

# USEFUL WEBSITES

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## PC REPAIR INFO - HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SITES: (Mostly free)

PC REPAIR TIPS:

<http://support.microsoft.com/fixit/>  
<http://www.smartcomputing.com/> (subscribers only)  
<http://pctechbytes.com/>  
<http://dougknox.com/>  
<http://annoyances.org/>  
<http://bootdisk.com/>  
[www.techadvice.com](http://www.techadvice.com)  
<http://kellys-korner.com/>  
<http://www.extremetech.com/>  
<http://www.mikeshardware.co.uk/>  
<http://www.support.com/> (PAID)  
<http://www.computertricksandtips.com/>  
<http://www.protonic.com/>  
<http://www.techguy.org/>  
<http://gegeek.com/>

Remote Support:

<http://www.techinline.com/>  
<http://https://secure.logmein.com/home.asp?lang=en>  
<http://www.laptoprepair101.com/>

Troubleshooting internet connection problems

<http://antivirus.about.com/od/windowsbasics/a/interneterrors.htm?nl=1>

MISC TROUBLESHOOTING INFO:

<http://www.pctechbytes.com/index.htm>  
<http://superuser.com/>

XP - VISTA - Win2000 - Windows 7 Troubleshooting info

<http://www.aumha.org/win5/a/shtdwnxp.php>  
<http://www.pctipsbox.com/>  
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/>  
<http://forum.thewindowsclub.com/>

LAPTOP POWER TROUBLESHOOTING

[http://www.uofr.net/~greg/hardware/laptop\\_power\\_troubleshooting/](http://www.uofr.net/~greg/hardware/laptop_power_troubleshooting/)

DELL FORUM ON CNET: [http://forums.cnet.com/5204-13974\\_102-0.html?forumID=152&tag=rb\\_mtx:f06-fd](http://forums.cnet.com/5204-13974_102-0.html?forumID=152&tag=rb_mtx:f06-fd)

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS (Free signup): <http://lounge.windowssecrets.com/index.php?>

<http://www.cyberwalker.com/>  
<http://techguylabs.com/radio/pmwiki.php>  
<http://www.infopackets.com/>

EXPERTS EXCHANGE

<http://www.experts-exchange.com/> (PAID)

Free experts-exchange answers:

<http://www.tutorialized.com/view/tutorial/Get-Free-Answers-from-Experts-Exchange/28035>

PINOUTS: <http://pinouts.ru/>

P/S: <http://www.playtool.com/pages/psuconnectors/connectors.html>

GEN INFO: <http://www.tweakguides.com/TGTC.html>  
<http://www.playtool.com/pages/home/index.html>

MISSING DLL's: <http://www.dll-files.com/>

BIOS INFO: <http://www.techarp.com/freebog.aspx>

BIOS BEEP & POST CODES:

<http://www.computerhope.com/beep.htm>

LAPTOP TIPS: <http://www.notebookforums.com/>

UTILITY PROGRAM DOWNLOAD SITES:

<http://filehippo.com/> <http://download.cnet.com/windows/>

<http://www.tucows.com/> <http://snapfiles.com/>

<http://nirsoft.com/>

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/default.aspx>

SYSTEM SIMULATORS AND DIAGNOSIS ASST.

<http://chasms.com/index.shtml>

<http://networkoverload.com/>

## SERVICE MANUALS & REPAIR GUIDES:

MANUALS: <http://www.eserviceinfo.com/> <http://printer1.blogspot.com/>  
[Http://www.manualsonline.com/](http://www.manualsonline.com/) <http://www.manualslib.com/>

USER GUIDES & MANUALS: <http://safemanuals.com/> (Also called diplodocs.com)

LAPTOP REPAIR: <http://repair4laptop.org/>  
<http://www.lcdparts.net/howto/techsupport.aspx>

Repair sites list: <http://www.notebookrepairguide.com/>

Toshiba laptop disassembly: <http://www.irisvista.com/> & <http://www.irisvista.com/tech/>

