

2010 Q3 link clearance: Microsoft blogger edition

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It's that time again: Sending some link love to my colleagues.

- [Jim O'Neil](#) shows [how to plug OpenSearch search into Explorer and customize it a bit](#). [Scott Hanselman](#) provides [a few to get you started](#). Other resourceful folks have cooked up [still more](#). (Oh, and [if you want "Search the Internet" to be available from your Start menu](#), you can turn on *Add Search Internet link to Start Menu* in the Group Policy Editor under User Configuration, Administrative Templates, Start Menu and Taskbar.)
- Eric Lawrence takes time out from his [day blog](#) to post on the [Fiddler blog](#).
- [Andy Pennell](#) gives some backstory on [the secrecy behind the KIN phone announcement](#). (I have a few KIN promotional items which I plan to use as a contest giveaway. First I need a contest idea...)
- [Murray Sargent](#) digs into the Unicode Bidi Algorithm, specifically [where it tends to fall down](#).
- [Gus Class](#) explains [how to report bugs in SDK documentation](#).
- [Paul Betts](#) investigates [the case of the disappearing OnLoad exception](#).
- The [Group Policy Search](#) tool on MSDN lets you browse or search a database of group policies. You can even install an Internet Explorer search provider or a Windows 7 Search Connector so you can search for group policies directly from Internet Explorer or Explorer.
- [Chris Jackson](#) answers the question *What is the deal with shimming on Windows Vista 64-bit?* He also explains that [you can't fix application compatibility problems with dialog boxes](#). (Chris also [covers an application compatibility bug that technically isn't a compatibility bug at all](#) because the problem occurred even on Windows XP. The application was [mixing colors that weren't meant to be mixed](#).)
- [Volker Will](#) points out that [support for 32-bit applications is an optional component in Windows Server 2008 R2 Server Core](#). (Man, what a long product name.)
- [Eric Ligman](#) discovers that [the use of acronyms is way out of control](#).
- The [WER Services blog](#) explains [what the three answers to "Help protect your computer and improve Windows automatically" actually mean](#).

- [Chris Pendleton](#) noted some [special map mash-ups from the City of Seattle: The Travelers Information Map and My Neighborhood Map](#). (In the time since that entry was written, Chris has [taken up posting to the Bing Maps blog](#).)
- [Larry Osterman](#) tells another story of [Last Checkin Chicken](#).

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