





Brian Gongol's Security Update




Weekly Checklist for May 13, 2006

See www.gongol.com for updates throughout the week



Urgent This Week:

-  Make sure you've gotten the updates Microsoft issued for Windows on Patch Tuesday earlier this month. The best way is to visit <http://www.microsoft.com> and use their "Microsoft Update" tool, which automatically scans your computer. (Firefox/Opera users: Microsoft Update requires that you use Internet Explorer. It's OK to use Internet Explorer on the Microsoft website.)
 -  Firefox users: Make sure you've updated your browser with the new version 1.5.0.3. Visit <http://www.mozilla.com> to get the update if you haven't already.
 -  Mac users: Apple has identified a bunch of security updates for Mac OS X, some of which it labeled "critical." Visit <http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple/> to get those updates.
 -  Windows users will also need to update QuickTime (an Apple product often used on Windows machines). The latest version for Windows is available at <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/player/win.html>.
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Important to Do Every Week:

-  Run a backup of your important computer files and store it in a safe location.
 -  Update your anti-spyware software and run it. If you need free anti-spyware software, visit <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/spybotsd/> and download Spybot Search and Destroy.
 -  Update your anti-virus software and run it. If you need free anti-virus software, visit <http://free.grisoft.com> and download AVG Anti-Virus.
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Other Recommended Security Measures:

-  Set up a limited-access user account on your computer and use it for most purposes. See <http://www.gongol.com/howto/createalternateadmin/> for complete instructions.
 -  Use Firefox, Opera, Safari, or another web browser. See <http://www.gongol.com/howto/getanewbrowser/> for complete instructions.
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Other Helpful Links:

-  Listen to the WHO Radio Wise Guys Saturdays from 12:00 – 2:00 Central via streaming audio at <http://www.whoradio.com/> or on 1040 AM.
-  Get a professional website for under \$500 at <http://www.northernrepublic.com/>