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Newsletter of the Sandwich Computer Users Group

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## Last Month

Last month Jerry Grommes demonstrated how you can create and modify PDF files using Bullzip PDF Printer. The Bullzip PDF Printer works as a Microsoft Windows printer and allows you to write PDF documents from virtually any Microsoft Windows application. This program is **FREEWARE** with limitations, which means that it is **FREE** for personal and commercial use up to 10 users. It does not contain any advertising or popups.

## May Program – Impress

Our May SCUG program will continue talking about software products included with OpenOffice.org 3.0.

We will be demonstrating Impress, software very similar to Microsoft's PowerPoint. Impress can create slide presentations and open PowerPoint presentations. Inside a presentation you can show photos, video and play music. (more info on Impress inside NL)

We meet at the Federated Church in Sandwich 403 N. Main Street on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm unless noted otherwise. The meeting is a great place to learn about computers and meet new friends. Next meeting is May 21, 2009. Visit our web site at [www.scug.org](http://www.scug.org) for more info.

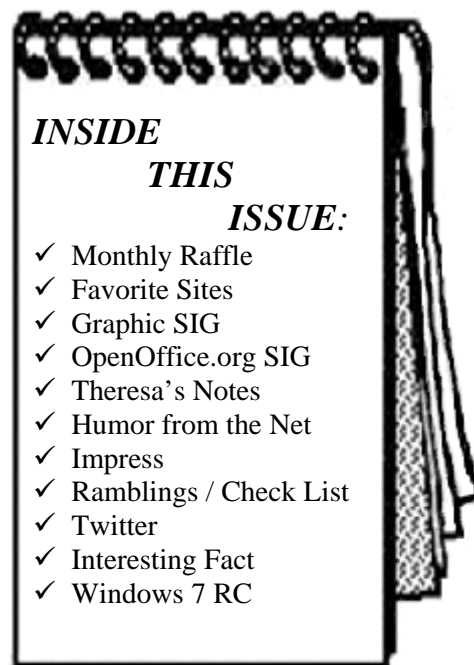
Membership forms are available at:

[http://www.scug.org/About\\_us.htm](http://www.scug.org/About_us.htm)

## Local Business Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Office Works in Plano is celebrating 25 years in business this year. *Congratulations to a great local business.*



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### Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.

Sat 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

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## May Birthdays

5/3 Lois Wessman  
5/6 Mary Lieser  
5/12 Harry Coffin  
5/20 Janet Hallstrom  
5/6 Dennis O'Connell  
5/10 Jeanne Greenwalt  
5/13 Jeff Mikyska  
5/20 Guy Pearson  
5/31 Bev Mayer

## June Birthdays

6/1 Quen Carpenter  
6/14 Linda Urech  
6/20 Joe Neuhauser  
6/24 Frank Marquett  
6/2 Bob Greenwalt  
6/16 David Ludwig  
6/24 Louise Dieden  
6/25 Bob Dell  
6/30 Arthur Lyman

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## Monthly Raffle

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The May raffle is a salute to the Memorial Day Weekend and the start of the picnic season. In our raffle, you will find red paper plates and matching napkins, snacks, and other goodies.

Buy early, buy often. I have expenses to cover and have to have a profit to show to the SCUG Board. After all, even volunteers can be fired! For the new members, the monthly raffle profits are used at Christmas time to give gifts back to the members.

Don't forget to start collecting your wonderful, in mint condition, items for the member raffle in July. Always fun, the members supply the raffle prizes for our July potluck. You can bring your items to the May, June or July meeting.

Looking forward to collecting your raffle dollars, I remain (until unthroned, dethroned or replaced) The Raffle Queen

*Debbie Olson*

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## Favorite Sites

too funny not to pass on....

<http://videos.komando.com/2009/04/27/baileys-stupid-pet-trick>

*Louise Dieden*

This site is quite reliable for medical information. It is maintained by the National Library of Medicine of the National Inst. of Health, and with the support of the American College of Physicians Foundation. It works mainly by links to the latest information on the subject of inquiry.

[www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

*Bob Dell*

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## Graphics SIG

### April Graphics SIG

There were eight people present to watch Jerry G. demonstrating how to construct an Impress Presentation in Open Office and then transfer it to a DVD using Windows Live Photo Gallery so it could be shown as a movie on TV.

We also looked at creating PDF's and created a Data Base in Open Office. Windows Live Mail was demonstrated and questions were answered. Open Office has a lot to offer – seems to be the coming thing.

*Laura Caupert*

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## OpenOffice.org SIG

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At the April OpenOffice.org SIG six SCUG members were present. We learned about the database program called Base from the OpenOffice.org suite. We talked about why you might want to use a database program. Next we created a small table inside the database then added information to the new table.

