



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVE 2011

COMPUTER BASICS - Merry Christmas edition

This is the Christmas Edition of our computer basics - this applies to Comet, and the woodshop elves.

1. Make sure your computer screen saver is set to a Christmas Theme and set to display within 1 minute.
2. Make sure you don't put your cookies and milk too close to the keyboard. Santa might leave a few crumbs.
3. Make sure to set the alarm in your home to allow Santa into the Christmas tree and fireplace zone. He knows the code but this just saves him time. If the alarm goes off, be sure to arm yourself with tinsel and a candy cane.
4. If you believe Santa will leave any electronic gifts, make sure you leave a note asking for batteries to be included.
5. If you hear something on the roof, don't worry. It is the reindeer and santa in his sleigh.

COMPUTER SECURITY -- PART VI of X - Screen Savers

For Christmas, the lure to download free screen savers is tempting. Don't be tempted. Unless you are sure the website you are downloading the screen saver from is a trusted and legitimate site, you could be downloading a virus to your computer.

PS. Santa knows who these bad screen saver people are. He has already made sure to put them on the naughty list indefinitely, unless they change their ways.



BUILD TO ORDER SERVERS- PART I

For the last 10 issues, Mountain Computers has discussed Build To Order (BTO) PCs. Let us change gears and talk about BTO Servers. Mountain Computers specializes in certain server applications from video production servers, file servers, web servers, and financial servers. The trick is the level of customization required.

Intel is the breed of choice for most intensive server installations. The challenge is the type of server operating system. Microsoft Windows Server versus Linux versus Solaris versus Red Hat. Would the server OS be out of the box (actually downloadable), or an Enterprise Support Partner Edition maintenance agreement How many user licenses / seats are required? How scalable should the server be?

The average custom BTO server Mountain Computers has designed, built, delivered and installed is ~\$4000 over the past few years. The processor choice was the i7 Quad/Xeon (single or dual), RAID 10 2/4/8 TB hard drive array, Intel MOBO, 8/16/24/32GB DDR3 1333 RAM, 1000W Thermaltake P/S, and typically a 3U or Mini-Tower case, and video card choices supporting 2/4/16 monitors.

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TECH TIPS OF THE WEEK

1. Defrag your hard drive once per year.
2. Check your computer connections once per year and tighten up loose connections.
3. Have your laptop display screw hinges checked for tightness once per year.



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