

OUR CUSTOMERS SAY IT BEST...

Thank you, John, for the quick response and good customer service. That is something that you rarely get anymore.

Thanks,
Brad

PLEASE BEAR WITH US!



You may have noticed a few changes in our newsletter over the past few months. We are

currently working on a new and improved look, while still providing the most helpful tips and the best expert advice!

As always, your thoughts are important to us. Please feel free to send us your feedback to atrella@isoc.net. Thanks!

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SPELL CHECK IN EXCEL

Yeah, I know. Excel is for numeric data only, but let's face it, we tend to use a lot of words in our Excel worksheets. Given all those words, it's only reasonable to find that typos and misspelled words are occurring in Excel too.

So, it makes sense to me to understand (not just assume) what cells the spell check feature is actually checking. Did you know that what spell check actually examines depends upon what you have selected when you start it?

Well, it does and with that in mind, let's take a look at our options.

If you have the formula bar selected, start the spell check (Tools menu, Spelling choice or F7). Excel will only check the contents of the formula bar,

leaving the rest of the worksheet untouched.

If the spell check is started with a range of cells selected, only the cells in the selected range will be checked.

To check an entire worksheet, select any cell and start the spell check.

Finally, to check multiple worksheets, first select the sheet tabs for all of the worksheets. (Use the Shift key or Ctrl key with the mouse to select all the sheets). Now, start the spell check.

There it is! That's enough information to understand what Excel's checking and to take control of your Excel spell checks!

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YOUR VERY OWN DOMAIN

So, you would like to design your own website, huh? Well good for you :-)

Whether it's a personal site or a business site that you are creating you will need a Domain Name.

A Domain Name is a unique name that identifies an Internet Site. Without getting into a bunch of technical jargon it's basically just the address for your site. For example, the Domain Name for WorldStart is www.worldstart.com. Type that Domain Name into the address bar of your Internet browser and the WorldStart site will appear.

Now that you know what a Domain Name is, let's choose one! This is the fun part. Pick a name that's reflective of your site, easy to remember and not too long. Let's

say I'm building a web site in honor of my dog, Lily. I'll want a name that reflects that. I think she is the greatest but the domain name www.lilyisthebestdoginthewholewidedorldtimesinfinity.com is too long—even though it's the truth. Something like www.lilydog.com is better. It's a good idea to have a couple of choices ready in case you find out that one of the names you want is already taken. That's right. The name you want could already be taken. I did a quick search on google.com and found a statistic, which stated that there are over 45,000,000 names already registered. That statistic is a few years old so I'm sure the number is a lot higher now.

You can find out if the domain name you want is available by going to the 'Who is' section of the InterNic website <http://www.internic.net/whois.html>.

InterNic stands for Internet Network Information Center and they have the info we need. Type the name you want into the Whois Search but leave out the www. So, still using my example, I'll type in lilydog.com and choose the Submit button.

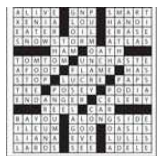
And, the results....dang, it's already taken!! If the name you want is already taken then you will be shown the registration information on it, which includes when the registration expires, in case you want to wait it out and buy the name then.

You can always try for a variation on the name you want such as lilydog.com if your heart is set on it. But let's try the other name superlilydog.com. Type it in and choose submit. Woohoo, it's available. If the name you want is available you will see a message that says "No match for domain "SUPERLILYDOG.COM"". Which means that no one else has registered it and it's available. Now just choose the Registrars link to decide which one of the accredited companies to use to register your domain name.

Next step: Find a Host

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Word of the Day



Perl = Practical Extraction and Report Language

A script programming language used to process text. It runs on many platforms (including Windows and Macintosh) and is installed on most Unix workstations. It is available for free and allows Web developers to quickly write code or perform system administration tasks. Created by linguist Larry Wall in 1987 to mimic natural languages, it is considered "the duct tape of the Internet" and has been hailed as the single most important tool for expanding Web sites quickly. More than half of the sites on the Web are built using Perl as the foundation that holds together text files and other applications. Perl is also viewed by many as "the poster child of the open source software revolution" because volunteer programmers from all over the world work together to make it better.

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!



From all of us at ISOCNET, we wish you the very best during this holiday season.

Online Shopping: Safest Way to Pay

Why is paying by credit card safer than paying by check, cash, or debit card?



If you have an unauthorized charge on your credit card, under federal law your liability is limited to \$50. In fact, some credit card issuers and web site operators say that under certain circumstances they will even pay this amount for you.

Can paying by credit card help in a dispute?

You may be able to dispute the seller's charges if the goods don't arrive or if you aren't satisfied with them and return them. However, under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act, you can only effectively dispute charges billed to your credit card (but that you have not yet paid) if ALL of the following are true:

1. You have made a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute with the seller;
2. The dispute involves the amount of \$50 or more; and
3. The dispute arose within the state of your credit card billing address, or within 100 miles of your address; AND
4. The seller of the goods (for example, a department store) has not issued the credit card that you used to pay.
5. If the seller of the goods has issued the credit card you used to pay, as when you use a department store credit card, you may be able to dispute the seller's charges as long as you have first made a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute. The \$50, 100-mile requirements do not apply where the seller and card issuer are the same company.

Be aware that if you buy goods or services from a seller through a web site, there may be some legal uncertainty about where a dispute arose.

What are other reasons to pay by credit card?

You may save money by using a credit card if you pay it off in full when the bill arrives. Payments made by credit card allow you to keep the payment amount in your bank account, earning interest, until your credit card bill for those payments comes due.

In addition, some credit card issuers grant you extended warranties or other advantages for purchases made with the card.

How can you protect against unauthorized use of your credit card account number?

Carefully and promptly check your credit card statements when they arrive. If you identify any irregularities, you should immediately bring these to the attention of the issuer of the credit card by telephone and in writing.

Do you need a separate credit card?

Consider dedicating a single credit card for online purchases. It will be easier for you to review your records. Also, should the security of this number be compromised, you'll still be able to use your other credit cards.

Do other payment options offer as much protection as a credit card?

When it comes to other types of payment options such as debit cards, money orders, cashier's checks, certified checks, teller's checks, and cash on delivery (C.O.D.), you'll find the level of protection isn't as high as with credit cards. Although there are pros and cons to these other payment options, using a credit card is still your best bet for safety.

Adapted From:

www.bbbonline.org/OnlineShopTips/

Words of Wisdom

It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities
J.K. Rowling

Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open.
Elmer G. Letterman

Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.
Albert Einstein