

On the Docket for the
General Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2004

Intel's Hyper-Threading Technology

So You Bought a New PC: Now What?

Hyper-Threading Technology is a groundbreaking innovation that significantly improves processor performance. Pioneered by Intel, Hyper-Threading Technology provides a significant performance boost which is particularly suited to today's business computing climate, applications, and operating systems.

How Hyper-Threading Works

Faster clock speeds are an important way to deliver more computing power, and Intel has led the way with industry-leading processor frequency. But clock speed is only half the story. The other route to higher performance is to accomplish more work on each clock cycle, and that's where Hyper-Threading Technology comes in. A single processor supporting Hyper-Threading Technology presents itself to modern operating systems and applications as two virtual processors. The processor can work on two sets of tasks simultaneously, use resources that otherwise would sit idle,

Our second presentation will be by Michael Horowitz, and it will be a review of tips, tricks, and defensive measures for a new Windows XP computer.

You can buy a computer from Sears, K-Mart, or Dell, but despite the ads it is not yet a carefree appliance that you just plug in, start using, and forget. Well, I suppose you can, but it really, really is not a good idea.

What to Do...and Not to Do

Here is a chance to learn what to do and what not to do during the initial shake-out period. Free diagnostic pro-

and get more work done in the same amount of time.

The November general meeting of the New York PC Users Group (NYPC) will feature a presentation about Intel's Hyper-Threading Technology and how it will affect your future computer purchasing decisions. Using materials provided by Intel, NYPC education chair Fred Kahn will describe the benefits and operation of Hyper-Threading technology.

As a special treat, Intel has provided NYPC with handouts and a limited number of gifts for those attending this lecture. As always this meeting is free and open to the general public; all are welcome.

Thanks to Intel

We are grateful to Dave and Kathy Whittle, who work with user groups for Intel, for arranging this informative meeting. Dave also arranged for NYPC to receive a Pentium 4 3.06 GHz processor and mother board, which we will use to build a new SIG machine. *By Fred Kahn, education@nypc.org*

grams will help to ensure that the machine is in tip-top shape. The Internet is a dangerous place and the presentation covers steps to take when connecting a new computer to the Internet. Michael will also suggest ways of customizing Windows to your liking, make recommendations of software to install, and discuss what to ask the computer manufacturer after purchase.



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General Meeting Info

When: Thursday, November 18, 2004

Where: PS 41, 116 W 11th Street,
west of 6th Avenue

Schedule: 6:00pm Doors open
Cafeteria: Networking
Meet the Geeks Q&A
6:45pm Announcements
7:00pm Presentation

Subway: A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @ 7th Ave
(check with MTA)

Path: Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta

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To check on the NYPC General Meeting or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, call our *Hotline* (212) 643-NYPC and enter the code 111, then the code GEN.

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Experienced users are likely to come away saying, "Gee I did not know that, and better do it." New users have even more to gain.

Michael started with mainframe computers and then graduated to PCs. He is the web master for the WBAI page of info about the Personal Computer Show (Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM at 99.5 FM). He teaches

classes in Defensive Computing at NYPC and Hunter College. His own web site has a lot of useful information: <http://www.michaelhorowitz.com/>

Bill Ginsburg, wzg128@aol.com

Join us at this exciting General Meeting. There will be a drawing for some prizes. The Utilities and Knoppix CDs will be available at \$5 each.

Book Review: Windows XP Annoyances

By David A. Karp (O'Reilly, 2002)

As far as I can remember, the first time I heard of Windows XP Annoyances was within the last year on the WBAI Personal Computer Show. So when I saw the book at NYPC, the whistle went off in my head, and I became anxious to see what was in it.

Other than the title and subjects, many other factors attracted me to the love and acceptance of this book.

1. The font size was the exactness of what my union eyeglasses loved.
2. The printing— double-spaced format coupled with the font style: bold, italic, etc.—plus the diction made it easy to read.
3. The layout of the chapters, headings, and sub-headings, made it easy to follow, provided good references, and a solid source of on-the-job help. If you encounter a particular problem, you can turn to a particular page for resolution.
4. I also learned about some new utilities, vocabularies, and some BIOS settings language that I always wondered about, but never had that firm a grasp.
5. The appendix on DOS made me feel young again. Remember at the onset of the 1990's when DOS was the biggest thing we wanted to learn? The more complex and difficult it was to grasp, the more we worked at it and talked about it. "When DOS ruled the night, and sleep was on hold...." In this appendix, I saw and

heard myself again, back in those days.