Once the table was setup we learned how to use the information inside the table. One way to use this information was to create queries. A query is a list of some of the information inside the table. From the query you can sort and view smaller groups of information. Finally we talked about printing the different table or queries we created in our database.

*Jerry Kell*

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## Theresa's Notes

### Theresa's Notes:

Jerry Grommes did a wonderful program on Bullzip PDF Printer which is a free program and can be downloaded at [www.bullzip.com](http://www.bullzip.com). There were 38 members present and 4 guests. One guest, Gail Mikeyska, turned in her application for membership.

Treats for the May 21, 2009 meeting are Roberta Drykstra and Peg Lyman, Tom Smith has signed up for set up. No one signed up for kitchen help. If anyone can come early or stay later to help clean up your help is always greatly appreciated. Theresa Bagg won the door prize which was a 68 piece office set.

*Theresa Bagg*

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## Humor from the Net

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### Genealogy VS Evolution

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?" The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so was all mankind made."

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved..."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

### Grandparents:

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!
15. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.



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## Impress

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Of course, you are free to use your old Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, or save your work in PowerPoint format for sending to people who are still locked into Microsoft products. Alternatively, use IMPRESS's built-in ability to create Flash (.swf) versions of your presentations.

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## Ramblings & Check List

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### Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener. I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth..... I think.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust'.

I've got that dreaded furniture disease... that's when your chest falls into your drawers!

When people see a cat litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'It's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor'!

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do...write to these men? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they deliver the mail? Or better yet, arrest them while they are taking their pictures!

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me; they were cramming for their finals...

As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

*Enjoy your days & love your life because.... life is a journey to be savored. Also, don't forget to keep your check list up-to-date.*

### Estate Check List

Does your family know where the following items are? This is a basic list of items for the executor to prepare your estate for distribution.

1. Last will and testament
2. Inventory of personal effects (Jewelry, Collections, etc.)
3. List of all bank accounts, including savings accounts
4. List of investments

5. List of pension funds
6. Copies of life insurance policies
7. Legal descriptions of all real estate, and copies of deeds, promissory notes and deed of trust
8. Legal description of mineral interests, and amount of any income being received from any such interests.
9. Legal description of property located in other countries or states
10. Gift tax returns and list of lifetime gifts by the decedent.
11. Copies of all trust agreements, where the decedent was a grantor, trustee or beneficiary
12. Copies of income tax returns for at least the last three years
13. Schedule K1's from partnerships and S corporations for at least the last three years
14. Copy of homeowner's insurance
15. List of all administration expenses including funeral expenses
16. Names, addresses, ages, relationship and social security number of all beneficiaries
17. Names and addresses of all professional advisors of decedent

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## Twitter

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### Twitter – What You Are Doing Right Now

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#### WEBSITES:

<http://www.twitter.com>

Several of the readers of this column asked me, "What is Twitter?" following the media reports that senators and congress people were "Twittering" during recent presidential speeches. Twitter (the internet service and the person who does the posting) and Twittering or Tweeting (the posting of personal activities on Twitter) has become one of the most popular ways of communicating one's activities so that others can follow what is going on in the life of a Twitter. The service is self-described as, "Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers



to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?" According to some of the national media quoted by Twitter.com, "The New York Times calls Twitter "one of the fastest-growing phenomena on the Internet." TIME Magazine says, "Twitter is on its way to becoming the next killer app," and Newsweek noted that "Suddenly, it seems as though all the world's a-twitter." One may wonder why a Twitter user would post his daily activities as they occur; Twitter explains it this way, "Why? Because even basic updates are meaningful to family members, friends, or colleagues—especially when they're timely."

Just to experience the life of a Twitter, I went to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and signed up for a free account. The signup process was very fast and easy, only asking for me to create my user name, create a secure password, and entering my email address. After creating my account, I was given the opportunity to upload a photo of myself for display to anyone that views my Twitter page, and allow me to customize my page to control the way others view it. I entered my first short message that I was using Twitter, and it appeared on my now personalized webpage. Since messages and other postings are intended to appear as text messages on cell phones as well as on a webpage, individual postings are limited to 140 characters, the maximum length of a text message (SMS) allowed on most cell phone systems. As I was typing this column, I posted a Twitter (message) that I was typing this column; if anyone is following my activities at this instant, he would receive this news as a text message on his cell phone, as an RSS feed on his computer, and email, or by simply viewing my Twitter webpage. On my view of my webpage is a text box where I can type my current activity, as long as I keep it under 140 characters, as shown by the counter adjacent to the text box. Postings can be made or received by computer, cell phone text message, Blackberry, or other communications device. Postings can also be received on any newsreader that uses the RSS format news feed.

