Time for Fun — No 1: Lawyer Jokes! ICT Jokes!

A ragged individual stranded for several months on a small desert island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean one day noticed a bottle lying in the sand with a piece of paper in it.
Rushing to the bottle, he pulled out the cork and with shaking hands withdrew the message.
"Due to lack of maintenance," he read, "we regretfully have found it necessary to cancel your e-mail account."

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A man flying in a hot air balloon suddenly realizes he's lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts to get directions, "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?"
The man below says: "Yes. You're in a hot air balloon, hovering 30 feet above this field."
"You must work in Information Technology," says the balloonist.
"I do" replies the man. "How did you know?"
"Well," says the balloonist, "everything you have told me is technically correct, but It's of no use to anyone."
The man below replies, "You must work in management."
"I do," replies the balloonist, "But how'd you know?"
"Well", says the man, "you don’t know where you are or where you’re going, but you expect me to be able to help. You’re in the same position you were before we met, but now it’s my fault."
A wife sends her husband an SMS on a cold winter evening: "Windows frozen".
The husband sends the answer back: "Pour some warm water over them".
Some time later the husband receives the answer from his wife: "The computer has completely crashed!!!"

A man goes inside a pet shop and starts to move around the cages to scout the pets. He sees a monkey with a price of 5000$ and goes to the merchant to ask for details.
— "Hey mister, the monkey … what does it know to worth that much money?"
— "Well, it knows Windows Vista, Windows 7, and also knows Word, C++, Visual Basic and last but not least, it knows how to play computer games."
— "Good monkey, it’s worth the money." He goes and finds another monkey with a price of 10000$ and again he asks the merchant.
— "What does this monkey know?"
— "It knows Linux, Unix, Corel and Autocad."
— "Nice, even I don't know those things." On a last scout run he finds another monkey just sitting there with a price of 20000$! The story repeats, and he goes with a lack of confidence to ask the merchant for details.
— "And what does this monkey do for that ridiculous amount of money?"
— "I never saw her doing anything, but the other two call her Project Manager!"

Bill Gates is hanging out with the chairman of General Motors. "If automotive technology had kept pace with computer technology over the past few decades," boasts Gates, "you would now be driving a V-32 instead of a V-8, and it would have a top speed of 10,000 miles per hour. Or, you could have an economy car that weighs 30 pounds and gets a thousand miles to a gallon of gas. In either case, the sticker price of a new car would be less than $50."
"Sure," says the GM chairman. "But would you really want to drive a car that crashes four times a day?"
Satan greets him: "Welcome Mr. Gates, we've been waiting for you. This will be your home for all eternity. You've been selfish, greedy and a big liar all your life. Now, since you've got me in a good mood, I'll be generous and give you a choice of three places in which you'll be locked up forever."

Satan takes Bill to a huge lake of fire in which millions of poor souls are tormented and tortured. He then takes him to a massive coliseum where thousands of people are chased about and devoured by starving lions. Finally, he takes Bill to a tiny room in which there is a bottle of the finest wine on a table.

To Bill's delight, he sees a PC in the corner. Without hesitation, Bill says "I'll take this option."

"Fine," says Satan, allowing Bill to enter the room. Satan locks the room after Bill. As he turns around, he bumps into Lucifer.

"That was Bill Gates!" cried Lucifer. "Why did you give him the best place of all?"

"That's what everyone thinks" snickered Satan. "The bottle has a hole in it!"

"And what about the PC?" "It's got Windows 95!" laughed Satan. "And it's missing three keys," "Which three?" "Control, Alt and Delete."

Bill Gates is at the beach when he discovers a bottle, he opens it and a Genie appears.

The Genie says, "I have been trapped for 1000 years. As a reward you can make a wish."

Gates thinks about it as he carries the bottle back to his beach cottage. Once there, he goes to a bookshelf, pulls out an atlas and turns to a map of the Middle East. "This area has seen conflict and been suffering for hundreds of years. What I wish for is peace in the Middle East." The Genie replies, "I don't know I can do a lot, but this? Don't you have another wish?"

Bill Gates thinks and finally says, "OK. The whole world hates Microsoft because we have conquered the software market and because Windows still crashes. I wish you would make everybody love us." The Genie says, "Let me see that map again."

There was an engineer, manager and programmer driving down a steep mountain road. The brakes failed and the car careened down the road out of control. Half way down the driver managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment narrowing avoiding going over a cliff. They all got out, shaken by their narrow escape from death, but otherwise unharmed.
The manager said: “To fix this problem we need to organize a committee, have meetings, and through a process of continuous improvement, develop a solution.”

The engineer said: “No that would take too long, and besides that method never worked before. I have my trusty pen knife here and will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it.”

The programmer said: “I think you’re both wrong! I think we should all push the car back up the hill and see if it happens again.”

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Wikipedia: I know everything!
Google: I have everything!
Facebook: I know everybody!
Internet: Without me you are nothing!
Electricity: Keep talking, loosers!

