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On this occasion I am touching on a couple of things, backing up and security. Everybody needs to back up at least those important files, sure its a pain having to have your system re-installed or to set up a new machine but its even worse if those essential files have gone. Some people use an external hard drive and while this is fine I would point out that everybody should also back up to somewhere else.

Hard drives, even external ones will fail one day because what's actually in the box is no different to the one inside your pc or laptop. What I recommend is a second hard drive to back up the first one as they are unlikely to fail together. An alternative for those important photos and documents is a flash drive or pen drive (usb), they are reasonably cheap.

Plug one in a spare usb port, close the window that comes up. Now go to your documents folder or pictures folder and right click an item then hover the mouse over "Send to" and at the bottom of the list you will find your flash drive listed, just left click it and the file you had right clicked will be copied to your flash drive. That's the easiest way to back up, it does not require any additional software and just two clicks in most cases.

SECURITY

The scam goes on. Please let your friends know via facebook or telephone or email and of course speak to them. There are rogue computer support companies telephoning people at home purporting to be affiliated with Windows or Microsoft and claiming there are errors on your computer. These people are scam artists, just put the phone down. You can get tips and suggestions from my facebook page at:

<http://tinyurl.com/27xdos9> or just search for Yellow Boat Computers.

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