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March Tech Night
March 9, 2015

Making a Full Copy of Your Computer
featuring Freddy Peralta, KyTrade

Longtime friend and supporter of the Central Kentucky Computer Society, Freddy Peralta, owner of KyTrade, will be with us on Tech Night this month. He will be giving us proactive steps that we can take in the event our computer is attacked by a virus or crashes, by walking us through what we need to do before the emergency strikes.

He will be discussing Acronis, which is touted to be the best backup and recovery software available and will show us how to make a full copy of our computer.

He will also introduce us to some of the latest computer gadgets. In the usual "Freddy style" he will have several KyTrade door prizes. To outdo himself, this year he will be giving away a solid-state drive that night. Join us for a fun and informative night.   Bring a guest with you.

For those who can't attend in person, remember our Tech Night presentation are now being 'streaned' for viewing on your home computer. See *STREAMING SIGS on page 3 of this newsletter for more information.*. CKCS

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas
president@ckcs.org

Are You Ready for spring?

After the historic snow fall, the Arctic Express and the sleet and freezing rain during last month, most of us can't wait for spring! Well, the good news is March is here so spring is on the horizon. Our winter classes will be ending this month and the Spring Session will start in April. Two workshops, *FastStone* and *How to Make a PhotoBook,* will be held this month. Check out the details in this newsletter. Give the office a call to sign up. These are popular and are filling up fast, so one extra date has been added for each workshop. If both workshops are full, ask to be placed on a waiting list and we will let you know when a third workshop is scheduled.

Directors' Prize

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted to revise the Directors' Prize to be an award of a six-month extension to a member's membership at any Tech Night meeting. For those who are new to the program, the Directors' Prize is a random drawing of the entire membership and if the member whose name is drawn is present at the meeting that night they are awarded an extension to their membership. Before this recent change the prize was an increase of one additional month each time it was not awarded. The Board of Directors decided to simplify the process and make it a standard six-month extension. Come to Tech Night on March 9 to be eligible to win!

Streaming SIG's

In last month's newsletter we told you about CKCS's attempt to broadcast our Special Interest Groups (SIG's). It went from "planning" to "doing" last month thanks to Mike Seiler's determination. That's what is great about this organization. Someone has an idea, another one does research and provides technical assistance and then another member makes it happen! Mike mounted the DropCam on the ceiling in front of the projector, fine-tuned the image and viola we had streaming...not!   It really wasn't that easy. It took a lot of time, and manual and technical adjusting to get everything working. That's where Mike's determination came in to play.

We streamed Tech Night in February and asked the members who tuned in from home to give us their feedback. Most people said the picture and sound were good. Twelve members sent emails telling us that they had watched the presentation. We had a member in Germany and one in California watching it! It is exciting to see this project get off the ground.

The challenge may come when more people tune in. We will be asking those of you who are watching to mail us your feedback to CKCSlex@gmail.com so we can make improvements as needed. Be sure to tune in to Joe Isaac's Windows SIG on March 10 at 7 p.m.
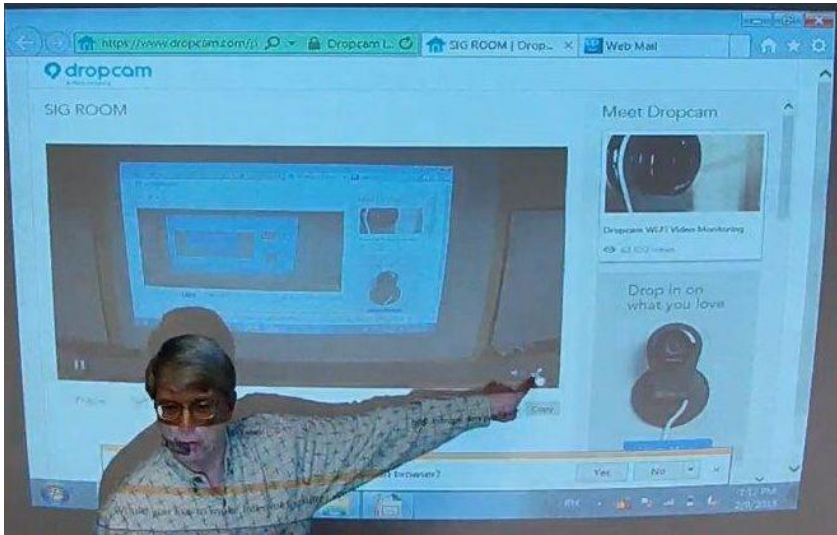
Here is the link that you can go to see the streaming of our various monthly SIG's. The link does not change so keep a record of this: www.dropcam.com/p/g5PGQK. It will only work when the presentation is held in the SIG area and when the projector is being used. Note in the picture at left, if you click on the icon in the corner of the screen where Mike is pointing, it will go to a "Full Screen" for a better image. **CKCS**

Two Seminars offered early this month

FastStone Workshop
Presented by Joe Dietz

March 2, 2015
1:00–4:00

Using this free software, FastStone, you will learn how to fix up pictures, batch process your files, run a slide show that can include music, tag images, print contact sheets and lots more.

Members $24 Non members $30

Call the Central Kentucky Computer Society to register 859 373-1000

Making a Photo Book Workshop
Monday, March 9, 2015
1 PM – 4 PM

Learn how to make a PhotoBook using Shutterfly.
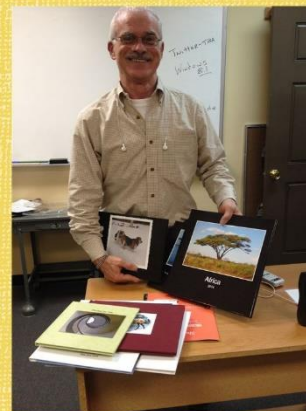
It's a great way to preserve and show your holiday photos, pictures from your vacation, your pets, or a collection of your favorite photos.