Free manuals: <http://www.tim.id.au/blog/tims-laptop-service-manuals/>

MISC HOW-TO's: <http://www.mikeshardware.com/howtos/>

HARDWARE FAILURE DIAGNOSIS FLOWCHART <http://www.fonerbooks.com/pcrepair.htm>

7 LAPTOP RESOURCES: <http://www.technibble.com/7-sites-with-laptop-teardown-guides-repair-resource/>

TEARDOWN INSTRUCTIONS MISC Devices: <http://www.ifixit.com/Teardown>

LENOVO SUPPORT: <http://consumersupport.lenovo.com/>

## HARDWARE REPAIR / PC SERVICE (Local to West Los Angeles)

### COMPUTER DOCTOR GROUP

Richard Marr (e-mail = ComputerDoctorGroup@hotmail.com) 1-310-435-8175  
Culver City, CA *Note: Richard does House Calls and is Coordinator of PC's at the  
Culver City Senior Center.*

### MERIDIAN COMPUTER SERVICES

Jerry Chapman (e-mail = jerchapman@meridian118.com) 1-310-822-3762  
Playa del Rey, CA *Note: Jerry does House Calls.*

### AUTOMAGIC COMPUTERS

Factory Authorized Repair for TOSHIBA only.  
(Recommended by several LACS Members);  
[Http://www.automagiccomputers.com/](http://www.automagiccomputers.com/) 1-310-552-1412  
195 S Beverly Drive, Suite 406, Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
Email: service@automagiccomputers.com 1-800-554-1412

### ASHTON ELECTRONICS (I have not tried them myself)

Factory Authorized Repair for SONY, ACER, EPSON, & LG. (PC's, Printers, Monitors)  
[Http://www.ashton-e.com/services.html](http://www.ashton-e.com/services.html) 1-310-559-6241  
10812 West Washington Blvd  
Culver City, CA 90232

### West LA Computer Fix ("A" rated by Angies List, but I have not tried them myself)

Contact Information Mr. Dan Zivetz  
2829 Greenfield Avenue  
Los Angeles CA 90064 (Map it)  
(424) 208-3828 (310) 850-8093 [www.westlacomputerfix.com](http://www.westlacomputerfix.com)

### GOGO TECHS (Recommended highly by Angies List, but I have not tried them myself)

Brands = MAC ONLY Contact: ORY HODIS (37 "A" rated Reports as of 10-15-2011)  
<http://www.gogotechs.com>  
2633 Lincoln Bvd #155  
Santa Monica, CA 90405 1-800-314-9771

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**KINGLY Computer Repair Center** (5.0 star rating with YELP) 1-310-806-1352  
1080 S La Cienega Blvd Ste 203 (I have no personal experience with Max)  
Los Angeles, CA 90035  
Contact: Max Lu (No reviews on Angies List)  
<http://www.kinglycomputer.com/>

**SOFTWARE ARCHIVES** (Down-level programs) <http://oldversion.com> <http://filehippo.com/>  
**WEBSITE PAGES ARCHIVES:** <http://www.archive.org/index.php>

**REMOTE SCANS & TESTS** (try googling: online virus scan)

## MALWARE SCANS:

TREND: [housecall.trendmicro.com](http://housecall.trendmicro.com) (Runs under Firefox or IE. Needs latest JAVA)  
pandasecurity.com (requires IE and installs an activeX add-on)  
bitdefender.com (requires IE and installs an activeX add-on)  
security.symantec.com (requires IE and installs an activeX add-on)  
kapersky.com (requires IE and installs an activeX add-on)  
ESET.com (requires IE and installs an activeX add-on)  
Website Blacklist removal: <http://viamaverick.com/google-blacklist-removal-made-easy/>  
Website scan: <http://www.aw-snap.info/file-viewer/>  
Website scan: <http://sitecheck.sucuri.net/scanner/>

## MISC SCANS

SECUNIA OSI: [www.secunia.com/software\\_inspector](http://www.secunia.com/software_inspector) This site checks for vulnerability of various utilities & programs. (Needs the latest Java to run).  
Shields Up! Open Port Scanner: <http://www.grc.com/x/ne.dll?bh0bkyd2>  
POPUPTTEST.COM (tests your blocker)  
MONITOR TEST: <http://tft.vanity.dk/>  
**NOTE: Avoid sites that require downloading a program to run.**

**IDENTIFY UNKNOWN DEVICES (In Device Manager).** <http://pcidatabase.com/>

To get the Ven or Dev number to use with this website: Go to Device Manager, right click on the Unknown Device. Click Properties. Go to the "Details" Tab and choose "Hardware ID's" from the dropdown box. Enter these numbers at the website and it will identify what the device is.

