

JULY 2003

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF FAMILY COMPUTER NEWS
published by VONTRONICS, Naples, Florida

If you have received this newsletter by mistake or do not wish to receive it in the future, then we apologize. Please email us with details at <mailto:service@familycomputerusa.com>

POP-UPS STILL BOTHERING YOU?

One of the most frequent complaints I hear are about those annoying pop-up ads. Here are a few additional links to some pop-up ad blocking solutions. All of these are priced at my favorite rate: free!

AVANT BROWSER 8.01 works by substituting itself as your multi-windowed browser so that it can block the ads and other bandwidth-hogging unnecessary fluff giving you quicker access to your intended browsing. It's designed for Windows 98 and newer versions.
<http://download.com.com/3000-2356-10150342.html>

POP-UP STOPPER 3.01 is designed for all versions of Windows. It promises to block ads from all popular browsers and will keep itself updated. It lets you know when it blocks an ad with either audio or visual clues.
<http://download.com.com/3000-2366-10186560.html?tag=lst-0-14>

MESSENGER STOPPER 1.3 targets Messenger Spam. You may have noticed these ads that come up on your desktop even when you are not browsing? If you have an always-on high-speed connection and Windows XP you are particularly prone to seeing these. Although there are other ways to permanently disable these messages, this tool is easier for the average person to use. Designed for Windows 98 and newer versions.
<http://download.com.com/3000-2094-10182508.html?tag=lst-0-18>

SMART POP-UP KILLER 1.35 works like Pop-Up Stopper and also has an "allow" list so you can control which pop-up you want to have displayed. It also allows you to manage your list of "cookies". Designed for Windows 98 and newer versions.
<http://download.com.com/3000-2144-10198804.html>

There are many other free pop-up blockers available for download, plus many more that are trial ware, meaning you can try them for free for a while, and then pay a fee ranging from \$6 - \$40. When I checked, there were 48 different downloads that promised to prevent the pop-ups. Check them all out here:
<http://download.com.com/3120-20-0.html?qt=popup+stopper>

NATIONAL DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY

Here's an easy way to avoid many of the telemarketers. Put your phone numbers into the National Do-Not-Call Registry and the telemarketers will not be able to contact you via phone without facing penalties. It will take effect on October 1st, so you have plenty of time to

register. It won't stop all the annoying calls, because political organizations, charities, and phone surveys are exempt from the list and penalties. (Rats!) You can read the many details when you link to the site.

<http://www.donotcall.gov/>

SPEED KILLS

Do you wonder how fast your high-speed connection is actually performing? Here is a link to a new free testing service that will measure your actual transfer rates.

<http://www.beelinebandwidthtest.com/>

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Now use that newly-rated high-speed connection and have some silly fun by clicking on these doo-wop singing horses to orchestrate their efforts!
http://svt.se/hogafflahage/hogafflaHage_site/Kor/hestekor.swf

THEY GO WHERE YOU WANNA BE

Here's a shameless plug for one of my clients who is producing a new local weekly high-energy TV show.

<http://musca.tv/>

Thanks for reading. Now you're one of the Family!

Eric Von Leue

Service Manager

<mailto:service@familycomputerusa.com>

Published 2003 by VONTRONICS, Naples, FL

<http://www.familycomputerusa.com/>

239-597-0001