Members $24   Non Members $30

Call the Central Kentucky Computer Society to register 859 373-1000

NOTICE *The above two workshops are almost full so additional dates have been added as follows:*
FastStone Workshop extra date: March 30, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Making a Photobook Workshop, extra date: March 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Digital Photography Special Interest Group

March 24, 2015

Guest Speaker: Steve Cody from Murphy's Camera

Joe Dietz
Digital Photography
SIG Leader

Most of our members know about Murphy's Camera on Winchester Road and many of them frequently use Murphy's staff for advice, good camera information and of course, purchasing quality cameras and other photography supplies. This month one of their staff, Steve Cody and a camera buddy of his, Kenny, will make a presentation to CKCS on their camera travels and adventures.

They have traveled extensively across the country, often together, indulging their interest in nature photography.

Kenny lives in Hazard and is the proprietor of Southern Accent Photography. You can see his work on the Southern Accent Photography Facebook page.

Steve can be found behind the counter at Murphy's Camera here in Lexington.

Postponed February SIG

Notice - Due to the nasty weather – cold, wet, snowy, windy, icy, etc., the Digital Photography Special Interest Group meeting on 3D printing on Manchester Street originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, will be rescheduled at a later date.

Two Photo Contests to be judged in March

I hope you submitted your "Motor Vehicles" pictures for the February photo contest by midnight February 23. We will view and vote on these at the March meeting.

The March contest category will be "Small Towns". Kentucky is full of small towns so get your camera, get out and start shooting. Submit your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than March 23.

See ya at CKCS at 7 p.m., Monday night, March 24, 2015.

TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac
Windows SIG Leader
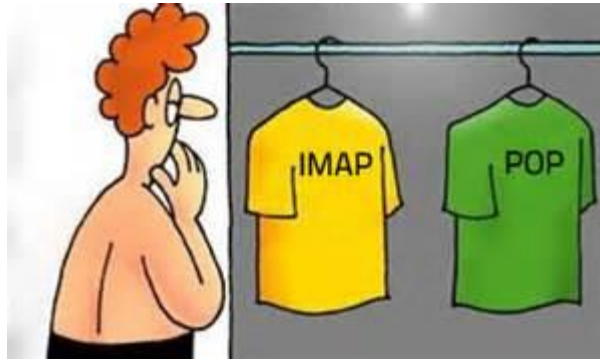
IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol) and **POP3,** (Post Office Protocol) are the two most prevalent Internet standard protocols for e-mail retrieval,
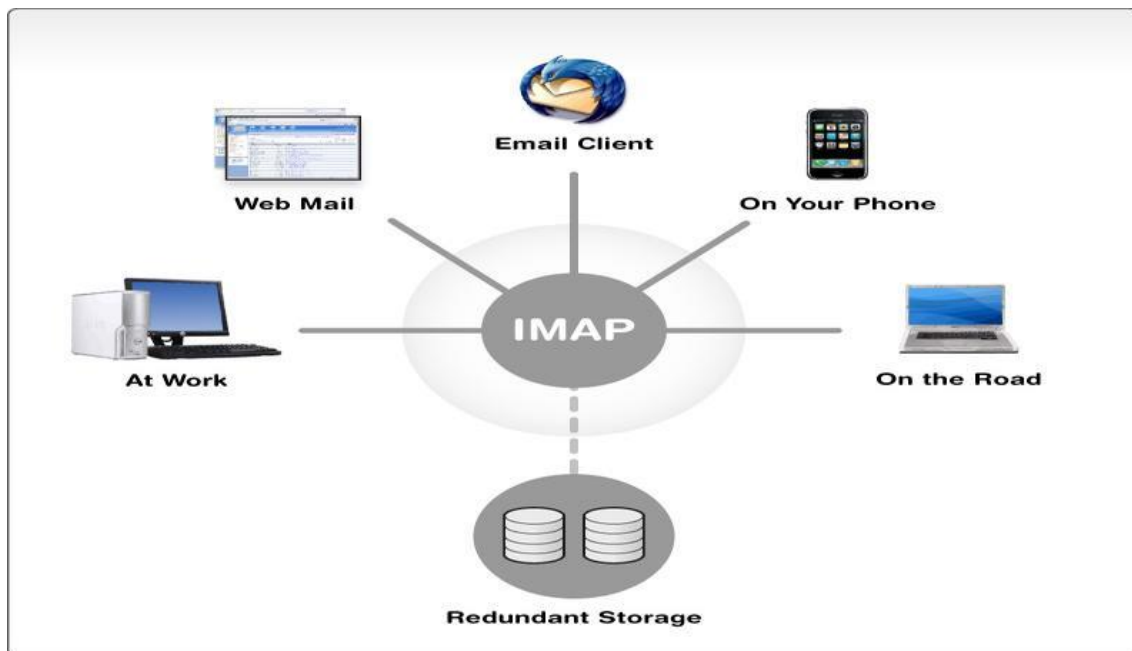
Gmail, Hotmail, and Yahoo, are browser-based email systems and use **IMAP** (Internet Message Access Protocol). Your messages and contacts are stored online and it allows you to access them by computer, laptops, iPads, iPhones, etc.

If you check your email from a lot of devices, phones, or computers, set up your email clients to use IMAP.

FROM THE SERVER TO YOUR HARD DRIVE.

Windows Live Mail, Microsoft Outlook, and Mozilla Thunderbird can be configured to access email accounts that use POP3 or IMAP protocol's.

Use POP 3

If you want to have all your emails and contacts on your own computer and don't trust a server to hold the information then you need POP3. **CKCS**

News to use

Something new from Amazon

If you don't know, the online retailer AMAZON (which has a major distribution center here in Lexington) has a program designed to support non-profit charitable organizations, such as CKCS. They provide us .05 percent of any purchase you make. For several years now, if you went to the CKCS home page and clicked on the AMAZON logo before shopping, CKCS received the donation based on your purchase.

