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Should You Buy A Laptop or Tower?

For a long time PC towers were simply cheaper than a laptop to buy; normally half the price for the same specifications. This is now no longer the case as the price of a laptop is now comparable to that of a tower. Let's consider the advantages/disadvantages each type of system has. A laptop is portable with wireless internet access. This is the major advantage. Some disadvantages include the screen size. Most are 15 inches. Laptops lack space internally to have a great cooling system and upgrading components is nearly impossible although you can always add an external drive to add storage. A tower is stationary and requires more desk or floor space and can be upgraded and repaired with ease. Your screen can be any size you want. If money is not an obstacle, own one of each. A decent system will begin at about \$500, way less than years gone by. I love the tiny Netbooks but they tend to be slower and have much less storage unless you upgrade this 10" model to the price of a laptop. It does fit in your briefcase or large purse though. It is all up to you and your wallet.

How Long Is Your Food Fresh?

I love finding useful websites that are so good I want to print portions of it. I bet you spend more time than you thought on **STILLTASTY.COM**. You will discover how long to store foods and beverages, how to package them and handy tips every day. Did you know you can safely store fresh, whole strawberries at room temperature but you should always try to refrigerate your strawberry purchases as soon as you get home from the store? The reason is that strawberries are highly perishable and do not ripen after being picked - leaving them at room temperature will only speed up their decay. Strawberries will keep in the refrigerator for only about three to five days; you can also freeze them for longer-term storage. Want to know more? Visit this website.

Spell Check Tip:

Open Microsoft Word (no matter what version). Type in a word that you know is spelled wrong. You will see the red squiggly line on that word. Now type that same word with the caps lock on. No squiggly line this time. The spell check does not recognize misspellings by default. You can change this in the preferences of your software. Find the options settings in 2003 and prior or in version 2007 simply open the office button and choose Word Options. Under the Proofing section the first box says Ignore Words in Uppercase. Uncheck that box. Now do the exercise above again. You should have a red line under both. Of course you can choose which option you like.

Next Issue: How did your task bar get moved?

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