

"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 Brainstorm

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Despite how long I've been using computers, I'm continually fascinated by how much technology adds to what we can do. Whenever a challenging task arises, I ask myself, "How can this be accomplished with a computer?" I enjoy discovering the answer, especially since most of the time the tech-based solution does the task most efficiently and even in a way that's fun! If you've thought that perhaps you're not doing as much as you could with technology, here are some ideas:

- Self-publish your book with Lulu.com
- Put your calendar online with Google Calendar and share it with friends or colleagues
- Back up your vital computer files off-site with a service like Mozy.com or Carbonite.com
- Put your own images on merchandise using Cafepress.com
- Print form letters or mailing labels in a few steps using Microsoft Word and contacts from Outlook or an Excel spreadsheet
- Use your computer as a phone for free (or cheap) with Skype
- Create quality photo books with KodakGallery.com, Snapfish.com, or another online digital photo developer

Take a moment to brainstorm, and you may find that what you've always wanted to do can be done with technology.



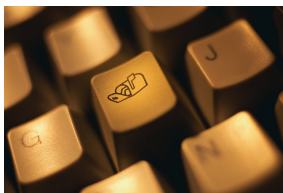
Service Spotlight: New Store Items

New photo-related gifts and printed items have been added to the LTF Tech store! Find greeting cards, home décor items, and more at Cafepress.



Go to LTFtech.com/store to see what's available!

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



Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

Keep It Fresh: F5 in Your Web Browser

Normally when you go to a web site, its content isn't updated on your screen unless you deliberately request the page again. So in order to make sure your view of a web page is the most current, you must *refresh* it. In both Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox, pressing the **F5** key performs this function. Use this to stay current on stocks, news, sports, auctions, and more.

The Random Resource

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

This is a bit technical, but for families it's worth investigating. OpenDNS is a free alternative to the default translation service your ISP uses to direct your Internet traffic. Using OpenDNS doesn't otherwise change how you use the Web, but it does let you block adult content, phishing sites, and other unwanted traffic. No extra hardware or software is needed, and full instructions for use are provided on the site.

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