What is new, they have made it simpler and automatic. To shop now just go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop. By doing this it is an automatic way for you to support CKCS every time you shop, at no cost to you. The price and selection is the same as your normal shopping experience. Just be sure to sign on to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Only a few products, recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases, and subscription renewals are excluded from this program.

The first time you sign on using smile.amazon.com you may create a new account or use an existing account. You need to select your charitable organization by typing in the appropriate space **Central Kentucky Computer Society Inc.** for us to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Previously you had to go to the CKCS website home page, click on the Amazon logo (on the bottom left corner) which automatically caused the donation to CKCS to occur. We are not sure that this will still work, but the new system is simpler and makes it automatic by just signing onto smile.amazon.com and following the instructions above. Please do this and we will thank you very much. **CKCS**

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Computer Mystery Workshop

Workshop leader: Bob Brown

March 4, 2015 1:30 p.m.

Bob Brown

Portable Applications

The Computer Mystery Workshop on Wednesday, March 04 at 1:30 p.m., will be about portable applications – software products that can be installed on a flash drive and then executed on any computer with a USB port without leaving any changes to the computer's hard drive.

Many well-known and not-so-well known applications now have "portable" versions available and there is a portable manager tool that makes it easy to prepare your own flash drive collection with apps of your choosing.

This meeting will have a demonstration of how to build your own portable apps flash drive.

This can be a good way to check for viruses on a computer with an unknown history or just to carry around your own Sudoku game ready to play whenever you find an unoccupied computer.

Available applications include Libre Office – so you can work on your novel wherever you go without having to carry your computer with you. Also, there are web browsers Firefox and Google Chrome.

Macintosh and Linux versions are available, too.

At the meeting, we will also review our CMW model investment portfolio and check on the progress of SQRL website login.

Plus, there will be time for questions, problem solving and more.

The Computer Mystery Workshop meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring their laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc. and follow along when appropriate.

Next month's Computer Mystery Workshop will be on Wednesday, April 1.   CKCS

Apple anticipates huge demand for Apple Watch

Apple has ordered 5–6 million of its smart watch set to launch in April; three models will be available

By Kurt Jefferson,
SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac & iPad topics

Kurt Jefferson

"The Apple Watch starting at $349 can receive phone calls and messages, play music, serve as a digital wallet to pay for goods and monitor heart rates via special sensors."
– *Reuters.com*

"Apple has asked its suppliers in Asia to make a combined five to six million units of its three Apple Watch models during the first quarter ahead of the product's release in April, according to people familiar with the matter."
– *Digits: Tech News & Analysis from The Wall Street Journal*

"Apple has also been preparing its retail stores by installing new safes to hold the watches as well as weight scales to determine how much gold are in individual Apple Watch Edition units."
– *9to5mac.com*

Apple wants to "change the way you live your life," says CEO Tim Cook. And the Apple Watch scheduled for launch in April will help do that if news reports are on target.

The company is asking Asian suppliers to build five to six million watches before they go on sale in April.

By contrast, Google's manufacturing partners shipped just 720,000 Android wear devices between June and December of last year. So the company that makes Macs, iPhones, iPads and iPod touches, believes it has another hit on its hands.

Reuters reports that thousands will work around the clock during the Chinese New Year's holidays at Quanta's factory in Changshu, China, to produce enough of Apple's newest product.

Relies on your iPhone

MacRumors/reports the Apple Watch is not made to work alone. "Apple's Watch is designed to be a companion device to the iPhone, and as such, it requires an iPhone to function. According to Apple, the Watch is not a standalone device because it

What you need to know

The Apple Watch "is a music player like an iPod, a fitness tracker with heart–rate measurements, a communications device that will send and receive messages, calls and audio recordings…it also makes payments via Apple Pay…it can also control your Apple TV and act as a remote for connected smart–home devices," reports C|Net.

The Apple Watch is designed to work with your iPhone. It works with the iPhone 5, 5C, 5S, 6 and iPhone 6 Plus.

Three models of the new Apple Watch
Apple Watch Sport ($349) This entry–level model contains aluminum and glass and is the least expensive version.

Apple Watch (price not yet announced) Metal and gold versions will be available. A French web site claims this model will cost $500.

Apple Watch Edition (price not yet announced) The high–end model with 18–karat gold casing is expected to be among the most expensive items Apple has ever sold. News reports say it will surpass the $4,000 Mac Pro computer.

From Apple's web site – three Apple Watch models will be sold.

In fact, initial Apple Watch apps will be entirely powered by the iPhone to preserve battery.

The Apple Watch has also been designed to work with Apple's new Continuity features, letting users shift tasks from one device to another with ease."

"If I sit too long, it'll tap me on the wrist and tell me to move," says Apple CEO Tim Cook in an *Information Week* report on the watch. "A lot of doctors believe sitting is the new cancer. If you haven't moved within the hour, it'll tap you."

News reports say that Apple was forced to remove advanced health features that were not reliable, too complex, and might even involve government regulation.

Instead, the watch:

- Tracks daily activity, including your heart beat (four sapphire lenses on the back of Apple Watch measure heart rate using infrared and LED technology)

- Offers Siri (the voice–activated assistant popular on the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch)

- Measures daily caloric burn, amount of moderate exercise and time spent standing

- Tracks dedicated workouts, such as cycling – and syncs this information with the iPhone

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Not a member ?
We invite you to join CKCS

Here is how: It is simple as 1 – 2 – 3
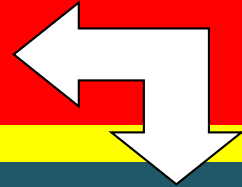
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Click on this link http://www.ckcs.org/join/ and fill out the form

(if that doesn't work, go to www.ckcs.org and click on JOIN NOW) -- **or**

2

Call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you -- **or**

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Office hours Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

We need you and will welcome you as a full-fledged member!

