



Welcome to May everyone! I think it's safe to say we're entering cookout weather once more, especially with Memorial Day coming up at the end of the month. Memorial Day has a special meaning to me and my family as I enter into my 29th year of military service. It is a great day to remember all of our brave service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

As I mentioned last month, we're honored to have been awarded the SBA Veteran-Owned Small Business of the year! In case you've yet to see it, we have our office press release available [right here](#).

I also want to use this space to recognize members of our company for their volunteer work within the Worcester community. Since November of last year, Machado Consulting has been volunteering at St. John's Food for the Poor. Each Friday, a team of two, heads down to the St. John's Food for the Poor program to give a helping hand in any way possible. National Volunteer Day was this past April 20th and we wanted to present each volunteer with a plaque in recognition for their dedication and commitment to our Worcester community.

We have some great tips and tricks for all of you to enjoy this month. Please know that we're always available to chat if there's any additional information we can provide to you, your home or your company. Enjoy the warm weather!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helder'.



Due to recent changes in Microsoft's licensing, we will be changing our primary Microsoft Office offering from the retail version, to Microsoft's Office 365 subscription model. Coming soon, all newly requested copies of Microsoft

Office will be subscription based instead of a one-time purchase. Subscription fees will be added to your monthly Managed Services bill and adjusted as you add/remove licenses. Please reach out to a member of the technical staff if you have any questions. More information will be coming soon; keep an eye out!

How a Single Hacker Stole \$100 Million From Two Major Tech Companies



An unfortunate fact about the modern business world is that any organization that utilizes technology is playing with fire. Cyber attacks can circumvent even the most well-protected networks through the company's users. This is, unfortunately, something that business owners often don't learn until they're on the receiving end of an attack; just like the two companies that fell victim to phishing attempts that were supposedly operated by Evaldas Rimasauskas, a Lithuanian hacker who has been accused of stealing \$100 million from them.

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The Top 3 Ways Cloud Computing Helps Businesses



Employee Spotlight



Alex Milburn

The employee spotlight of the month is Alex Milburn. Alex recently became our "Creative Technologist" which encapsulates duties within our sales and marketing department.

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Understanding Ransomware

Cloud computing has taken the business world by storm, fulfilling so many needs and simplifying just as many processes. If you've been on the fence about incorporating the cloud into your IT infrastructure, you should know a few of these benefits to help you make your choice.

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How Does a UTM Firewall Protect Your Business?



Every time you pick up a personal computer from a vendor, chances are that it will have an extremely basic firewall pre-installed. These consumer-grade firewalls leave much to be desired, especially in the business environment. You'll want to make sure that your organization is equipped with enterprise-level solutions designed to protect on both a fundamental level and an advanced level. To do this, you want to take advantage of a Unified Threat Management solution.

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News You Can Use

3 Tools for Simplifying Your Company's Email



Managing your company's email can be a complex endeavor, due to the sheer volume of messages being sent and received, as well as the need to have a way to prioritize which messages are important. It's safe to say that all organizations can benefit from email management solutions, such as email archiving and spam protection, and multi-factor authentication.

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What happens when drivers aren't installed or kept up to date? Your technology suffers, and so does your productivity.

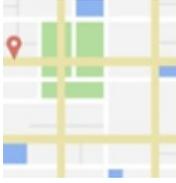
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Quotes

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Martin Luther King, Jr.





Throughout human history, cartography served as an exciting field for knowledgeable scribes. Today, the entire planet has been mapped and apps like Google Maps allow any Joe Schmo with a smartphone to have the world at their fingertips. Consequently, you can effectively be a cartographer of sorts, just by knowing how to best use Google Maps.

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Here's How to Make the Internet Far Less Distracting for Your Team



The average office worker needs to access the Internet in order to do their job. What they don't need to access is cat videos, memes, social media, online games, and malware-ridden websites. How can a business owner clamp down on Internet activity in their office? By equipping their network with a content filtering solution, of course.

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"Your site tents of green, We deck with fragrant flowers; Yours has the suffering been, The memory shall be ours."

Henry Wadsworth

Monthly Funny



May the Fourth be with you!

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