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Newsletter

A&T's 5th Newsletter— New Website Goes Live

Since the previous design of website had been online for nearly 2 years we thought it was time for a new fresh design. The new design was created to give a clean fresh look which provided a way to easily navigate through the website. So feel free to take a look at www.atcomputersltd.com.

Linked IT News

- The first malicious iphone worm is discovered.

- Microsoft release office 2010 beta.

- The DVLA has doubled their annual budget on IT.

- IEEE finally certifies 802.11n. Despite the fastest type of WIFI being available for some time now IEEE who regulates the standard has now officially approved it.

Our Christmas Opening Hours

Thursday 24th December	Open 09:00—15:00hrs	Emergencies Only, 15:00 - 16:30

Merry Christmas

Friday 25th December	Closed	
Monday 28th December	Closed	
Tuesday 29th December	Open 10:00—16:30hrs	Emergencies Only, 16:30 - 17:30
Wednesday 30th December	Open 10:00—16:30hrs	Emergencies Only, 16:30 - 17:30
Thursday 31st December	Open 10:00—16:30hrs	Emergencies Only, 16:30 - 17:00

Happy New Year

Friday 1st January	Closed	
Monday 4th January	Open 09:00-17:30hrs	Normal Open Hours Resume

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VAT Increase

The standard rate of VAT was temporarily reduced to 15% on 1st December 2008 and it will return to 17.5% on 1st January 2010.

New Offsite Backup Tariff

A&T Computers have been working on a new tariff for our offsite backup service. We have created a tariff for companies that have substantial, almost static, archives combined with a relatively small amount of live data. The new "Archive and Append" Tariff means that you can store all this data offsite securely for as little as 50p per GB per month if you are storing over 100GB.

Archive Data	90Gb
Live Data	15Gb

Here is an example of the pricing for 105GB on the new tariff;-

Storage Charge	105GB @ £0.50	=	£52.50 per month
Bandwidth Charge (Changes made)	Less than 5GB	=	£7.50 per GB per month

So if you had store 105GB and 2GB was updated over a month it would cost £52.50 + £15.00 = £67.50 per month to have 105GB protected.

This tariff is not designed to be used in conjunction with our disaster recovery. Backup will happen daily, overnight.
Microsoft SQL© Server Client and Microsoft Exchange© Server and Exchange Brick-Level Mailbox Client with our In-Delta Technology.

Microsoft Office 2010 Beta Released

Microsoft has now released a beta version of office 2010. It comes in 5 different main versions and a free cut down version with advertisements that has only been released by invite to certain people.

Programs and Features	Starter	Home and Student	Home and Business	Standard	Professional	Professional Plus
Licensing	OEM	Retail	Retail	Volume	Retail	Volume
Price of Full Version (in USD)	Free	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Price of Upgrade Version (in USD)	Free	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Excel	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Word	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
OneNote	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PowerPoint	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outlook	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Publisher	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Communicator	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
InfoPath	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
SharePoint Workspace (Groove)	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

There have been a few tweaks to the user interface to make it slightly easier to find things but overall the interface looks very similar to office 2007.
So what is new here? 64-bit versions for a start. They're now an option throughout. The most obvious use is gigabyte-size Excel spreadsheets, though working with any large document should now be easier. Excel also gets a new single-cell chart type called a Sparkline and a new Slicer tool for filtering data.
The Office Button - really a file menu, and one which some new users find hard to discover in Office 2007 - has been replaced by a Backstage view, combining file, preview, and document options into one full-window dialog. It sounds odd, but it works well. Paste Preview is another new feature, showing an instant preview of Paste actions.
A screenshot button lets you insert an image of any open window into the current document. Several Office applications now support simultaneous multi-user editing, provided the document is hosted on SharePoint or Windows Live.

Also recently Microsoft has launched the new operating system "Windows 7". We have been running the beta version for some time and think Windows 7 is going to be the operating system to upgrade to from XP. It has the performance advantages of XP with the user interface and features of Windows Vista.

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