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- Network Installation
- Network Infrastructure Analysis
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## Monthly Spotlight on-Chused & Associates, CPAs PA

Chused & Associates, CPAs was founded in March, 1997 by Andy Chused. After 5 years with Touche Ross & Co, CPAs in Atlanta, GA and 19 years in the apparel mfg business in Kinston, NC, we decided to establish a local CPA firm to serve the residents of Carteret County.



With over 30 years of varied business experience, we are able to serve all sizes and types of business with long range business planning, budgeting, cash flows and tax planning. In addition, we provide bookkeeping and payroll services for a variety of our clients at competitive rates.



We are known for our QuickBooks expertise. We provide installation, setup advice and guidance, trouble shooting and customizing your QuickBooks to give the business owner, the information and reports that they need to grow their business. Additionally, Andy teaches a QuickBooks course through the continuing ed division of Carteret Community College in May and October.

On the individual side, we provide tax compliance, from the simplest to the

complex return, to many individuals at reasonable rates, sometimes cheaper than those national tax preparers! We provide tax advice on many issues and can help with your estate planning as well. If you are planning a tax free 1031

exchange in the near future, please consult with us to make sure that it qualifies, before the deal is closed.

In 2007, we are adding an additional service for both our clients and others who need an independent valuation of their business. Andy is a certified valuation analyst (CVA) and can provide a business valuation for the sale/purchase of a business, an estate valuation or a divorce valuation. Call us today for a quote.

We are growing each week and would welcome you to become our client. Give Tanya or Andy a call to setup an appointment today. *Mention this article for a free initial consultation.*

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## Instant messages can be tracked in several ways

It seems as though your words disappear forever when an instant messaging session is over. That's not always so.

Your IM is not a safe refuge for private chatter. Companies and government agencies can monitor and log instant-messaging conversations conducted on company computers.

Google saves chat sessions automatically and they can be searched later. Users of Google Talk must disable the setting or choose "off the record" for sessions they don't want saved.

Instant-messaging services such as AOL's AIM, Yahoo's Yahoo Messenger, and Microsoft's Windows Live Messenger don't store conversations on their servers automatically. But they offer various tools for companies and individuals to log conversations.

Recent scandals demonstrate that instant messaging is not private.

Government-monitored IMs found inappropriate messages by a member of Congress, who then resigned. And IMs have figured in corporate scandals, as well.

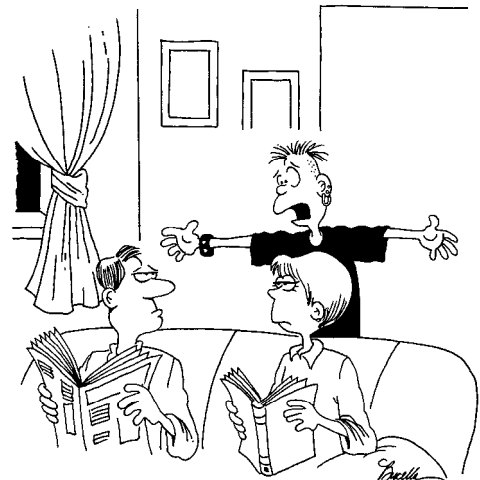
Instant-messaging services are offering a host of new products and tools for tracking IMs. AIM Pro, a free version for individuals and businesses, automatically archives conversations and saves them for 14 days. The feature can be extended or turned off.

Microsoft's Live Communications server, allows a company's information technology department to log and search employee conversations, including those on IM services like Yahoo and AOL.

A study by the American Management Association and The ePolicy Institute shows that only 13 percent of companies now

track and log instant messages. The crackdown, however, is starting to take effect. Two percent of employers have fired someone because of what they said.

About 26 percent of companies have fired someone for misuse of email.



How come grandma can have blue hair, but I can't?"



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**NOTABLE QUOTES**

*"We can let circumstances rule us or we can take charge and rule our lives from within"*

Earl Nightingale

*"One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears, by listening to them"*

Dean Rusk

*"Be master of your petty annoyances and conserve your energies for the big, worthwhile things. It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out, it's the grain of sand in your shoe"*

Robert Service

**Attention users of older versions of QuickBooks.**

If you are using a version of QuickBooks, that is version 2004 or earlier, you need to ensure that you do not load the new version of Internet Explorer 7. QuickBooks uses components from Internet Explorer to navigate and display windows within the program. Those older versions will not work with the new version of Internet Explorer 7 which has just recently been made available as an automatic Windows system Update.

The best way to ensure proper operation is to upgrade to the 2007 version of QuickBooks. However, if that is not in your budget and you need to continue using the older version, you must uninstall Internet Explorer 7 and continue using Internet Explorer 6.1. To enable operation with Explorer

6.1 to continue you must access the custom settings of Windows update and uncheck the Internet Explorer 7 update so it will not automatically be installed on your computer.

QuickBooks 2005 and 2006 are compatible with Internet Explorer 7 after installing a free update that is currently available from Intuit. If you have any questions regarding this issue, don't hesitate to contact us or visit <http://www.quickbooks.com/helpcenter/Default.aspx> and click on the Internet Explorer 7 link on that page for additional information about the specific version of QuickBooks that you are running.

**New Spyware/Virus Removal Programs Can Harm Your System.**

**Your computer is a Risk. "Download this program to remove virus".**

This message should be very familiar as many of you have seen this pop-up message. These pop-up messages carry the infection that they claim to disinfect. Following is a description of a new hybrid of these dangerous programs

"VirusBusters" is the current program that you need to watch out for. Not only does "VirusBusters" tell you that your system is at risk and does scan your system for spyware programs, possible removing some, but also, at the same time it installs a P2P Networking program. This program installs without your knowledge.