Members are eligible to attend all Special Interest Group sessions

Members receive a discount on all classes, workshops and seminars

March 2015 CKCS SIG Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared this SIG calendar for this newsletter
Print this page for your refrigerator or bulletin board

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
02 Mar	**03 Mar**	**04 Mar**	**05 Mar**	**06 Mar**	**07 Mar**
	1:30 PM **Word Processing** LARRY TRIVETTE	1:30 PM **Mystery Workshop** BOB BROWN	9:00 AM **Photo Coffee** — 7:00 PM **Board of Directors**		10:00 AM - NOON **Dr. Fixit** BOB BROWN - BEN RICE - MIKE SEILER - HARRY ELLISON - JAMES OSBORNE Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help.
09 Mar	**10 Mar**	**11 Mar**	**12 Mar**	**13 Mar**	**14 Mar**
7:00 PM **Tech Night** **Freddy Peralta KyTrade–** Copy Your Computer Data	7:00 PM **Windows 7–8.1–10** JOE ISAAC		9:00 AM **Photo Coffee** — 7:00 PM **Mac & iPad** KURT JEFFERSON		
16 Mar	**17 Mar**	**18 Mar**	**19 Mar**	**20 Mar**	**21 Mar**
			9:00 AM **Photo Coffee** — 7:00 PM **Microsoft Access** STUART ZAHALKA		
23 Mar	**24 Mar**	**25 Mar**	**26 Mar**	**27 Mar**	**28 Mar**
7:00 PM **Database** GARLAND SMITH	7:00 PM **Digital Photography** JOE DIETZ		9:00 AM **Photo Coffee** — 7:00 PM **Unix / Linux** LEWIS GARDNER		
30 Mar	**31 Mar**	**01 Apr**	**02 Apr**	**03 Apr**	**04 Apr**
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New Members and Renewals

During the period from 1/26/2015 to 2/24/2015

We welcome the following new members.

Paul Baumgartner
Julie Goodin
Robert Truitt
Lib Wilson

We thank the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period.

Lynda Closson
Dr. Wayne W. Collier
Tom Dillion
Keith Grierson
John Hernandez
Larry G. Johnson
Ruth & Dean Midboe
Larry Neuzel
James L. Pepperl
Marion Rasmussen
Beth Savarese
Sharon Seckman
Tom Senff
Phyllis Spiker
Robert Urie
Clara & Emery Wilson
Robin Young

Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice CKCS

February Tech Night program
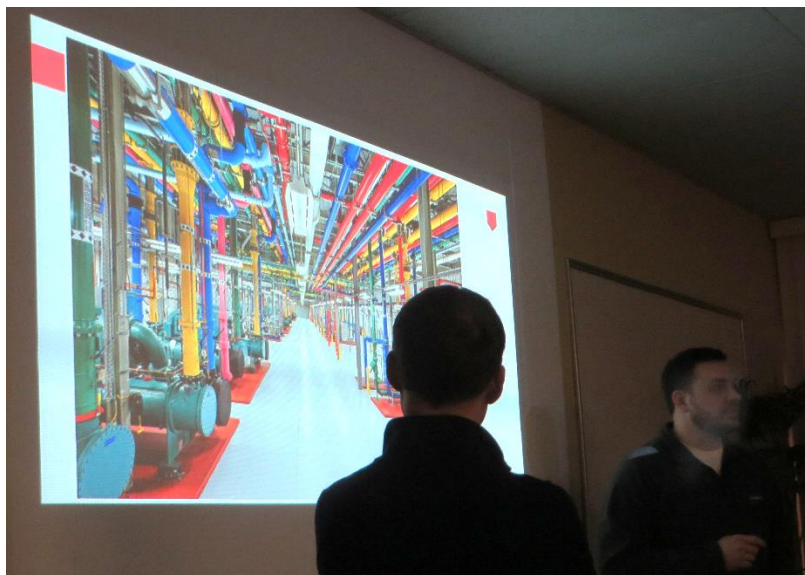
Review by Brooke Thomas

We had another blustery winter night for February's Tech Night, but that didn't keep people away. The room was filled with members and guests wanting to hear the information that Joey Police and Craig Mayfield had to share about smart phones, tablets, computers, cloud storage and online backup. They were not disappointed. Joey and Craig had a wealth of information on the whole gamut.

Craig and Joey shared some pictures and information about themselves and their families. They gave pros and cons of buying a desktop versus laptop. Joey showed the Windows Surface Pro that he personally uses. In talking about the cloud they mentioned how your data is available anytime anywhere and always online. Some of the cloud storage they touched on was Google Drive, DropBox, iCloud and OneDrive. It was interesting to see the chart analysis of the different smart phones. Android has 82.3 percent of the market, Apple has 13.8 percent and Windows 2.7 percent.

Of particular interest was their discussion of online backups. They were advocates for online backup. Some of the programs they discussed were Crash Plan, Carbonite, Mosley, and Sugar Sync.

Another first for Tech Night was the streaming of the program so members could watch the presentation on a computer or tablet from their homes. We are still experimenting with it and asked the members who turned in that night to give Mike Seiler feedback. Twelve people responded, one from as far away as Germany and another one from California. Mike has been instrumental in installation of the equipment to make the broadcast (streaming) happen.

If you would like to participate in future broadcasts, check out the SIG schedule under meetings on the website. Whenever the projector is on, the camera will be streaming. The link does not change so keep a record of this link: www.dropcam.com/p/g5PGQK. When you get to the site you will see it's called *SIG Room*. If there is no image there you will see a black screen indicating there is nothing going on and the projector is off.

The picture here, taken by Brooke Thomas, is of one of the viewgraphs slides used in the presentation. Craig Mayfield has his back to the camera. Joey Police is at right. . **CKCS**

This Month's Best Videos / Shows

On some browsers, if you click on the link below, it is difficult to get back here to view the next video.
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REMEMBER Enjoy these videos full screen by clicking on the bottom right corner symbol ⬛. When you finish, click on that same symbol to minimize that screen, then you can easily close the video

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Remarkable basketball talent

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxqUNKBJIzY

Furnished by Ted Mellinger

A village of 100 people – interesting facts!

