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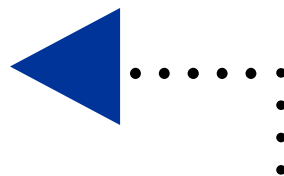


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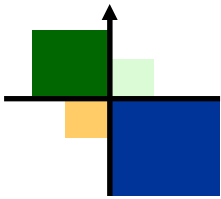
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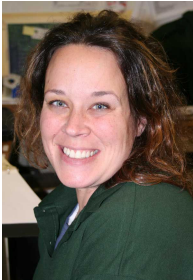
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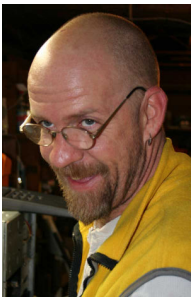
Staff Additions

Meet the newest staff here at VCI.



Sherry Chicoine – Office Manager

Sherry is the newest administrator here at VCI. She graduated from a Business/Finance school in Rhode Island. She has been working with finances for the past 12 years. She lives in Randolph with her 3 children. She enjoys working at VCI because the employees are very knowledgeable and helpful.



John Hogan – Technician

John is our newest technician. When asked why he likes working for VCI, John says he enjoys working with the other employees, and the challenging and stimulating atmosphere here at VCI. John has worked in the IT field with a background in web architecture and backend databases. John was schooled at the National University of Ireland. He lives with his wife and 5 children on a small farm in Chelsea.

New Products!!

Come on in and check out these great items!



Travel Plug Adaptor

For the first time in the VCI store, introducing a universal travel plug adaptor. This adaptor will adapt plugs world wide

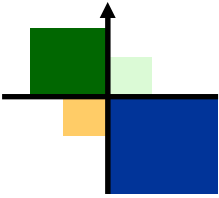
covering over 150 countries. Perfect for soldiers going overseas. Does not convert voltage, just the physical plug.



USB Network Adaptor

Also introducing a brand new item, this USB network adaptor lets you attach to a network without an internal network card. No need to open your case. Portable,

great for laptops. Auto adjusts 10/100 mbps. Has LEDs for speed and activity. Hot swappable, no need to power down. Works with cable and DSL.



TECH TIPS



Sick of seeing this icon every time you open a folder with a lot of files in it in XP? Here is a tip you may enjoy:

1. Open **My Computer**
2. Click on **Tools**, then select **Folder Options**
3. Choose the **View** tab
4. Uncheck the box that says “*Automatically Search for network folders and printers.*”
5. Click **OK**

You may want to skip this tip if your PC is on a network with shared resources.

Boot Tricks

Slow startups? Here are a couple tips to speed up that pokey boot.

Perform a boot defragment — Boot defragment should be enabled by default but if it's not: Go to the **Start Menu** and choose **Run**. Type “*regedit*” and hit **OK**. Go to:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Dfrg\BootOptimizeFunction

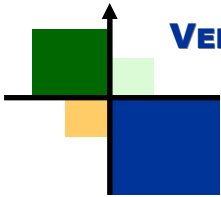
Set this value to **Y** if it is not already. (**NOTE: Making an error while editing the registry is potentially very dangerous to your system! Advanced users only!**)

Adjust BIOS settings — Enter your BIOS and check to see if these settings are available.

Quick Power On Self Test (POST) - Enable this to perform an abbreviated rather than a full self test on start up.

Boot Up Floppy Seek - Looks for floppy on start, disable.

Boot Delay - Lets hard drive spin up before start, disable.



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PERIPHERALS

eCoupled Wireless Power to Debut at CES

<http://www.gizmodo.com/>

The Consumer Electronics Show is just a couple weeks away and word is that eCoupled will be debuting their intelligent wireless power system at the show. This system is pretty self-explanatory—power without the wires. We've seen cordless charging pads and such in the past, but this seems like the real deal:

“eCoupled technology leverages inductive coupling, which works by transferring energy from one device to another through a shared magnetic field. The technology stems from the foundational work of renowned scientists Michael Faraday and Nikola Tesla.”

PS3 Greymarket Watch: Scalpers Dumping PS3s Back To Stores

<http://www.gizmodo.com/>

Despite the PS3 costing more than the Wii—and having less units available—it seems Sony's console is easier to find than the Wii. So much so that people are swapping PS3s for Wii straight up. And the scalpers who can't trade for a Wii or flip their PS3s for more than a 10% or 20% profit? They're returning the consoles to the stores they bought them from.

According to the Hamilton Spectator, these scalpers are having a tough time selling the PS3s for their asking price of \$1,000 to \$2,000, even during Christmas. Thus, they can either open the boxes up and enjoy it themselves, or return it to stores before their return period expires. Most are choosing the latter. Excuse us if we're not crying on behalf of the scalpers.

George Orwell Was Right — Security Cameras Get an Upgrade

<http://www.slashdot.org/>

Jamie stopped to mention that Bloomberg is reporting on a recent addition of speakers to public security cameras in Middlesbrough, England. From the article:

"'People are shocked when they hear the cameras talk, but when they see everyone else looking at them, they feel a twinge of conscience and comply,' said Mike Clark, a spokesman for Middlesbrough Council who recounted the incident. The city has placed speakers in its cameras, allowing operators to chastise miscreants who drop coffee cups, ride bicycles too fast or fight outside bars."