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At the 6:00 session, Bruce McFarland will use Internet resources to guide us through his decision making processes for selecting and purchasing his new small digital travel camera. How do you currently use your camera? How are you going to use it in the future? What features are most important? What are deal killers? Consider and decide basic camera factors – size, resolution (megapixels), zoom (both wide and telephoto) and, of course, price range. Is it better to have a high resolution or a camera that takes a better picture?

Bruce will also discuss the pros and cons of buying your camera at a store or using PriceGrabber.com to compare the prices and buy it online.

Attendees are invited to bring in their relatively new travel cameras, if they'd like to show them and have them compared to McFarland's or others.

At 7:00, Brett Snyder, Director of Business Travel at PriceGrabber.com will show us where to find the best travel deals online. Do you need to make a connection? If so, you need to find out if the flight you choose has a reputation for being on time so you make the connection. Would you like to know how much legroom there is on the airplane you will be taking? Do you know where to find out which airplane has several rows of seats with more legroom than the other seats? All of these insider tips and more will be demonstrated by Snyder.

"There is more to choosing a flight than price and schedule, but people don't often have easy access to additional information," said Snyder.

The Beginners Corner

Wikipedia - The Free Online Encyclopedia and More

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When I was in elementary school in the mid 1950's, my parents were compelled to purchase for my siblings and me a World Book Encyclopedia. It was about two dozen volumes, had the red and blue leatherette binding, and was terribly expensive for its day. For several years after that, my parents purchased the yearbook update. When my own kids were young, we purchased a then fairly recent edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica that someone had donated for a library sale, and it served my kids well as they grew up. Early during the personal computer era, I purchased the first version of Microsoft Encarta on CD, which brought an interactive encyclopedia into the realm. Today there are some excellent and mostly free online reference resources that are rendering the expensive multi-volume printed encyclopedias obsolescent.

One of the most popular and widely used online and free encyclopedias is Wikipedia, found online at www.wikipedia.org. What is unusual about Wikipedia is the fact that the items in it are not written by big-named experts, but are instead composed by countless contributors ranging from expert scholars to casual readers, and is available in a multitude of languages. In fact, anyone can submit information to Wikipedia, and anyone can submit additional information, updates, and corrections to it. Countless others review the material for content and accuracy, all doing this on a volunteer basis. The review process can be easily accomplished by the general public, as almost all articles have an "edit this page" link. The name "Wikipedia" is a combination of the term "wiki" which is a collaborative website, and "encyclopedia". This process started in 2001, and in just six years has grown to a massive information resource with over 1.7 million articles in English alone. While English is the predominate language, it is also available online in German, French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Polish, Swedish, and about 100 other languages, making it easily accessible to almost anyone in the world with internet access.

Wikipedia uses a simple search box to locate the topic. Once the topic is displayed, a traditional internet system of hyperlinks (cross references) connects the user to additional information. Using the Wikipedia listing for Beaumont, Texas as an example, the opening lines state, "Beaumont is a city and county seat of Jefferson County, Texas and is within the Beaumont-Port Arthur metropolitan area. As of the 2000 U.S. Census, the city had a population of 113,866. With Port Arthur and Orange, it forms the Golden Triangle, a major industrial area on the Gulf Coast." Several of the terms, such as "Jefferson County", "Beaumont- Port Arthur", "Orange" and the "Gulf coast" are hyperlinked to additional information. Following the opening paragraphs of most entries is a table of contents linking to the subtopics on the page. Using Beaumont again as an example, there are 15 linked subtopics including history, politics and government, climate, severe weather events, demographics, points of interest, education, media, famous residents, famous businesses, local events, references, and external links.

In addition to the typical comprehensive articles common to any encyclopedia, Wikipedia also offers a variety of other services. An extensive online dictionary, the "Wicktionary" is online at

www.wiktionary.org. The Wiktionary currently has 347,000 entries in 389 languages, making it arguably the largest and most comprehensive dictionary in the world.

