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Take Your Agency to the Next Level 2008

Take Your Agency to the **Next Level** 2008



Presented by
Computer Networking Services, Inc.

Looking for an advantage in today's soft market? Want your staff to work SMARTER, not just harder?

Then do not miss Take Your Agency to the Next Level 2008 on February 1st, presented by Computer Networking Services, Inc.

The Top 5 Reasons to Attend:

- 1) The wealth of information that you'll bring back to your agency that you can implement to gain a competitive advantage.
- 2) Hands-on demonstrations of the latest solutions that can increase your efficiency and effectiveness.
- 3) The Microsoft Across America Truck making an appearance at our event, just for you!



Employee Spotlight



Brett Hardy is responsible for Purchasing and Inside Sales here at Computer Networking Services, Inc. for 4 years. He has the knack for finding the best value for our customers. Brett lives in Armada, MI with his wife and eight-year-old son, who is active in wrestling and baseball.

Favorite Food:
Extra hot and spicy Thai food. When dining out, Brett is known for telling the chef that the food is not hot enough. It's a bad idea to challenge him to a hot pepper eating contest; he will probably win.

Favorite Hobby:
Photography. He is actively involved in photographing sporting events and also teaches photography classes. In addition, he does all of the photography here at CNS.

Brett is a Volkswagen fanatic and currently owns three VW Jettas. His "NUTS4VW" license plate only confirms his love for the cars. He has stockpiled his barn with Jetta parts and VW has been known to call him looking for replacement parts.

- 4) You can win a Vista Tablet PC!
- 5) Our \$2,500 grand prize drawing.

Space is limited so sign up today! [Register Now](#).

Guru's Guidance

Practical Productivity - Being Productive Anywhere

I've always worked beyond normal business hours; sometimes it drives my wife a little crazy. Seventeen years ago that meant going back to the office after dinner if I needed access to files that were on our network. In those early days, there was no internet, no connection to the office and having a computer at home was a luxury that few people could afford - including me.

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Making Telecommuting Work for Your Business

By Monte Enbysk
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Telecommuting has gotten a bad rap. Some say that employees can't be serious about their careers if they'd rather work from home. Others insist that work groups fall apart if team members aren't physically in the office.

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Security Quickies

...That Could Save Your Bacon

Choose a password that's hard to crack

Upcoming Events

[Take Your Agency to the Next Level 2008 featuring the Microsoft Across America Truck](#)

(February 1, 2008)

[MAIA 17th Annual Convention](#)

(February 26-28, 2008)

[MAIA Tech Camp 2008](#)

(March 16-18, 2008)

[AMS National Conference](#)

(April 14-16, 2008)

[ASCNet SuperSummit - Detroit](#)

(May 20-22, 2008)

[High-Tecc 2008](#)

(July 20-23, 2008)

When choosing a password, try to make it by writing a sentence that you can easily remember. For example: "Los Angeles Lakers will win the NBA tournament this year". Then pick up the first letters of each word and also add at the beginning or at the end (or at both parts) some special characters and numbers. For example, with the last sentence you could get the password: =3LALwwtNtty\$. This method lets you come up with easy-to-remember passwords that are also hard to crack. And you avoid the need to write such a long password down in order to remember it.

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"You Have 92 E-mail Messages"

Would you like to stop this? Have you seen something like this in your inbox recently? If you have, you are not alone. 85% of business communicators said that e-mail overload is having a significant negative impact on their productivity.



We don't like it any more than you do, maybe even less. That's why we've done something about it and you can too! Introducing GFI Mail Essentials. For a pretty reasonable one time purchase fee and a even smaller annual renewal fee, state of the art Mail Essentials process each e-mail, helping to eliminating virus and spam in conjunction with ten defense layers providing maximum protection that is virtually seamless to the user and very effective.

Take back your employees productive time and eliminate this time waster and blight on your business for virtually pennies per day. If you would like more information, please contact us for all the information you need to stop spam in its tracks!

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