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Family Computer with Multiple Users

It is not unusual for a family to purchase a computer and after having used it for a while to start using it for a small home-based business or to do work for our job. Unfortunately, this computer has been exposed to Internet worms, trojans, viruses and unless proper protection has been exercised all these months to protect it from these dangers. Moreover, in families where file sharing, chatting and downloading music are a daily activity these threats multiply quickly. The problems arise when you start storing important data on this computer or use it to access file servers at work, potentially distributing the viruses or worse, transmitting confidential information over the Internet.

It is for this reason that the best solution is to dedicate one computer for running important tasks and keep it separate from the computer(s) that frequently access the Internet and are used to download and install programs. Furthermore, always make sure you have an up-to-date virus detection program running, a configured firewall and regularly schedule a data backup.

So before you sit down and start using the family computer to do taxes or write a business plan make sure that is virus free and properly protected. For more information on this Tech Tips or our previous editions please visit our website www.fastgeeks.com.