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IDN6GC5umKRIYBkHazM5yOxP15iC2w8FhS9we7zD-j0/embed?hl=en&size=m&slide=id.p4

Furnished by Carl Peter

Crazy drivers in India

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Djo_sJwgIQ0

Furnished by Carl Peter

Old gas station photos – *when gas was cheaper*

http://biggeekdad.com/2015/01/old-gas-stations

Furnished by Kay Stivers

A collection of top rated Budweiser commercials

http://wallythekat.tripod.com/A_Pages/AA-Videos-YOU-Tube/Clydesdales.html

Furnished by Carl Peter

I don't believe you have seen a bike rider like this before

http://www.youtube.com/embed/xQ_IQS3VKjA

Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

What a wonderful world   *MerylStreep, BetteMidler, GoldieHawn, OlivaNewtonJohn, Cher*

https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=9171181616666239

Furnished by Myra Engle

Use caution when disposing 9V batteries

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnVDayI-gwI

Furnished by Carl Peter

Life in a painting – amazing!

http://nethugs.com/interesting/aging-in-a-painting/

Furnished by Carl Peter

Tour of the International Space Station!

http://www.youtube.com/embed/doN4t5NKW-k

Furnished by Mike Seiler

The best dolphin show ever!

https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/pRFq7K4vCSk?rel=0

Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

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A Few Funny Pages / Facts

Snowman

I made myself a snowman
As perfect as can be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas
And a pillow for his head,
Then last night it ran away
But first, it wet the bed.

I wonder why this was sent at this time?
Furnished by Kay Stivers

A woman bought a "non-visible" piece of art for $10,000 in 2011.The Museum of Non-Visible Art is a project endorsed by actor James Franco that promotes artwork that is imagined by the artist.

From the *QuizzClub* on the internet

Maybe we might have some budding artist out there among our members.

Selected religious humor

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note, "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

Last, but not least: ------
The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need $4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge $100 or more, please standup." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Furnished by Carl Peter

Not all thieves are stupid

1. LONG-TERM PARKING:

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car

to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

2. GPS:

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

3. CELL PHONES:

I never thought of this! This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.
Moral lesson:
a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.
b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.
c. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

4. PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART SCAM:

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. Wait till you read the WHOLE story! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

Not considered funny, but something to think about.

Furnished by Bob McKee………
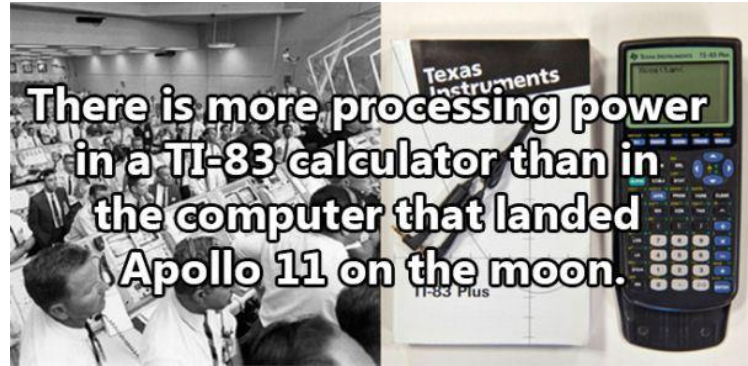
How far we have come – interesting facts

If you had bought the computing power found inside an iPhone 5S in 1991, it would have cost you $3.56 million.

There is more processing power in a TI-83 calculator than in the computer that landed Apollo 11 on the moon.

Everything in this 1991 RadioShack ad exists in a single smartphone.

In 1990, one million people worldwide owned a mobile phone. Today, there are between 5 and 6 billion in circulation.
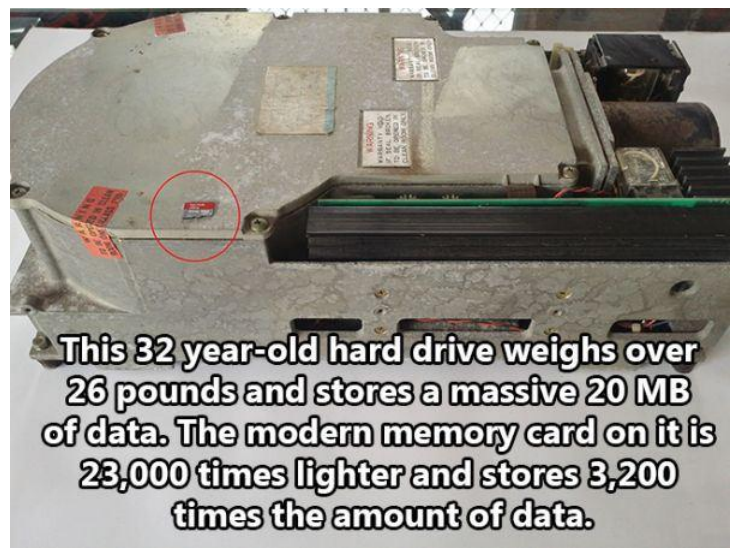
This 32 year-old hard drive weighs over 26 pounds and stores a massive 20 MB of data. The modern memory card on it is 23,000 times lighter and stores 3,200 times the amount of data.
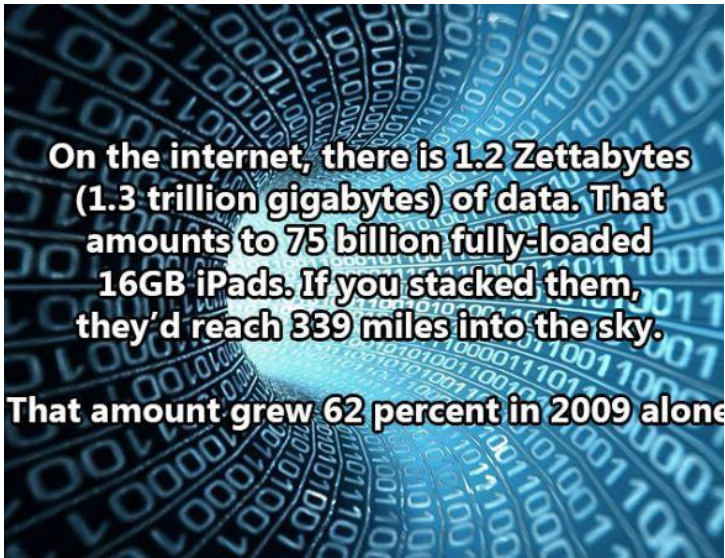
On the internet, there is 1.2 Zettabytes (1.3 trillion gigabytes) of data. That amounts to 75 billion fully-loaded 16GB iPads. If you stacked them, they'd reach 339 miles into the sky.