Wikibooks (www.wikibooks.org) offers a variety of full text books as an online resource. There are now over 25,000 titles available in English on Wikibooks, and thousands more online in other languages. The online book collection is searchable by title, category, alphabetical, Dewey Decimal, Library of Congress classification, by a simple menu, and a variety of other methods. In the English menu, topics include natural sciences, social sciences, computing, humanities and arts, and "Special Groups". The "Special Groups" includes such diverse topics as cookbooks, how-to guides, study guides, technology, "Wikijunior" (full color books for children ages 8 to 11), "Wikistudy" (high school level textbooks and SAT test preparation), "Wikiversity" (college level textbooks at en.wikiversity.org/wiki), and "Wikiprofessional" (professional level textbooks including CPA and technical courses).

"Wikinews" is an online multilingual news resource where the news stories are submitted and composed by a "...group of volunteers whose mission is to present reliable, unbiased, relevant and entertaining News." The news categories listed here are so comprehensive that they may serve as a substitute for other more traditional online news services.

For those interested in the life sciences of biology, botany, and other such sciences, a special area "Wikispecies" is online at species.wikimedia.org. The English language portion of "Wikispecies" consists of over 92,000 articles, with thousands of other articles available in over 40 languages. The "Wikimedia Commons" (commons.wikimedia.org) is a multilingual resource consisting of about 1.3 million media files. These files includes both audio and video formats as well as still images on a diversity of subjects including nature, science, and society. In addition to being searchable, there is also a menu broken down by topic, type (format), author, source, and type of license.

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"Wikiquote" (www.wikiquote.org) is a substantial collection (about 10,000 in English, plus thousands more in dozens of other languages) consisting of a "... compendium of quotations from notable people and creative works." Almost any type of famous quotation can be found and documented here.

An online collection of free content publications is available at wikisource.org. This collection referred to as the "Free Library" contains over 52,000 titles in English, 24,000 in French, 21,000 in Spanish, and tens of thousands of other titles in a myriad of other languages. Many of these titles are classics that are currently in the public domain, including tomes by Jules Verne, James Fenimore Cooper, Audubon, and thousands of others. This resource is fully searchable, or content can be located by the use of a simple menu hierarchy.

Wikipedia and its companion services are an excellent and free tool to stimulate discussion and spread knowledge. It may very well be one of the most comprehensive informational resources on

the internet. The old Disney cartoon character Jiminy Cricket taught me how to spell "encyclopedia" when I was a toddler; now I will spell it "Wikipedia".

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McAfee's SiteAdvisor

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Anyone who has been on the Internet for a while realizes that even websites that look benign can generate viruses, adware, spyware, spam, and scams. Until now, it was difficult to determine which websites to avoid. Now, however, safe surfing just got easier. Now there is a wonderful free program that warns you about dangerous websites.

The McAfee SiteAdvisor is a small piece of software that works with your Internet Browser (either Internet Explorer or Firefox). It tells you in an easy graphical format which websites are safe and which harbor spyware, viruses, excessive pop-ups, or online scams.



McAfee has a system of automated spiders that patrol the Web constantly checking out websites. They assess the safety of each website including how much spam is generated from signing up for information at that site and how much spyware, adware, and other nasties might be attached to downloads from that site. The SiteAdvisor will also alert you to sites with excessive pop-ups and those that are possible phishing sites. Besides the automated testing, McAfee has a team of individuals who assess the sites. They use a detailed analysis as well as feedback from individual users.

To use the SiteAdvisor, you simply download the free program. The program is very small, so it downloads and installs quickly and it doesn't slow down your Web surfing.

After installation, a small SiteAdvisor rectangle will appear either on the top (Internet Explorer) or the bottom (Firefox) of the screen. When you visit a site that SiteAdvisor considers safe the rectangle turns green. Sites that have serious security problems will turn the rectangle red. A yellow rectangle means that the website may have some problems or issues. You can click on the SiteAdvisor symbol to get more information about the website that you are visiting and why it is considered safe or unsafe.

This information is invaluable when surfing the Web. With SiteAdvisor installed you don't have to be fearful that signing up for more information or a newsletter will set you up for spam. You don't have to

worry that downloading software will install spyware. In fact, SiteAdvisor takes much of the fear out of investigating and trying new things on the Internet.

