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How Many Email Addresses Can I Have?

You can have as many accounts as you want. Your internet provider will provide you with at least one but you can add many public email addresses. Here are some to choose from. Gmail, Hotmail, AOL, Yahoo, AIM, Inbox, Live, FastMail, GMX, and HotPOP are all free and can be access on the web from any computer anywhere in the world. Some of these can even be opened in Outlook for your convenience.

How To Buy A Personal Computer:

First ask yourself if you need the convenience of a portable laptop (more costly) or the versatility of a desktop. Upgrading a laptop is expensive while a desktop is easier to open and replace components. Now decide what you want to do with your computer. Are you going to run powerful games, edit movies, collect a large amount of photos or music? These all require lots of storage (hard disc size) and plenty of RAM (memory). If you are only going to do basic chores, email and surf the web, you can live with much smaller hardware. May I suggest for a midrange unit that you consider a dual-core processor, 2 gigs of RAM and a hard drive of at least 250 gigs? The sound and video cards are less of an issue unless you plan on running hi-end games. Make sure you have a DVD burner too. This will record CDs and DVDs. Yes, you will want this capability to copy excess data off your computer to save room. Other options that may be nice are a built-in web camera for free video conferencing with whoever you choose and a second hard drive. Happy shopping.

Excel 2007 Spreadsheets:

Excel is the world's most widely-used spreadsheet program. Excel is by far the most popular and has become the world standard. Much of the appeal of Excel is due to the fact that it's so versatile. Excel's main feature is performing numerical calculations, but Excel is also very useful for non-numerical applications. Here are just a few of the uses for Excel: Number crunching, create budgets, analyze survey results, perform just about any type of financial analysis you can think of, create charts, organize lists, accessing other data, plus create graphics. Your check book is a spreadsheet. Why not keep a record of your income and expenses every month?

Basic Training:

The Catherine Eberly Center for Women on the campus of UT offers basic computer training at very reasonable prices. This is a non-credit series of 5 classes that focus on the novice user. Classes are forming now! Come join me September 23. Call 419-530-8570. Don't forget to register for my newsletters at www.ohcomputertraining.com.

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