That amount grew 62 percent in 2009 alone
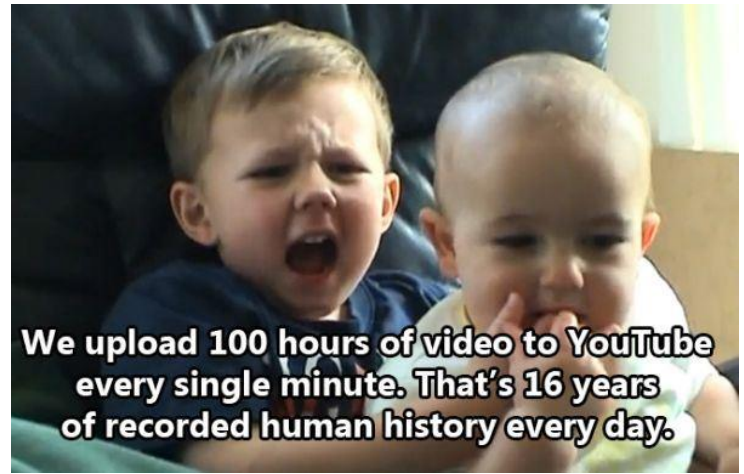
We upload 100 hours of video to YouTube every single minute. That's 16 years of recorded human history every day.
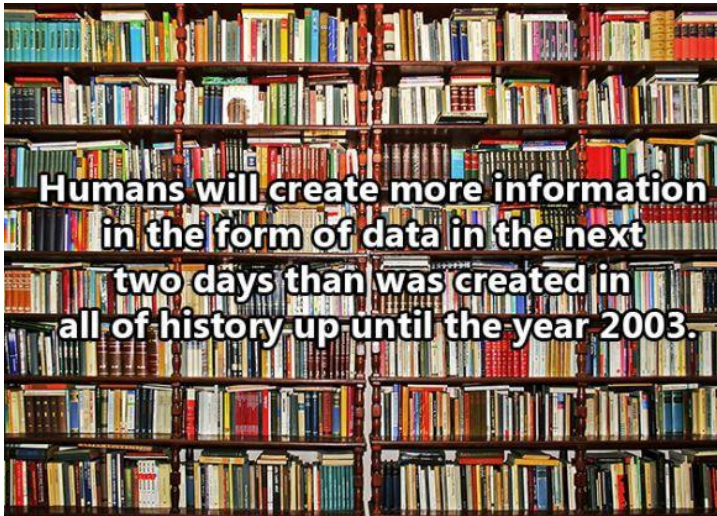
Humans will create more information in the form of data in the next two days than was created in all of history up until the year 2003.
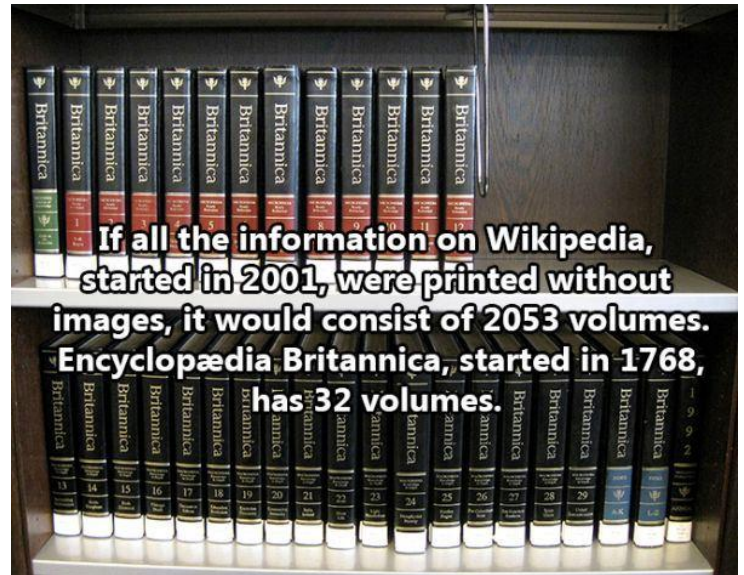
If all the information on Wikipedia, started in 2001, were printed without images, it would consist of 2053 volumes. Encyclopædia Britannica, started in 1768, has 32 volumes.

Every two minutes, we take as many photos as all of humanity took during the 1800s.

In 2014 alone, humanity will take 880 billion photos. That's 123 photos for every man, woman and child on Earth.

(Thanks to the statisticians who sorted this information out and presented it in a way we can understand...) CKCS

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CKCS List of Special Interest Groups

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers nine Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members. Starting times of SIGS are as indicated in the listing.

SPECIAL NOTE; Always check the "Monthly Schedule" and the "Newsletter" link on the CKCS home page for any schedule change www.ckcs.org

COMPUTER MYSTERY SIG

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. – Leader Bob Brown

Meeting topics will be about Internet websites, operating system tips and tricks, application software, new hardware devices or any other ideas from the world of personal computers. At each meeting, two or three things are presented that you might want to do with your computer but may not know exactly how

DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. – Leader Garland Smith

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Joe Dietz

The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point and shoot camera, effective lighting when taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and how to improve their images with digital imaging software such as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or other program. Each meeting starts with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

DR. FIXIT SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. – Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice, Harry Ellison, James Osborne, and Mike Seiler.