P2P=Peer to Peer. Basically, P2P is a program that is installed on a computer that allows people to share content on their computers. Generally, you only allow access to a specific folder(s) that you select.

The 'P2P Networking' program installed by "VirusBusters" completely opens up your system for hackers to steal any personal information that is on your computer. It doesn't matter if the files or folders are password protected. Note that once the hackers have downloaded your files or folders, they have all the time they need to break any passwords that you have implemented. Most of the time cracking your password is as easy as looking at personal information from unprotected files.

One thing to remember about pop-up windows when on the internet. **Never click the yes button, the no button, or anything in that window.** Just click the 'X' on the top right hand corner of the window which will close the window and no harm will be done.

If you suspect that your computer has been involved in such an incident, it is strongly suggested that you have your computer checked-out. If you have any questions, feel free to call ACS Computer Services.

**The Prez Says –What is a Server and do I need one?**

We get this question quite often. Many people believe that they have a Server, when they actually only have a regular computer which is acting to some partial capacity as a Server. This type of setup may work OK in very small networks, but if you have more than a handful of computers on your network you can easily overload the capabilities of that computer, and you are not getting the advantages of a "true" server.

A standard desktop computer is designed to operate with one person using it at a time. If you have 5 people in your network, that computer can have up to 6 people accessing that computer/Server at one time. With this type of arrangement the network will usually run slowly and can be very unstable.

What is a "true" server then? A powerful computer built with Server class components that is designed to have many people accessing the data and resources at the same time. Servers are usually built with multiple hard drives in a configuration that allows one or more of these drives to fail without any loss of data. These Servers run a special Server class operating system that is configured to control all aspects of the network, from password control to controlling who is allowed to view and change certain data and resources.



**Stefan Hellersperk**  
President of ACS Computers

password to access your network and another to get into your computer? A Server controls those passwords, so that if you change your password in one location, the server makes sure that all other applicable devices are made aware of that change.

Could you use a community calendar that is visible for anybody to see from their outlook mail program? How about sharing your own calendar with a co-worker or secretary? A community/shared contact list in a centralized place to enable searching for common names and addresses? The ability to send and receive faxes from your computers desktop or an in-house easy to manage internal web page to enable team col-

**Top Ten + Threats of the Month**

The following listing highlights some of the major threats to computer systems during the month of December 2006. If your anti-Virus program advises you that it cannot remove any of these threats, you should contact your IT department or ACS Computer Systems for help in removal as serious damage can be done to your system and some threats can e-mail themselves to others in your address book.

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| W32.Spybot.AMTE Trojan.Panddos | W32.Sagero         |
| W32.Jhad                       | W32.Mixor.K@mm     |
| W32.Tanxov.A                   | W32.Medbot.A       |
|                                | W32.Spybot.AC9R    |
|                                | W32.Ridnu.B        |

\*Source [symantec.com/enterprize/securityresponse/](http://symantec.com/enterprize/securityresponse/)

**ACS Welcomes New Carteret Chamber Members for December 2006**

- Mr. Raymond Hopkins, AAA Security
- Mr. Rick Minton, Advanced Building
- Mr. Joe McClure, AQUA
- Mr. and Mrs. Christine McMahan, BIG Digital
- Mr. Ed Johnson, Bikes-R-in
- Mr. Russ Davis, Bogue Sound Builders
- Dr. Roxanne Taylor, Bridges Prof. Park Animal Hospital
- Mr. Joey McClure, Clawson's 1905 Restaurant
- Ms. Nancy Blanchard, Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Mr. Scott White, Coastal Photographics
- Mr. Loy Ehlers, Cold stone Creamery
- Ms. Kaye Davis, CTX Mortgage
- Ms. Donna, Noyce, Diamond Service Co.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gavin & Connie Hutchins, Get Superior Nutrition
- Ms. Linda Hughs, Broker Green Key Properties
- Mr. Jeff Shultz, J&S landscape & Design, LLC
- Ms. Sharon Shultz, J&S Nursery
- Mr. Robert Johnson, Johnson-Albiez Construction/Develop.
- Ms. Ann McCurdy, Loughry's Landing
- Ms. Emily Gibson, Play Date
- Ms. Matthew Johnson, RE/MAX Ocean Properties
- Ms. Denise Greer, Scan 2 Sell-EBay
- Ms. Sondra Reed, Marketing by Design
- Mr. Rick Minton, Take Out Taxi
- Ms. Courtney Riley, Time Warner Cable Bus. Class
- Ms. Victoria Kerr, Victoria's Innovative Interiors
- Ms. Susan Davis, Woodman of the World Lodge 188

**ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber Members for December 2006**

- Lafayette Gross, Keller Williams
- Christie Ward, Keller Williams
- Michael Weisbatt, New Bern River Rats

laboration with common documents or other information? There are many other advantages and capabilities of a true Server which are too numerous for me to be able to list them here. The important thing to remember is that the Server needs to be specifically tailored to the needs of the company that will be using it.

If you have recently asked somebody to quote on or to install a Server for you and this Server was quoted on or came installed with Windows 2000 Professional or Windows XP Professional as the operating system, or if the Server was quoted without asking any information about how it will be used in your business, I would be concerned about the ability of the company quoting that equipment and software to support a higher performance network.

If you believe that your company would benefit from a properly specified Server in your work environment or if you have any questions regarding such applications, please feel free to drop me an email at [Stefan@acsit.biz](mailto:Stefan@acsit.biz) or contact our office.