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Q: What did the spider do on the computer? — A: Made a website!
Q: What did the computer do at lunchtime? — A: Had a byte!
Q: What does a baby computer call his father? — A: Data!
Q: Why did the computer keep sneezing? — A: It had a virus!
Q: What is a computer virus? — A: A terminal illness!
Q: Why was the computer cold? — A: It left its Windows open!
Q: Why was there a bug in the computer? — A: Because it was looking for a byte to eat?
Q: Why did the computer squeak? — A: Because someone stepped on its mouse!
Q: What do you get when you cross a computer and a life guard? — A: A screensaver!
Q: Where do all the cool mice live? — A: In their mouse pads.
Q: What do you get when you cross a computer with an elephant? — A: Lots of memory!
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Bill Gates was drafted and sent to a boot camp. At the rifle range, he was given some instruction, a rifle, and bullets. He fired several shots at the target. The report came from the target area that all attempts had completely missed the target. Bill Gates looked at his rifle, and then at the target. He looked at the rifle again, and then at the target again. He put his finger over the end of the rifle barrel and squeezed the trigger with his other hand. The end of his finger was blown off, whereupon he yelled toward the target area, "It's leaving here just fine, the trouble must be at your end!"

Computer users are divided into three types: novice, intermediate and expert.
Novice users: people who are afraid that simply pressing a key might break their computer.
Intermediate users: people who don’t know how to fix their computer after they’ve just pressed a key that broke it.
Expert users: people who break other people’s computers.

HR manager to a job candidate: "I see you’ve had no computer training. Although that qualifies you for upper management, it means you’re under-qualified for our entry level positions."
Bill Gates dies and goes to God. God says to him: "Because you invented the screen saver I give you the possibility to go wherever you want." God shoes Bill that in hell there are lots of naked chicks and amusement. So Bill chooses hell.
After a while God returns and asks him if he likes it there.
Bill says: "No! Where are all the chicks and amusement you have just showed me?"
"Oh that!" replies God. "That was just a screen saver!"

God called a meeting of George Bush, Tony Blair and Bill Gates. "I've given you all the tools you needed to make a better world," says God. "But you've failed and I'm ending the world in two weeks."
Bush goes on TV and says, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that God exists. The bad news is that the world will end in two weeks."
Tony Blair says, "I have bad news and really bad news. The bad news is that God is really annoyed. The really bad news is he's going to destroy us."
Bill Gates calls his workers together and says, "I have good news and great news. The good news is that God thinks I'm one of the three most powerful people in the world. The great news is that we don't have to fix the bugs in the new Windows package."

A project manager, a computer programmer and a computer operator are driving down the road when the car they are in gets a flat tire.
The three men try to solve the problem.
The project manager said: "Let's catch a cab and in ten minutes we'll reach our destination."
The computer programmer said: "We have here the driver's guide. I can easily replace the flat tire and continue our drive."
The computer operator said: "First of all, let's turn off the engine and turn it on again. Maybe it will fix the problem."
Suddenly a Microsoft software engineer passed by and said: "Try to close all windows, get off the car, and then get in and try again."
An artist, a lawyer, and a programmer are discussing the merits of having a mistress. The artist tells of the passion, the thrill which comes with the risk of being discovered. The lawyer warns of the difficulties: it can lead to guilt, divorce and bankruptcy. The programmer says, "It’s the best thing that’s ever happened to me! My wife thinks I’m with my mistress. My mistress thinks I’m home with my wife, and I can finally spend all night long on the computer!"

You realize that you are dependent of the internet when:
— You forget in what year you are.
— You get out from your room and discover that your parents have moved … but you don’t even know when that might have happened.
— You dream only of quick connections.
— You open your interphone when you get out from your room so you can hear when you get an e-mail.

If you messed up your life, you could press "Ctrl, Alt, Delete" and start all over!
To get your daily exercise, just click on "run"!
If you needed a break from life, click on suspend.
Hit "any key" to continue life when ready.
To get even with the neighbors, turn up the sound blaster.
To add/remove someone in your life, click settings and control panel.
To improve your appearance, just adjust the display settings.
If life gets too noisy, turn off the speakers.
When you loose your car keys, click on find.
"Help" with the chores is just a click away.
Auto insurance wouldn't be necessary.
You would use your diskette to recover from a crash.
And, we could click on "SEND NOW" and a Pizza would be on its way to you.

*** Murphy's Laws of Computing
1. When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
2. When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
3. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
4. When the going gets tough, upgrade.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
6. To err is human ... to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
7. He who laughs last probably made a back-up.
8. If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
9. A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
10. The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
11. A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want to do.
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A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history — with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila ...

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Programming today — is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning ...

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Bill Gates is judged for bigamy. He says though: "If you live with two women it does not mean bigamy, it means multitasking."

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The difference between e-mail and regular mail — is that computers handle e-mail, and computers never decide to come to work one day and shoot all the other computers.
*** The top seven signs that your co-worker is a computer hacker

1. You ticked him off once and your next phone bill was $20,000.
2. When asked for his phone number, he gives it in hex (pertaining to a number system having 16 as its base; or evil spell = symbol of bad luck).
3. He seems strangely calm whenever the office LAN goes down.
4. Massive RRSP (Registered Retirement Savings Plan) contribution made in half-cent increments.
5. Video dating profile lists "public-key encryption" among turn-ons.
6. When his computer starts up, you hear, "Good Morning, Mr. President."
7. You hear him murmur, "Let's see you use that Visa card now, jerk."

*** New Microsoft Windows advertising slogans

At the time of writing, Microsoft's slogan for Windows 95 was "Where do you want to go today?" These are some alternative and probably more truthful ad slogans for use with Windows now.

