

IT Presentations

All classes listed below are designed for computer novices and are NOT advanced in nature. An active internet connection is needed for classes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop, ipod or camera to class if wireless is available.

Title	Description	Duration
Intro To Selling on Ebay	This course is an introduction to Ebay. An overview of the auction process is described and features of Ebay are highlighted, including seller tools, item searches, listing tips, live auctions, payment and shipping.	2 hours
Securing Your Home Wireless Computer	Wireless networking has become very popular, but is your network properly secured? More importantly, is your data properly backed up in case disaster strikes? Participants in this session will learn how to control their wireless network, as well as methods to prevent SPAM and phishing attempts. Backup methods for your email, data, music, and digital photos will be demonstrated as well.	2 hours
Digital Photography	Have you ever wondered what all those symbols on your digital camera dial represent? Cameras that use 35mm film are now a mere memory. This session is an intro to basic photography, camera settings, and features to look for when purchasing a digital camera. Please feel free to bring your personal digital camera to class.	2 hours
Sharing Your Photos Online	How do you manage your digital photos? Learn how to use online photo sites for storage, sharing, editing, print production, and interaction with others. We will explore Google's Picassa, Flickr, Snapfish. Please bring your camera and/or pictures on your laptop or USB flash drive to practice with.	2 hours
Introduction to Computer Networking	This presentation is a very basic introduction to computer networks. Physical topology, network components, cabling, routers and switches are discussed as well as an animated demonstration of how messages are able to find their destination on the internet.	1.5 hours
The Ten Most Interactive Websites on the Internet	The websites of yesterday merely displayed text and pictures for the reader. Today's new generation of websites actually interact with the reader, allowing visitors to communicate and run programs within the site rather than downloading programs to your computer. In this session, websites will be demonstrated that allow you to view news graphically, create motivational posters for events, take interactive polls and produce movies from still pictures stored on your computer.	1.5 hours
The Coolest Technology Gadgets of 2010	Come and learn about the latest gadgets available in today's technology-rich environment. In addition to discussing what's currently available, learn where to look to find what's just appearing on the horizon as well. Digital cameras, recording devices, phones, wireless, and home entertainment devices are all included in this "geek" session. If you're looking for a gift for someone that has everything, you're sure to find something here!	1.5 hours
Collaborating with Google	Google has grown from a web search engine into a multi-faceted website that features online tools linked to massive databases of information. This session will teach you how to obtain a free gmail account which will grant you access to unlimited free telephone calls, an online calendar that you can share with others, free shopping comparisons, and too many other services to list here! Each participant will learn how to collaborate	2 hours
Using Your Computer As A Telephone	The internet is perfectly capable of carrying voice and video conversations. Learn how to download free programs that will allow you to speak with and see distant friends and relatives with NO long distance charges.	1.5 hours
Web 2.0: The Evolution of the Internet	The internet is very different now than it was two years ago. Innovative technology companies are making the internet a much more interactive place by publishing free web applications, services, and information. Learn how to fully participate in today's Web 2.0 interactive community.	1.5 hours
Social Networking: How to create and secure your Facebook Page	This session will introduce you to the notion of "Social Networking" that is sweeping over the world. Come and learn how to join in the fun by creating your own Facebook page. After your page is created, you can invite friends and family members to visit your page, leave comments, and share pictures. Using Facebook is fun and easy and requires only Internet Explorer or Firefox. For those of you who don't know what Facebook is, just ask your kids if you should attend this session!	2 hours

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Augmented Reality: Using Internet Data With Your Mobile Phone's Camera	Cameras, computers, keyboards, TV's and GPS units are all converging into tiny devices that can fit into your pocket. Mobile computing is a HOT topic right now and web developers are scrambling to figure out how to merge virtual internet data with the real world around us. Bring your cell phone and be ready to take part in this interactive demo that will lead us from simple text messaging through augmented reality on your mobile device!	2 hours
Create Your Own Holiday Cards & Gifts Online	The holiday season is rapidly approaching! Take your family photo at home with your digital camera, then come and learn how to create a holiday picture greeting card on your computer. Cards can be ordered online and shipped directly to your home or picked up at a local Walgreen's or Wal-Mart one hour later. You will be amazed at the other great photo gifts that you can create as well: family calendar, jigsaw puzzle, scrapbook, wall clock, and MANY MORE!	2 hours
Create Your Own Website in 10 Minutes or Less!	Do you want to share family photos, document your travels or advertise your business? Google Sites allows anyone to quickly create a website, add textual content, post pictures, and share videos completely free of charge. A Google Gmail address is required to access Google's website resources.	2 hours
Wow! I didn't know my cell phone could do that!	Did you know your cell phone can double as a police scanner, a level for hanging pictures, or a satellite radio? This session begins with a comparison of cell phone brands, plans and features and quickly moves into amazing examples of little-known features of smart phones.	2 hours
Webcam-mania	Almost every modern laptop and home computer has a webcam installed. In this session, we discuss how your webcam can double as a Video Phone, security cam, or green screen for transporting yourself from your living room to Hawaii! Learn about security software, VoIP, Skype, and many other ways to utilize your webcam.	1 hour
How To Run Your Business With A Free Google Account and \$10	Under development: Starred reader items.	

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