

Computing For SURV112

Introduction

File Organisation

Back-ups



Introduction

- Purpose of the Course
 - To provide an introduction to computing.
 - To teach practical skills in Excel.
 - To help students become able and proficient learners.

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Labs

- 8 * two hour labs
 - G06 Owheo Building
 - Get lab book at first lab
 - Demonstrators
 - What have you tried?
 - Lab Use

Lab A Schedule

Week 7	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8:00 AM					8 - 10 KG, KC SJ
9am - 11am	Bhaskar	Matthew Bhaskar Nick		Mike Bhaskar Nick	10 - 12 KC, RP NS, JW
11am - 1pm	Matthew Mike Steven		KC, WW LN, NM	SJ, LN NM	12 - 2 NS, LN NM, ?
1pm - 3pm		Nick Bhaskar Steven	Matthew Bhaskar Steven	Mike Nick Steven	2 - 4 KC, RP SJ, WW
3pm - 5pm	Mike (1 hr) Nick Bhaskar		Matthew Mike Nick	KC, WW NS, LN	4 - 6 RP, SJ WW, ?
			JW, KG SJ, RP	JW, KG SJ	
7:00 PM					

How?

- 6 * 1.5% lab assessments
- 1 * 16% Test in Week 10

File Organisation

- So files don't get lost
- Avoid duplicating files – reduce errors
- Ease back-up routine
- More efficient work practice

Back-up: Why?

- How important is that data?
- What would the consequences be if your PC vanished today?

“The pain of recovering from a disaster is almost always very high, and the cost is primarily in the time required to recreate the lost data.”

<http://www.pcguides.com/care/bu/exer.htm>

Back-up: Risks

- Hardware failure
- Software failure
- File system corruption
- Accidental deletion
- Theft
- Sabotage
- Natural disaster

Backup: What?

- Data
- OS
- Applications
- Disk Images

Back-up: Media

- Media size matching
- CD
 - 700 MB
- DVD
 - ~8.5 GB
- Life Expectancy
 - 2 – 200 years
 - De-lamination, cd rot, corrosion, physical damage

Back-up: Media

- Hard drive mirror
- External/removable hard drive
- (RAID) Array
 - Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks
- Life expectancy
 - Months - years



Back-up: Media

- Magnetic Tape
 - Large capacity (800+ GB)
 - Lasts 30 years (under ideal conditions)
 - Cheap(?)

Back-up: Media

- USB Key
 - Reasonable Capacity
 - Cheap
 - Reliable
 - Easy to Use
 - Reasonable life

Back-up: Remote

- Corporate
 - Retrospect
 - <http://www.tapeguard.com>
- Internet
 - Slow recovery?
 - Cost

Backup @ C.S.

- Student home directories
 - Nightly
 - Weekly
 - Using 6 HDD
 - Saved to permanent media at end of semester

Backup @ C.S.

- Web server, mail server, staff directories
 - Weekly (8 week rolling + snapshot)
 - Tape (~40 GB)

Backup @ C.S.

- Windows Users (in Domain)
 - Daily
 - External HDD
 - Weekly Tape
 - End of semester tape (maybe)
- Windows Users (stand alone)
 - Save to staff directories
 - Do your own

Back-up: Features

- A backup should be easy to do.
- A backup should be automated and rely on as little human interaction as possible.
- Backups should be made regularly.
- There should be at least two copies of the data, stored on different media, kept at different locations.
- A backup should rely on standard, well-established formats.
- A backup should not use compression.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Backup>

Next

- Malware