1. A computer without Windows is like a fish without a bicycle.
2. Windows and DOS: A turtle and its shell.
3. Bang on the left side of your computer to restart Windows.
4. Windows: The colorful clown suit for DOS.
5. Error #152 - Windows not found: (C)heer (P)arty (D)ance.
7. I'll never forget the first time I ran Windows, but I'm trying.
9. Double your drive space: Delete Windows!
10. How do you want to crash today?
*** Top seven signs you bought a bad computer
1. In order to start it, you need some jumper cables and a friend's car.
2. Its slogan is "Pentium: redefining mathematics".
3. The "quick reference" manual is 120 pages long.
4. Whenever you turn it on, all the dogs in your neighborhood start howling.
5. The screen often displays the message, "Ain't it break time yet?"
6. The manual contains only one sentence: "Good Luck!"
7. You've decided that your computer is an excellent addition to your fabulous paperweight collection.

*** There was life before the computer …
An application — was for employment; A program — was a TV show.
A cursor used profanity; A keyboard was a piano! Memory — was something that you lost with age.
A CD was a bank account!
And if you had a broken disk, It would hurt when you found out!
Compress — was something you did to garbage Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped anything in public You'd be in jail for awhile!
Log on — was adding wood to a fire;
Hard drive — was a long trip on the road.
A mouse pad — was where a mouse lived.
And a backup — happened to your commode!
Cut — you did with a pocket knife; Paste — you did with glue.
A web — was a spider's home And a virus — was the flu!
I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
But when it happens they wish they were dead!
*** A husband with a computer addiction

My Dear Husband,

I am sending you this letter via this BBS communications thing, so that you will be sure to read it. Please forgive the deception, but I thought you should know what has been going on at home since your computer entered our lives TWO YEARS AGO. The children are doing well.

Tommy is seven now and is a bright, handsome boy. He has developed quite an interest in the arts. He drew a family portrait for a school project, all the figures were good, and the back of your head is very realistic. You should be very proud of him.

Little Jennifer turned three in September. She looks a lot like you did at that age. She is an attractive child and quite smart. She still remembers that you spent the whole afternoon with us on her birthday. What a grand day for Jenny, despite the fact that it was stormy and the electricity was out.

I am doing well. I went blonde about a year ago, and discovered that it really is more fun! George, I mean, Mr. Wilson, the department head, has taken an interest in my career and has become a good friend to us all. I discovered that the household chores are much easier since I realized that you didn't mind being vacuumed but that feather dusting made you sneeze.

The house is in good shape. I had the living room painted last spring; I'm sure you noticed it. I made sure that the painters cut holes in the drop sheet so you wouldn't be disturbed. Well, my dear, I must be going. Uncle George ... err ... Mr. Wilson, I mean, is taking us all on a ski trip and there is packing to do. I have hired a housekeeper to take care of things while we are away, she'll keep things in order, fill your coffee cup and bring your meals to your desk, just the way you like it.

I hope you and the computer will have a lovely time while we are gone. Tommy, Jenny and I will think of you often. Try to remember us while your disks are booting.

Love, Your Wife.

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A doctor, a civil engineer and a programmer are discussing whose profession is the oldest. "Surely medicine — is the oldest profession," says the doctor. "God took a rib from Adam and created Eve and if this isn't medicine I'll be ..." The civil engineer breaks in: "But before that He created the heavens and the earth from chaos. Now that's civil engineering to me." The programmer thinks a bit and then says: "And who do you think created all that chaos?"
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*** Gender and computers: Top nine reasons computers must be male:
1. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
2. A better model is always just around the corner.
3. They look nice and shiny until you bring them home.
4. It is always necessary to have a backup.
5. They'll do whatever you say if you push the right buttons.
6. The best part of having either one is the games you can play.
7. The lights are on but nobody’s home.

*** Gender and Computers: Top nine reasons computers must be female:
1. Picky, picky, picky.
2. They hear what you say, but not what you mean.
3. Beauty is only shell deep.
4. When you ask what's wrong, they say "nothing".
5. They can produce incorrect results with alarming speed.
6. They are always turning simple statements into big productions.
7. Small talk — is important.
8. You do the same thing for years, and suddenly it's wrong.
9. They make you take the garbage out.
If Microsoft built cars: Top Ten ways things would be different if Microsoft built cars:
1. A Particular model year of a car wouldn't be available until AFTER that year, instead of before.
2. Every time they have repainted the lines on the road, you'd have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would just die for no reason and you'd have to restart it. For some strange reason, you would just accept this.
4. You could only have one person at a time in your car, unless you bought a car '95 or a car NT, but then you would have to buy more seats.
5. You would be constantly pressured to upgrade your car. Wait a second, it's that way NOW!
6. Sun Microsystems would make a car that was solar powered, twice as reliable, 5 times as fast, but only ran on 5% of the roads.
7. The oil, alternator, gas, and engine warning lights would be replaced with a single "General Car Fault" warning light.
8. People would get excited about the new (strong) new features in Microsoft cars, forgetting completely that they had been available in other brands for years.
9. We'd all have to switch to Microsoft Gas (tm).
10. Ford, General Motors, and Chrylser — would all be complaining because Microsoft was putting radios in all its models.