Twitter makes it very easy to find friends who also Twitter. By clicking on the "Find People" icon, a window is opened that says "Find people". Follow them". To locate friends on Twitter, I chose to allow Twitter to access my email address book to determine if any of my current correspondents are on Twitter. Twitter can access (but only with your express permission) address books on Yahoo, Gmail, AOL, Hotmail, and MSN. It will quickly scan the online address book, and match any email addresses in the address book against the millions already in the Twitter database. Twitter states that it does not save the email addresses and passwords, and does not send out emails to those located without express permission to do so. I also used the "Find on Twitter" feature to enter my last name to see if any of my relatives are on Twitter, and add them to my friends list.

Just as a lark, I entered the names of some of our elected officials, and found that several of them do have Twitter accounts. If I want to invite friends by personal email, I can enter their email addresses in the "Invite by Email" box, and Twitter will send them an invitation.

If I want to add celebrities to my friend's list, I can click on "Suggested Uses", and a list of celebrities who Twitter will be displayed. By checking the box adjacent to their names, we can exchange Twitter posts and monitor each others' activities. Some of the more interesting celebrities and online services that can be added to anyone's Twitter friends list are the Jodrell Bank observatory, the Dell Outlet Store, JetBlue Airways Customer Service (monitors Twitter 24/7), the New York Times, 10 Downing Street (the official residence of the British Prime Minister), rapper M. C. Hammer, CNN Breaking News, Al Gore, John McCain, Whole Foods Market (Fresh organic tweets from Whole Foods Market HQ in Austin), Lance Armstrong, Britney Spears (Yes! This is the real Britney Spears!), George Stephanopoulos (ABC News Chief Washington Correspondent and Host of "This Week"), Women's Wear Daily, the Nightline TV news show, Martha Stewart, comedian and magician Penn Jillette, rapper 50 cent, and many more. The business and news outlets listed post breaking news or special deals to their Twitter friends. One that I added, being the nascent bargain shopper, is Woot.com, which posts one deeply discounted bargain each day in each of its merchandise categories.

Twitter, the company, is headquartered in San Francisco, and was founded in 2006. It is a small company, with only a few dozen employees, but has millions of members. It has a marketing model to generate revenue, but the revenue model has not yet been implemented, leaving all of the posts and web pages currently free of advertising.

I am not sure how much I will be using Twitter on a regular basis by posting my personal activities and short commentaries, but I will check my page occasionally just to see who is following my activities. The main purpose of Twitter is to answer the question, "What are you doing?" For those who want others to be able to know the answer in real time, they can do so with Twitter.

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## Interesting fact

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This year at five minutes six seconds after four a.m. & p.m. on the eighth of July the time and date will be:

**04:05:06 07/08/09**

This will not happen again for a thousand years.

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## Windows 7 RC

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**REDMOND, Wash. — April 30, 2009** — Today Microsoft Corp. has reached a significant milestone with the Release Candidate (RC) of the highly anticipated Windows 7 operating system, now available for download to MSDN and TechNet subscribers. Broader public availability will begin May 5 on the Microsoft Windows 7 site. The RC milestone is a result of feedback from millions of customers and partners around the world. It indicates the operating system is entering the final phases of development and is ready for partners to develop new applications, device drivers and services, and ready for IT pros to evaluate Windows 7 and examine how it will operate in their environment.

"Listening to our partners and customers has been fundamental to the development of Windows 7," said Bill Veghte, senior vice president for the Windows business at Microsoft. "We heard them and worked hard to deliver the highest quality Release Candidate in the history of Windows. We have more partner support than we've ever had for an RC and are pleased to say that the Windows 7 RC has hit the quality and compatibility bar for enterprises to start putting it through its paces and testing in earnest."

Overall, Windows 7 has garnered strong industry support. According to an independent report from Forrester Research Inc.'s Ben Gray: "The beta of Windows 7 shows significant promise, and most IT operations professionals are looking forward to its availability and eventual enterprise deployment ... start preparing for it now, and the best way to prepare for Windows 7 is by deploying Windows Vista. Short of that, begin testing your applications and hardware for compatibility against Windows Vista; it will pay off with greater compatibility with Windows 7." ("Get Ready for Windows 7," Forrester Research, April 2009.)

With Windows 7, customers will have access to the broadest array of software and hardware options the industry has to offer, and Microsoft is committed to delivering tools and support that enhance software compatibility as well as ease deployment and migration concerns for businesses and consumers alike. Customers also will benefit from the strong industry and partner support of Windows 7.

