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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 anti-virus 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.