The world's smartest man
A pilot, Michael Jordan, Bill Gates, the Pope, and a pizza delivery man were all in a plane together traveling through stormy conditions. Suddenly, the pilot came running back to the passengers and announced that lightning had hit the plane, and they were going to crash in a matter of minutes.
"There are only enough parachutes for four of the five of us," he announced. "Since I'm the pilot, I get one!" After saying this, the pilot grabbed a parachute and jumped out of the plane.
"I'm the world's greatest athlete," proclaimed Michael Jordan. "This world needs great athletes, so I must live." Michael Jordan then grabbed a parachute and leaped out of the plane.
"I'm the world's smartest man," bragged Bill Gates. "The world needs smart men, so I must also live!" Bill Gates grabbed a parachute and jumped out of the plane. At this point, the Pope began to speak. "I have lived a long life compared to you, and you may take the last parachute. I will go down with the plane."
"You don't have to stay here! The world's smartest man jumped out of the plane with my parachute in the backpack."
Microsoft renames itself: Newsflash:

Microsoft today announced that it will be changing its name to "Moft" — which will clear up space on user's hard disks. It is estimated that a typical Windows Vista installation contains about 2,800,000 copies of the word "Microsoft", in copyright notices, end-user license agreements, "About" screens, etc. So, after the change, a user will have about 14 MBytes more disk space. Stock prices of hard-disk manufacturers dipped slightly after the announcement. "Well, the programs will take up less space on the user's disk," said Bill Gates, CEO of Moft. "But we have never cared about that. The change will allow us to ship Windows Vista on 13 disks instead of 14, thus saving about $50 million a year in media costs. We are also looking at shortening the names of some of our software products; for instance "The Microsoft Excell" may be changed to "The Moft Pit". Gates added that the junior programmer who discovered the potential savings has been rewarded with a free copy of "Moft Off for Moft Win Vist".

The top ten reasons why the television is better than the World Wide Web

1. It doesn't take minutes to build the picture when you change TV channels.
2. When was the last time you tuned in to "Melrose Place" and got a "Error 404" message?
3. There are fewer grating color schemes on TV--even on MTV.
4. The family never argues over which Web site to visit this evening.
5. A remote control has fewer buttons than a keyboard.
6. Even the worst TV shows never excuse themselves with an "Under Construction" sign.
7. Seinfeld (= an American television sitcom that originally aired on NBC) never slows down when a lot of people tune in.
8. You just can't find those cool Health Rider infomercials (= television commercials which generally include a phone number or website) on the Web.
9. Set-top boxes don't beep and whine when you hook up to HBO (= Home Box Office, an American premium cable and satellite television network owned by Time Warner).
10. You can't surf the Web from a couch with a beer in one hand and Doritos (= a brand of seasoned tortilla chips) in the other.

The top nine signs that someone is using your e-mail account
1. "Honey, why is an 18-wheeler from Amazon.com backing into our driveway?"
2. One Secret Service agent is sitting on your head while another is slapping cuffs on you.
3. Apparently, your flame war with DonCorleone@mafia.com is about to turn ugly.
4. When you log on, your computer says "You've got lawsuits!"
5. You're suddenly getting more Spam than the Hormel Foods outlet store.
6. Sotheby's says the Rembrandt is yours and that you now owe them $71,000,000 and change.
7. You now have 130,000 ClubTop5 subscriptions and the list moderator is on the cover of Business Week.
8. A terse (= rude) "Knock it off, Oedipus" e-mail from your Mom. (= Oedipus complex — in psychology, a child's sexual desire for their parent of the opposite sex)
9. Your wife calls you at the office to report that Pogdi, your Pakistani mail-order bride, has arrived.

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*** Software development cycle
1. Programmer produces code he believes is bug-free. (= bug — is a software defect that may produce an incorrect operation or unexpected result)
2. Product is tested. 20 bugs are found.
3. Programmer fixes 10 of the bugs and explains to the testing department that the other 10 aren't really bugs.
4. Testing department finds that five of the fixes didn't work and discovers 15 new bugs.
5. Repeat three times steps 3 and 4.
6. Due to marketing pressure and an extremely premature product announcement based on overly-optimistic programming schedule, the product is released.
7. Users find 137 new bugs.
8. Original programmer, having cashed his royalty check (= payment made for a concession of commercial value), is nowhere to be found.
9. Newly-assembled programming team fixes almost all of the 137 bugs, but introduce 456 new ones.
10. Original programmer sends underpaid testing department a postcard from Fiji. Entire testing department quits.
11. Company is bought in a hostile takeover by competitor using profits from their latest release, which had 783 bugs.
12. New CEO is brought in by board of directors. He hires a programmer to redo program from scratch (= from the very beginning).
13. Programmer produces code he believes is bug-free ...
Bill Gates can choose his life for eternity

Bill Gates suddenly dies and finds himself face to face with God. God stood over Bill Gates and said, "Well Bill, I'm really confused on this one. It's a tough decision; I'm not sure whether to send you to Heaven or Hell. After all, you helped society enormously by putting a computer in almost every home in America, yet you also created that ghastly Windows '95 among other indiscretions. I believe I'll do something I've never done before; I'll let you decide where you want to go."

Bill pushed up his glasses, looked up at God and replied, "Could you briefly explain the difference between the two?"