## DEVICE DRIVERS (XP)

USERDRIVERS <http://www.userdrivers.com/>  
DRIVERMAX (Signup for free & download free Utility): <http://www.drivermax.com>  
Driver Detective (\$29.99 + Free trial, Not tried) <http://www.drivershq.com/Home.aspx>  
DRIVERGUIDE Free: <http://www.driverguide.com/>  
DRIVERAGENT: (Paid) <http://driveragent.com/>  
OPENDRIVERS: <http://www.opendrivers.com/>  
DRIVERPACKS (Search for Notebook drivers online) <http://drp.su/drivers/notebooks/?l=en>

## ONLINE BACKUP: DATA

carbonite.com jungledisk.com mozy.com  
Windows Live Skydrive (25GB free) <http://skydrive.live.com/>.  
Use with Gladinet: [http://www.gladinet.com/p/download\\_starter.htm](http://www.gladinet.com/p/download_starter.htm)

## ONLINE BACKUP: E-MAIL and SOCIAL NETWORKING

Backupify: <http://www.backupify.com/plans>

## TRAINING & TUTORIALS:

### GUIDES TO TUTORIALS:

[www.tutorialguide.net](http://www.tutorialguide.net)

[www.good-tutorials.com/](http://www.good-tutorials.com/)

[www.acrobatfiles.com/](http://www.acrobatfiles.com/)

[www.butterscotch.com/tutorials.html](http://www.butterscotch.com/tutorials.html)

HP LEARNING CENTER: <http://h30187.www3.hp.com/?tab=allClasses>

MICROSOFT VIRTUAL ACADEMY: <http://www.microsoftvirtualacademy.com/Home.aspx>

MISC & SOFTWARE + Win 7 8 10: <http://www.avoiderrors.net/>

### WEBDESIGN & HTML

HTML & CSS: <http://html.net/> Validate HTML: <http://validator.w3.org/>

WEBMONKEY: <http://www.webmonkey.com/>

### MISC Courses:

BATTERY INFO: <http://batteryuniversity.com/>

BEGINNER PC: <http://pcstats.com/beginners.cfm>

GOOGLE SEARCH VIDEO TUTORIALS: <http://www.powersearchingwithgoogle.com/>

JEFF LEVY: <http://askjefflevy.com/lessons/lessons.html>

CNET: <http://classes.cnet.com>

Microsoft Office: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/training/default.aspx>

MIT.COM <http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/web/home/home/index.htm>

TECH VIDEOS: <http://labrats.tv/>

PC's <http://www.hardwaresecrets.com/type/1>

PC TRAINING (A+ Cert) (Free): <http://www.professormesser.com/>

BUILDING YOUR OWN PC: <http://compreviews.about.com/od/tutorials/u/BuildaPC.htm>

HOME NETWORKING VIDEOS: <http://www.dlinktv.com/>

MUSIC PRODUCTION: <http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,2845,2364703,00.asp>

MESA SOS (Utility Prog Tutorials): <http://www.mesasos.com/>

TECH TUTORIALS: <http://www.butterscotch.com/tutorials.html>

A+ GENERAL INFO:

<http://www.professormesser.com/free-a-plus-training/220-701/professor-messers-free-220-70x-comptia-a-training-course>

### PC TECHNICAL PODCASTS (AUDIO Tutorials):

<http://podnutz.com/> , <http://www.techpodcasts.com/> , <http://miketechshow.com/>

### PC TECHNICAL PODCASTS (VIDEO Tutorials): <http://www.microsoft.com/emea/spotlight/>

Note: Microsoft's Silverlight is required to view any Microsoft Tutorials.

