

### **Recap From Last Time**

<u>Hard drives:</u> there are two types of hard drives currently on the market, to traditional magnetic platter style, and the solid-state.

<u>Record Keeping:</u> keep track of username and passwords for modems, routers, wireless networks and your websites.

<u>OEM V Retail:</u> when you are looking at the long-term costs of software retail works out cheaper, unless you are the person who likes to upgrade software when the upgraded computer.

## This Month

# **Hoax's & Scams:**

There are a lot of hoaxes and scams that go around, no ISP or Microsoft will ring you to access your computer if you have not reported a fault to them. If you have reported a fault you have a case number or a fault number, if the technician on the other end of the phone can not quote this number hang up.

No ISP or e-mail box administrators will e-mail you asking for username and passwords, so just delete these e-mails straight away.

No company send you updates via email anymore so if you get an email asing you to update something delete it.

## **Power over Ethernet Adapters:**

This technology has been around for a while, and has been in the domestic scene for about 4 years now. These adapters plug into your power point and convert your house electrical wiring system into a computer network system. They are ideal for extending your network for printers and computers and very good when a wireless connection will not work.

#### **Media centres:**

These acts like an interface between digital media, eg music movies and photos on a hard drive or USB stick, and your TV or home entertainment system. The most basic model allows you to plug a hard drive into it with digital media on it and that plug straight into a TV, more complex units can run over your home network back to your main computers to play movies music and view photos.

The advantages of digital movies and music is that you do not have to swap CDs and DVDs around, it means also, kids DVD's do not get scratched. Which is one of the biggest problems with children handling the DVD, they become to scratched and they will have to be replaced. It will not take long of the kids to work out the menu system to play the movies they want. Also you don't having to worry about looking for lost DVDs.

Converting DVDs and your videotapes to digital media to play back through your media centre, is a time-consuming process but well worth it at the end.

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