

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://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 - 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/

DELL FORUM ON CNET: 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>

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

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

FACTORY AUTHORIZED HARDWARE REPAIR CENTERS (Local to Los Angeles)

TOSHIBA (Recommended by several LACS Members);

AutoMagic Computers <http://www.automagiccomputers.com/> 1-310-552-1412

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

Email: service@automagiccomputers.com

Toll free 1-800-554-1412

SONY, ACER, EPSON, LG: (PC's, Printers, Monitors)

Ashton Electronics <http://www.ashton-e.com/services.html>

10812 West Washington Blvd

Culver City, CA 90232

1-310-559-6241

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)

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

MISC SCANS

SECUNIA OSI: 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.

USEFUL WEBSITES

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

TRAINING & TUTORIALS:

GUIDES TO TUTORIALS:

www.tutorialguide.net

www.good-tutorials.com/

www.acrobatfiles.com/

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/>

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>

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/

www.learnopenoffice.org/

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

http://wiki.services.openoffice.org/wiki/Documentation/OOoAuthors_User_Manual/Impress_Guide

PHOTOSHOP

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)

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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

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

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

LINUX

DELL's UBUNTU SITE: 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/>

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.mspx>

PDF's

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

SECURITY

GRC.COM (Shields up & Spin Rite) [GRC.COM/freepopular.htm](http://www.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://www.squarespace.com) [godaddy.com](http://www.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>

USEFUL WEBSITES

AUDIO/VIDEO

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

Test of Windows Media players: www.vdat.com/techsupport/windowstest.asp

Microsoft Test : www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/demos/demos.aspx

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)

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/

MEDIA MONKEY: 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/>

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

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/

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

READ WEBSITES LATER: 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/>

USEFUL WEBSITES

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.zazzle.com/businesscards> or <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

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 PARTS

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/>

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

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

DELL PARTS: See Ebay power seller "greetings_and_computations"

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.tigerdirect.com/>

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

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

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

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

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/>

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.
CABLES: AUDIO/VIDEO/PC: <http://www.monoprice.com/home/index.asp>
MOLEX & OTHER Connectors: <http://www.crazyipc.com/products/cableswires/connectors.htm>
LABELS for connectors etc., Google: ID Pilot Labels
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>