CKCS members are eligible to bring in sick computers for evaluation. Our 'experts' will diagnose the problem and if possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse and monitor on hand. This is a free service for members only. One may join in membership to avail themselves of this special service.

MAC AND iPAD SIG

Meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Kurt Jefferson

The Mac and iPad SIG tackles issues to help make both Apple's Mac computers and its iPad tablet easier to use and more enjoyable. We deal with a variety of topics ranging from Mac OS X (pronounced "10") to iOS, the operating system running Apple's iPad. We share tips at every meeting and provide insights to empower users to get more out of their Macs and their iPads. Users are encouraged to bring their Mac laptops and iPad tablets to experience first hand the tips provided at each meeting. Whether you're a beginner to the Mac or iPad, of you've been using both devices for several years, you'll walk away with plenty of tips, tricks, and advice to make your computing experience more enjoyable.

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Stuart Zahalka

WINDOWS SIG

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Joe Isaac

The Windows SIG or Workshop for Windows 7, 8.1, and 10 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.. Topics covered may be: Windows, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Windows Live Mail, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Control Panel, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Disk Cleanup, etc. To see which topic will be covered next go to http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/
To see a year's worth of email Tips and Reviews go to:**http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf**

WORD PROCESSING SIG

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Leader Larry Trivette

The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help provide solutions and answers. In fact, many of the topics presented during each session come from questions received by email during the month. Topics are presented so that new as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending. This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during the SIG.

UNIX / LINUX SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Lewis Gardner

The Linux SIG handles a wide range of technical topics. Linux is based on Unix which is the granddaddy of modern networking. We spend a considerable amount of time on servers, networks, routers, access points and general network configuration. These operating systems are at the heart of many devices in our increasingly connected world. Come out and we will try to get your questions answered, your problems troubleshot or devices configured. CKCS

- Replaces your wallet with Apple Pay

- Keeps you connected to your iPhone

- Can act as a smart key to open a smart lock on your front door at home

- Allows you to access home–automation such as smart thermostats, using the iPhone's wireless connection

- Tells accurate time – within 50 milliseconds, claims Apple

- Can show weather, lunar cycles, calendar appointments and messages

C|Net reports that Apple's new smart watch "has some newer technologies that other smartwatches, to date, haven't adopted.

This includes what's called haptic feedback and force–sensitive displays.

"Press harder and it will do different things. This could mean more advanced types of notification buttons or control input…a little Digital Crown on the side is a clever idea, merging a home button and scroll wheel in one. It aims to help make pinch–to–zoom and scroll functions easier to pull off, while IR and photo sensors give it extra sensitivity. That, and a button below that brings up favorite friends and contacts, offer a set of buttons that don't require the screen at all. You can still swipe and tap, too."

How does it feel? "The watch isn't surprising in design, but it's elegantly made. The bands in particular feel well thought out: a steel mesh one has magnets that wrap and attach, and so does a cool segmented leather one. And the snap-on magnetic inductive charger is great: it avoids weird snap-on dongles, but also means the watch won't detach from the charger when in a bag or an airline seat pocket," reports C|Net.

C|Net: Apple Watch coming this April

MacRumors: An In–depth look at Apple Watch band options and potential pricing

iPhone sales surpass Android for first time in three years
A first: Apple ships more smartphones in China than any other smartphone maker

In the past few months, Apple has sold a record number of iPhones. In the first quarter of the company's fiscal 2015, Apple sold 74.5–million iPhones. That's more iPhones than Apple has ever sold in a single quarter.

That compares with 51–million iPhones sold during the same period last year.

TechCrunch reports that's "an indicator that Apple made the right call in addressing display size with its latest update, since the larger iPhone 6 and 6 Plus seem to have been responsible for a lot of the iPhone's overall growth and record–breaking quarter."

What's interesting about record iPhone sale is the so–called "halo effect." In order words, new iPhone buyers often become Mac buyers, begin using Apple Pay, and may end up buying the Apple Watch when it's launched in April.

Remember, in the first fiscal quarter of 2015, Apple sold 5.5–million Macs. In other words, Apple grew Mac sales by 14–percent over the same time last year.

As TechCrunch writes, "In terms of hardware sales, Macs represent a growth opportunity for Apple. iPhones and iPads have dominated the market and are leaders in product categories they helped define. The Mac product line (while performing relatively well) hasn't dominated its respective category the way that Apple's mobile devices have, leaving lots of room for growth."

Regarding iPhone sales in China, TechCrunch puts it this way, "It's hard to understate what an accomplishment it is for Apple to have led that market, and how key its strong position there is for future growth potential."

Sheer iPhone sales numbers are staggering: CEO Tim Cook remarked to reporters after Apple reported profits – "On average we sold over 34,000 iPhones every hour, every day of the quarter."

TechCrunch: Apple sells a super–sized 74.5M iPhones in Q1 2015

Apple begins repair program for MacBook Pro laptops with video issues

If you own a MacBook Pro sold between February 2011 and February 2013, and have encountered ongoing video problems, Apple says it will make repairs for free. The repair program is targeted toward laptops that have "distorted video, no video, or unexpected system restarts," writes MacRumors.

Affected MacBook Pro models include:
- **MacBook Pro** (15–inch, Early 2011)
- **MacBook Pro** (15–inch, Late 2011)
- **MacBook Pro** (Retina, 15–inch, Mid 2012)
- **MacBook Pro** (17–inch, Early 2011)
- **MacBook Pro** (17–inch, Late 2011)
- **MacBook Pro** (Retina, 15–inch, Early 2013)

Owners of these models are urged to take their MacBook Pro laptops into a retail Apple Store, authorized service center, or send it in via mail for the free repairs.

[MacRumors: Apple initiates repair program](#)

[Apple's announcement of the MacBook Pro repair program](#)

Back to the Mac: Long–time Windows user returns to the Mac with purchase of Mac mini

Mac News Network's Malcolm Owen chronicles his return to the Mac platform with a series of articles that he's begun writing.

