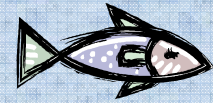


"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."



# Catch of the Day



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

## I Can Copy This, Right?

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If you asked me 10 years ago what copyright was, I wouldn't have had much to say. All I knew was that I felt a vague sense of immorality when I copied CDs from the library. But what *does* copyright have to do with today's digital media (e.g., DVDs, CDs, MP3s, software)? The digital age actually requires that we think *more* about copyright than before — but thankfully we don't have to be legal geniuses to get it "right."

A simple definition of copyright is the "right to copy" an intellectual work like a song, a photo, or software. In the U.S., the owner (usually the creator) has the exclusive right to control how their work is used and distributed. Copyright applies automatically when something is created and doesn't require any special action to obtain.

Digital files are easy to copy, but don't forget that copyright still applies. That's why movie DVDs are plastered with FBI warnings. Much retail software has to be "activated" with a special code before use to prove it's been purchased legally. So what do you need to know?

Basically, just remember that you may need permission to copy any digital work, even if it's just for personal use. When you install software, the wordy "license agreement" tells you exactly how you can use it (e.g., can you install on multiple computers). Before downloading pictures from the Web, ask the site owner. On the other hand, anything labeled "public domain" is free and clear, like the old books at [Gutenberg.org](http://Gutenberg.org).

When in doubt, it's best to ask or read to find out whether something can be copied. For more about U.S. copyright, see [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov).

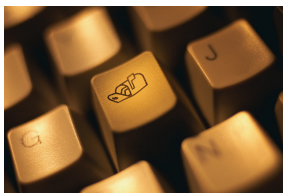


### Service Spotlight: Remote Help



Getting computer help is as easy as a phone call. Did you know that with special software I can see your computer without having to visit you? It's simple, secure, and saves you a little over a regular appointment. All you need is high-speed Internet. For info, call **(518) 724-0828** or visit [LTFtech.com/remote](http://LTFtech.com/remote).

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



Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

### Windows-D: Show Desktop (Windows)

After you've opened multiple programs at once, you end up with several windows covering your desktop icons. But you don't have to shrink each window individually in order to see the desktop. If you hold down the **Windows logo** key and press the letter **D**, all your windows will be minimized instantly to show the desktop. Pressing this combo again returns things to the way they were.

## The Random Resource

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

Have you ever needed (or found) a creative way to make a repair? The pictures on [ThereIFixedIt.com](http://ThereIFixedIt.com) would give even MacGyver a run for his money. On this web site you will find photos of the outrageous kludges you ever saw — like a popcorn fire alarm or a campfire hot tub. Just one warning: Don't try this at home!