

Did You Know...

- **NYUHome can help reduce all that spam clutter**

NYUHome offers a customizable spam filtering service that can help reduce the spam clutter in your e-mail inbox. Whether you access your e-mail using NYUHome's webmail client or a desktop mail client (e.g., Eudora, Macintosh Mail, Netscape Messenger, or Outlook), the NYUHome PureMessage spam filter will help remove that annoying junk mail. Activate this convenient service through your NYUHome "Preferences" settings, or visit <http://home.nyu.edu/help/mail/spamfilter.nyu> for a full set of instructions.

- **You can download AntiVirus software from NYUHome, and easily keep it up-to-date!**

ITS automatically checks your incoming NYU e-mail for computer viruses (see p. 20), but with new viruses emerging daily, you should take additional steps to protect your computer. ITS provides Symantec AntiVirus (and other useful software) to the NYU community through NYUHome. To download this software, log in to NYUHome at <http://home.nyu.edu/> using your NYU NetID and password. Click on the "Files" tab, scroll down to the "ITS Software" channel, then click on the AntiVirus link for your computer's operating system. Once you've installed AntiVirus, be sure to use the "LiveUpdate" feature to update the virus definitions. Then, continue to check for updates daily or whenever you're online. (You can set LiveUpdate to do this for you automatically.) See "When Computer Viruses Strike" on p. 18, the Security Awareness Month announcement on the back cover, and the ITS website (<http://www.nyu.edu/its/security/>) for more information about protecting your computer.

- **What's new at the ITS labs and classrooms**

ITS' Academic Computing Services has recently improved and expanded a number of the lab and classroom facilities and services available to NYU faculty and students. Recent enhancements include a redesigned Video Editing Lab, new Apple G5 computers at the ITS Multimedia Lab, and expanded end-of-semester hours at the ITS labs and the Faculty Technology Center. See "What's New at the ITS Computer Labs" on p. 26 for details. And, in case you haven't already heard, ITS offers several hands-on computer classrooms that can be reserved by faculty for regular or occasional class meetings that require in-class computer use by students. See <http://www.nyu.edu/its/classrooms/> for more information.

- **ITS can help with your research or academic project**

ITS offers a variety of services in support of instructors and researchers at NYU, including computing facilities and special resources, technical support, consultation, and resources management. Examples discussed in this issue include digital project support ("The Clerk's Tale," p. 7), arts technology resources ("Rapid Prototyping," p. 2), and high performance computing services ("High Performance Computing Rocks at NYU," p. 29). Contact the ITS Faculty Technology Center to find out more about the ways that we can help: its.ftc@nyu.edu.

- **You can keep in the know with Connect-Direct**

Be sure to watch Connect-Direct, ITS' monthly e-mail publication, for computer-related news, security alerts, eTips, and other information of interest to people who use information technology at NYU. See <http://www.nyu.edu/its/pubs/connect/direct.html> for more about Connect-Direct.