### NETWORKING <http://compnetworking.about.com/od/basicnetworkingconcepts/>

<http://www.networkclue.com/>

### OPEN OFFICE Tutorials:

[www.tutorialsforopenoffice.org/](http://www.tutorialsforopenoffice.org/)

[www.learnopenoffice.org/](http://www.learnopenoffice.org/)

<http://documentation.openoffice.org/tutorials/>

# USEFUL WEBSITES

[http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Documentation/OOoAuthors\\_User\\_Manual/Impress\\_Guide](http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Documentation/OOoAuthors_User_Manual/Impress_Guide)

## PHOTOSHOP

[www.pixelcorps.com/](http://www.pixelcorps.com/)

Also see the MISC Courses & GUIDES to Tutorials.

## LINUX TUTORIALS

For the basics of Linux, listen to the "Linux Reality" podcasts at:

<http://www.linuxreality.com/archives/> ; Episodes 1 thru 15 (Feb 2006 - May 2006)

For the basics of Linux, see the Linux Reality Podcasts at:

<http://www.linuxreality.com/archives/> Episodes 1 thru 15 (Feb 2006 - May 2006)

## MISC PC STUFF

AUTOMATIC APPLICATION INSTALLER: <http://ninite.com/>

BENCHMARKING CHARTS:

<http://www.passmark.com/>

<http://pcper.com/>

[Http://www.tomshardware.com/charts/](http://www.tomshardware.com/charts/)

<http://anandtech.com/Bench/CPU/2>

CONVERT TEXT (All UPPER CASE to Sentence or all Lower Case) <http://www.convertcase.net/>

## DESKTOP WALLPAPER IMAGES

hamad darwish

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/darwishh>

interfacelift.com

<http://interfacelift.com/>

Desktop Themes:

<http://www.dowtheme.com/index.htm>

1000 IMAGES

<http://www.1000pictures.com/>

Physics

<http://www.timetabler.com/physics4u/4Uscreensavers.html>

Wally (Program to find Wallpaper) <http://www.becrux.com/index.php?page=projects&name=wally>

## DNS SERVERS

Set up your PC or Router to use the DNS Servers at OPENDNS.COM

208.67.222.222 and 208.67.220.220

## DOWNLOAD SITES

My favorite safe download sites for free stuff:

<http://filehippo.com/>

<http://snapfiles.com/>

<http://www.tucows.com/>

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

<http://sourceforge.net/>

<http://www.nonags.com/>

More sites:

<http://www.downloadsquad.com/>

<http://majorgeeks.com/>

Old versions of stuff:

<http://filehippo.com/>

<http://www.oldversion.com/>

<http://www.pcmag.com>

Obscure old Stuff

<http://www.vetusware.com/>

MISC Utilities

<http://nirsoft.net/>

GIZMO'S FREE SOFTWARE: (Utilities and other stuff)

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/>

## EMERGENCY/DISASTER KITS/PLANS

<http://video.about.com/apartments/Make-a-Home-Emergency-Kit.htm>

<http://video.about.com/autorepair/Evacuation--10-Essentials.--5E.htm>

#### FAN NOISE RATINGS:

WWW.XOXIDE.COM

WWW.FROZENCPU.COM

#### FAX -

RECEIVE FAXES FOR FREE: <http://www.efax.com/efax-free>

SEND FAXES FOR FREE:

MyFax: <http://www.myfax.com/free/>

FaxZERO (Puts an ad on the cover sheet) <http://faxzero.com/>

FIND THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF ANY IP ADDRESS: <http://ipfingerprints.com/>

#### HARD DRIVES

##### SOUNDS

Listen to sounds of failing drives: [http://datacent.com/hard\\_drive\\_sounds.php](http://datacent.com/hard_drive_sounds.php)

DATA RECOVERY FOR CRASHED HARD-DRIVES:

<http://www.datadoctors.com/index.cfm>

<http://www.MyHardDriveDied.com>

<http://www.barnabasgroup.com/> Talk to Tom. (540) 760-7746

Reasonable prices. No charge if data not recovered.

<http://www.300dollardatarecovery.com/>

\$300 to recover your data. No charge if they cannot get the data you need.

