

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



Catch of the Day



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

News: Mailing list referral contest!

Reel in subscribers to the LTF Tech mailing list and **win a wireless mouse!** Plus your referrals will get something, too! Contest runs through **Feb. 17**. For full details, go to this web page: www.LTFtech.com/newsletter-contest

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Confessions of a Gamer

by Kathy

This Christmas I received many lovely gifts from friends and family. But sometimes it's nice to buy yourself a little something. So after the festivities were over I hopped onto eBay and found myself a used Xbox video game console. Not the new Xbox 360, mind you — the original. Call me behind-the-times; or call me cheap. Anyway, I found a green Halo Special Edition version that matches my living room. It's the first video game console I've owned — or even tried — since the original Nintendo that my family had when I was younger.

Some of you are still shaking your heads. Yes, perhaps an Xbox is an unusual purchase. But I've always enjoyed video and computer games, even though I don't have much time for them. Played in moderation, they provide a nice distraction and stress relief. And I've had a blast so far playing not only by myself, but with my friends and family. I would never have figured myself for a "gamer," and I never figured I'd buy one of these consoles. But this spontaneous purchase has turned into a great source of diversion.

Granted, video games aren't for everyone. It just goes to show that a great deal of fun can be had when you try something new.

So now you know my secret. What technology have you been wanting to try? Go ahead — I won't tell anyone. Now where'd I put that controller....

**Service
Spotlight:
eBay Training**

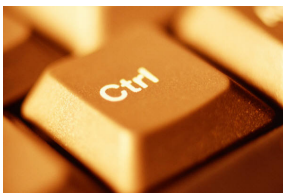


Kathy Montgomery has earned the designation "Education Specialist trained by eBay" from the popular auction company.

Do you want to get your feet wet buying on eBay? Have you bought a few things, and now want to try selling?

eBay training services are *coming soon!* Watch the mailing list and the web site for more.

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



Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

And a one, and a two, and a ...

If you use Microsoft Outlook for mail, scheduling, and contacts, you can navigate between these functions without the mouse, as easy as 1-2-3. Type **Ctrl-1** to view your mail; **Ctrl-2** for your calendar; **Ctrl-3** for your contacts; and **Ctrl-4** for your tasks. These are the most commonly used features of Outlook, but the numbered shortcuts continue beyond 4, so try them out!

The Random Resource

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

It's the dream of many aspiring writers and artists to have their work published. Yet how do you get noticed by a publisher? What if you don't have the cash for vanity publishing? Did you know you can self-publish with a service called **Lulu** (www.lulu.com)? There is no up-front cost because copies of your work are printed on demand. Write

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