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David Downs, Owner

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Is Your Old, Outdated Phone System Causing You More Problems Than It's Worth?

If you think you have outgrown your current phone system and are tired of constant downtime, dropped calls, repairs and maintenance, it might be time for you to consider a VoIP system for your office.

First of all, what is VoIP? VoIP, or *Voice-Over Internet Protocol*, is a category of hardware and software that allows you to use the Internet to make phone calls and send faxes. The right VoIP system can likely save a considerable amount of money AND give you more features and flexibility to support customers, drive sales and manage calls throughout your office.

Here Are 3 Big Reasons Why Thousands Of Small Businesses Are Trading In Their Current Phone System For VoIP:

- 1. **Drastically reduces your phone bill.** If you have multiple offices, or even remote workers, new voice-over IP technology integrates your data and voice networks to drastically reduce long distance and lease line charges you are currently paying.
- 2. Eliminates expensive technician visits. These new systems are built so that your current IT person or company could easily maintain it in-house. No more waiting around for high-priced phone technicians to show up or paying high service call fees.



3. **FREE voice mail, auto attendant, call processing, automatic call distribution.** New VoIP systems come with all features included.

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À la carte add-ons are now a thing of the past. Imagine a phone that can automatically get to you anywhere and everywhere with a click of the button and much more.

Free Phone Audit Shows You How To Save \$1,000 to \$3,000 Guaranteed In 2015

If you currently have an old PBX legacy system, sign up to receive a Free Phone Audit and we will come out to your office and do a complete communications analysis for your company. At the end of our audit, we'll summarize our findings and show you exactly where we can save you a bundle this year.

Call our office today at 816-229-2290 to get started.

Protect Yourself From Online Credit Card Fraud

The past couple of years have been a rough ride for anyone who relies on a credit card to make purchases. Data breaches have plagued retail stores in the U.S. and Canada. Credit card providers



are set to roll out new, more secure credit cards to consumers this year, catching up to Europe and much of Asia in terms of credit card security. The U.S., in particular, has lagged behind in credit card security due in part to the

cost of upgrading both the cards themselves and the pay terminals.

If you are concerned about your credit card information falling into the wrong hands, there are several steps you can take to protect yourself:

Only give your credit card information to secure and trusted web sites. Never enter any personal or financial information

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Shiny New Gadget Of The Month



iPhone Binoculars

If you've ever wanted to add more utility to your Apple iPhone, iPhone SkyMall's **Binoculars** might be what you're looking for. binoculars. These featuring 36mm lenses, attach onto the back of your phone via a sturdy and specially designed case. The case lines up the iPhone's camera with one of the binocular's lenses. giving vour camera 8x magnification.

While it's not going to blow any aficionados optic away, it increases the usefulness of your iPhone's camera. Just open up the camera app to see the magnified image. Turn your phone into a viewfinder to take pictures or record video. Or just watch what your binoculars capture. You can use the binoculars even separately from the iPhone for doubled utility!

The binoculars also come with a travel case and cleaning cloth, and are currently compatible with the iPhone 5/5s and iPhone 4/4s. Pick one up at www.SkyMall.com!

Internet Vigilance

Despite constant development in security and stability, the Internet still remains very much a Wild West landscape. You can navigate through it, but you never know when you might encounter a hidden danger. Threats exist on a global scale.

Cybercriminals want information. They don't care whose information

they access and steal, or what damage they do. They want to take what they can get and they want to sell it. There are people who do this for a living. This morning, in the period of one minute, there were hundreds of cyber-attacks originating in China, targeting the United States.



What can you do? Stay vigilant.

Visit web sites you know and trust: This is the simplest and most effective way to keep safe.

Keep your web browser and computers up-to-date with the latest patches and security updates: While your office computers are kept up-to-date automatically as long as you're covered by any of our maintenance plans, you still need to keep an eye on updates for your home computer(s). Don't ignore these updates!

Know web sites you input personal information or credit card information into are secure: Look at the address bar. If you see "https" you are on a secure web page. If you see "http" you are *not* on a secure web page.

Make web sites you visit more secure: Browser extensions, such as **HTTPS Everywhere**, help make web browsing more secure. HTTPS Everywhere takes standard "http" web pages and secures them with "https" by automatically directing you to the secure version of the site. It's not compatible with every web page, but it goes a long way in protecting you.



The Lighter Side: Cake, Presents & Embezzlement



There's nothing like a birthday party complete with an over-thetop cake, mounds of balloons and presents stacked to the ceiling. No, we're not talking about Miley Cvrus' 23rd birthday extravaganza, we're talking about the surprise birthday bash Ruth C. Amen threw for her boss. without approval. The lavish party raised eyebrows and led to a review of the office manager's accounting practices. Turns out Amen had been embezzling money from the business to pay her personal credit card debt. She also cut extra paychecks for herself, "forgetting" to deduct insurance costs from them. Maybe Amen felt bad about stealing and wanted to make up for it somehow, but all of the birthday cakes in the world wouldn't quite cover the \$181,674 she stole. When the last candle was blown out, Amen was found guilty of Grand Theft and Scheme to Defraud, both felonies. Next time, buy a card; it's much less suspicious.

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on a non-secure web page. If you don't see "https" in the web address, move along.

Monitor all activity. Regularly check your credit card and bank statements. The simplest way to spot fraud is to monitor all your financial activity. Many credit card providers have custom alerts you can set to notify you if certain purchases are made.

Never save credit card information. Many online retailers and shops now ask if you would like to save your credit card information for future use. While it may seem convenient, skip it.

Delete your cookies and auto-fill data. When you enter information on a web page, that data is stored in your web browser. After you complete a transaction, go into your browser's options, settings or history tab and delete the data.



Who Wants To Win A \$25 Gift Card?

Last month's quiz question was In *A Christmas Story*, what is the one thing Ralphie wants for Christmas?

The correct answer was D) a BB gun. Here's this month's trivia question. The first person to respond correctly will receive a gift card to Scooter's Coffee & Yogurt: **This astronaut, born January 20, 1930, was the 2nd man to walk on the moon.**

A) Neil Armstrong B) Buzz Aldrin C) John Glenn D) Alan Shepard

> Call us right now with your answer! 816-229-2290