Whatever your level of proficiency in, or love of, computers, I recommend Windows XP Annoyances to you without any reservation. Not only that, but make this book a member of your tool kit.

Now, while I click on *close*, you may turn to page 1 in this book to see for yourself what constitutes an annoyance.



Additional note.

Perhaps additional editing might be applied to the following three lines:

- (i) Page 5, 4th paragraph, 5th line "...any of which are likely solve a few existing..."
- (ii) Page 518, 6th line from the bottom, "...In explorer, you can right-click a a file or group..."
- (iii) Page 521, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line "...since the ren command sees is that you've typed..."

Roydel Howe, *Certified NetWare Administrator (CNA), Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP), A+ Certified*

"By following some of the solutions in this book, you can make your experience with Windows a lot more pleasurable, reducing stress and your recurring urges to toss your computer out a window seven stories off the ground." (From Chapter 2 of the book)

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For complete descriptions, click on class name at <http://www.calsplus.net/nypcmeetings>.

Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held. One advantage of NYPC computer training is our flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. If we have at least three students, we'll try to tailor a class to your needs. Prices below are for NYPC members; if you are not a member, please add registration fee of \$45; as a bonus, you will receive a one year membership.

⇒ Getting Started with QUICKBOOKS

QuickBooks is perhaps the most popular bookkeeping application for small businesses. It has powerful capabilities, but effective use depends on proper set-up and getting to know the ins and outs of its forms and reports. In this class we'll help you get started, using a case-management approach. Trial versions of the program will be given out so you can practice.

3 Monday evenings, November 29, December 6, 13, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Hands-on, \$99

⇒ Greeting Card Workshop

Have you been yearning to send greeting cards with your own photos but haven't been sure how to go about it? This workshop is for you! Create customized greeting cards using Photoshop Elements and Microsoft Word. In 6 fun-filled hours, you'll learn how to make basic enhancements to your photographs and print them on greeting card stock, plus add your own greeting inside and outside. Cost includes two cards with envelopes, plus a CD with a time-limited version of Photoshop Elements and some templates. (Note: if you have photos that need to be scanned, please phone to arrange this.)

Saturday, December 4, 10:30am-5:00pm. Hands-on, \$79

⇒ How to Buy a New Computer

Is it time to buy a new computer? Perhaps your first, or maybe a replacement. If you're uncertain about what and where to buy, we can help! Our experts will help you evaluate your needs and choose the machine that's best for you! After an overview of what to look

for in a machine, one of our experts will help you look at specifics on vendors' websites.

Sunday, December 5, starting at 10am.
Only \$39 for this individualized course!

⇒ Finding Medical Information on the Internet

There are millions of health-related sites on the Internet! How can you find the ones with the reliable information you need? In this seminar, we'll take a look at how to structure effective searches, how to separate the valuable information from the questionable, and what to do with the information you find. We'll also look at some excellent sites. Each person attending will receive a CD with hyperlinked resources.

Monday, December 6, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Seminar, \$29

⇒ MS Word: Advanced Formatting and Page Layout

Learn how to use tables to format text. Automate document formatting with Styles and Templates. Your documents will look better and have a more consistent look.

Wednesday, December 8, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Hands-on, \$39

⇒ File and Disk Management

Have you ever saved a file, then forgotten where you put it? Or needed to copy several unrelated files to a diskette for a friend? File and Disk management in Windows is easy when you know how. Emphasis on Windows XP; let us know if you use a different version.

Wednesday, December 15, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Partially hands-on, \$29

Coming in January

⇒ Access

⇒ C#

⇒ A+



Shuttle-Building Class

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- Fri., Dec. 3: 5 PM - 10 PM
- Sat., Dec. 4, 4 PM - 10 PM
- Fri., Dec. 10, 11 AM - 3 PM
- Tues., Dec. 14, 4 PM - 10 PM
- Sun., Dec. 26, 9 AM - 3 PM

