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# Microsoft Ends World Hunger!

Puts End to War! Cures Common Cold! **Creates Stable Version of Windows!** 

I've done a lot of telephone support in my years of computer service. My first response is always, "Have you rebooted Windows vet?" So many problems can be solved simply by rebooting Windows.

Windows, at least some iteration, has been around for over twenty years. In all this time, don't you think the Microsoft geniuses could have done something about its basic stability?

Well, Microsoft has released its Beta 1 version of Windows 7 for testing. It promises to solve all the problems of Vista and, ultimately, provide a more stable operating system. I'll believe it when I see it.

My testing of Windows 7 is incomplete, but I have already had to repair one customer's Windows 7

installation. Upon boot-up, his computer gave him the blue screen of death (bsod) with a stern warning to reboot and repair his installation lest irreparable damage be done to his computer. Ultimately, the problem was just a faulty device driver.



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Forgivable, perhaps, in a Beta 1 version. However. Vista is now well into its second service pack release and I still have customers requesting roll-backs to Windows XP and purchase of new computers with XP installed.

By the way, there still are versions of XP available and Dr. Joey can build or provide pre-built systems with XP installed. I also have customers who request I set up dual boot or multi-boot installations so they can enjoy the versatility of Vista along with the stability of XP.

Maybe, Windows 7 is the answer we have all been waiting for, but I wouldn't hold my breath!

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"Tell everyone that the email about mandatory head-shaving was a hoax."

#### Top 15 Hoaxes & Urban Myths

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**#77 Emergency** Call

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Rapist Trick

Life Is Beautiful

Source: www.snopes.com

#### TWENTY GREAT COMPUTER QUOTES

- 1. "I do not fear computers.
  I fear lack of them."Isaac Asimov
- "A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing." – Emo Philips
- "The computer was born to solve problems that did not exist before." – Bill Gates
- "Software is a gas; it expands to fill its container." - Nathan Myhrvold
- "It's hardware that makes a machine fast. It's software that makes a fast machine slow." – Craig Bruce
- Where is the 'any' key?" Homer Simpson, in response to the message, "Press any key"

- "Computers are good at following instructions, but not at reading your mind." – Donald Knuth
- 8. "The Internet? We are not inter
  - ested in it." Bill G a t e s , 1993
- 9. "In a room full of top software designers, if two agree on the same thing,
  - that's a majority." Bill Curtis
- 10. "A program is never less than 90% complete, and never more than 95% complete." - Terry Baker
- 11. "I think it's a new feature. Don't tell anyone it

- was an accident." Larry Wall
- 12. "Simplicity, carried to the extreme, becomes elegance." Jon Franklin
  - 13. "The only truly secure system is one that is powered off, cast in a block of concrete and sealed in a lead-lined room with armed guards." Gene Spafford
  - 14. "Two years from now, spam will be solved." Bill
- Gates, 2004
  15. "The problem of viruses is temporary and will be
- solved in two years." John McAfee, 1988
- 16. "Computer viruses are an urban legend." Peter

- Norton, 1988
- 17. "Passwords are like underwear: you don't let people see it, you should change it very often, and you shouldn't share it with strangers." Chris Pirillo
- 18. "I'm not one of those who think Bill Gates is the devil. I simply suspect that if Microsoft ever met up with the devil, it wouldn't need an interpreter." Nicholas Petreley
- 19. In the future, computers may weigh no more than 1.5 tonnes." Popular mechanics, 1949
- "I see little commercial potential for the Internet for at least ten years." Bill Gates, 1994

#### Source:

www.devtopics.com/101-moregreat-computer-quotes/



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All of her accounts were turned over to a local

CPA firm and for a while I let them do my taxes. However, I had two problems with them. First. the expense; they charged two or three times what I was used to

paying. Second, even though they were a CPA firm, they were not at all familiar with the intricacies involved in doing a minister's taxes (because there are a lot of legitimate, specialized deductions

for ministers). I was paying all that extra money and still wasn't getting what I needed.

My experience with tax preparers was not at all positive. So, I determined to do my taxes

myself. I bought books, studied, and prepared my own taxes for a while, but I couldn't keep up with the tax code. I cringe at how many tax credits or deductions, I missed,

> before I decided to go with Turbo Tax. I have now used the software program Turbo Tax for years and have never been more satisfied. Turbo Tax pro-

the updated information I needed to claim all that I was legally entitled to at a price I could afford. Turbo Tax also is familiar with the intricacies of doing specific niche group taxes - such as for

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# Ask Dr. Joey

# "How Can I Spot an Email Hoax?"

Dr. Joey, How can I spot an email hoax?

Spotting the latest email hoaxes may be easier than you think!

There are thousands of email hoaxes moving around the Internet at any given time. Some may be the latest email hoaxes around. Others may be mutated versions of hoax messages that have travelled the Internet for years. These email hoaxes cover a range of subject matter, including:

- Supposedly free giveaways in exchange for forwarding emails.
- Bogus virus alerts.
- False appeals to help sick children.
- Pointless petitions that lead nowhere and accomplish nothing.
- Dire, and completely fictional, warnings about products, compa-

nies, government policies or coming events.

The good news is that, with a little bit of fore-knowledge, email hoaxes are easy to detect. Hidden within the colorful prose of your average email hoax often lurk telling indicators of the email's veracity.

Probably the most obvious of these indicators is a line such as "Send this email to everyone in your address book". Hoax writers want their material to spread as far and as fast as possible, so almost every hoax email will in some way exhort you to send it to other people. Some email hoaxes take a more targeted approach and suggest that you send the email to a specified number of people in order to collect a prize or realize a benefit.

Another indicator is that hoaxes tend not to provide checkable refer-

ences to back up their spurious claims. Genuine competitions, promotions, giveaways or charity drives will usually provide a link to a company website or publication. Real virus warnings are likely to include a link to a reputable virus information website. Emails containing Government or company policy information are likely to include references to checkable sources such as news articles, websites or other publications.

A third indicator is often the actual language used. Email hoax writers have a tendency to use an emotive. "over-thetop" style of writing peppered with words and phrases such as "Urgent", "Danger", "worst ever virus!!", "sign now before it's too late" and so on. often rendered in ALL CAPI-TAL LETTERS for added emphasis. Paragraphs dripping with pathos speak of dying

children; others "shout" with almost rabid excitement about free air travel or mobile phones. As well, some email hoaxes try to add credibility by using highly technical language.

Before forwarding an email, ask yourself these questions:

- 1. Does the email ask you to send it to a lot of other people?
- 2. Does the email fail to provide confirmation sources?
- 3. Is the language used overly emotive or highly technical?

A "yes" answer to one or more of the above questions, should start some bells alarm rinaina. These indicators do not offer conclusive dence that the email is a hoax but they are certainly enough to warrant further investigation beyou hit fore "Forward" Button.

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eas. I have over 25 years experience working with home and business systems.

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