SSD PERFORMANCE REVIEWS: <http://pcper.com/ssd>

SSD COMPARISONS: <http://ssdboss.com/>

#### HARDWARE REVIEWS:

<http://hardocp.com/>

IDENTITY PROTECTION (Free or almost free, \$1.00)

DMA Opt Out: [http://https://www.dmachoice.org/MPS/mps\\_consumer\\_description.php](http://https://www.dmachoice.org/MPS/mps_consumer_description.php)

Stop Junk Snail Mail <http://proquo.com/>

Opt Out (Credit Card offers) <http://https://www.optoutprescreen.com/?rf=t>

LIFELOCK (\$99 per year with coupon code KNX) [www.lifelock.com](http://www.lifelock.com)

#### LINUX

DELL's UBUNTU SITE: [http://www.dell.com/content/topics/segtopic.aspx/linux\\_3x?c=us&cs=19&l=en&s=dhs](http://www.dell.com/content/topics/segtopic.aspx/linux_3x?c=us&cs=19&l=en&s=dhs)

MISC DISTRIBUTIONS: <http://distrowatch.com>

FREESPIRE <http://www.freespire.org/>

LINUX REALITY <http://linuxreality.com/>

UBUNTU: <http://www.ubuntu.com/>

WUBI Ubuntu Installer: <http://wubi-installer.org/>

PODCASTS: <http://www.thelinuxlink.net/>, <http://goinglinux.com/>

#### MONITOR CALIBRATION SITES:

FLATPANELSHD.COM: <http://www.flatpanelshd.com/focus.php?subaction=showfull&id=1229341512>

COLOR TEST: [http://www.vanity.dk/tft/monitorTest\\_scale.html](http://www.vanity.dk/tft/monitorTest_scale.html)

EYE PERCEPTION TEST (Online Color Challenge): [http://www.xrite.com/custom\\_page.aspx?PageID=77](http://www.xrite.com/custom_page.aspx?PageID=77)

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## NETWORK PERFORMANCE

LOCAL NETWORK SPEED: <http://www.speakeasy.net/speedtest>

WORLDWIDE: <http://speedtest.net/>

LOCAL NETWORK CONDITION: <http://www.pingtest.net/>

## NETWORK - TRACE IP ADDRESSES

neotrace.com (\$29.99)

ipchicken.com (shows the current assigned IP Address of your Modem)

**PASSWORD CHECKER** (from Microsoft) <http://www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/password/checker.msp>

## PDF's

CONVERT A PDF TO WORD format (.DOC) (e-mailed to you): <http://www.pdfword.com/>

**RECOVERY CD SETS:** <http://www.myrecoverycds.com/>

## SECURITY

GRC.COM (Shields up & Spin Rite)

GRC.COM/freepopular.htm

SECUNIA.COM/software\_inspector

**USB SPECS & INFO:** <http://www.cablewholesale.com/index.php?section=Support&body=USB%20Cables%20II>

**URL SHORTENER:** <http://goo.gl/> <http://tinyurl.com/>

## WEBSITE HOSTING:

squarespace.com godaddy.com <http://www.ultrasurge.com/specials/cheap-internet-hosting.html>

**WINDOWS 7 SOFTWARE - Best prices:** <http://www.trinitysoftwaredistribution.com/>

## AUDIO/VIDEO

### AUDIO TESTS

MAIN PAGE: [http://www.audiocheck.net/soundtestsaudiotesttones\\_index.php](http://www.audiocheck.net/soundtestsaudiotesttones_index.php)

SPEAKER POLARITY: [http://www.audiocheck.net/audiotests\\_polaritycheck.php](http://www.audiocheck.net/audiotests_polaritycheck.php)

LEFT/RIGHT AUDIO TEST: [http://www.audiocheck.net/audiotests\\_stereo.php](http://www.audiocheck.net/audiotests_stereo.php)

