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Tip of the Week — Scamming Ahoy!

There have been two recent reports of new scams coming to light. The first was a report in the paper of a Nigerian man who posed as a woman on an internet dating site and got \$20,000 from a Brisbane man. The AFP were alerted because of the amount of money going overseas, so they helped the Nigerian police catch the man. The fate of the money was not reported!

The second scam that I have come across this week is an email which appears to come from a bank. It states that the bank is unable to *send messages to your online banking due to a Error Code [E634] between your e-mail address* [sic]. If you download today's cheat-sheet you will see a direct quote from the email, and perhaps be able to comprehend just how illiterate the author is in English. You are asked to click on a link and update your details (as usual) and thus give the scammer all your banking details.

My tip: please read, and think, before clicking.

Saving Reports as .pdf Files

There may be many times when you would like to save a report or a web page but are not sure just how to do this. My favourite way of doing this is to create a report in .pdf format. This format is a standard way of sending information over the web, and is also an easy way to store information. .pdf files can be searched, just like other file types, so you can easily find the file and information that it contains.

My favourite program for creating a .pdf file is PDFCreator from sourceforge. This excellent program is free, like all sourceforge programs, and has recently been updated. It runs on Windows XP but not Vista: for Vista you need BullZip PDF Printer. They both act just like a printer so can be used to print anything that any program can print. This includes Word (which is how I have created this document) and just about every program that you can think of.

You will need a special program to be able to display and print .pdf files: my favourite one is Foxit reader. Adobe Acrobat Reader is the standard program, but it is just too slow and too intrusive for my taste. There have been a lot of people recently who have been unable to use Acrobat Reader because it slowed their computer down to the point where it appeared to stop and the problem was that Acrobat Reader was spending too much time trying to download an update and chasing its tail in the process.

Websites

PDFCreator	sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator
BullZip PDF Printer	www.bullzip.com
Foxit PDF reader	www.foxitsoftware.com