Looking slightly puzzled, God said, "Better yet, why don't I let you visit both places briefly, then you can make your decision. Which do you choose to see first, Heaven or Hell?" Bill played with his pocket protector for a moment, then looked back at God and said, "I think I'll try Hell first." So, with a flash of lightning and a cloud of smoke, Bill Gates went to Hell. When he materialized in Hell, Bill looked around. It was a beautiful and clean place, a bit warm, with sandy beaches and tall mountains, clear skies, pristine water, and beautiful women frolicking about. A smile came across Bill's face as he took in a deep breath of the clean air. "This is great," he thought, "if this is Hell, I can't wait to see heaven." Within seconds of his thought, another flash of lightning and a cloud of smoke appeared, and Bill was off to Heaven. Heaven was a place high above the clouds, where angels were drifting about playing their harps and singing in a beautiful chorus. It was a very nice place, Bill thought, but not as enticing as Hell.

Bill looked up, cupped his hands around his mouth and yelled for God and Bill Gates was sent to Hell for eternity. Time passed, and God decided to check on the late billionaire to see how he was progressing in Hell. When he got there, he found Bill Gates shackled to a wall in a dark cave amid bone thin men and tongues of fire, being burned and tortured by demons. "So, how is everything going?" God asked. Bill responded with a crackling voice filled with anguish and disappointment, "This is awful! It's nothing like the Hell I visited the first time!! I can't believe this is happening! What happened to the other place ... with the beaches and the mountains and the beautiful women?" "Oh, that! That was the demo, sir," replied God.

Waiting on a long line

The checkout line at the hardware store was getting longer and longer as the clerk labored to get the new cash register to cooperate. At one point she wailed "Oh no, NOW what do I do ? It just rang up sixty-four thousand, five hundered seventy four dollars in sales tax on a ten-dollar sale !" Surprisingly, the customers in front of me didn't seem to be too upset by the delay. Some even chuckled sympathetically. It wasn't until I got near the front of the line that I saw the neatly hand-lettered sign in front of the register: WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING BATTLE WITH OUR NEW COMPUTER FOR CONTROL OF THE STORE — WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE.
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*** Questions and quick answers
Q.: What's the definition of an IT professional? — A.: Someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand.
Q.: What's the definition of a good IT professional? — A.: Someone who has a software patch named after him.
Q.: When does a person decide to become an IT professional? — A.: When he realizes he doesn't have the charisma to succeed as an undertaker.
Q.: What's an extroverted IT professional? — A.: One who looks at your shoes while he's talking to you, instead of his own.
Q.: What's an IT auditor? — A.: Someone who arrives after the battle and bayonets all the wounded.
Q.: Why did the IT auditor cross the road? — A.: Because he looked in the file and that's what they did last year.
Q.: How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb? — A.: None, that's a hardware problem!
Q.: How do you know you're a geek? — A.: When nobody ever invites you to their house unless their computer is malfunctioning.

*** Comprehending IT professionals — Take One
Two IT students were walking across campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second IT student replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes, and said, "Take what you want.", so I took the bike. The first IT student nodded approvingly, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't fit."
*** Comprehending IT professionals — Take Two
An architect, an artist and an IT professional were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress.
The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship.
The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there.
The IT professional said, "I like both." — "Both?"
The IT professional replied "Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each assume you are spending time with the other woman,
and you can go to the office and get some work done."

*** Comprehending IT professionals — Take Three
— To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the IT professional, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.
— A programmer puts two glasses on his bedside table before going to sleep. A full one, in case he gets thirsty, and an empty one, in case he doesn't.
— Theory — is when you know something, but it doesn't work. Practice — is when something works, but you don't know why it works.
Programmers — combine theory and practice: Nothing works and they don't know why.

*** Comprehending IT professionals — Take Four
A businessman was interviewing applicants for the position of Divisional Manager. He devised a simple test to select the most suitable person for the job. He asked each applicant the question, "What is two and two"?
The first interviewee was a journalist. His answer was "twenty-two."
The second applicant was an engineer. He pulled out a calculator and showed the answer to be between 3.999999 and 4.000001.
The next person was a lawyer. He stated that in the case of Jenkins v. Commr of Stamp Duties (Qld), two and two was proven to be four.
The last applicant was an IT professional. The businessman asked him, "How much is two and two?"
The IT professional got up from his chair, went over to the door, closed it then came back and sat down. He leaned across the desk and said in a low voice, "How much do you want it to be?" He got the job.
*** Comprehending IT professionals — Take Five
An IT professional was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess". He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week."
The IT professional took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do ANYTHING you want." Again the IT professional took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"
The IT professional said, "Look I'm an IT professional. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that's cool."

*** Hardware and Software
Hardware: "A product that if you play with it long enough, breaks." Software: "A product that if you play with it long enough, it works."

*** You Know ... you've been online too long when ...
— You understand all the jokes in this world. If so, technology has taken over your life. We suggest, for your own good, that you go lie under a tree and write a haiku poem. And don't use a laptop.
— Tech support calls YOU for help.
— Your computer goes down and you haven't logged in for two hours. You start to tremble. You pick up the phone and dial your Internet access number and try to mimic computer noise in order to connect. Finally you succeed!
— You start tilting (= moving into a sloping position) your head sideways whenever you smile ;-)
— You get a tattoo that says, "This body best viewed with Google Chrome!"
— You check your mail. It says "No new messages." So you check it again.
— You start introducing yourself as "Jim@oneonta.edu"
— Your pet has its own home page.
— Your girlfriend/boyfriend says communication is important to her/him, so you buy another computer, install an instant messenger so the two of you can finally chat.

