



FACEBOOK and other social networks

Facebook has brought millions of people back together, connecting from years long lost. The best part of Facebook is that friends and family can connect in a new medium. The days of calling long distance, writing a letter, sending flowers, and such - are pretty much gone unless you are in the boonies and on dial-up. The dark side of Facebook is the amazing amount of time-warp, lost time, wasted time, and other types of non-essential Internet time waste. Get on the Internet, do what you need to do, and disconnect and go outside, find a hobby, clean a room, paint a wall, do anything but sit on the Internet wasting your mind, body, and sense of reality.

Wireless Networks - What makes one wireless network better than the other?

Today wireless networks are everywhere. At the coffee shop, hotel, airport, a dozen or more in your neighborhood within 1000 feet, at church, and even at your place of work.

What makes one wireless network better than another? The IEEE protocol for wireless consumer connectivity is called 802.11b/g/n/a. 802.11a is like hot for hotels, 802.11b is old at 11Mb/s, 802.11g is not so old at 54Mb/s, and 802.11n is the current wireless technology at 100+Mb/s, and 802.11ac is the up and coming wireless technology at supposedly 1Gb/s. Each protocol has security like features WEP or WPA. WEP is very easy to hack and that supports 802.11b/g/n but not recommended unless you have an old laptop or old wireless device in your PC. WPA PSK (WPA or WPA2) is preferred for higher levels of security and an added element called TKIP or AES. I recommend WPA PSK TKIP/AES (WPA only, not WPA2) to support older laptops, not super old, and the newer laptops and wireless network USB or PCI(ex) devices.

Moving Forward: I would like to share the secrets of wireless in the home and business. Stay Tuned!

HOW DO I RESTORE MY COMPUTER FROM A BACKUP - PART II

Picking up where we left off from last week Part I of backups - The restore part gets a little crazy.

Restore your files to a location that is not your existing location if you have the disk space therefore you can pick and choose the files you want to review before restoring to the working production location. You will have duplicates for a while, but that is okay. It is better to have two copies rather than zero copies of your files.

What goes into a Build to Order PC? PART IV

Picking up from last weeks Build to Order suggestions on COMPUTER CASE, I would like to add one more point about price, the price for computer cases should be around \$49 for a standard ATX without Power Supply. Power Supplies should be about \$59 for a good one, like a 450 or 500W Rosewill or Thermaltake.

This Saturday we will focus on the MOTHERBOARD. This is where all components like the CPU, RAM Memory, ISA/AGP/PCI/PCIe-16x/1x Peripheral cards, hard drive cables,

My motherboard preference is a P5 board made by Intel, or a G41 or G31 for lower end models made by Biostar, Intel, Asus, or Gigabyte.

The price range is \$59 to \$159 depending on features.



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