

## Archive of Favorite Low-Tech Fixes

- Preventive maintenance (defrag, backup, restore points) & the all-might restart button
- Turn it off and on
- Pawning it off on my boyfriend to fix!
- Tech Friend, call support, taking it into a shop like best buy
- Start crying, hit the delete button 1,000 times, and if all else fails call my sister and have her boyfriend save me from my tech catastrophe
- Tears - it must be the salt or maybe the computer gods taking pity on me but it seems to work
- Beside replacing the whole thing - turn it on, go get a drink have a conversation, and then come back when system is ready to start working. A second item is using VoIP on my system - for some reason, after a few days the VoIP quality gets really bad. Solution - reboot the system. Lastly - I've become very accustomed to using hibernate and sleep modes. Why bother with a full shutdown and startup. But - IT support got a little upset because stating I was reckless, the system wasn't "made to do that", and so forth. So - back to the wasted time of shutdown and power-up
- Extend the life of your computer - buy a desktop KVM and instead of chucking out the PC keep it as an internet-browsing "NetTop". Also useful for long-lasting downloads. Use the KVM to flick between your "main" PC and the NetTop
- Ctrl+Alt+Del, then task manager and ending a whole bunch of tasks so only a few are left. If that doesn't work, restart the computer in after two minutes.
- Accelerated upgrade cycle
- Update drivers and reboot
- If control+alternate+delete doesnt work, pull out battery and hard reset. For router problem, unplug and counts 5 seconds and plug cable back again.
- Alchemy
- Call my computer consultant
- Keep It Simple!
- Worst comes to worst, I always just take the battery out of my laptop and let it "breathe" a bit before plugging it back in and booting it up
- Keep it clean, dust-free with space for air to circulate; archive off unneeded files and free up space; keep security software up to date
- Black tape. Or sometimes a good kick will do. :)
- Hard shut down/reboot, turning wireless radio off and back on, shutting down programs and restarting
- In my home office, when "No Network Found" appeared instead of Intel.com, I'd unplug the power cords from the cable modem and wireless router, count to 10 and plug them back in, and I was back to hammering out press releases. (I have to be honest though, I didn't invent this procedure. It's the cable company's official fix. True, you can call them.) In the end, I plugged both into the outlet controlled by the wall switch. So now, they sync every time I come in to work.

- Delete all cookies and internet files regularly.
- Wait it out
- Try blowing air into any port - battery, power cord, usb port -- sometimes it actually works
- Unplugging and taking out battery, then put battery back, plug back in and start up
- Turn it off, wait a few minutes, turn it on again
- Force-quit the program if "escape" doesn't work.
- Reboot, reboot, reboot!
- Call a local expert-non-commercial
- Make on-line tech help available via phone
- For router/CPU issues, use a paperclip to reset the router button - same for model for cable TV - the good old paper clip. b) for about every other computer issue, shut down and restart and pray. I have a real player screen that shows up about every three days with an indicator that something need to use this system is missing. I've tried everything i can think of to get rid of this including going into the program and trying to delete it - nothing worse except to click the "remove" button and go on with my day. I have no good tricks to add at all. Just a sure feeling I don't want to call a tech to my house (too much personal information) and no way do I want to take a CPU to another location. So, as long as things "work" I will continue to do whatever I can to get by
- When my computer completely freezes up, all I do is unplug it, take out the battery[i use an iBook] and then put it back in and restart. My usual fix for anything is just to shut it down, count to ten, and start it up again.
- Turning it on and off!
- Use a Macintosh
- Call the it guy, use the "help" menu OR call the Geek Squad
- The same as stated in the article...unplug and plug back in!
- Defrag, registration defrag and spyware removal
- Stop using Windows
- Use a mac
- Faster
- Restart; let the battery die and then re-boot; or in dire circumstances wipe the hard drive clean and re-install the Operating System.
- Call the geek squad- ask my children
- Call my dad; he's some kind of a computer engineer
- Close my eyes and hope the problem goes away
- Check task manager for processes hogging resources
- turning it off and then turning it back on again. Then hitting it really hard and see if something gets knocked loose.
- CTRL ALT DELETE
- Reboot, repair, rebuild
- I usually press CTL ALT Delete to fix any problem