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## REMOTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

In this economy we need to watch where our money but at the same time, we cannot afford to be without our computers. Some of us use it for work, homework, and to store our memories in the form of pictures and DVD movies.

So why continue to pay high prices, terrible waiting times, and so-so service?

Call The Computer Guy today and start your remote service. The Computer Guy will do a FREE one-time diagnosis to determine how often we need to login to maintain your system effectively so as to minimize or eliminate your computer down time.

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When the work is done you will receive via email a detailed list of what was done and any other potential problems that were eliminated at the time of service. After all, when you sit down at your computer, you want it to work and work fast.

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- Microsoft Updates & History

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- Monitor Your Backup
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# A Note from:



## Greetings!

Well, I hope this issue of The Computer Guy newsletter finds you all in good spirits and good health.



Another month is going by and we now have another child in the house. Needless to say, it has been an interesting and busy month. Hope all is well with everyone who is deciding to read this issue and hope to see you all in a computer class soon. Enjoy!



Born: Sept 6th @ 8:27am  
 Wght: 7lbs 15oz  
 Hgt: 20in

And everyone is happy and healthy.

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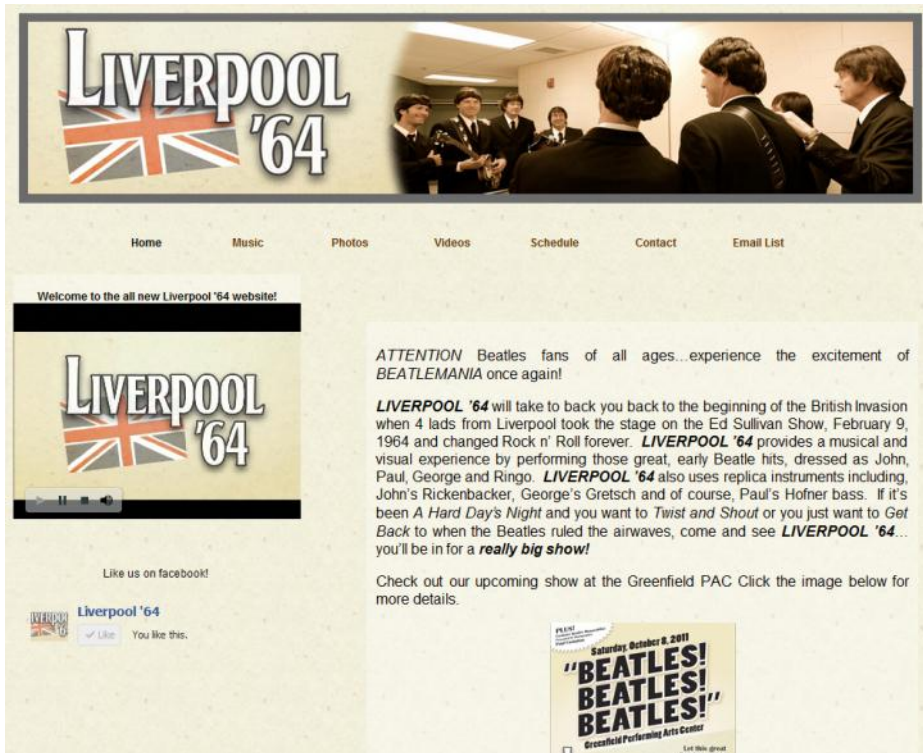
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 For all your computer service needs

www.mcfls.org/franklin  
 Franklin Public Library

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## Website of the Month



This month we have a new band website that some of you may have already heard of, if not, take a listen to the Beatles Tribute Band. You can view their website at:

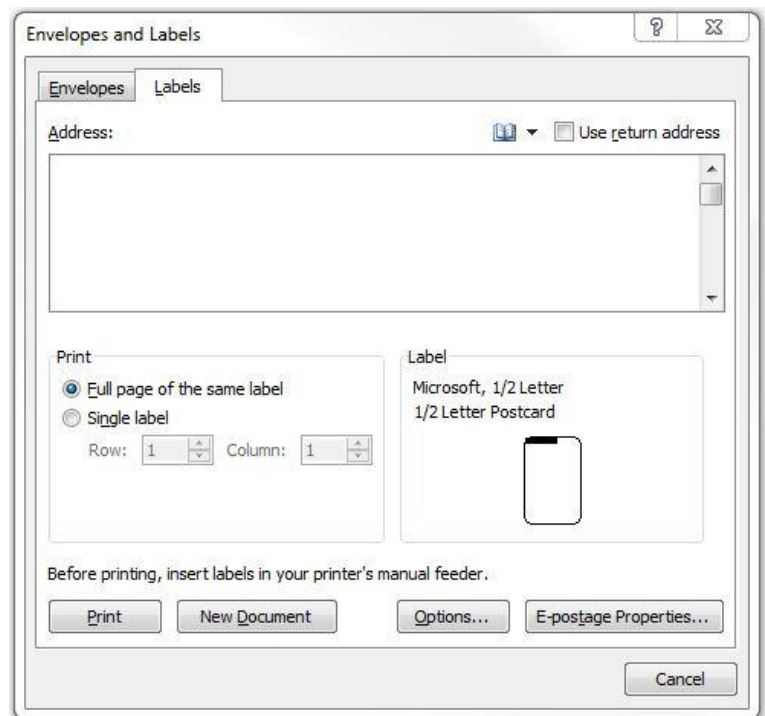
[www.liverpool64.com](http://www.liverpool64.com)

While you are there, you can see some videos, listen to some music and check out the schedule page to find out where they play! Check it out today.

## Self Help Series—Mailing Labels MS Word

### Lesson 11: Label Printing

1. Left click once on Mailings
2. Left click once on Labels
3. You may start typing in the information into the Address field.
  - You may also change whether you are printing a whole page or a single label.
  - You may also need to change the type of label. You can do that by clicking Options at the bottom. Choose the type of label by the model number which is located on the package of the labels themselves.
4. Click either Print or New Document to complete.



# Tablet, Laptop, Desktop

## A How to purchase guide for novice technology buyers



When buying any piece of equipment, you have to come prepared with your needs/ wants. Not all technology is good for everyone person. This is why there are so many different types. A typical saying falls into my mind as I am typing this out:

*“What is good for the goose, isn’t always good for the gander”.*

So what your friends may tell you, what your family may tell you, may not always be right. Let us take a minute or two (yes, probably more) and see what you need and what you want. Then we can tell you where you fit: Tablet, Laptop or Desktop unit.

### Questions You Need to Answer

<b>When you use this device, where are you going to be?</b>	Traveling	Around the home, some travel	At Home
<b>How is your eyesight?</b>	No Problems	I wear glasses only for reading	I wear glasses all the time
<b>What are you going to use this device for?</b>	Internet & Email, Games	Internet, Email, Photos, Games	Internet, Email, Photos, Office Applications, Games
<b>Do you need software or can you use Apps? ***</b>	Apps Only	Software	Software
<b>Do you do any printing?</b>	NO	Yes	Yes
<b>Do you need a CD/ DVD player or Burner?</b>	NO	Yes	Yes

\*\*\*Software – this is what a typical computer or laptop uses. Software may include things like Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Picasa, Photoshop, etc. Apps are smaller programs meant to run on a smaller device for quick use. These apps may not be able to do what software can.

Each of those columns above represents the type of device you probably should get. If you circled mostly the first column, you might want to consider a tablet type computer. If you circled mostly the middle column, you should consider a laptop of some sort. Lastly, if you circled mostly the last column, you should get a desktop. Now keep in mind, this is a very basic guide. There are more things you should know before you make your purchase. You should consult a computer sales or (better yet) technician for more details.

Let us keep reading a bit and find out why those questions determined the type of device we should look at for our next purchase.



This is the all new Kindle Fire Tablet

### Rational behind each question

When you use this device, where are you going to be? –

- Tablet, they are under ten inches in size and the weight is typically under two pounds.
- Laptops are a little heavier depending on which one you are going with. They can also be very small. Some as small as 10" screen size and as large as 17" screen size.
- Desktops are non portable so they will require someplace in your home to be setup.

How is your eyesight? –

- Tablets are very small so for some, you might have a problem viewing certain things. Although the e-reader portion can be increased to make it easier to see, some other things cannot.
- Laptops can be customized (especially with Windows 7) so almost any eyesight can use this device.
- Desktop can also be customized (especially with Windows 7) but you can also purchase larger screen sizes which can help people with seeing problems.