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NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events **November 2004**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 Photoshop Photo & Graphics	9 ODK Excel LINUX	10 Alpha	11 Java Cert Study MetaStock	12 Investment	13
14	15 Accounting Ventura	16 Perl Embedded	17 Speech Recognition	18 NYPC Gen Meeting Java Cert Study Database	19 LINUX Study Group: Beginners	20
21	22 ODK Hardware Java Cert Study Adv Tech & Tech	23 XML Wireless	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26	27
28	29 Flash QuickBooks	30 SIG Chairs Meeting	December 1 Palm Pilot Visual Basic DeLUGE	2 Java Cert Study Passport	3 LINUX Study Group: Beginners Dreamweaver	4 Greeting Card Workshop
5 Buying a Computer <i>PC Clinic</i>	6 QuickBooks Medical Searching Access	7 Genealogy NYPC Board	8 Alpha MS Word	9 Java Cert Study Metastock	10 Investment	12

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting *Italic = Other Meetings*
Bold = NYPC Class **Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Sometimes there are last minute changes, so please call the NYPC Hotline, 212-643-NYPC (6972), then enter the 3 character SIG code to confirm meeting details. If the SIG meeting you want to attend is not listed, call the Hotline, contact the SIG chair, or check our web page, www.nypc.org. **Always confirm meeting information by calling the Hotline and entering the 3-digit character code from the listing on the following pages.** See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

Location Legend *IBM* IBM, 590 Madison Avenue *MS* Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Fl
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1560
PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue

SIG Directory

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. You can find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to the Meeting & Class Calendar via the NYPC website, www.nypc.org, and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details will appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, or cancellations, or specific topics to replace TBA—are announced here as well as on the hotline, 212-643-NYPC.

If we have your e-mail address, we will also send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

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481 8th Ave, Suite 1560
IBM *590 Madison Ave.
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AXS Access

Claire Chase, (212)691-3577, M-F, 9am-5pm
Monday, November 1st, December 6th, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu
Monday, November 22nd, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
General discussion of PC technology.

ACC Accounting (New SIG!)

Len Ginsburg, LenGinsburg@earthlink.net
Monday, November 15th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Invoice Design in QuickBooks

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
Wednesday, Nov. 10th, December 8th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

CSG C++/Java: Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsigs.org>
<http://nycjava.org/certification>
Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com
Thursday, November 4th, 11th, 18th;
Monday, November 22nd, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Study for the Sun Java Certification exam.
During November and December, this study group replaces other meetings. See website (URL above) for details.

ODK C++/JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
Tuesday, November 9th, 5:45 PM
Monday, November 22nd, 5:30 PM
Seward Park Library, 192 E. Broadway
Continuing our development of a constituent communications system using LDAP & CRM-focused unified process

PAS Computer Passport

Kathy Petruzzi, kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com;
Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@earthlink.net
Thursday, Nov. 4th, December 2nd, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
General Discussion of PC Technology

SEQ Database: SQL

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net/dbsig.html>
Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com
Thursday, November 18th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
More on Oracle 9i

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
Wednesday, December 1st, 6:30 PM
Location: IBM
Skype: Voice-over IP for Linux or Windows
PLEASE: RVSP to Mark to be placed on IBM's SECURITY list. Please also bring a picture ID.

PHT Digital Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net;
Tony Holley, tholley@cititech.cuny.edu
Monday, November 8th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Enhancing Photos

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
Tuesday, November 16th, 6:15 PM
Location: NYPC
More on AVR hardware

EWN Enterprise Windows

Bill Zack, wzack@compuserve.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com
Not meeting in November or December

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Excel1Star@cs.com
Tuesday, Nov. 9th, December 14th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

ART Fine Arts

Melody Reed, Webdesign@melodyreed.com
On hiatus. Contact Melody if interested.

FLA Flash

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net;
Tony Holley, tholley@cititech.cuny.edu
Monday, November 29th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
More lessons for beginners to Flash

FPX Front Page

If you'd like to see this SIG continue, please let us know at pres@nypc.org.

GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
Tuesday, December 7th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

HRD Hardware

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/hugnypc>
Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
Monday, November 22nd, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
More on circuit board design

NET Internet

Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
Tony Holley, tholley@cititech.cuny.edu
Not meeting in November. Watch for December.

