

# USEFUL WEBSITES

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## PC REPAIR INFO - HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SITES: (Mostly free)

PC REPAIR TIPS:

<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/>

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>

XP - VISTA - Win2000 Troubleshooting info

<http://www.aumha.org/win5/a/shtdwnxp.php>

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

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.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/>

## SERVICE MANUALS & REPAIR GUIDES:

MANUALS: <http://www.eserviceinfo.com/> <http://printer1.blogspot.com/>  
<http://www.manualsonline.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/>

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

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

**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:**

Microsoft OneCare Online Protection Scan (Must use IE6/IE7) - Free:

<http://onecare.live.com/site/en-us/center/howsafe.htm>

TREND: 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)

kaprsky.com (requires IE and installs an activeX add-on)

**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/>

**ONLINE DATA BACKUP**

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)

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## 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)

### WEBDESIGN & HTML

HTML & CSS: <http://html.net/> Validate HTML: <http://validator.w3.org/>  
WEBMONKEY: <http://www.webmonkey.com/>

### MISC Courses:

BEGINNER PC: <http://pcstats.com/beginners.cfm>  
JEFF LEVY: <http://askjefflevy.com/lessons/lessons.html>  
CNET: <http://classes.cnet.com>  
Hewlett Packard: <http://h30187.www3.hp.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>  
BUILDING YOUR OWN PC: <http://compreviews.about.com/od/tutorials/u/BuildaPC.htm>  
HOME NETWORKING VIDEOS: <http://www.dlinktv.com/>  
MESA SOS (Utility Prog Tutorials): <http://www.mesasos.com/>  
TECH TUTORIALS: <http://www.butterscotch.com/tutorials.html>

### 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/>  
[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)

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

## MISC PC STUFF

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

### 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/>

### 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/>

Olde 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/>

### FAN NOISE RATINGS:

XOXIDE.COM 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/>

### 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.

### 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)

# USEFUL WEBSITES

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

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/>

## NETWORK SPEED

[www.speakeasy.net/speedtest](http://www.speakeasy.net/speedtest)  
WORLDWIDE: <http://speedtest.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.mspx>

## 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>

## WEBSITE HOSTING:

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

**WINDOWS XP** - Free licenses for non-profits: <http://www.techsoup.org/search/index.cfm?query=dcos>

## AUDIO/VIDEO

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

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

## STREAMING VIDEO

STICKAM.COM YOUTUBE.COM USTREAM.COM  
TECHGUYLABS.COM EMPIREONLINE.COM CNN.COM

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)

## VIDEO

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

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

AMOROK Program: See TUX Magazine #16

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/>

## MUSIC

Hard to find music: <http://www.musicstack.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 = TUX #16

## MISC GENERAL STUFF

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

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

## GAMES

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/>

## FOOD

copykat.com (famous recipe copies)

## FUN:

- Science experiments: <http://madsci.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:

# USEFUL WEBSITES

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>

## 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/>

## SHOPPING/SELLING

### 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.vistaprint.com/>

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

### 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/>

### COUPON CODES / DISCOUNTS

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

<http://DealLocker.com/>

<http://consumernow.com/>

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

<http://bensbargains.net/>

### PC HARDWARE REPAIR (Local to Los Angeles)

Beverly Hills: <http://www.automagiccomputers.com/>

310 552-1412

195 S Beverly Drive, Suite 406, Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Email [service@automagiccomputers.com](mailto:service@automagiccomputers.com)

Toll free 800 554-1412

### ELECTRONIC PARTS (PC's & General Electronics)

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

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

DELL PARTS: See Ebay power seller "greetings\_and\_computations"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HARD DRIVE Stuff

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

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

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

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

MOLEX & OTHER Connectors: <http://www.crazypc.com/products/cableswires/connectors.htm>

LABELS for connectors etc., Google: ID Pilot Labels

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

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

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

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

## **SELLING**

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

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