WHITE NOISE <http://mynoise.net/>

TINNITUS FREQUENCY <http://www.audionotch.com/app/tune/>

**SOUND EFFECTS & SOUNDS:** Google a subject and include .wav in the search.

Or try <http://www.soundsnap.com/> or <http://www.findsounds.com/types.html>

<http://fuzzy42.com/SoundClips.html>

### STREAMING VIDEO

STICKAM.COM

YOUTUBE.COM

USTREAM.COM

TECHGUYLABS.COM

EMPIREONLINE.COM

CNN.COM

AMAZON.COM PRIME

Test of Windows Media players: [www.vdat.com/techsupport/windowstest.asp](http://www.vdat.com/techsupport/windowstest.asp)

Microsoft Test : [www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/demos/demos.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/demos/demos.aspx)

LOCATE STREAMING MOVIES ONLINE: <http://www.canistream.it/>

### INTERNET RADIO (streaming)

RADIO LOCATOR <http://www.radio-locator.com/>

RECIVA <http://https://www.reciva.com/>

JANGO

<http://www.jango.com/>

PANDORA <http://www.pandora.com/>

AOL MUSIC

<http://music.aol.com/radioguide/bb>

LIVE365 <http://www.live365.com/index.live>

## STREAMING MUSIC

MAGNATUNE <http://magnatune.com/>

## VIDEO

VIDEO CARD TIPS: <http://www.playtool.com/pages/home/index.html>

DVD BURNING HELP: <http://www.videohelp.com/> (Best = Panasonic 24p camera )

HDTV CALIBRATION: <http://www.avforums.com/t/948496/avs-hd-709-blu-ray-mp4-calibration>

AMOROK Program: See TUX Magazine #16

OTA TV CONVERTER BOX +PVR:

[http://www.amazon.com/HomeWorx-HW-150PVR-Converter-Recording-Function/dp/B00CXAE92K/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1389023657&sr=8-1&key\\_words=hw-150](http://www.amazon.com/HomeWorx-HW-150PVR-Converter-Recording-Function/dp/B00CXAE92K/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1389023657&sr=8-1&key_words=hw-150)

BUYING ADVICE & REVIEWS:

<http://www.camcorderinfo.com/>

<http://ultimateavmag.com/>

MUVEE6 Program.

WINDVD (Note: The WINDVD program has a screen capture capability).

RIP VIDEOS FROM DVD: <http://handbrake.com/>

"VIRTUAL DVD" ISO: [http://www.filehippo.com/download\\_daemon\\_tools/](http://www.filehippo.com/download_daemon_tools/)

MEDIA MONKEY: [http://www.download.com/MediaMonkey-Standard/3000-2141\\_4-10109807.html?tag=nl.e415](http://www.download.com/MediaMonkey-Standard/3000-2141_4-10109807.html?tag=nl.e415)

MEDIA-CONVERTER.ORG: <http://www.mediaconverter.org/>

AUDIO/VIDEO FILE CONVERTER: <http://www.online-convert.com/>

NETFLIX HELPER SITES: <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/9-tips-tricks-netflix-subscription/>

<http://instantwatcher.com/> <http://dvdlater.com/> <http://www.whichflicks.com/>

PODCAST AGGREGATOR (RSS): [www.getmiro.com](http://www.getmiro.com)

MEDIA SERVER: [www.plex.com](http://www.plex.com)

## MUSIC

Hard to find music: <http://www.musicstack.com/>

SUPER Quality Music: <http://www.hdtracks.com/> <http://itrax.com/>

<http://www.2l.no/hires/index.html> <http://www.linnrecords.com/>

IDENTIFY MUSIC BY HUMMING: <http://www.midomi.com/>

## CODECS:

K-LITE CODEC PACK (Full): [http://www.free-codecs.com/download/K\\_Lite\\_Codec\\_Pack.htm](http://www.free-codecs.com/download/K_Lite_Codec_Pack.htm)

LINUX = [automatrix.com](http://automatrix.com) = TUX #16

## MISC GENERAL STUFF

ALARMS & AMPLIFIED DEVICES: <http://www.sonicalert.com/>

AUTOMOBILE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL (WIFI) "OBD II Link MX" : <http://www.scantool.net/>

Sends diagnostic info you your cell phone. (avail Feb 2014)

**CHANGE DETECTION:** Monitor a webpage/website for changes and get an email notification when any change occurs. <http://www.changedetection.com/>

