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WHAT IS A WIFI USB ADAPTOR?

If you have a computer that is Windows XP or newer and it does not WiFi capabilities, you can purchase an adaptor to use as a receiver. Yes...even if you have an older laptop that does not have WiFi, there is help for you. Like everything else, quality has its price tag. You can buy an adaptor for as little as \$10 but you will get Internet access comparable to dialup. This is a waste of money. If you want convenience with fast connection you are looking at around \$65 or more. May I suggest the Linksys wireless dual-band N unit? Your router may be the older G format but this N model reads backwards to G. If you upgrade to an N router over time, you are all ready for hardly any difference in money. How about that extra desktop I know you have collected by now? Get yourself a wireless router and then plug this adaptor in. Poof...you have a network in your home and everyone has access to the Internet. Now I bet you will want a wireless printer that everyone can share. Next time you need to replace your printer, consider going wireless even if you plug it in now. It works either way. Again, if you have to buy one anyway, you will be ready for the future in your household.

WHEN TO TAKE YOUR COMPUTER TO THE DOCTOR:

May of you know how to clear out viruses and even roll back your system to an earlier date. You may also have the skills to clean up your discs and defragment your drives. There is a point in time when even I cannot do the magic you need. Is your computer over-heating? Do you need an additional hard drive installed? Is your main or only hard drive crashing or malfunctioning? These are things that can be fixed before you have to just throw away your computer and loose all your data. If you notice any of these symptoms, don't wait; take it to a trusted repair shop. I know there are plenty to choose from but I always use Computer Discount on Monroe Street. Next time you need a helping hand, stop in and tell Greg I sent you. You will understand immediately how knowledgeable he is and sense his passion for getting it right the first time. By the way, if you need help with any of the issues at the beginning of this section, I can get you out of most any jam.

I MAKE HOUSE CALLS:

I will come to your home or office to help you with almost any predicament including REPAIRS and upgrades. I have an endless amount of patience and knowledge. I offer a 20% discount on my hourly rate for those aged 60 and over. Give me a call at 419-318-9112. References are always available upon request. Don't forget to sign up for my FREE NEWSLETTER at OhComputerTraining.com. Subscribers will get unpublished hints and tips.

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