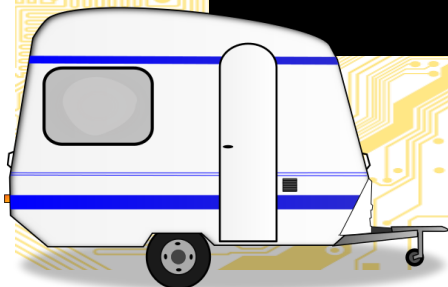


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5 Smart Tech Travel Tips for Summer Vacation

Summer is here! Unfortunately, just because the sun is shining and the weather is warm, doesn't mean we can just escape from the office for a vacation. Here are a few smart travel tips to bring your office with you this summer.

Make time away from the office productive.

Whether you're headed somewhere tropical to relax on the beach or overseas to explore, you can still be productive at the office with technology tools made for mobility. Take a look at these 5 smart tech travel tips to keep you working while you're away.

1. Consider your company's safety first!

Have your IT professional examine your laptop to ensure your antivirus protection is installed and all of your programs are up-to-date. Yes, this seems like a no brainer, but outdated programs can leave loopholes for intruders to exploit.

BYOD or bring your own device policies are becoming more prominent in business today. It's very common for workers that want to work remotely to use their own laptops

and smartphones. However, business owners must consider the risks and put policies in place to protect their network, data and company overall. These policies should focus on security for the organization's network and protection for intellectual assets. While working remotely is convenient, it can also bring unseen vulnerabilities.

- 2. Bring the right equipment.** If your laptop is dragging you down, it's time to replace it. Consider a new Dell Latitude series laptop and the Lenovo ThinkPad. These laptops come with a variety of features and additions. However, to work from afar, you need a laptop that includes a Wi-Fi card with unlimited data and a nationwide plan. Consider the battery size too for nice long work sessions while you are commuting. Business laptops generally come with a variety of battery options.. Check the size of the laptop including screen size and weight. In addition, you will need at least 4GB of RAM, 8GB is even bet-

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Inspiration

Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.
~ Napoleon Hill

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.
~ Charles Swindoll

Either you run the day or the day runs you.
~ Jim Rohn

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.
~ Wayne Gretsky

Escape to Picnic

International Picnic Day is coming soon on Wednesday, June 18th this year. Take an extended lunch to gather outdoors to eat and enjoy some friendly company.

Want a lunch date?

What better excuse than International Picnic Day to ask a coworker or friend out to lunch. Remember, this is a picnic though. Pack a picnic basket early or order a to-go meal to share at a local park or look out point.

The origins are hazy, but the observance can be traced all the way back to the end of the French Revolution and the Victorian Era. Picnics have always been a great way to escape the stress and restrictions of every day work and formality.

Picnic Day is an informal food holiday with just a few rules and a boat load of options. First rule, get outdoors and have a meal! Prepare some food ahead of time or let your coworkers and friends in on the fun early with a potluck picnic. You can assign

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5 smart tech travel tips...

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ter. The memory allows you to perform multiple tasks simultaneously on the go.

3. **Bring the right services.** Before you jump on a plane for some much needed time away, make sure you are packing the right services. Services like e-mail, customer management systems, specialty software, and access to file servers is a must for mobile computing. Check with your IT manager to ensure your laptop is connecting to these services safely and successfully before you pack your bags.
4. **Accessorize.** This one sounds a bit crazy, but you will be thanking us when you tire of the touch pad on your laptop or run into a crying infant seated three rows behind you on a long flight. Purchase and pack a wireless or USB mouse for more comfortable maneuvering, invest in a good set of noise cancelling headphones, and don't forget your device chargers or a docking station.
5. **Whether by plane, train, cruise ship or car keep your devices safe!** Regardless of your mode of

travel or final destination, remember to keep your devices in your possession at all times. If you are headed out to the beach, make sure you have a friend or family member keeping an eye on your phone or computer while you take a swim. Believe it or not, device theft, especially in hot vacation locations, is a very real threat.

Ready to take off? Give us a call today for your FREE Mobile Workstation Review package. We will run a full Network Assessment and throw in 3 mobile device reviews too. This analysis includes everything from assessing the hardware you use to your antivirus program, status of your updates, and connectivity to ensure your device is ready to hit the road this summer wherever you roam.

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A Terrible Threat for Telecommunication Clients

Do you have a phone bill? Then you are at risk! A recent IC3 alert was issued last month warning all telecommunication clients of a new scam on the rise.

Text, e-mail or phone call, ignore them all! No communications methods are safe from these sneaky scammers who contact unsuspecting clients and businesses claiming to be from the phone company or other telecommunication providers. Automated phone messages, SMS texts, and e-mails are being sent telling clients to visit a website to claim a reward.

These attacks are on the rise.

Beware, victims that have visited the site to claim a \$100 - \$2,500 prize or discount have been sadly deceived and their computers have been compromised.

What to look for? According to the Public Service Announcement by the IC3, these fraudulent websites may use words like MyBonus, ILike, ILove, Promo, Reward or similar words along with your telephone carriers name. If you receive a message like this, don't respond.

Visit www.ic3.gov to learn more.

Cancel Travel Noises

Traveling can be exhausting when you are caught in a noisy situation.

Tired of turbulence, young passengers, or boisterous seat mates? These inevitable travel woes can really kill productivity. Try canceling out the noise with these top 3 travel headphones.

1. **Bowers & Wilkins C5 earbuds.** These aren't just any headphones, they are tiny, lightweight, in-ear headphones with a fancy security feature to attach them snugly to your ears. These headphones deliver a rich sound experience full of base, yet clear treble too.