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Everybody knows "Jesus saves"

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they come to an agreement to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously, lines of code streaming up the screen, for several hours straight. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show his work. Visibly upset, Satan cries, "I have nothing. I lost it all when the power went out." "Very well," says God, "let us see if Jesus has fared any better." Jesus presses a key, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, "B-b-but how?! I lost everything, yet Jesus’ program is intact! How did he do it?" God chuckles, "Everybody knows Jesus saves."

What is the difference (similarity) between Drug dealers and Software developers?

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*** Windows and their Curtains
A blonde girl enters a store that sells curtains. She tells the salesman, "I would like to buy a pink curtain in the size of my computer screen." The surprised salesman replies, "But, madam, computers do not have curtains." And the blonde said, "Hellooo.... I've got Windows!"

*** Tech Support
Customer: "It seems I can’t connect to the Internet."
Tech Support: "Ah, right. What operating system are you running?"
Customer: "Google Chrome."
Tech Support: "No, what version of Windows are you using?"
Customer: "Uhhh ... Hewlett Packard?"
Tech Support: "No, Right click on "My Computer", and then select properties on the menu."
Customer: "Your computer??? It’s my computer!"

*** What gender is a computer?
A language instructor was explaining to her class that French nouns, unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine. Things like "chalk" or "pencil," she described, would have a gender association. For example: "House is feminine: la maison." In English, of course, most words are of neutral gender. Puzzled, one student raised his hand and asked, "What gender is a computer?" The teacher wasn’t certain which it was, so she divided the class into two groups and asked them to decide if a computer
should be masculine or feminine.
One group was comprised of the women in the class, and the other of men. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.
The men decided that computers should definitely be referred to in the feminine gender (la) because:
1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.
The group of women, however, concluded that computers should be referred to in the masculine (le) gender because:
1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better one.

*** Modern Communication Devices
Bill Gates (CEO of Microsoft), Andy Grove (CEO of Intel) and Jerry Sanders (CEO of AMD) were in a high-powered business meeting.
During the serious, tense discussions, a beeping noise suddenly is emitted from where Bill is sitting. Bill says, "Oh, that's my emergency beeper. Gentlemen, excuse me, I really need to take this call." So Bill lifts his wristwatch to his ear and begins talking into the end of his tie. After completing this call, he notices the others are staring at him.
Bill explains, "Oh, this is my new emergency communication system. I have an earpiece built into my watch and a microphone sewn into the end of my tie. That way, I can take a call anywhere." The others nod, and the meeting continues.
Five minutes later, the discussion is again interrupted when Andy starts beeping. He also states, "Oh, that is my emergency beeper. Excuse me, gentlemen, this must be an important call." So Andy taps his earlobe and begins talking into thin air. When he completes his call, he notices the others staring at him and explains, "I also have an emergency communication system. But my earpiece is actually implanted in my earlobe, and the microphone is actually embedded in this fake tooth. Isn't that neat?" The others nod, and the meeting continues.
Five minutes later, the discussion is again interrupted when Jerry produces a thunderous throaty cry. He looks up at the others staring at him and says, "Uhh, somebody sends me a message ... I'm receiving a fax."
*** Types of Women:
HARD-DISK Woman: She remembers everything, FOREVER.
RAM Woman: She forgets about you, the moment you turn her off.
WINDOWS Woman: Everyone knows that she can’t do a thing right, but no one can live without her.
SCREENSAVER Woman: She is good for nothing but at least she is fun!
INTERNET Woman: Difficult to access.
SERVER Woman: Always busy when you need her.
MULTIMEDIA Woman: She makes horrible things look beautiful.
CD-ROM Woman: She is always faster and faster.
E-MAIL Woman: From every ten things she says, eight are nonsense.
VIRUS Woman: Also known as “WIFE”; when you are not expecting her, she comes, installs herself and uses all your resources. If you try to uninstall her you will lose everything; if you don’t try to uninstall her you will be rendered useless … Either way, you lose.

*** The difficulty of virtual reality
One reporter making an article for a local paper by interviewing some university students. "What is your opinion on virtual reality?"
Medicine student: "What does virtual mean?"
Economy student: "Good point, what does virtual mean?"
Information Technology student: "Just wait a second, what does REALITY mean?"

*** What do great writers end with?
There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed a desire to become a "great" writer. When asked to define "great" he used to say, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, wail, howl in pain, desperation, and anger!" He now works for Microsoft writing error messages ...

*** The right companion
A bachelor asked the computer to find him the perfect mate: "I want a companion who is small and cute, loves water sports, and enjoys group activities". Back came the answer: "Marry a penguin".
Confusion about Y2K (= another name for the year 2000 and especially referring to the millennium bug)

Dear Boss,
I hope I haven’t misunderstood your instructions. Because to be honest, boss, none of this Y to K dates problem makes any sense to me. At any rate I have finished converting all the months on all the company calendars so that the year 2000 is ready to go with the following improved months: Januark, Februark, Mak, Julk.
In addition, I have changed the days of the week, and they are now: Sundak, Mondak, Tuesdak, Wednesdak, Thursdak, Fridak and Saturdak.
Is it enough, or should I change any other Y to K? I am a fan of the New York Yankees. Should I call them New Kork Kankees in order to be Y2K ready?

