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USB Hubba...Hubba...Hubba...

A USB hub uses one USB connection on your computer and shares it with a number of USB devices such as a mouse, keyboard, printer, external hard drive, camera, scanner.... It comes in useful on workstation computers with a few USB ports and on laptops, where you can narrow down the number of USB connections that have to be connected down to one when you plug in and out.

On the USB front – specifications for USB release 3.0 have recently been approved. It's faster and provides more power to the USB device. Look for systems supporting the devices to be out by the end of 2009.

Stretching the Ink

Your printer may warn you that you're out of ink, and there's still more to go. Some printers intentionally generate warnings when they reach 8-15% of ink left in the cartridge. Replacement when the warnings start will preserve print quality. If you're just printing documents for internal use, you may want to try stretching it until the ink quality on the paper is visually degraded.

Laptops have just recently dropped in price. Suppliers tend to drop their price in August and September to increase sales for students going back to school.

Windows XP Service Pack 3

It's been out and has solidified. If it hasn't been loaded on your Windows XP systems, it would be time to go ahead and do it. It includes many Windows fixes and security updates from Microsoft. Alas, no significant features.

Web Winner

Need some clip art for a presentation or flyer? Microsoft has clip art free for the taking at -

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/clipart/default.aspx?lc=en-us>

Tips & Tricks

To select a portion of a document from the current cursor position to the end, use Ctrl + Shift + End. This is useful if you want to copy a portion of the end of a document to another location in the document or to create a new document with the selected text. You can also use this Ctrl + Shift + End technique to select an entire document, but you must use Ctrl + Home first as it selects from the cursor location to the end.

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