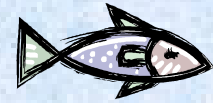


*"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."*



# The **Catch of the Day**



Learn To Fish the vast ocean of computer know-how!

## Geeky Ways to Pass (i.e., Waste) Time

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Have a little extra time on your hands now and then? Take a moment to explore some technology you've never tried before. (Note: Not all content on the web sites mentioned below is suitable for children; parental discretion is advised.)

**Check out MySpace.** Have you been wondering what all the fuss is about MySpace? This social networking phenomenon is the way many in the younger generation keep in touch. Go to [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com) to browse people's profiles, even set up your own profile for free.

**Online games on Shockwave.com.** If Xbox and Playstation aren't quite your speed, try a simple word game or puzzle on [www.shockwave.com](http://www.shockwave.com). (Super TextTwist is my personal favorite.)

**Watch videos on YouTube.** This free online library of user-submitted videos is, for some, an alternative to television. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) to see what's playing.

**Find some interesting podcasts to listen to.** What would the world be like if everyone could have their own radio show? That's the world of podcasts. It's free syndicated Internet radio — and all you need to listen is your computer. Download the iTunes software ([www.apple.com/itunes](http://www.apple.com/itunes)) and browse the iTunes Store's directory of free podcasts.

**Make free phone calls with Skype.** If you have a high-speed Internet connection, you're just a download away from free phone calls worldwide. Skype is free software that lets you use the Internet to transmit voice calls. Download it from [skype.com](http://skype.com), tell a far-away friend or relative to do the same, and the two of you can chat for free.



### Service Spotlight: Custom Training

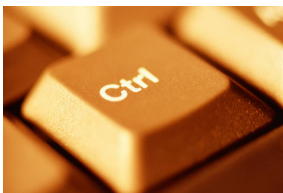


Did you get a new tech gadget or gizmo this Christmas? Are you still scratching your head wondering how you'll ever figure it out?

If the manual has you tearing your hair out, put the book down and pick up the phone to call LTF Tech. Kathy Montgomery will coach you through learning your digital device.

To find out if LTF Tech can help you, call today!

## Shortcut of the Month (brought to you by the letter ...)



Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

### "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For": Windows-F

If you ever need to find a document on your Windows computer, you can do it without leaving the program you're currently using. Use the **Windows-F** key combination to instantly bring up the Search window that allows you to scour your computer for any file you need. (Not familiar with the Windows key? It's a key with the Windows logo, near the *Ctrl* and *Alt* keys on most desktop keyboards.)

## The Random Resource

*...because your computer isn't just for computing*

The Capital Region of New York hasn't seen much of the white stuff yet, but before the snow comes, learn all you can about it. Visit [www.snowcrystals.com](http://www.snowcrystals.com), an "online guide to snowflakes, snow crystals, and other ice phenomena". View snowflake photos, download snowflake wallpaper for your computer, and get ideas for snow-related kids' activities. Thanks to Schuyler H. of Scotia, NY for mentioning this web site!

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