E-mail Error

It’s wise to remember how easily email can be misused, sometimes unintentionally, with serious consequences.
Consider the case of the Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida.
His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day.
When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email.
Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher’s wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.
When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.
At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: "Dearest Wife, Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here".
The Sultan of Brunei was getting a bit cheesed off as he had 6 children, all girls, and therefore had no son and heir. Imagine his joy then, when one of his wives presented him with his only son and heir. Just before his son's sixth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side and said, "Son, I am very proud of you. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like an aeroplane." Not wanting to do anything by halves, his father bought him British Airways. Just before his son's seventh birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you are my pride and joy. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like a boat." Not wanting to do anything by halves, his father bought him P&O Ferries: Best Ferry Company. Just before his son's eighth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you bring so much happiness into my life. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like something to watch films on." Not wanting to do anything by halves, his father bought him MGM Studios and their cinemas, where he watched all his favorite Western Movies. Just before his son's ninth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you are an inspiration to us all. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son, who had caught the 'Western' movie bug, replied, "Daddy, I would like a cowboy outfit." Not wanting to do anything by halves, his father went and bought him Microsoft ...
If you can touch it and you can see it, it's REAL.
If you can touch it but you can't see it, it's TRANSPARENT.
If you can't touch it but you can see it, it's VIRTUAL.
If you can't touch it and you can't see it, it's GONE.

The problem with physicists — is that they tend to cheat in order to get results.
The problem with mathematicians — is that they tend to work on toy problems in order to get results.
The problem with program verifiers — is that they tend to cheat at toy problems in order to get results.

Wise thoughts
— Girl friends are like a net virus. They enter your life, scan your pocket, edit your mind, download your problems and delete your happiness.
— Concept: On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape button.
— Be nice to the nerds, for all you know they might be the next Bill Gates! (*slang* nerd — a dull person dedicated to a nonsocial pursuit)
— In a world without fences and walls, who needs Gates and Windows?
— Computers can never replace human stupidity!
— All computers run at the same speed ... with the power off!
— When someone says "I want a programming language in which I need only say what I wish done," give him a lollipop!
— Failure is not an option. It comes bundled with your Microsoft product ...
— Man is the best computer we can put aboard a spacecraft ... and the only one that can be mass produced with unskilled labor.
— All programmers are playwrights and all computers are lousy actors.

Two programmers meet each other after a long period of time, when no one knew where the other was or were doing.
"So, how are you, how is you life now-a-days?" — "Default ..."
*** Two bloggers chatting:
Mom: "Son, it’s snowing so nice." —
Son: "Where, Give me the link please."

*** A conversation by a representative of a personnel search company and a candidate:
"So, Mr. Abha, you say that you are a software engineer. Do you know Microsoft Office?" —
"If you give me the address, I will go there, Sir."

*** An IT programmer goes to a shop
A wife sends her husband — an IT programmer — to the shop to buy a sausage. "If there will be brown eggs, take 10."
A programmer goes to the shop and asks the seller: "Do you have brown eggs?" "Yes we do." "Then give me 10 sausages."

*** Samsung computers
Sales representative of Samsung computer department tries to persuade an officer of a Russian city municipality to purchase computers:
"Don't worry, computers will never substitute officers: no company has yet created a machine that would do nothing."

*** Price drop
At computer shop the staff is changing laptops prices from 4000$ to 2000$.
A man passes through and asks: "Tell me, why they are getting so much cheaper?" —
"Because Christmas sales is over!"
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*** Itemized billing!
There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired.

Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multimillion dollar machines. They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work but to no avail. In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past.

The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small "x" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated, "This is where your problem is!". The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly, again.

The company received a bill for $50,000 from the engineer for his service. They demanded an itemized accounting of his charges.

The engineer responded briefly: "One chalk mark $1; Knowing where to put it $49,999." It was paid in full and the engineer retired again in peace.

*** Top 10 Signs that You`ve Overdosed on The World Wide Web

1. Your opening line is: "So, what`s your homepage address?"
2. You see a beautiful sunset, and you half-expect to see "Enhanced for Netscape 4.0" on one of the clouds.
3. You are overcome with disbelief, anger, and finally depressed acceptance when you encounter a Webpage with no links.
4. You felt driven to consult the "Cool Page of the Day" on your wedding day.
5. Your bookmark takes 15 minutes to scroll from top to bottom.

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6. You are driving on a dark and rainy night when you hydroplane on a puddle, sending your car careening towards the flimsy guardrail that separates you the precipice of a rocky cliff and certain death, and you desperately look for the "Back" button. 
7. You visit "The Really Big Button That Doesn`t Do Anything" again and again and again. 
8. Your dog has his own webpage. 
9. So does your hamster. 
10. When you read a magazine, you have an irresistible urge to click on the underlined passages. 

