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### Sharing printers

It's common in offices to share printers - it would be awkward to have a printer on everyone's desk in a busy office. But you can also share printers in your home or home office too, if you have more than one PC on a network (for example if you share broadband), and regardless of whether you have a network server or not. If you want to try doing this yourself, see the article on [sharing and connecting network printers](#) using Windows XP on Tabard IT's website.

### Trying to print digital camera pictures?

You can use your photo printer to print off prints, but often, and especially if you're printing a lot of photos, it's cheaper (and easier) to use an online or high street service.

Online: you can use [Colormailer](#) who charge between 12p and 17p per print. This is only recommended if you have a broadband connection, as you upload the photos over your internet connection and this would take a long time on a dial-up.

High street: [Boots](#) or [Jessops](#) offer both the high street and online services. You can either copy your chosen pictures to a CD or memory card and pop in, or use their online service from home.

### Symantec's free online security check

Symantec Security Check tests your PC's for exposure to a wide range of online threats. Symantec make Norton Antivirus etc, and this is a free and efficient service which helps you determine whether your current internet security is up to the job. Click here to perform a [checkup](#), or call Tabard IT to give your PC a health check

### Time to replace the inkjet printer?

If you thought that inkjet printers were the cheapest option, you might like to check out the [research](#) that shows the total cost of ownership (TCO) might be lower with a colour laser printer if you print enough pages; a summary is shown below:

Printer	Purchase £	3 year running cost	TOTAL
Inkjet	£30	£2850	£2880
Colour Laser	£500	£525	£1025

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### Backdoor Trojan targets Microsoft Access!

Virus writers have been busy recently creating new headaches for Windows PC users. A good source of information on the latest threats can be found on [The Register](#) website. If you receive any document or attachment via email, then ensure you virus scan the file before opening it. How you do this depends on your antivirus software, so refer to its help information, or you can contact Tabard IT for a refresher. Remember to keep your antivirus and firewall software up to date.

### Office 2003 trashes the junk

Microsoft has released Service Pack 2 for the Office 2003 Suite which improves Outlook's spam handling. Other enhancements aim to reduce [phishing](#) attacks. SP2 can be downloaded from [here](#).

### Microsoft battles the spyware!

Microsoft has released its own anti-spyware tool. Although in the early stages of development, it's still a useful tool, and it's free. Download it from [Microsoft](#).

### How much did that virus cost?

Businesses: [NTA's website](#) has a downtime calculator. You enter a few values and it will tell you how much a typical hour's downtime will cost and how much this adds up to per year.