



END OF THE YEAR

The end of the year is coming. Red tag sales are coming. If you are a business owner and you need to invest in upgrading your equipment and software for a 100% tax write-off, you should plan for it now. Consult your tax professional in advance and determine what you can and cannot choose to invest in and replace. For Mountain Computers, it was a Brother MFC Color Laser printer. In years past, it was replacing servers and upgrading workstations. ** Mountain Computers is the place to go for your business and computing needs.

PRINTERS - What is the best, worst?

What is the best printer out there? Personally, Mountain Computers is a huge HP fan; however, there are manufacturers who specialize in really good gear. For example, to print invoices our work horse has been the Lexmark E120N laser printer. It has been operating for 4 years without a glitch. For color printing, we have in the past purchased Minolta QMS color laser printers. In the past year, we invested in a Brother MFC-9840CDW. This same printer we have recommended to businesses needing quality, performance, warranty, and good software to print, scan, and email. The consumables / cartridges are very affordable. Another favorite Mountain Computers recommends is the Canon PIXMA MX800/MX880. Very affordable, easy to setup, use, and an all-in-one wireless, scanner, printer, ADF, and more. Call us and we will tell you where you can get these printer suggestions.

HOW DO I BACKUP MY COMPUTER & MY BUSINESS? - PART III

Several customers this last week asked, if I get an external backup drive and store my stuff on it, will it be safe. The answer is no. Primarily, use the computers hard drive to store your data, and weekly or when you complete something important, connect your external hard drive and copy and paste your folders and files.

Our backup strategy at Mountain Computers is three fold. We carry multiple external backup drives, and in those, we cascade the backups, by day, week, and month, and year, and then we use Carbonite for immediate by the minute backups of critical business files. We keep our external hard drives connected to our main workstations, but turned off. When a major amount of work is performed throughout the week, the data is copied to the external, then to an internal secondary hard drive, and then to the Carbonite store. Weekly, this takes about 3 hours to complete.

What goes into a Build to Order PC? PART II

Picking up from last weeks Build to Order suggestions, we move on to the quality of the parts and where do we emphasize product selection? Let's talk about POWER!

The critical part is the power as a first step; clean and efficient power. We recommend Thermaltake power supplies but they are a little pricey. Sparkle and Rosewill is a next best affordable option. Wattage depends, but the middle of road Sparkle 350W is for basic computers, 500W Rosewill or 430W Thermaltake, or if you need more power, shoot up to a 650W or 1000W Bronze series. As a special note, the power supply is only as good as the home power. House wiring should be checked if you have an old house to determine if the polarity is correct, and your outlet is grounded. Many customers need to use an electrical outlet tester to fix weird PC power problems.



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