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Time For A New Computer?

If you are wondering if your computer is obsolete it probably is. This is how you can tell if it is time. Follow this sequence. Find "My Computer" icon (it may be on your desktop or under your start button). Now RIGHT CLICK on the icon or the words. Next press "Properties". You will see a small screen with seven tabs that has information regarding your PC. Stay on the General Tab. There are three sections: System, Registered to and Computer. Under the Computer section note the numbers. You should have at least 2GHz of processing speed and 2GB of RAM. Anything less than this will significantly slow your computer down especially if you use high-powered software. Before investing in a new computer, you could get away with buying some additional RAM for less than \$100. Remember a new computer will only cost about \$500 on average. You can always add an external hard drive for more storage.

Facebook, Twitter and MySpace:

Some of you are asking why people don't email as much as they used to. Well...the youth of the world are using cell phones that access these social networking sites so short messages including photos are passed around quickly and "on the go". They don't have to wait till they are in front of a conventional computer to chat with each other. Email is not gone and probably will not be replaced entirely for a very long time. If you choose to join one of these groups, fine, but email is still more private. Check out the details on my website page called "Hints and Tips".

Nexus One Competes With iPhone:

Google has come out with the equivalent to the Apple iPhone this month. T-Mobile is the only one offering it as of now but Nokia (Morph) will be wowing customers in the near future with a really smart cell phone. **See the Morph in action on my website!** The "Blackberry Smart Phone" is used two to one over the iPhone. Sprint and T-Mobile have these.

New Computer Classes:

I will be teaching many new classes in 2010 as well as person training. The entire list of titles, locations and fees are listed on my website www.OhComputerTraining.com. Classes include basic computer skills, Microsoft Word and Excel 2007 as well as PowerPoint and Publisher. Note: Excel class begins Jan. 26 at UT. Check my website for details.

PC Tutor:

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