

"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!

Technology I'm Thankful For

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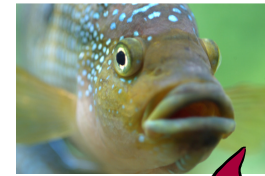
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The holiday season typically inspires a lot of blessing-counting. This year, after giving thanks for family, friends, life, etc. it occurred to me to stop and consider what technology I'm most grateful for. Here are a few inventions that I think are among the most life-changing.

The digital camera. I don't know whether I would ever have become a photographer if the art hadn't gone digital. Despite their "gadget" classification, digital cameras are what made the hobby of photography accessible to the everyday point-and-shooter. Without the expense of film, these cameras enable us to experiment to our heart's content and thus learn more quickly. But even so, today's cameras are sophisticated enough that you hardly need to change any settings to get a good result.

The Apple iPod. What a joy it was when I bought my first iPod and found I could store my entire CD collection in a device no bigger than a deck of cards. Although other companies make digital music players, Apple's device remains the standard for its ease of use and sleek design. The iPod revolutionized my road trips.

Podcasts. Podcasts (which actually have little to do with iPods) are Internet TV and radio shows that you can subscribe to for free on your computer or TiVo. Not only are they usually free to listen to, but they are much cheaper to produce and distribute than real TV or radio programming, so they opened up a whole new world for previously undiscovered talent who couldn't otherwise have advertised themselves.



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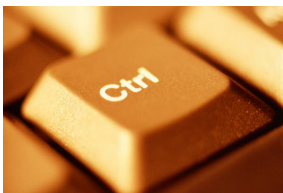


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The Enter/Return Key

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The Random Resource

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