Another great feature of the SiteAdvisor program is that when you do a search on Google, Yahoo! or MSN, SiteAdvisor's safety ratings appear as a red, green, or yellow circle next to the search results. You can easily see if a website is safe before you visit!! What a pleasant and useful service. If you want more information before you click on the search engine listing, just hover your mouse over the SiteAdvisor icon and a window will pop-up giving your details on the site's ratings.

Everything that I just described about the SiteAdvisor is available in the free version. McAfee also offers a Plus version that is available for \$19.99 per single user or as a 3-user family pack for \$39.99. The Plus version offers even more peace of mind by alerting you to dangerous links in email and instant messaging programs. The Plus version also has a password protected mode that can actively protect your computer against dangerous websites. This version is perfect for anyone who wants a little extra protection. It is also great for shared computers and computers that children or grandchildren use. Go to <http://mcafee.com/us/> to download SiteAdvisor.

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Are you Guilty?

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Guilty, the strange judge shouted as he banged the gavel. The defendant will rise and receive his sentence. You have been found guilty of dirty deeds done to your computer and are sentenced to electrocution!" I thought to myself, with my knees shaking, there must be some kind of an appeal process since the judge and jury all had heads that looked like monitors and bodies like upright computers and could easily be biased and not in my human favor!



I did find the testimony at my trial to be informative. A clean environment does not require computer cleaning usually more than once a year. Many computer users like to do the cleaning when they are doing their annual spring house cleaning. The dirtier the environment the greater frequency of cleaning needed. A clean computer cuts down on downtime, repair bills, and minimizes health risks. **DO NOT EAT, DRINK, SMOKE, OR USE MAGNETS NEAR YOUR COMPUTER AFTER ALL IT IS NOT A FAST FOOD JOINT!**

Here are some tips:

- (1) shut your computer down properly,
- (2) run scan disk and defragmenter at least monthly,
- (3) Delete files and programs you no longer need,

- (4) use antivirus, anti spyware programs and a good hard drive cleaner like the freeware CCleaner and a registry cleaner like the freeware RegClean to keep your hard drive healthy,
(5) BACK UP YOUR DATA IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!

When cleaning your computer case, use a damp lint free cloth. NEVER SPRAY WATER ON A COMPUTER OR OTHER ELECTRICAL DEVICES. Place liquid on the cloth not directly on the system and normally 100% alcohol which has no water content. Use a pencil eraser on hard to remove marks. Using an anti static wipe or a dry cloth with anti-static fabric softener will reduce the dust attracted by static discharge. The keyboard can be cleaned by turning the keyboard upside down and shaking the gunk out of it while singing, "There is a whole lot of shaking going on." Clean the keyboard surface with a damp lint free cloth with 100% alcohol. DO NOT TAKE THE KEYBOARD APART OR YOU MIGHT NOT GET IT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN! Clean the mouse by taking it apart using a damp lint free cloth and clean the rollers inside of the mouse (be sure to rotate them) with a clean cotton swab with 100% alcohol solution. After the mouse has dried put it back together reversing the steps you did when taking it apart. The inside of your computer is a dust magnet. An annual cleaning in a normal computer environment is a good idea. YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL IF YOU DECIDE TO CLEAN THE INSIDE OF YOUR COMPUTER OR YOU COULD DO DAMAGE TO YOUR SYSTEM! Whenever you go into the case of your computer it is a good idea to wear a grounding strap to reduce the risk of a static discharge. Blow out dust with compressed air or a vacuum cleaner. Avoid touching chips or electronic components on your system. Electronic components run hotter when covered with dust blankets, and it shortens their normal life span which is why your computer needs to be cleaned internally periodically.

I have to go now to get a human attorney to appeal my case so I can avoid electrical execution so there will be another article in the Computer Hysteria Column for next month. However, I do have one final question for you, "Are you guilty?"

Editor's Note: I prefer to use a cleaner specifically manufactured for use on computers.

