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### [Interview] Part 2: Nuo Yan, Windows Shell/User MVP

This is the next blog in the [continuing series](#) of interviews with leading professionals.

In this blog series, we talk with [Nuo Yan](#) a leading technology authority and Microsoft Most Valuable Professional.

Thank you and Enjoy!  
Stephen Ibaraki, [FCIPS](#), [I.S.P.](#), [MVP](#)

Stephen: What highly desired, though not well known tips can you share from each of these technologies areas: Windows Vista, Windows Mobile?

Nuo: Windows Vista: While in Internet Explorer 7, many end users want to open pop-up windows from a new tab but not a new IE window because most of the time pop-ups are annoying. But they couldn't figure out what settings to change. Here is the way: Open Internet Explorer, click "Tools," click "Internet Options," click "General" tab, then in the "Tabs" area click "Settings," in "When a pop-up is encountered" area, select "Always open pop-ups in a new tab." Then click "ok" two times.

Windows Mobile (Smartphone): Not all people using Windows Mobile Smartphone know there is an option in the profiles called "Automatic" which can change the profile of the phone to "Meeting" automatically when there is a calendar event marked as "Busy." I will change the profile back to "Normal" automatically when the event ends. By default, "Meeting" means only vibrator is enabled and "Normal" uses the ringer.

Stephen: Please share a story with us and the resulting lessons from your work with developing and customizing solutions for Microsoft partners?

Nuo: One time I worked for a Microsoft partner to develop a computer control feature for small businesses (much like the parental control in Windows Vista). Initially we wanted to migrate or enable parental control for those business computers, but since parental control in Windows Vista is not designed for business users our initial thoughts failed at that time. We changed our plan and we developed a similar system based on Windows.

Lesson learned: I always appreciate the extensibility Windows provided to developers or ISVs. It's a great operating system with a lot of flexibility so we can always build amazing things on this platform.

Stephen: What are the critical issues facing organizations today and how can they be addressed?

Nuo: Too many things are involving people in it, so they become more complex than they should be.  
Solution: Plan and make a better IT system. Better allocate your organization's resources by using computers for work that can be done more quickly and efficiently by using computers. Doing so may cause an initial investment on IT, but it will lower the administrative cost for the organization in the long run.

Not everyone in an organization knows how to use a computer and even less people have knowledge about security. In some organizations, many computer users have accounts with administrative privileges but they don't make their computers secure enough (e.g. not installing update, have blank password, etc). This may cause the whole corporate network being attacked.  
Solution: User education is extremely important. Also there is a need to have a secure client infrastructure. Never give general users administrative privileges.

Look for more with Nuo in the next blog.

I also encourage you to share your thoughts here on these interviews or send me an e-mail at [sibaraki@cips.ca](mailto:sibaraki@cips.ca).

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