

Linux Crypto Secure

The Linux FreeS/WAN project has released free Linux server tools that use strong encryption to create a virtual private network between any two Internet users.

It uses strong cryptography to provide both authentication and encryption services. Authentication ensures that packets are from the right sender and have not been altered in transit. Encryption prevents unauthorized reading of data packet contents during transmission between two networks.

Does Internet Use Affect Language Ability?

Researcher Susan Herring of the U. of Texas, found that Internet use didn't lead to poor language ability. Details: dgl.com/itinfo/1999/it990104.html

Internet Marketing Tip

When conducting e-commerce, spend most of your time researching what your niche market wants and how they want to get it. Research twice, website once.

Learn tips like this along with the 10 reasons most websites fail in our Internet Marketing seminar on May 26th.

QuickBooks Pro Tip

If you have bank or credit card accounts that you use for both business & personal purchases, you need to categorize each of these accounts as either "business funds" or "personal funds." If you track the account in QuickBooks, it is a business funds account.

Learn tips like this in our QuickBooks Pro seminar, taught by a professional accountant, on May 12th & 13th.

Windows Open Source?

Microsoft President Steve Ballmer shocked the audience at the WinHEC (hardware) trade show in Los Angeles by suggesting that Microsoft may pursue an open-source route to further development of the Windows operating system. Open Source is the cooperative development effort that's generally open for public review, it's the way Linux is developed.

More than half of IT professions surveyed this month by Damar Group agree that Microsoft will pursue open source development.

Y2K Lawsuits

The U.S. Senate is considering legislation to limit Y2K lawsuits against software vendors.

Customers Speak Out

"This class helped me understand those "little" problems and gave me the tools to solve them. Thanks."

Tobi Morris, College Bound Found.

"Personal attention & class size were mighty beneficial to the learning experience." *Kate Minner, Transwestern Carey Winston*

"I love coming to Jeff's classes. I learn many new things each class. I always leave happy."

Aspasia Kyte, Johns Hopkins Hosp.

"Jeff was extremely patient and determined to be sure that everyone was very comfortable with the lessons & application! Great instructor!"

Lorie Messoria, McCabe & Assoc.

"Best class I've ever attended!"

Lynn Hall, Spectera

Upcoming Classes



Here's a short list of our most popular classes. Call Dave or Ann for a list of all our classes.

Windows 95/98/NT, Lvl 1 . 4/30, 6/4
Word, Lvl 1 5/11, 6/14
Word, Lvl 2 5/25, 6/22
Excel, Lvl 1 5/14, 6/10
Excel, Lvl 2 5/27, 6/23
PowerPoint, Lvl 1 5/7, 6/2
PowerPoint, Lvl 2 4/29, 6/1, 6/30
Access, Lvl 1 5/6, 6/8
Access, Lvl 2 5/18, 6/17
Netscape, Lvl 1 5/26, 6/15
Internet Marketing 5/26, 6/15
Website Dev, Lvl 1 5/28, 6/24
Website Dev, Lvl 2 5/28, 6/24
PageMaker, Lvl 1 5/20 & 5/21
Act!, Lvl 1 call for dates
Project 98, Lvl 1 5/4 & 5/5
QuickBooks Pro, Lvl 1 .. 5/12 & 5/13

Monkey Attacks Local NonProfit Organization

We helped a local nonprofit organization this week recover from the effects of the Monkey virus, a 1992-era program.

End result: three computers were discarded, one new hard drive, one full reinstallation, and thousands of files lost.

McAfee's VirusScan program would have prevented this disaster. Get VirusScan online at www.nai.com or at most local software retailers.

Monthly updates are available on McAfee's site, install these every four weeks to kill new viri.

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