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The Lighter Side

Beware of the following new computer viruses

COMPUTA - HOLIC 12-STEP PROGRAM
Anon

- 1) I will have a cup of coffee in the morning and read my newspaper like I used to, before the Web.
- 2) I will eat breakfast with a knife and fork and not with one hand typing.
- 3) I will get dressed before noon.
- 4) I will make an attempt to clean the house, wash clothes, and plan dinner before even thinking of the Web.



- 5) I will sit down and write a letter to those unfortunate few friends and family that are Web-deprived.
- 6) I will call someone on the phone whom I cannot contact via the Web.
- 7) I will read a book...if I still remember how.
- 8) I will listen to those around me and their needs and stop telling them to turn the TV down so I can hear the music on the Web.
- 9) I will not be tempted during TV commercials to check for email.
- 10) I will try to get out of the house at least once a week, if it is necessary or not.
- 11) I will remember that my bank is not forgiving if I forget to balance my checkbook because I was too busy on the Web.
- 12) Last, but not least, I will remember that I must go to bed sometime ... and the Web will always be there tomorrow!



VistaVexes

The Windows Vists Pains'n'gains Page

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Applications compatibility is still slow coming in Vista. Since Vista came out, Microsoft has released one update aimed at improving applications compatibility (KB929427). While it is not unreasonable to expect vendors to update their applications, Microsoft has not been forthcoming with information that vendors need. Both Symantec and McAfee (70% of the anti-virus market) are at open war with Microsoft over the lack of kernel information on Vista. Microsoft says this is for “security reasons”. This reasoning seems specious in view of That Other Operating System (Linux), which is Open Source. Anyone can download the kernel source code and study how it works, and Linux has far better security than Windows for just that reason. Everybody knows how it works; they also know just how to prevent intrusion.

So, compatibility for lots of applications has been slow coming. The Big Kahuna application vendor, Adobe, is an example. While CS2 installs and runs on Vista, they have released about 300 MB worth of patches to address “compatibility issues” in Vista. These range from visual anomalies to outright crashes. If reliability is foremost, you may be stuck in Windows XP for several months. Don't give up that dual-boot configuration just yet. . .

ReadyBoost is a new feature of Vista that lets you use a USB flash drive as part of system memory, improving what Microsoft characterizes as “system responsiveness”. It serves as storage for the system cache that gets paged to the hard drive in a low RAM machine. Computers with less than 1 GB of RAM benefit most from ReadyBoost; Vista moves a lot of the system cache to the flash drive, where it is accessed much faster than if it were paged to the hard drive.

I tested ReadyBoost by reducing the RAM on my Vista machine to 512 MB and running Vista over

several sessions to get a feel of the system's responsiveness, then adding a SanDisk Cruzer 2 GB ReadyBoost-capable flash drive to see the difference. Leaving the flash drive in the computer during startup actually lengthened boot times. (Same thing happens if you add RAM: Windows simply spends more time filling the added RAM with more system components.) The speed difference shows up while you are running applications. Vista caches system and application pieces in memory, but lacking memory, it will simply page these off to the hard drive, which is the slowest component in the computer. When it can page these pieces to the flash drive instead, system response improves markedly. If you do something like load Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, and CorelDRAW, and switch between the applications, there is a definite improvement in system response. Crude stopwatch testing on my part suggest 25% - 50% improvements whenever Vista works the cache. Even Flight Simulator X was faster, with less delay between scenery changes while in flight. Noted from other sources, performance improvements are best in machines with the RAM configured single-channel and barely noticeable in machines that have paired modules running in dual-channel mode.

Note that the flash drive must be ReadyBoost capable. It must meet minimum speed tests before Vista will use it. Every other flash drive I own fails this test. When you go to the store, make sure the package says the flash drive is ReadyBoost capable. A side benefit of ReadyBoost is that if you don't want the flash drive for ReadyBoost, you can get an ordinary 2 GB drive for as low as \$14.

So, this month, I found out how much faster I can't run my incompatible applications using ReadyBoost in Vista; the Microsoft version of Catch-22. Stay tuned for more misadventures.

