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Work Smarter

[TIP: Protect your data on the road](#)

Nothing sours a business trip faster than losing your data. Itâ€™s not just bad for productivity â€” it can also make you look unprofessional in front of clients or partners. There are plenty of ways to ensure that data loss doesnâ€™t happen to you â€” like making sure your PC and PDA are on the same page before leaving the office, and taking a high-capacity memory stick with you wherever you go. Read our five top tips for protecting your business information when youâ€™re out and about.

[TIP: Customise your toolbars and menus](#)

Learn how to change existing toolbars and menus, including the shortcut menu, and how to create your own toolbars and menus in Microsoft Office programs.

[TIP: Basics for safer downloading](#)

Have you ever wondered if it was safe to open a spreadsheet attached to e-mail from a colleague, grab a cool little screensaver or mouse cursor from the Web, or download music or video files from a stranger's computer? Well, before you do, consider the potential risks to your computer and the company network. Protecting your computer from the potential dangers of downloading takes a bit of forethought, a bit of caution, and strict adherence to the rule: when in doubt, save before you download. Read on to find out how you can address safety risks when downloading files.

[TIP: Cut down employee talk time](#)

Do your employees regularly talk to each other by phone? The phone is great for instant communication, but it can be a time-waster when staff miss each other and have to leave messages, or when the conversation goes on longer than necessary. Instant Messenger is a brilliant way to give staff immediate access to each other, and it includes a feature which lets you know when a contact is away from their desk – saving the hassles of “phone tag”. There are plenty of other ways to save time when collaborating. Here are some of the best.

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This beta version includes both Visual Studio 2005 Professional and Visual Studio Team Suite in the one bundle. On final release, these products will be sold separately. [Click here to order Visual Studio 2005 Team System Beta 2.](#)



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