What is the device being used for? –

- Tablets are not designed (yet) to replace a laptop or desktop. They are great though for multimedia type things like: internet, email (reading not necessarily responding), watching videos or playing music. Keep in mind though, most of the tablets have VERY limited storage in comparison to a

laptop.

- Laptops are capable, depending on type, to replace a desktop if needed so they can be good for just about anything. The thing you have to remember though is not about the here and now; but when the machine breaks. Service costs can be expensive on a smaller machine such as a laptop or tablet. Most cases, you are going to replace the machine.
- Desktops are capable of doing all tasks listed above. If you need the umpf, this is where you should be. Service costs are relatively low in comparison to all devices above.

Do you need software or can you use apps? –

- Tablets run off of the use of apps. These are much smaller, simpler programs much like the Apps on a smart phone/ cell phone. So some programs that you may want or need, may not be available on the tablet. You need to find out more about what you want to do with the device before leaping into it.
- Laptops and desktops both use typical software. You can get just about anything on these devices.



This is the Dell Duo—A Tablet, Netbook, Laptop all in one.

Do you need to print? -

- Tablets are not really designed to be printed from. However, there are also exceptions to every rule such as the iPad. But most typical devices have trouble or just flat out, cannot print.
- Laptops and desktops can always print, wireless or hard wired depending on setup and purpose. If you do scanning, some can do it wireless (if set up correctly) but to assure yourself little problems, you might consider a wired connection.

Do you need to use a CD/DVD player or burner?

- Tablets do not have a method for burning or even using an optical drive. Everything you place on device is done through the internet, or through a USB type cable.
- Laptops and Desktop have a CD/DVD burner built into the machine with the exception of a few. Those few do have external CD/DVD burners that can be added to the machines.

As I am sure you have already surmised:

- The tablet is more for pleasure not a laptop or computer replacement; and it is expensive.
- The laptop is the best of all worlds (for general abilities and use) but is expensive to repair.
- The desktop is the least expensive and can do everything.....but be portable.



Let us take a look at a couple of suggestions for each. These suggestions are merely best bang for the price range:

#### Tablet Section –

iPad2	\$499	16GB	1GB	10in Screen	0USB
Samsung Galaxy	\$499	16GB	1GB	10in Screen	1USB
BlackBerry Playbook	\$499	16GB	1GB	7in Screen	1USB

#### Small Laptop– NO CD/DVD drives (sold separately as external only)

Dell Duo Inspiron (also a tablet)	\$450	Atom	320GB	2GB	10in Screen	2USB
Toshiba Mini	\$499	Atom	250GB	1GB	10in Screen	3USB
ASUS	\$299	Atom	250GB	1GB	10in Screen	3USB

#### Medium Laptops – All come with a CD/DVD burner

Samsung RV520	\$449	i3	640GB	4GB	15in Screen	3USB
Toshiba Satellite L755	\$449	i3	500GB	4GB	15in Screen	3USB
ASUS K53E	\$449	i3	640GB	4GB	15in Screen	3USB

#### Large Laptops – All come with a CD/DVD burner

Toshiba Satellite P755	\$849	i7	750GB	6GB	17in Screen	4USB
Dell XPS X17	\$949	i7	640GB	6GB	17in Screen	4USB
ASUS N73SV	\$1199	i7	750GB	6GB	17in Screen	4USB

#### Desktops - All come with a CD/DVD burner but NO monitor

Dell XPS X8300	\$999	i7	1.5TB	8GB	NONE	8USB
ASUS CM6850	\$799	i7	1TB	8GB	NONE	10USB
HP Pavilion Elite H8	\$899	i7				

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### CD/DVD Burning

The name says it all. In this one day hands-on course we will cover how to burn a picture CD, a data CD, difference between CD's & DVD's and more using one of the easiest and FREE software programs available called Ashampoo CD/DVD burning utility.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues & Thurs.  
**Dates—** October 18 & 20 @ 6pm—8pm

### Computers for Beginners

Using Windows 7

In this class we will start at the beginning with basic computer operations such as turning on/ off the computer, navigating through the computer, opening & closing programs, basics of the internet and more. This is a four day hands-on class. Handouts will be provided so you spend more time practicing and less time writing. **NOW A 6 DAY CLASS**

**Level—** Absolute Beginners/ Beginners  
**Cost—** \$30  
**Days—** Mon & Wed.  
**Dates—** October 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26  
@ 1pm—3pm

**REGISTRATION STARTS  
on August 10th**

### Microsoft Excel 2010

Time to learn how to make spreadsheets for your roster, address book, balance your check book and more. This is a four day hands-on class with detailed handouts to help you through the learning process.