**WEBSITE DOWNLOADING TOOLS** (You can download an entire website for offline viewing)

<http://www.snapfiles.com/Freeware/downloader/fwoffline.html>

## GAMES

# USEFUL WEBSITES

GAME INFO: <http://gametunnel.com/>

ADVENTURE GAME INFO: <http://www.justadventure.com/>

Copy protection Database = <http://www.120search.net/> or see: <http://forum.alcohol-soft.com/>

ONLINE Classic Arcade Games: <http://classicgamesarcade.com/>

CLASSIC PC GAMES <http://www.gog.com/>

## **FOOD**

copykat.com (famous recipe copies)

## **FUN:**

- Science experiments: <http://madsoci.org/>
- Making Candy. An interactive video: Click on Candy-O-Matic and click the "Add Heat" button. Funny: <http://www.exploratorium.edu/cooking/candy/index.html>

**HOME & AUTO REPAIR REVIEWS** - Personal reviews & ratings of service company's performance.

[www.angieslist.com/AngiesList/](http://www.angieslist.com/AngiesList/)

## **HUMAN:**

How to reach a Human being when you call a company: <http://gethuman.com>

## **MISC - MISC**

MAKEMAGAZINE.COM

CRAFTS Handmade Products: <http://www.etsy.com/>

BUGMENOT.COM (anonymous log in to sites)

PORT FORWARDING: [aportforward.com](http://aportforward.com)

READ WEBSITES LATER: [instapaper.com](http://instapaper.com)

101 GREAT DOWNLOADS: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,143642-page,16-c.webservices/article.html>

DIY: <http://www.hacknmod.com/>

2008 BEST WEB APPS: <http://www.webware.com/html/ww/100/2008/winners.html?tag=dl-blog>

FREE SOFTWARE: <http://www.fantasticfreeware.com/>

ASK QUESTIONS: <http://vark.com/>

## **PEOPLE SEARCH:**

Top 10 Ways to Do a Free People Search On the Web:

<http://websearch.about.com/od/peoplesearch/tp/peoplesearch.htm>

Top 10 Free Public Records Search Picks:

<http://websearch.about.com/od/governmentpubliclegal/tp/publicrecords.htm>

SEARCH PUBLIC RECORDS Free: <http://www.zabasearch.com/>

SPOKEO: <http://www.spokeo.com/>

## **PHOTOS:**

- PHOTO TAKING TIPS: <http://photo.net/learn/point-and-shoot-tips>
- SATELLITE PHOTOS  
<http://earth.google.com/>      <http://www.keyhole.com/index.html>      <http://www.us.map24.com/>
- ZILLOW.COM      <http://www.zillow.com/>

## **SHOPPING/SELLING**

**BUYING ADVICE:** (When to buy, etc)

<http://www.decide.com/>

## **SHOPPING**

pricegrabber.com                      pricewatch.com                      <http://www.craigslist.org/about/sites.html>  
bizrate.com                              buy.com

YAHOO SHOPPING: <http://shopping.yahoo.com/> , then search for the exact item you want.

STUFF ON SALE: <http://www.salecircular.com/>

BUSINESS CARDS: <http://www.zazzle.com/businesscards> or <http://www.vistaprint.com/>

PC DISCOUNT SOFTWARE: <http://www.pcprogramswholesale.com/products.php>

MENOTTI TRAVEL TRIPODS: <http://www.mefoto.com/products/backpacker.aspx>

## PRODUCT REVIEWS & COMPARISONS:

Amazon.com                      consumersearch.com                      epinions.com                      cnet.com

[www.pcmag.com](http://www.pcmag.com)

[www.tomshardware.com/us/](http://www.tomshardware.com/us/)

VIDEO/AUDIO

<http://www.hometheatermag.com/>

<http://www.ultimateavmag.com/>

<http://sewelldirect.com/>

COMPARE CELL PHONES:

<http://versusio.com/en/>

## COUPON CODES / DISCOUNTS

<http://www.savings-center.com/>

<http://DealLocker.com/>

<http://consumernow.com/>

<http://www.GotApex.com/>

<http://bensbargains.net/>

## PC PARTS

DELL Parts: <http://www.redplanettrading.com/>

DELL PARTS: See Ebay power seller "greetings\_and\_computations" or try this link:

[http://www.ebay.com/sch/greetings\\_and\\_computations/m.html?ipg=50&sop=12&rdc=1](http://www.ebay.com/sch/greetings_and_computations/m.html?ipg=50&sop=12&rdc=1)

PC's, REFURBISHED: <http://computer-show.com/>

HARD DRIVE Stuff

Adapter Cables for 1.8" ipod drive to IDE: <http://www.addonics.com/products/io/aaedt18ide25.asp>

Rosewill Aluminum SSD Adapter: 3.5", holds two 2.5" SSD's or HDD's in one slot.

[http://www.amazon.com/Rosewill-RX-C200-Aluminum-Mounting-Drive/dp/B00558OP3U/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1335407148&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Rosewill-RX-C200-Aluminum-Mounting-Drive/dp/B00558OP3U/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1335407148&sr=8-1)

HARD DRIVES & LAPTOP PARTS: <http://www.drivesolutions.com>

PC KEYBOARDS

High quality IBM Style Keyboards by Unicomp - <http://pckeyboard.com/>

High quality Northgate Keyboards: <http://https://www.cvtinc.com/products/keyboards/menu.htm>

High quality Elite Keyboards: <http://elitekeyboards.com/>

PC CASES, LEDs, and more: <http://www.xoxide.com/>                      <http://www.koolertek.com/>

PC CASE MODS & Accessories: <http://www.mountainmods.com/>

KITS: <http://https://www.sparkfun.com/>

PC MOD PARTS: <http://www.frozencpu.com/>

PC REPAIR PARTS: <http://www.alancomputech.com/>                      Mobos, etc.

PC LAPTOP PARTS: <http://www.lcdparts.net/>                      <http://laptopaid.us>

<http://www.ccfldirect.com/>                      <http://www.parts-people.com/>

PC LAPTOP SCREENS: <http://www.screenetekinc.com/>

MISC: <http://www.newegg.com/>

MISC: <http://microcenter.com/>

MISC: <http://www.amazon.com/>

MISC: <http://www.tigerdirect.com/>

CAPACITORS & MISC: <http://www.digikey.com/>

# USEFUL WEBSITES

**Capacitors:** Make sure you use 105\* low-ESR caps like FC or NHG series for MOBO repairs.

MISC: <http://www.newark.com/>

MISC: <http://crazyipc.com/>

MISC: <http://www.xpcgear.com/>

MISC: <http://www.geeks.com/>

## **PRINTING SITES (Business Cards, brochures etc)**

GOTPRINT: <http://gotprint.net/g/welcome.do>

## **ELECTRONIC PARTS (General Electronics)**

AUDIO EQUIPMENT: <http://www.bswusa.com/>

CELL PHONE PARTS: <http://www.directfix.com/>

GENERAL ELECTRONICS: <http://www.allelectronics.com/>

GENERAL ELECTRONICS: <http://www.bluestar-online.com/>

GENERAL ELECTRONICS: <http://www.newark.com/>

HDTV HDMI to Component converters: <http://www.curtpalme.com/HDFury3.shtm>

POWER SUPPLIES: <http://zalman.com/eng/main.asp>      <http://www.pcpower.com/index.html>

RAM : <http://crucial.com/> and <http://kingston.com/>

REFURB/CLOSEOUTS: <http://www.tigerdirect.com/>

YAHOO SHOPPING: <http://shopping.yahoo.com/> , then search for the exact item you want.

CABLES: AUDIO/VIDEO/PC: <http://www.monoprice.com/home/index.asp>

CABLES: <http://bluejeanscable.com/>

CONNECTORS: MOLEX & OTHERS:

<http://www.crazyipc.com/products/cableswires/connectors.htm>

LABELS for connectors etc., Google: ID Pilot Labels

LED's <http://www.jklamps.com/>

WIRELESS ANTENNAS: <http://www.smarthome.com/ProductResults.aspx?Ntt=hi%20gain%20antenna>

## **SELLING**

<http://www.craigslist.org/about/sites.html>