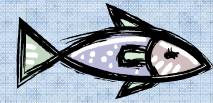


"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."



Catch of the Day



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

Fave Freebies

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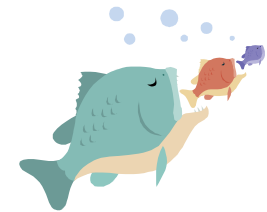
Who doesn't love free stuff? Fortunately not everything technology-related is expensive. As a matter of fact, some of the best products available cost nil, and you get far more than you pay for. If I could only pick three, I'd list the following as my favorite gratis downloads.

Skype (www.skype.com) is free software that enables you to make voice calls over the Internet with your computer. It costs nothing for two Skype users to talk, no matter where in the world they are. Plus, Skype supports video, which makes it a great tool to help families keep in touch over long distances.

OpenOffice.org is a robust office suite comparable to Microsoft Office, except without the cost. Open and save Office documents and even create PDF files. Just like the Microsoft product, OpenOffice can do word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and even databases.

Google Picasa (picasa.google.com) is no lightweight photo manager. Not only can it find and organize all images on your computer, it provides powerful functionality for retouching, ordering prints, and even creative projects like collages.

Remember, for training in these and other excellent free products, contact LTF Tech at (518) 724-0828. ♦

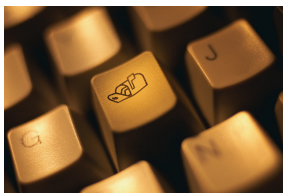


Service Spotlight: H2O



Need computer help, but don't want the hassle of a home visit? Save money on a visit by sharing your computer screen over the Internet with **H2O (How-2 Off-site)**. It's easy! For more details, call LTF Tech at **(518) 724-0828**. (And you can refer friends and family anywhere nationwide, Mac or PC!)

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



Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

Help! The F1 Key

"How do I...?" You may be able to answer this question with a single key. In Windows, the **F1** key will instantly bring up online help for the program you're using. You can then type a question or question-related keywords into Help to find the instructions you need. (Mac users can access program help with the keyboard shortcut **Command-?**)

The Random Resource

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

You don't need an interpreter to communicate with your kids or grandkids — try UrbanDictionary.com, the web site of slang definitions contributed by users. No longer will terms like "w00t" and "tweet" leave you at a loss for words. (Warning: Some definitions and terms may be offensive in nature.)

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