**Level—** Advanced  
**Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** October 18, 20, 25, 27th  
@ 1pm—3pm  
**OR**  
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### Basic Computer Maintenance

Using Windows 7

Your computer is like a car; certain maintenance should be done on a regular basis in order to make sure your computer keeps working for as long as you want it to. In this class I will give you a CD with the programs and instructions on what you should be doing.

**Level—** Advanced  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** October 4 & 6th 6pm—8pm

### Genealogy

You have requested the class and here it is for the first time ever! In this two hour class we will show you show you the sites, give you the tools, warn you of potential pitfalls and answer any of your genealogy questions. NOW A 2 DAY CLASS.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Wednesdays  
**Dates—** October 5 & 12th @ 6pm—8pm

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### Facebook Sign up

If you do not have an account and would like to take the Facebook—How to Use class, PLEASE take this one first or create an account on your own. This class may not take the full two hours.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$5  
**Days—** Mon.  
**Dates—** November 7th @ 10:15am—12:15pm

### Facebook Class

**MUST HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO TAKE THIS CLASS.** In this class we will cover the ins and outs of using the social networking site called Facebook. Learn more about protecting yourself and being able to actually using Facebook safely.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$5  
**Days—** Wed.

### Digital Home Inventory

In this class, I will show you how to use a great piece of FREE software to keep track of your personal possessions for your insurance record and peace of mind. This program will allow you to put keep images, receipts, repair records, storage records and more. Best off all, we will show you how it all works in this two-day hands-on class. Detailed handouts will be provided.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues & Thurs.  
**Dates—** November 1 & 3rd  
1pm—3pm

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### Microsoft Publisher 2010

Time to learn how to make newsletters, advertisements, brochures and more in this four day hands on class. Detailed Handouts will be provided.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** November 8, 10, 15, 17th  
@ 1pm—3pm

### Digital Camera Class

Learn the basics of how to operate your basic point and shoot digital camera in this two-day hands-on class. We will discuss the basics like menu operations, flash settings and more. Handouts will be provided.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Mon & Wed  
**Dates—** November 14 & 16th  
@ 10:15am—12:15pm

**REGISTRATION STARTS**  
**September 14th**

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### Barnes & Noble Nook & Nook Color

In this class we will show you how to use your nook and color nook e-reader from Barnes & Noble. We will cover all the basics from navigation, apps, as well as downloading books from the library onto your nook. **MUST HAVE A NOOK OR COLOR NOOK** to take the class.

**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$5  
**Days—** Monday  
**Dates—** November 7th  
@ 1pm—3pm

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**Level—** Beginner  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues & Thurs.  
**Dates—** December 6th & 8th  
1pm—3pm

### Intermediate Word 2010

In this class we will go more in depth into topics such as Tabs, Indents, Breaks, Clip Art and Labels and more.

**Level—** Advanced or taken Basic Word Class  
**Cost—** \$20  
**Days—** Mon. & Wed.  
**Dates—** December 5, 7, 12, 14th  
@ 1pm—3pm

### Power Point 2010

Learn how to put together impressive presentations with this power software. We will cover adding slides, moving slides, animation on the slides and so much more in this hands-on class.

**Level—** Beginners  
**Cost—** \$10  
**Days—** Tues. & Thurs.  
**Dates—** December 13 & 15th  
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**October 12th**

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# iPad, iPhone, iTouch Apps of the Month

Begrudgingly, I broke down and bought an iPad just to see what the fuss was all about and I believe I was still right in saying that it is a glorified toy. It does have some uses other than games, like access the internet, email, books and videos....but after that, that is about it. Further more, my small laptop can do all of that and more and cost the same amount! Remember, I am all about Free or Cheap. So, I will attempt to utilize my purchase and update the App of the month!



Nook for iPad from Barnes and Noble. Start reading in seconds—new users can create an account on BN.com for iPad from Barnes & Noble offers an incredible reading experience for NOOK books, magazines and newspapers including New Your Times Best Sellers, new releases and hot newsstand titles like US Weekly, Star, the Oprah Magazine & more.

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