

Post Christmas

Did everyone make it through the Holiday Season? It was a busy one for us, our family, friends, relatives, and immediate family all kept us on our toes as we made the rounds both locally and out of town to make sure they were reached so that we could wish them a happy holiday. The shops hours of operation were very irregular to accommodate both my family and my employees' family during the holiday season. The New Year is here though and with it brings a sense of normalcy. Back to regular work hours or back to play on your computer whatever the case may be.

Speaking of computers, I bet many of you have gotten lots of new computer stuff. I have already spoken with many of my customers and they have told me that Santa was very good to them. Many customers reported getting new printers, digital camera, and even DVD burners. Unfortunately the reason I know which new toys my customers received for Christmas is because many of them had to visit with me after Christmas because their computer systems simply were not up to the challenge.

Luckily, many of my customers' disappointments were quickly fixed with simple upgrades. The most popular upgrade was a RAM upgrade. I know many of you may be board of hearing me preach the miracles of adding ram to your systems, but here it is again. There is no doubt in my mind that virtually any computer can benefit from the simple increase of ram memory. The best news is a ram upgrade is possibly the cheapest upgrade you can perform on your computer system. At an average cost of around \$50 your computer speed can increase by as much as double. It's this type of ratio that allows me to give a ram upgrade the first place ranking in economical upgrades.

For the occasional customers computer that a ram upgrade doesn't work for, another popular option is to trade your computer in on a better-used computer. For just a couple of hundred dollars your local computer shop can trade you out of your old computer and put you in a newer computer complete with warranty. Most local computer shops can help you with this, something the big discount stores can't do for you.

If you didn't get a new computer for Christmas and are finding that your newest computer accessories are bringing your old computer to it's knees then maybe it's time you ask for a free diagnostic from your local computer shop. Many computer shops will gladly perform a diagnostic service on your computer free of charge. This will arm you with important information when you make the decision of what to do with your computer when it isn't making the cut.

If you have any questions or concerns about your computer, or need to know why your computer isn't making the grade, then you should contact the Computer Depot. Simply call Thomas or Roger at 947-0749 or email us at computerdepotonline@att.net.