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
Friday, November 12th, 6:15 PM
Location: MS
Retail industry

LNX LINUX

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>. Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com
Tuesday, November 9th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

LNX LINUX Study Group: Beginners

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>
Dario Castellanos, jnyc@compuserve.com
Friday, November 5th, 19th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Beginners' Linux Admin Study Group

WMM Macromedia Suite

Melody Reed, Melody@MelodyReed.com
Friday, December 3rd, 6:15 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

MTA MetaStock

Barbara Scheiner, bscheiner@nyc.rr.com
Thursday, November 11th, 7:00 PM
Location: NYPC
TBA

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BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Members are welcome to attend, but please e-mail Mary Ginsburg at pres@nypc.org

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 18th, 6:00 PM

Location: PS 41, 116 W. 11th St., W of 6th Ave

Hyper-Threading

How to Get Started with Your New PC

PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn and

Grace Lee, nypcpda@yahoo.com

Wednesday, November 3rd, December 1st

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

PRL Perl Seminar NY

James E. Keenan, jkeen@concentric.net

Tuesday, November 16th, 6:15

Location: NYPC

Marc Prewitt on CPAN module Text::Template.

PHO Photoshop

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sigs.html. Laura Balsam, lbalsam@hookbuilt.com

Monday, November 8th, 1:00 PM

Location: NYPC

Taking and Using RAW Images; Q&A

Join us at noon in the TickTock for socializing prior to the meeting.

SUG Smalltalk

<http://www.ocit.com/stug>

Charles Monteiro, charles@ocit.com

E-mail Charles for meeting information

SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner,

76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred

Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org

Wednesday, November 17th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Jonathan Klausner:

New Dragon NaturallySpeaking Version 8

STR Streaming Media

Ashod Kassabian, streaming@earthlink.net;

Edwin Woo, edwinwoo@consultant.com

Not meeting in November or December

VP1 Ventura

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com

Monday, November 15th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Starting a flyer from scratch in Ventura

BAS Visual Basic

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com

Wednesday, November 3rd, December 1st,

6:15 PM

Location: MS

WFI Wireless — New SIG!

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net;

Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org

Tuesday, November 23rd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Wireless Security, continued

XML XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com

Tuesday, November 23rd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Continuation of NYPC Education Project

Other Organizations

NPC Non-Profit Computing

John L. German, 212-759-2368

Includes:

JOB Career Development Group

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 16, 30, Dec. 14, 4:00 PM

West-Park Presbyterian Church at 86th and Amsterdam

Facilitators include:

Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111

Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

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Most applications worked beautifully, with settings and documents intact; address books and e-mail were exact duplicates of those on the Windows 98 computer. All MS Office and Corel Office applications—plus every graphics and web development program—worked fine. However, OpenOffice wouldn't open, and Ventura DataBase Publisher had a path missing. Not bad! Everything that was on the target machine before migration remained. Relocator generates a log file, so that it is possible to see exactly what transferred successfully and what didn't, down the last .DLL. (Save this, but do not print it, if you care at all about trees.) The second time I used Relocator, again from a Windows 98 to a Windows XP machine, two legacy DOS applications failed to transfer.

Happily, Relocator has an UNDO feature, helpful for a second attempt with different parameters. This was also very useful in restoring the NYPC computers to a legal state.

PCmover

PCmover's transfer offers less customization; you simply load it onto both machines, attach the USB data transfer cable (in the \$49.95 box), follow the easy onscreen instructions, and let it work. Once again, after several hours, the desktop looked identical to that of the old machine, and most applications worked fine (including OpenOffice and Ventura DataBase Publisher). However, GoLive wouldn't load. The report was less comprehensive than that with Relocator, but there was a

helpful screen showing what had been in the Start-up of the old machine and asking for instructions on what to add to the new Start-up. All told, I was as happy with the final results as with Relocator.

Move Me

Move Me appears to work identically to PC Mover; the interface is similar, and the program can use Laplink's USB cable. (In fact, I wondered if they had licensed the technology from Laplink.) The pricing structure is different, however. Download the program free, then pay \$19.95 per migration. The website promised a pre-payment evaluation of the proposed transfer. However, the report was a simple statement of the number of files and megabytes to be moved, not a detailed analysis like the one produced by Relocator. The application used a Wizard interface, the migration was automated, and the files transferred smoothly. The results were the same as with PCmover. A downloadable manual in PDF format was the most thorough of those for the three programs.

Recommendations

All three applications are very effective, though none gave a 100% transfer of all programs. For a one-time transfer of all programs, especially from a relatively straightforward setup, use either PCmover or Move Me. If you'd like to tweak the transfer and ponder the results, Relocator gives more control. Mary Ginsburg, pres@nypc.org

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Migrating from Your Old to Your New Computer: Feeling at home with your new hardware

So you've bought (or built) your shiny new computer (no scratches yet)! You're enthusiastic about starting to use it and getting acquainted with Windows XP.

