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Oldies but Goodies (Tech Tips Edition)

Here's a quick review of some favorite tech topics of 2016...

Reset is not the same as Reboot

If you are having trouble with your internet connections, this tip will save some heartache: don't press that little "Reset" button on the back of your Modem, Router, or WiFi device. It is not the same as a reboot. A reboot will shut down a device, then restart it **with the same settings**. A reset, on the other hand, **clears out all settings** back to "fresh from the factory". Not good if you have made any custom settings changes: they are gone. If you need to reboot a Modem, Router, or WiFi device, simply unplug the power cable, and leave it out for at least 5 minutes. Don't cheat, wait the 5 minutes, especially if you have Comcast for your service provider.

Reboots are a Miracle

No matter what device you have, a reboot can make a world of difference if the device just seems cranky. I have noticed this to be true, especially for cellphones. I was having trouble with mine, until I realized that between using it constantly and charging it overnight, I never turned it off. It essentially was "On" for weeks at a time. I now power off / power on every-other-day. Fantastic improvement in performance is the result.

One Billion, 500 Million Reasons to get rid of Yahoo email.

For those of you who didn't take my advice in 2013, 2014, 2015, or 2016, Yahoo has given us a Christmas present of One Billion more reasons to leave their email service: they were hacked back in 2013 and at least One Billion emails, names, passwords, birthdates, security questions and answers, and much more were all stolen. This past September, Yahoo finally revealed that they had been hacked in 2014 and 500 million emails were stolen. I don't know how many emails Yahoo has, but I believe 1 Billion + 500 Million pretty much means ALL emails were stolen eventually. Much worse, they knew about it and did not say anything. [Microphone Drop]

Happy Holidays!

Thank You all for another wonderful year, I hope everyone has a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-John Becker