you will never use the MS copy-paste program again. You can also highlight and copy any website usually just as it appears, and the program records where you copied it from so you can go back to the source URL, if needed.

Thanks for the tip!

Please send your questions to: mbj@mail.michbar.org.

The brother of Anonymous asks:

Q. I have cleared the history of web pages in Microsoft Internet Explorer, but I still have a list of websites when I do a search in Google or other website search pages. How do I get rid of all lists of websites I’ve visited?

A. Internet Explorer keeps track of the websites you visit in several places. The software allows you to clear the history of websites by going to Tools, then Internet Options, and then click on Clear History. However, this does not clear everything regarding web pages you have visited. If you want to get rid of everything, you should also delete cookies and temporary Internet files when in the Internet Options area. Also, when the AutoComplete feature is activated, your browser will try to finish what you are typing, based on previously visited websites. To turn this feature off, go to the Content tab under Internet Options and then click on AutoComplete. Uncheck the Forms box so that Google will no longer try to complete a website address based on prior website visits.

The sister of Anonymous asks:

Q. Occasionally when I open Internet Explorer, my default web page is not displayed. Instead, I get a Windows Update page from Microsoft. Why does this appear? Also, should I update windows whenever I see this web page?

A. Microsoft provides critical operating system updates via the Windows Update page. You can configure your browser to check for Windows updates automatically. The option can be found under Tools, then Internet Options, then Advanced. Your computer is probably setup to check for updates automatically, which is why you get the occasional Windows Update page when you open your browser. You can (and should) perform the update regularly. Here’s a procedure you can follow to perform Windows Updates for Windows 2000:

Critical Windows Update Procedure:

Close all programs (you will probably need to restart your computer when done).

In the lower left corner of your screen, click Start, then Windows Updates (located above programs). When the website opens, click on Scan for updates (mid screen).

When the scan is done it will show a list on the left side of the screen.

The top Choice is Critical updates and service packs. If this selection indicates zero, then you can close the screen and continue using your computer. However, if there is any number in that section other than zero, proceed as follows:

Click Review and Install Updates, then click Install now, and next click Accept.

Updates can be very quick, but some take several minutes. Most updates when done will require you to restart your computer. Click OK to restart and you’re done!

Repeat the above procedure until there are no critical updates remaining. Note—this procedure needs to be done on your personal computers as well, and is valid for all versions of windows since Windows98!

Please e-mail any question for consideration to: mbj@mail.michbar.org.

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