You're delighted with how fast it boots, with few applications and little data. Of course, you've loaded a few protection utilities, perhaps using a CD from NYPC: an anti-virus (unless it came preloaded), a software firewall, and one or more spyware fighters. You may even have created a restore point in System Restore.

Where's My Desktop?

You're ready to start working...but there's one problem! Your favorite applications, templates, macros, and data—developed over the course of several years—all reside on your old computer! How do you get them onto your new one??

This problem is becoming more and more common as we use our computers in every aspect of our working and personal lives. As we open several applications, configuring each one to our work style, we turn our computers into highly individualized tools. Often, we can click on a well-used desktop icon almost without looking. Even if we've thought, "I've got to clean up my desktop," the thought of starting with a nearly blank screen can be painful.

What about your backups? Typically, backup software is configured to restore applications, settings, and data to the same computer, not a different one. Even (or especially) online subscription backup services can download only your data, not your applications, to a new machine. ("But what if there's a fire?" one businessman asked plaintively. "...Just your data," was the reply.)

Migration Software

What, then, can you do to start using your new computer comfortably?

It is possible to set up your new computer manually, of course. Just find and use your old installation disks, purchase new software, or order your new computer with your favorite applications loaded. Then use a selective restore from your backup to transfer your data. Finally, over time, configure your applications to your style.

There is another way—with migration software. Migration software moves the contents of one computer to another. In a series of tests of this type of software, I found such migration to be not quite perfect—but amazingly close.

In a series of articles, we'll look at several types of migration software: software that moves "the whole gemish"—applications, settings, and data—to a new machine with its own operating system; applications that copy settings and data, leaving the installation of the requisite applications up to you; and programs that copy an image of the drive.

"Cloning" Your Computer

With the right software, it is surprisingly easy to transfer applications, settings, and data to a new computer! Three

applications designed for this purpose are: Alohabob PC Relocator from eisenworld (www.eisenworld.com), Laplink's PCmover (www.laplink.com), and Move Me by spearitsoftware (www.spearit.com). All offer three modes of transfer: via a network (fastest), over a USB data transfer cable, or over a parallel port cable (slowest).

All were tested in the NYPC office, using a heavily loaded Windows 98 machine as the source and a machine containing almost nothing except Windows XP Professional as the target. In all cases, the new machine had a faster CPU and a much larger hard drive.

Whatever the software, basic preparatory steps include:

- ▶ Clean up your old machine, deleting or uninstalling files and programs you don't need
- ▶ Back up your old machine, or at least the valuable data (The migration applications claim that the transfer process does not affect the original machine, but why take a chance?)
- ▶ Scan for viruses and spyware (Why transfer problems?)
- ▶ Run ScanDisk on the old machine to find and correct errors
- ▶ Use Belarc Advisor (or similar program) to get a printout of the contents of your old machine
- ▶ Be sure that both machines have the same version of Internet Explorer
- ▶ Use the same admin name on both machines
- ▶ Configure PowerSave and Display features so that the hard drive will not shut down and the screen saver will not come on. Turn off all running programs, including those that load at Startup
- ▶ Read the license (EULA). In the case of Relocator, this states in some detail that the user must own both machines and have valid licenses to all software—and that the procedure will not be used to illegally duplicate software.

PC Relocator

PC Relocator comes in two versions: (1) PC Relocator costs about \$30, comes with a parallel cable, and performs an automated transfer. (2) PC Relocator UltraCONTROL (\$70) comes with a USB data transfer cable and gives the option of fully automatic transfer or two modes of user control. When the user chooses SmartRating, the program ranks applications in order of probable smooth transfer and gives the option of choosing applications or other files to omit or include. The CD also includes PC Backup Lite and Data Cleaner for wiping the old hard drive before PC disposal. (eisenworld also makes Enterprise solutions, starting at \$500.)

PC Relocator comes with a CD and a small instruction booklet. It is easy to use: load the software on both machines, connect them with the cable provided, follow some simple onscreen instructions, and note the time estimated for transfer. Since this can be several hours, go home (or to bed).

When I did this for the first time, I was skeptical, fully expecting to find two nonfunctional machines the next day. However, the next morning the desktop of the new machine looked VERY familiar, just like that of the old computer.

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