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The Final XP Service Pack Is Here

Microsoft has released Windows XP Service Pack 3, which is the last service pack planned. The service pack is primarily an accumulation of patches to date.

Firefox 3!

Firefox is the open-source Web browser software developed by Mozilla, the not-for-profit organization that arose from the ashes of Netscape, which developed the original commercial browser. Since the first version of Firefox debuted in late 2004, it has been stealing a growing number of users away from Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE), the dominant browser software. And for good reason. Firefox has tended to offer innovations long before Microsoft incorporated such features into IE. Among those that Firefox pioneered are tabbed browsing, which allows users to call up multiple Web pages in one browser window, and a search bar that's integrated into the browser.

It's fast. The Mozilla folks have sped up the browser's script engine - used on Google's Gmail and many other Web sites - and quickened its ability to display images. They've also improved the way that Firefox uses system memory, limiting the effect the program can have on overall performance even with a number of tabs open. Like speed, security has long been a hallmark of Firefox. The new version takes security a step further by blocking users from going to Web sites that are suspected of being a security threat. Instead of loading the page, Firefox 3 gives information about the suspected problems with the site and asks users if they really want to continue on to it. The Mozilla folks say they are continuously updating the list of suspect sites that the browser will block.

If you're already using Firefox, version 3 is worth the upgrade. If you aren't yet using Firefox, you should check out the latest version. Doing so is easy: The software is free, takes only a few minutes to download and install. It doesn't require you to reboot your computer after you do so. Just go to <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/> to try using Firefox!

Web Winner

The Small Business Administration has been increasing its online presence. Online information on science, math etc. is available as

<http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov/>

Tips & Tricks

Want to get to the Printer Management window quickly? Hold down the Windows Logo key and press the P key, and you'll be right there!

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