



IT Tips and Tricks #15 – Some summer lightness

Allegedly, we are in the middle of the summer, though as I write this, I can see the rain bouncing off the pavement. So, I thought that, for a change, I would brighten us all up with some humour.

GM response to Microsoft

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon". In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft; we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive-but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna (CTRL/ALT/DELETE)
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off

And some others... also allegedly true!

- Customer, "I would like a mouse mat, please." Salesperson, "Certainly sir, we have a large variety." Customer, "But will they be compatible with my computer?"
- Customer, "Can you copy the internet onto this disc for me?"
- Customer, "So that will get me connected to the internet, right?" Tech Support, "Yes." Customer, "And that's the latest version of the internet?"
- A woman called the Canon helpdesk because she had a problem with her printer. The techie asked her if she was "running it under windows". The woman responded, "No, my desk is next to the door. But that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his is working fine."