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New! Microsoft Vista Operating Systems & New! Core Duo Intel Processors meet up to make P4's obsolete

Summer of 2006 the Intel Core Duo Processors were released which paved the way for Microsoft's New Vista Operating System released at the end of January 2007. Vista needs fast speed from the processor, lots of ram, and a fast video card with lots of ram on it as well.

The very first week Vista was released, we started selling the new systems with the most popular of the Vista Operating Systems for most of our customers (Vista Home Premium). It is only available on DVD, so one needs a DVD player as well.

Let me say that I truly love the new Vista (from here on I will simply refer to Vista Home Premium as Vista). There are other versions, but few will have a need or desire for the other versions. Don't expect to upgrade your present system. The odds are it is too slow, has too little ram, and not enough video card power to handle Vista. Of course, if you purchased a Core 2 Duo system in the past year you could upgrade to Vista, but I doubt if there is enough reason to do so. XP was an excellent operating system itself, so if you are happy with your present speed...stay with your present system until you are ready for a new computer. When you purchase your new computer, my recommendation is to go to the new Vista. You may have to upgrade some of your older programs to a current version like Quicken or Quickbooks, and you should make sure your printer and/or scanner is Vista compatible, but we are pretty used to upgrading those items aren't we? Stop in and let us demonstrate the new Vista Home Premium on a new Intel Core 2 Duo. You will be very impressed with its new features and its new "Aero" Graphics.

Trade in your Old Computer

We have always taken computers on trade for new computers. Now, more than ever, we are seeing more and more of our customers trading in their old computer for a faster, more powerful model.

Because people are trading in their older computers more and more often, we usually have many used computers from which to choose.

We can transfer your data from your old system to your new computer, too!



Notebooks—Vista or XP Your Choice

TFW Computers can custom "spec out" a notebook to fit your needs. Visit our web site for sample systems: www.computerstfw.com. You can choose the size hard drive you wish, the amount of ram, whether you wish a CD reader or a DVD burner, wireless, etc. We will tailor it to your specs then set it up with our "value added package".

SINCE 1983

TFW Computers has been in business since 1983 serving homes and businesses. For 24 years we have been serving the Houston Metro area. Our long success is due to our many repeat customers and "word of mouth" advertising. In the Fall of 1999, we moved to our present location (see map inset) after 17 years in Memorial City Mall on I-10 at Gessner (then under our corporate name The Floppy Wizard). We want to be your headquarters for quick computer repairs, solutions, upgrades and new or used computers, trade-ins, digital cameras, etc. We have been custom assembling computers since the mid-80's. We repair pre-built computers as well as our own. If you can't bring your computer in to us...we can come to you (Labor rate is \$60 per hour in the store {\$37.50 minimum} and \$90 per hour on site {\$90 minimum}). More and more homeowners and small businesses are wanting their computers networked together. We can do this and show you ways to keep the costs down dramatically.



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Saturday 10:00am—3:00pm

Sunday Closed

—After-hour appointments are available—

WEB PAGE DEVELOPMENT AVAILABLE

Computer Classes available!

Tip: Protect your Computer — Keep your Microsoft Updates up to date!

Viruses have long plagued our computers but now we have even more threats. **Adware** and **Spyware** are now sneaking into our computers. Any software application in which advertising banners are displayed while the program is running is called **Adware**. And any software that sends data back to a third party - WITHOUT ASKING the user - is **Spyware**.

Download the following programs to detect, remove and better protect yourself. The programs are all freeware or shareware.

- Spyware Blaster www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html
- Spybot Search and Destroy www.safer-networking.org/
- Ad-Aware www.lavasoft.de/ or <http://www.lavasoft.nu/>
- CWS shredder www.intermute.com/spysubtract/CWSshredder_download.html
- Microsoft Defender www.microsoft.com/
- SUPERAntiSpyware www.superantispyware.Com

It goes without being said you must use Anti-Virus Software as well....

Concerned about losing your present data on your computer?

We can back up your important data and transfer it to your new computer. We can preserve your documents, emails, address book, favorites, pictures, financial data, etc.

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On line bids are now available

Go to our web site for latest bid and class information

WE BUILD CUSTOM BUILT COMPUTERS/NOTEBOOKS

We plan every component with you making sure you have the right system for your needs.

Why buy a custom built computer rather than a pre-built?

Custom-built computers are systems that are built and assembled using standard "across the counter" parts. They are different from pre-built computers in that they can have any component replaced virtually by any computer store in the country, whereas pre-built computers have "proprietary" components. Most often, pre-builts have non-standard motherboards. This means that if one component on the motherboard "dies", then only the manufacturer who made the system can replace that non-standard motherboard. Because "everything" is soldered permanently to that motherboard, it is very costly and unrealistic to replace. Whereas, if the system had been built by a computer store such as ours and hundreds like us in Hous-

ton alone, then, just the single component can be replaced such as the video card, or sound card, or motherboard, or modem, or....

Upgradeability is the other very key issue. As faster and faster CPU's come on the market, they most always require a new motherboard. Motherboards have a relatively small range of upgradeability, so far as what the CPU can be upgraded to. Virtually all pre-built computers can only have their original motherboards replaced. You can't install a newer motherboard (very important). With custom built computers you have a better chance of being able to replace the motherboard to the day's standard and keep on going...change any component you want. Don't replace

the whole computer!

Another very important issue is service and the ability to communicate with you. Many companies brag about their service. **Good luck trying to communicate with them!** It amazes us to see how long, in reality, it takes most of these companies to respond to your needs...much less solve your problem or do their repairs.

Rarely, if ever, do any of them repair computers as fast as we do (usually same or next day).

Ask yourself if you can take your computer into their local outlet and sit down with a knowledgeable technician and get personal help. Ask if you can sit and watch as the technician works on your computer (if you wish).

At TFW COMPUTERS you can!

FAST SERVICE

OUR STRENGTH!

At TFW COMPUTERS we sit down with you and your new computer on delivery and show you around the system, how it works in detail, for an hour or more as a courtesy.

Service after the sale is worth something!

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