2. **Audio-Technica ATH-M50x headphones** offer a comfortable over the head option with adjustable headband, fantastic portable design and superb sound cancellation. These are ideal for very noisy environments and can be folded down to fit with your laptop or any carrying case.

3. **Skullcandy's Crusher headphones.** Skullcandy offers a variety of quality headphones that deliver superior sound for any occasion. Crusher headphones offer a bit more than the competition for smaller price tag with a base triggered vibration system delivering sound you can feel.



Escape to Picnic...

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"You can plan a pretty picnic but you can't predict the weather."

Andre 3000 (song 'Ms. Jackson'). Regardless of what the day brings, escape your workday for a picnic of some sorts. Even if it rains, try for a covered outdoor area or a restaurant with outdoor patio seating.

Enjoy the great outdoors. Did you know that June is actually Great Outdoors Month? It's true. George W. Bush was responsible for the proclamation in 2002 to highlight not only Great Outdoors Month, but National Trails Day (June 7th), Great American Backyard Campout day (June 28th), as well as National Fishing and Boating Week (June 1st-8th).

Breath in summer.

Kick off your dress shoes and relax in the sun this summer. Whether you actually get a vacation or just a few hours to breathe, enjoy the summer sun with coworkers, friends and family.



Create a Cheerful and More Productive Workspace

No matter what kind of office you work in, you can make some easy choices that will make you and your coworkers happier and more productive everyday.

Decor. Okay, so not everyone can paint the walls and choose curtains, but you can perk up your space with a small plant, a colorful clock, piece of artwork or even a picture. There is nothing wrong with some personalizing, it can make your space feel like your own.

Light. Natural light is best but the real key is sufficient light. If you can't open the curtains, consider a natural light office lamp or an upgrade if your office space still relies on those clunky old fluorescent fixtures. Most utility companies now offer rebate or discount programs for businesses or building owners that

upgrade their lighting to be more energy efficient.

Movement. If you feel droopy, walking is the best solution. Get up during the workday every hour or two for a short walk. It's ok if it is only to the coffee maker, but more is better. Consider an office treadmill or exercise room. This will encourage everyone to get a move on.

Sound and lack thereof. Soft music can help productivity and have a calming impact on visitors too. According to entrepreneur.com, to give full focus to a difficult task, you may need a distraction-free zone in your office to be more productive.

The Obvious State of Technology Today

Do you need a computer? Do you need a server? Do you need back-up? Do you need a printer? Yep!

Business today. Most business owners agree, with the exception of some small mom and pop cutlery stores or granny knickknack shops, computers are essential for growth.

Dentists, doctors, lawyers, everyone in sales or service needs technology today. Whether you are selling trinkets or involved in specialized services, your business could benefit from a new technology solution or enhancement. Hardware and software companies have advanced significantly in every industry.

Tired of testing? If you are ready to take the plunge with a new network project or just want to replace a piece of software, you shouldn't feel like a crash test dummy that your technician is observing.

Trust in IT. This isn't our first trial run, we've been around the block and

helped **hundreds** of businesses improve operations over the years. We will work with you to survey your current setup, layout your new system, plan for the change, and implement your solution. **Solutions Unlimited, LLC** is here for you.



"Not cars. Here we're testing oblivious texters walking into walls."



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Inquiring Minds...

May I have your zip code please? You may have noticed at a variety of retail stores these days, visitors are asked their zip code when they are purchasing products. Some people say, this is just for statistical purposes so retailers can figure out what areas house their biggest fans. However, there is an ulterior motive to gathering this information.

Your information may be for sale! That's right, retailers are selling lists of their clients and can match your name and zip code to a current address quickly for a full listing. It only takes a few moments for them to figure out who you are and mail you their advertisements.

Haven't you ever wondered how your mailbox keeps filling up with junk mail? You're not the only one tired of advertisements. We recommend telling the next cashier that asks, "Sorry, I don't want to share that information." This way, they are not allowed to record the data for future use. You can also visit Catalogchoice.org and dmachoice.org to remove yourself from most of the direct junk mail lists.

Referral Fun For Summer! You know, we constantly rack our brains trying to think up a grand new way to ask for referrals because we know YOU'RE our best resource for quality leads. So, we'd like to throw in a little incentive just for you. Here's how it works.

Refer a friend and claim your \$25 gift card! That's right, we will give you a \$25 gift card to spend on anything you choose.

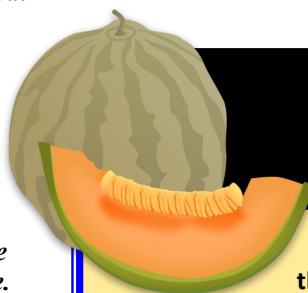
We don't believe in pushy sales tactics. Don't worry, we

don't believe in harassing your friends to get sales. We will simply give them a call to let them know you've referred them for a **FREE Network Security Audit**.

When their assessment is complete, you're out of here! That's right, they don't have to sign up for some lengthy agreement or purchase a new computer, we just want the opportunity to prove our services. When the Network Security Audit is complete, we will mail you your \$25 gift card.

Give the gift of security for a friend in need. Risks and threats like security breaches, data management problems, back-up debacles, and infrastructure concerns are at every turn. No business owner can be too cautious.

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Don't Say You Cantaloupe!

Is your technology hanging by a thread?

Are parts of your network unstable?

Do you feel like even a few days away may just end in a disaster?

Summer is suppose to be about fun in the sun, picnics, camping, fresh melon, water parks, the beach, vacations, tans, theme parks, shopping and relaxation.

If your technology has you tied down, quit making up excuses that you can't break free. Call in the experts to asses your current situation, build a solution to fit your company's needs, and keep an eye on your network 24/7/365.

You deserve to elope anytime you feel the urge for a fantastic margarita on the beach or a huge slice of cantaloupe from your picnic basket.

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