### Strong Partner Support for Windows 7

More than 10,000 companies have signed up to have access to a breadth of helpful tools and resources needed to prepare their products and services to take full advantage of the innovations in Windows 7.

"With the upcoming introduction of Windows 7, Microsoft's new operating system will redefine how people think about computing," said Joe Roberts, executive vice president, Products for Corel Corp. "Drawing on our customer research, we're building new creative consumer applications that take advantage of the solid performance and powerful touch capabilities Windows 7 offers to turn the typical user

experience of mouse clicks and menus on its head — completely changing how users interact with Corel’s creative software.”

### Windows 7 RC Reflects New Advancements

New to the Windows 7 RC are advancements such as Remote Media Streaming, Windows XP Mode (beta) and the upcoming beta of the Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor:

- **Remote Media Streaming.** Enables highly secure, remote Internet access to home-based digital media libraries from another Windows 7-based PC outside the home.
- **Windows XP Mode.** Utilizing Windows Virtual PC, Windows XP Mode allows Windows 7 users to run many Windows XP productivity applications, launched right from the Windows 7 desktop. Windows XP Mode will be available to Windows 7 Professional and Windows 7 Ultimate customers via download or, for the best experience, pre-installed directly on new PCs. As part of today’s announcement, Microsoft is releasing the beta of Windows XP Mode and Windows Virtual PC. For larger businesses where management is important to reduce the total cost of ownership, Microsoft Enterprise Desktop Virtualization (MED-V) within MDOP adds management to Windows Virtual PC including centralized policy, administration experience and deployment.
- **Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor.** To help enable a smooth transition, Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor will help people analyze their PCs in preparation for a Windows 7 upgrade. Available soon, Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor will be a downloadable tool that will help people determine their ability to upgrade from their Windows XP-based or Windows Vista-based PC to Windows 7.

In addition, a number of enhancements were made to existing features based on feedback from beta testers, including the following:

- **Refined navigation.** Several enhancements to the Windows taskbar, JumpLists and search make navigation and finding exactly what you want much easier.
- **Internet Explorer 8.** InPrivate browsing in Internet Explorer 8 prevents browsing history, temporary Internet files, form data, cookies, and usernames and passwords from being retained by the browser. With Windows 7, you can start an InPrivate session straight from the JumpList. You can also open a new tab from the JumpList.
- **Windows Touch.** Controlling the computer by touching a touch-enabled screen or monitor is a core Windows 7 user experience. Improvements in the RC include several Windows Touch updates, including the ability to drag, drop and select items with touch, even inside Web sites that scroll both horizontally and vertically.

### System Requirements for Windows 7

With the RC, Microsoft is also providing guidance on the minimum system requirements for Windows 7, showing that Windows 7 will work on a broader array of hardware than any other release of Windows at launch:

- 1GHz or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 1 GB of RAM (32-bit)/2 GB of RAM (64-bit)

- 16 GB of available disk space (32-bit)/20 GB (64-bit)
- DirectX 9 graphics device with Windows Display Driver Model 1.0 or higher driver

### Windows 7 Ready for IT Pros and Tech Enthusiasts to Preview

For enterprises, Windows 7 is designed to empower users to work from anywhere while providing enterprise IT the tools to manage security, compliance and data protection through an infrastructure that will drive down the cost of operations. IT professionals and small and medium-sized businesses will find that Microsoft is committed to delivering tools and support that enhance software compatibility as well as ease deployment and migration concerns. Some key features for IT professionals include the following:

- **Direct Access.** This feature enables IT managers to provide mobile users with reliable and security-enhanced access to corporate network resources when they are on the Internet, without having to initiate a VPN connection. It also allows servicing and updating of remote PCs, even when they are on the road. This helps ensure that all mobile PCs are always up to date, and Windows Powershell means IT pros can automate many standard tasks to help reduce helpdesk costs, minimize user disruption and ease PC management. Direct Access is delivered by Windows 7 with Windows Server 2008 R2.
- **BranchCache.** Delivered jointly by Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2, this feature enables IT pros to decrease the time branch office users spend waiting to download files from remote servers by caching the previously accessed content locally in a branch’s network.
- **BitLocker and BitLocker To Go.** This helps ensure that sensitive data is protected across PCs and removable storage devices.

For those who are interested in previewing Windows 7 and experiencing the new features firsthand but are not TechNet or MSDN subscribers, the Windows 7 RC will be publicly available May 5 on the Microsoft Windows 7 site. For customers who want to take advantage of Windows XP Mode and Windows Virtual PC, there will also be a download available on the site.

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