Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing, the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28. After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th and the document was approved.

Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. By the early 1800's the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday.

Avanta will be closed Friday July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. However, our automated phone attendant allows software and hardware team members to be paged in the event of an emergency. Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

UNIX and Avanta Login

There are two different types of logins for the Avanta System: the UNIX login and the Avanta login.

The first login is at the UNIX, or operating system, level. This is the area where users normally type in their first name at the login prompt, and then a password. Please note that this login must always be entered in lowercase. The UNIX login has nothing to do with the security levels within your practice and simply serves as an identifier at the operating system level that aids in troubleshooting various problems. A user's UNIX login may be used multiple times, but we recommend using a different login name for each workstation. Any UNIX user login must be created by an Avanta representative.

The second login is the Avanta login, at the software level. After a user selects the desired practice from the Practice Selection Screen, they are prompted for a password. This Avanta password is linked to a user name and security profile for each user. This password is normally setup by the office administrator or manager. At this level, the user can be restricted from almost any part of the Avanta system. This security level is also used to tracks and record user activity such as scheduling appointments, posting charges or payments, and deleting ledger items.

If you have any questions about the two types of logins for the Avanta System, please call a software support specialist at Avanta.

CHECK AND LOG YOUR BACKUP DAILY!

Although your backup tapes are conditionally guaranteed for life by the manufacturer, they seldom last that long. It is important to check your backup every morning and track the results to identify problem tapes. If you suspect that you have a defective backup tape, please call an Avanta representative to help you determine if this is the case. If you do have a failed backup tape, it may be possible to get a free replacement from the manufacturer.