Owen is no stranger to the Mac – back in July 2006 he began using a MacBook.

Eventually, the laptop died but he never replaced it.

He's uses a series of non–Apple devices including "a self-built gaming PC running Windows, a Dell notebook also on Windows, an Android smartphone, and a Nexus 7 (that currently serves as the most expensive alarm clock I have ever owned since it was updated to Android Lollipop)…"

Malcolm Owen's new Mac mini as pictured on the Mac News Network web site.

In his column titled, [Back to the Mac: a fresh start after a long time apart](#), Owen tells how he decided to buy a Mac mini since he writes for Electronista and Mac News Network: "While reporting on the affairs of Apple and connected products can easily be accomplished without owning any of said items, it does limit my reporting ability to that of an outsider looking in, rather than a user who has a deeper understanding of the entire ecosystem."

He considered a MacBook Air, MacBook Pro and iMac. In the end, he decided against the laptops because of cost and decided he didn't need an iMac since he already had two monitors on his desk.

"The only real choice left was the Mac mini, which -- thanks to its overall cost compared to the other Mac options, and its simple potential integration into my computing setup -- was ideal. I could easily switch back to the gaming PC by changing the source on the monitors, and using another keyboard

and mouse. Separating out my work to the Mac, and keeping entertainment items on the PC would likely also help with work in the long run."

Owen opted to buy the new mini from Stormfront, an Apple retailer. It turns out the closet retail Apple Store is a 170–mile round-trip from his home so he ruled that out. (The closest retail Apple Store is in Cardiff, the capital of Wales, and tenth largest city in the United Kingdom.)

In part two of Owen's ongoing story, [Back to the Mac: unboxing and setting up the Mac mini](#), he tells about the minimal packaging that comes with Apple's smallest Mac: "The main event, the Mac mini itself, was a distinct change from any previous hardware unboxing I've gone through. For a start, there is precious little actual packaging, with only a small amount of cardboard for protecting the sides and top of the tightly-packed Mac. Once out of the box, I saw precious little accompanying the new computing device: a plug, a small package containing important documents, and that's it."

Owen describes how OS X has changed in the five years since he's used the Mac, impressions of the newest operating system, Yosemite, and installation of his preferred apps including OpenOffice, Google Chrome, Dropbox, and others.

He concludes, "In under an hour, I had managed to replicate my usual workflow, suggesting that a PC user switching to Mac may have a far easier time changing than they think. By the end of the first week, I should know whether that remains true."

U.S. states' Internet speeds compared to other nations

Ever been to Delaware? On average, Internet speeds in that state are faster than all but two other nations. [The Washington Post revealed the findings in a story](#) outlining a report by Akami Technologies, which says it delivers between 15 and 30 percent of all traffic on the Web.

Average Internet peak connection speeds in Kentucky actually fell by 2.4 percent – Kentucky is one of three states where speed dropped in the third quarter of last year. (Average peak speeds fell by 1.1% in Oregon and by 2.8% in New Hampshire.)

Kentucky ties Arkansas for slowest average Internet peak connection speed (at 33.1 Megabits per second.)

The two nations with average peak Internet speeds faster than Delaware are Hong Kong (84.6 Megabits per second) and Singapore (83 Megabits per second.)

Here is a list of states and countries with average Internet peak connection speeds recorded in the third quarter of 2014. Akami, the Internet hosting firm, provides all of the data.

State or Nation (U.S. in bold)	Average Internet peak connection speed (in Megabits) Source: Akami
Hong Kong	84.6
Singapore	83
Delaware	75.7
South Korea	74.2
Connecticut	71
Japan	65.1
Massachusetts	63.7
Washington D.C.	63.1
Washington state	62.6
Israel	61.8
Virginia	61.8
Utah	59.6
New Jersey	59.2
Rhode Island	58.9
Romania	58.7
Uruguay	58.6
Latvia	58.1
North Dakota	58
Maryland	56.7
New York	55.6
Taiwan	55.1
Luxembourg	54.4
Switzerland	54.4
Sweden	54
Michigan	53.9
Pennsylvania	53.7
New Jersey	53.5
The Netherlands	53.3
Belgium	52.7
California	52.3
South Dakota	51.7
New Hampshire	51.4
Indiana	50.7
Wisconsin	50.6
Ireland	50.4

Minnesota	49.6
Oregon	49.4
U.S. average	48.8
Florida	48.4
Tennessee	48.3
Macao	48.3
Georgia	47.5
Nevada	47.4
Vermont	47.3
Russia	47.1
Illinois	47
Texas	46.9
United Kingdom	46.8
Colorado	46.4
Wyoming	46
South Carolina	45.8
Bulgaria	45.8
Arizona	45.7
Missouri	45.1
Alabama	44.5
North Carolina	44.4
Nebraska	44.2
Canada	43.7
Portugal	43.7
Hungary	43.7
Czech Republic	43.4
Finland	43.4
Iceland	43.1
Oklahoma	43
Hawaii	42.1
Thailand	41.9
Qatar	41.9
Norway	41.5
Ohio	41.4
West Virginia	41

Kansas	40.9
Iowa	40.4
Austria	40.4
Montana	39.5
Slovenia	39.3
Germany	39.2
Ukraine	39
Denmark	38.9
Puerto Rico	38.5
Estonia	38.3
Slovakia	38.3
Lithunia	37.7
Poland	37.5
Alaska	36.8
Malta	36.7
Isle of Man	36.7
New Mexico	36.6
Idaho	36.5
Mississippi	36.3
Louisiana	36.3
Spain	36.2
Australia	36
Maine	36
Moldova	35.7
CW (island in southern Caribbean)	35.1
Kuwait	34.7
United Arab Emirates	33.2
Kentucky	33.1
Arkansas	33.1
Jamaica	32.3

- [Akami's State of the Internet: 2014 Report (Third Quarter)](#)

- [Akami's State of the Internet: Connectivity, Security & Trends](#) CKCS