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Recovering Files from a Hard Drive

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Have you deleted a file that you need and you don't know how to get it back? The first step is to make absolutely sure that it has been deleted. Open your Windows Recycle Bin and double-check. Is it in there? If so, simply right-click on the file and choose Restore.

If you have emptied the Recycle Bin the next step is to restore the file from your latest backup. You do back up your data regularly, don't you?

Unfortunately, there is no native "Undelete" command in Windows XP. This is a mystery because Microsoft had a nifty undelete feature in Windows 3.1 which somehow disappeared in Windows 95 and subsequent versions of the operating system. This is abysmal for Windows users, but profitable for third party software developers.



It's important to understand that when a file is deleted it is not actually removed from your system. Windows deletes only the first letter of the file's name and replaces it with a marked for deletion

character. This makes the file "invisible" to windows, and if Windows needs the space for something else, it has no qualms about overwriting your valuable data.

What this means is that if you accidentally delete a file, you have a limited amount of time to recover it before windows stores something else over the same space. It may not happen right away, but it will happen eventually.

Since there is no way within XP to recover a lost file, you have to turn to a third party solution. The good news is that there are several excellent programs that will do the job easily. The even better news is that these programs are free. Isn't that nice?

Use Google or your favorite search engine to find FreeUndelet, PC Inspector File Recovery, or Undelete Plus. All of them work well though you may find one easier to use than another. That's a matter of personal preference.

You need to be cautious about this. If you download the utility directly to your hard drive, you run the risk of storing the undelete program over the very data you are trying to recover. If you have a second hard drive, you can download to that or better yet, download directly to a thumb drive. That avoids all danger of losing important data, and it has the additional advantage of immediate portability.

The programs all work similarly. Direct any of the programs to a specific disk and you will get a list of all deleted recoverable files on the drive. You may also get a description alerting you that the file(s) may be wholly or partially recoverable. That's good to know.

Direct any recovered files to an external hard drive if you have one. Don't save anything to your hard drive until you have recovered everything you need. Use Windows Explorer to manage the recovered files. Group them into categories to sort or group the files so you can easily determine if they are program files, data files or something else. Some files may have data missing if Windows overwrote some of the sectors where it was stored.

If after all this you haven't been successful, your best alternative is to consider a data recovery service. These can be a devastating drain on your wallet, so don't use these services to recover saved game files.

Do some comparison shopping as rates can vary considerably. Good luck and watch those sticky fingers when they hover near the delete key.

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For less than a computer how-to book, a yearly user group membership is the best accessory you can buy for your computer.

Member Profile

David Nix

David has been a member of the SCVPCG for three years. He joined the computer club to broaden his knowledge of PCs. He has been using PCs since 1994 and has enjoyed and learned many interesting things during that time. David's specialty is making backup images of computers using PowerQuest or Acronis software. He has learned many useful things from the visiting expert Gene Barlow. David tries to get everyone he comes in contact with to make a backup of their hard drive.

He works for the City of Los Angeles as a mainframe computer support person and has been working in the ITA (Information Technology Department) for 27 years. David began working in the computer field while in the Air Force in 1961. He has been married for 23 years and has 3 grown children.

If you need help with backing up your computer using PowerQuest or Acronis software, contact David at nix.d@ca.rr.com.



Why a Member Profile?

Familiar Faces

aka Getting to Know Your Members

I've been asked by several members to add this feature to the newsletter and many other groups feature articles about their members in their monthly newsletter. Please volunteer to be featured in the Member Profile section by sending the following information plus a photo to scvpcg@thevine.net. *Judy*

How long have you been a member of the Santa Clarita Valley PC Group?

Why did you join?

What are your computer interests?

How long have you been using computers?

If you hold or have held office in the group, please name the offices.

What kind of work do you do? (or did you do, if retired)

Do you do any volunteer work? Tell us about it.

Interests outside of computers? Tell us about them.

Want us to know about your family?

Plus any other information you would like to share with us.

