

New lobo.net website!

We unveiled our new website this month and are getting lots of great feedback. Visit the new website at www.lobo.net! Let's talk a bit about a couple of the areas that our current customers can benefit from the new website design.

Important Announcements

The new "Important Announcements" area of the home page - This is just what it states, we'll update this area with information like upgrades to our system, virus alerts, etc... so keep your eye on this area.

News & Notices

On the left gray navigation area you'll see this link, here you'll see the important announcements among other news and notices about computers, the Internet, Email, etc. Also on this page is an archive of all the newsletters we send out with our monthly bills! We have had great feedback on these newsletters so we have decided to offer them as PDF downloads. A lot of our customers don't get billed each month so this is a great place for those of you who don't get billed monthly to still get our newsletters. All this information on the new website will be on the next couple of newsletters for this very same reason.

Useful Links

This page is very light at the moment but we have big plans for it! We would like to offer all of our business customers a chance to get their name on our useful links area, kind of like a business directory. If you have a business with a website and you are one of our customers we will add you to this listing - please fill out the form located on this page: <http://www.lobo.net/index.php?page=submit>

Customer support

We now have a support area where you can download and print PDFs of popular support requests including email set-up, DSL router setup, etc. We will be adding more of these PDFs as we go.

There are lots more new information resources on the new website, so feel free to browse around! We will be updating



our website constantly and if you have any questions, comments or suggestions please let us know by sending an email to support@lobo.net.

Backup and Recovery

Don't wait to start a data backup and recovery plan till it's too late to. All your hard work, photos and music could vanish in a blink of an eye. Backup services aren't just for desktop systems or networks anymore; your laptop has all the latest features like computer tracking software, and finger print recognition etc., but if your system is lost or stolen how will you recover hours or even years of important data?

CUBS is a safe and easy to navigate, encrypted online back-up service. CUBS is our new Central Utility Backup Service that will give you piece of mind knowing your files are safe, secure, and easily retrievable from our remote location.

Home owners insurance may cover your equipment losses, but it doesn't help in retrieving your lost files, and no excuse will ease the pain of trying to recover your data. Don't let a fire, equipment failure, or a virus ruin your day. Keep your files safe with our CUBS. CUBS works with Windows, Mac, and Linux platforms quickly and easily.



- Automate your backup
- No more tapes to change out
- No more CDs to burn
- No more remembering when and where your last backup media may be
- Maintain your files in a secure off - site location
- Fast access to your encrypted files and No hidden or additional costs for file retrieval/restore

Download CUBS for Windows Now and call us for a free test account for 30 days! 505-832-4444. Information on the Cubs plan is available on our website.

A Few Browsers To Consider

What's your favorite Web Browser? Mine is Firefox. It seems to be the best for my multi-purpose, multi-taking chores. But it is still a compromise, for me. Everyday more web pages are acting like applications – Flash, videos, music, forms and buttons. Web Browsers have to be able to do a lot more than they used to. So what browser should you use? It depends on what you are doing. For basic searches, webmail and browsing any browser should work just fine. For Social networking (like myspace.com or facebook.com) you should stick to Firefox or IE. If you are a user of google apps, or most other online applications Google's Chrome is excellent, and very fast. That being said, Web Applications are designed to work in any browser.

The bottom line is; try them they are free, and choose the one that best suits your particular style of Web Browsing.

Firefox 3.5

<http://www.getfirefox.com>

With version 3.5 of its browser, Firefox has embraced emerging Web standards and continues to improve speed. With the addition of the new private browsing mode, improved tab handling, and incredible customizability, and you have a winning combination. Although some of the Standards it embraces are not really standards, yet. Firefox 3.5 is speedier and slightly prettier than its predecessors.



Google Chrome 2.0

<http://www.google.com/chrome>

Chrome is the speediest browser, and this version gets even faster and adds a few features its more mature competitors already offer. But Chrome still trails in convenience and customizability. Chrome is designed for running webapps, so if you are using google apps, this is the browser to use for them.



Internet Explorer 8

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer/>

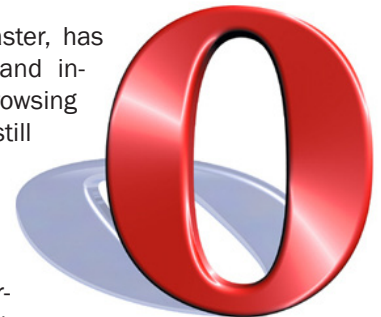
The latest version of IE has new security features and adds some browsing aids, such as WebSlices and Accelerators. It still offers a backward compatibility button, as it still does not comply with many of the Standards for web Browsers. A predictive address bar brings it closer to Firefox, but the lack of a download manager and robust extension system hold the browser back.



Opera 9.5

<http://www.opera.com/download/>

This version of Opera is faster, has better standards support and includes lots of unique browsing helpers. But some sites still don't play well on the Opera stage. Opera has the lightest "Footprint" of any of the browsers, but is no longer the fastest at rendering webpages and Javascripts



Safari 4

<http://www.apple.com/safari/download/>

Safari offers plenty of eye candy, with its Cover Flow history display. Some clever interface innovations, near-Chrome speed, and site compatibility make it a good choice overall. For Mac users, the Safari 4 upgrade is a no-brainer, but Windows users will probably prefer Firefox or Chrome as IE alternatives.



Ballon Fiesta is coming

Up, Up and Away! This is the 10th year we will be supplying wireless access for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. More about the Balloon Fiesta setup in the next newsletter.