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Microsoft Unveils Its Smart Watch

Move over Rolex, Timex and for that matter Palm as Microsoft releases its much anticipated Smart Watch.

Microsoft Smart Watches, made by Suunto and Fossil for use with MSN Direct www.msndirect.com, have been made available to Canadian retailers.

Besides giving the time and date, the Smart Watch through its own FM band can deliver news, weather, calendar appointments, text messages, and up-to-date stock quote information. The watch is also smart enough to change the clock depending on what time zone you are in.

Currently Microsoft Canada is looking for more content providers for the MSN Direct service. The service is only available in Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, Ont., Kitchener, Ont., London, Ont., Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria, B.C.

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Nine out of 10 U.S. Emails Now Spam

(esecurityplanet.com)

Spam skyrocketed worldwide last month, and peaked in the United States where nine out of 10 emails now are spam.

Around the globe, spam grew in May to account for 76 percent of all email traveling the Internet, according to statistics just released by MessageLabs, Inc., an email management and security company based in New York. That number is up from 60 percent at the beginning of the year.

Here in the U.S., unsolicited bulk email has nearly doubled from this time last year when it made up 55 percent of all electronic messages, reports MessageLabs. At the beginning of this year, U.S. spam hit 80 percent, surprising some analysts who had predicted that spam wouldn't hit that level until mid-year.

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The Real Threats to Security are Changing

Remember Dorothy and the boys on the yellow brick road to Oz? Skipping down the road chanting to themselves about lions and tigers and bears, they worked themselves up to a fever pitch of fear. As things turned out, the problem was really witches and flying monkeys.

The real threats were not what they expected.

Like Dorothy had to travel her road, the Internet is an essential part of almost every business. And like the road to Oz, our threats also are changing.

Today, we have some interesting shifts happening in threats to our online activities. We need to know what those are to be better prepared to handle the real challenges and avoid the FUD -- fear, uncertainty, and doubt -- that too often surrounds system security.

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Gadgets blur lines between work, play

It's becoming increasingly difficult to separate leisure from work these days, as tech gadgets are blurring the line between work and play, suggest two new U.S. surveys.

An increasing number of workers — 85 per cent of them — are packing their laptops, PDAs, cell-phones and other tech gadgets along with their beach towels, sunscreen and bathing suits when they heads to the cottage country this summer, says a report commissioned by Avaya Inc., a provider of communications networks and services for businesses, voice over IP (VoIP) and other technologies.

And nearly three out of four (or 72 per cent) of U.S. consumers like the idea of the “digital den” — a product that would easily connect their home entertainment systems to the Internet, says a study by the market research firm Ipsos-Insight.

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Access Your Emails from Anywhere!

Did you know that you can now access your e-mail account from home, work or anywhere in the world? If you have access to the internet you can access your mail account through your **service provider's Web Mail service. Visit your service provider's website for more details.**

VoIP: What flavour would you like?

According to a recent poll by Ipsos-Reid, Canadians have been slow to embrace Internet telephony and there appears to be little demand for the service among consumers.

However, this has not stopped an increasing number of companies from jumping into the market.

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