Spills On Keyboards

Drink enough coffee, soda, or other beverage around your computer, and accidents are bound to happen including spilling liquid on your keyboard. If this happens, acting quickly is imperative, as the underlying circuitry is in immediate risk of being permanently damaged. To (hopefully) rescue the keyboard, first shut your system down to turn off electricity to it and then tip the keyboard to drain as much fluid as possible. Follow up by wiping it with a dry rag or towel. If the fluid was something other than water, use warm water to wipe the board clean. Some experts advise rinsing the entire board. If you do, make certain the keyboard is completely dry before plugging it back in, as electricity and water don't mix. Using a hair dryer can accelerate the drying process, especially underneath the keys, but take care not to damage the circuitry with excessive heat. For safety reasons, consider waiting several days before using the keyboard again. If these steps don't do the trick, a replacement is probably necessary.

Play MP3s On Your Car Stereo

Some car stereos and other CD players are MP3-compatible but nevertheless can't handle folders very well. Many music lovers store each album in a separate folder on their hard drives, so it's tempting, but not advisable, to create MP3 discs with the same folder structure. The best way to make an MP3 disc is to use Nero's or Roxio's suggested applications. You can also drag and drop files to a CD-R in Windows XP or Vista. If you do the latter, only transfer files to the disc, not the folders they're in. Your goal is a disc with all of its songs in its root directory.

Hard Drives & Heat

Hard drives don't handle heat well, so make sure your PC's fans are working properly, and use plastic ties from a hardware store to carefully bundle cables out of the way for better airflow inside the computer case. Keep your computer in a climate-controlled room, and if the PC gets too hot, turn it off and let it cool. Likewise, don't let your computer room become too humid. If you move the PC from a humid environment, give the hard drive a day or two to dry out before starting the system. Try to mount your hard drive so there is half an inch or more space above and below it. Make sure your drive is mounted flat or vertically at a 90-degree angle to the desk surface; any tilt could unbalance the drive and shorten its life. If your drive is the EIDE type, consider replacing the ribbon-style data cables leading to it, your optical drive, and your floppy drive with rounded replacement cables.

Disable AutoComplete

Unless you turn off AutoComplete, IE uses it to store the data you type into Web forms and login fields. To control this behavior, on the Content tab under Personal Information, click AutoComplete, and in the AutoComplete Settings dialog box, check and uncheck the appropriate boxes under Use AutoComplete For and click OK. You can also use the AutoComplete Settings dialog box to clear data IE currently stores for competing forms and passwords by clicking either Clear Forms or Clear Passwords.

Save Ink & Toner

Ink and toner are the most expensive elements in any print job, but there are some tricks that can help you conserve them. First, print your drafts in economy mode. For example, open a document in Word and then click File and Print. Click the Options button, select the Draft Output checkbox, and then click OK to save your changes. The pages will print a bit lighter, but you'll get more pages printed from each ink or toner cartridge. You also can save on toner costs by buying

refilled/remanufactured toner cartridges. Also, don't print drafts in color. Print photo drafts in black (grayscale) using the black ink cartridge only—remember to use the true black cartridge; don't mix colors to achieve black because doing so can use a tremendous amount of color ink. This saves the ink in your color cartridges and only uses the black cartridge, which is a little cheaper to replace and can more readily be refilled by generic black ink refill kits. Remember that refill kits aren't perfect, and you won't get good results with every type of ink cartridge. In many cases, you can only refill a cartridge two to three times before it will have to be discarded.

Email Attachments

A fairly common problem people run into is the inability to save attached files to their PCs. This may happen to you if your email client is configured—for security reasons—to prevent you from opening file attachments of a certain size, content, or type. You can disable this setting in Outlook Express by opening the Tools menu and selecting Options. Click the Security tab, deselect the Do Not Allow Attachments To Be Saved Or Opened That Could Potentially Be A Virus option, and click OK. To avoid viruses, worms, spyware, and other types of nasty code, be sure to scan the saved file for malware before opening it.

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(Builds Windows desktop multi user applications and web applications using Alpha Five's DBF database engine)

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Level of computer skills (please circle)

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