*** IT Family Conversation 
Husband: (Returning late from work) "Good Evening Dear, I`m now logged in."
Wife???: Have you brought the grocery? 
Husband: Bad command or filename. 
Wife???: But I told you in the morning! 
Husband: Erroneous syntax. Abort? 
Wife???: What about my new TV? 
Husband: Variable not found ... 
Wife???: At least, give me your Credit Card, I want to do some shopping. 
Husband: Sharing Violation. Access denied... 
Wife???: Do you love me or do you only love computers or are you just being funny? 
Husband: Too many parameters ... 
Wife???: It was a great mistake that I married an idiot like you. 
Husband: Data type mismatch. 
Wife???: You are useless. 
Husband: It’s by Default. 
Wife???: What about your Salary? 
Husband: File in use ... Try later. 
Wife???: What is my value in the family. 
Husband: Unknown Virus 
MORAL: Beware before getting married to an IT pro! 

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*** What computer acronyms really stand for?
ISDN — It Still Does Nothing
APPLE — Arrogance Produces Profit-Losing Entity
WWW — World Wide Wait
DOS — Defunct Operating System
IBM — I Blame Microsoft
MACINTOSH — Most Applications Crash; If Not, The Operating System Hangs
PENTIUM — Produces Erroneous Numbers Through Incorrect Understanding of Mathematics
AMIGA — A Merely Insignificant Game Addiction
MIPS — Meaningless Indication of Processor Speed
WINDOWS — Will Install Needless Data On Whole System
MICROSOFT — Most Intelligent Customers Realize Our Software Only Fools Teenagers

*** Tech Support Real Stories! Why we should feel sorry for tech support people:
A woman called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer. The tech asked her if she was "running it under Windows." The woman then 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."

*** Cannibals in an IT company
Five cannibals get appointed as programmers in an IT company. During the welcoming ceremony the boss says: "You`re all part of our team now. You can earn good money here, and you can go to the company canteen for something to eat. So don`t trouble the other employees." The cannibals promise not to trouble the other employees.
A month later the boss returns and says: "You`re all working very hard, and I`m very satisfied with all of you. However, one of our cleaners has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to her?" The cannibals disavowed all knowledge of the missing cleaner. After the boss left, the leader of the cannibals says to the others: "Which of you idiots ate the cleaner?" A hand raises hesitantly, to which
the leader of the cannibals says: "You fool! For four weeks we’ve been eating Team Leaders, Managers, and Project Managers so no one would notice anything, and you have to go and eat the cleaner!"

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### Email Heights

**HEIGHT OF REPETITION:** Forwarding an email to someone and receiving the same email forwarded back to you by someone in the receiving chain.

**HEIGHT OF ISOLATION:** Two persons sitting side by side using emails to communicate with each other.

**HEIGHT OF COWARDICE:** Two persons fighting through emails.

**HEIGHT OF HELPLESSNESS:** Receiving no emails for a week.

**HEIGHT OF FRUSTRATION:** The email server being down.

**HEIGHT OF CARELESSNESS:** Writing an intimate email and doing a "Reply All."

**HEIGHT OF ACHIEVEMENT:** A person sending email to a girl wanting to become friends and getting a reply.

**HEIGHT OF TIMEPASS:** A person sending email to himself.

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### Technical fault

A priest, a drunkard, and an engineer were all being led to the guillotine to be executed. They ask the priest if he wants to face upward or downward when he meets his fate.

The priest says that he would like to die face up, so that he will be looking toward heaven when he dies.

They raise the blade of the guillotine and release it. It comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his throat. The authorities take this as divine intervention and release the priest.

Next, the drunkard comes to the guillotine. He also decides to die face up hoping that he will be as fortunate as the priest. They raise the blade of the guillotine and release it. It comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his throat. So they release the drunkard as well.

The engineer is next. He too decides to die facing up. They slowly raise the blade of the guillotine, when suddenly the engineer says, "Hey, I see what your problem is!"
The world’s first fully computerized airliner was ready for its maiden flight without pilots or crew. The plane taxied to the loading area automatically, its doors opened automatically, the steps came out automatically. The passengers boarded the plane and took their seats. The steps retreated automatically, the doors closed, and the airplane taxied toward the runway.

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen," a computer voice intoned. "Welcome to the debut of the world’s first fully computerized airliner. Everything on this aircraft is run electronically. Just sit back and relax. Nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ... nothing can go wrong ..."
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*** Mass Mail

The husband finally wised up to the fact that his wife was less than faithful. He hired a private investigator to follow her and, in less than a week, had all the information that he needed on the "other man." The husband convinced himself that his would still be a loving and trustworthy marriage had not this S.O.B. (slang = son of a bitch) come onto the scene. Being a man of the 90s and all, he decided to handle the matter in what he judged to be a sophisticated and business-like manner. He sent the following e-mail to his wife's lover:
"Sir, It has been brought to my attention that for some time now you have been carrying on an affair with my wife. So that we may settle this matter in an intelligent fashion, please be at my office at 3 PM on Friday next."
The "other man" was highly amused by the husband's formal manner and sent the following reply:
"Dear Sir, I have received a copy of your mass mailing this morning. You may be advised that I will attend the scheduled conference in your office's auditorium."

*** Google Knows Everything!

My friend Nancy and I decided to introduce her elderly mother to the magic of the Internet. Our first move was to access Google, and we told her it could answer any question she had. Nancy's mother was very skeptical until Nancy said, "It's true, Mom." "Think of something to ask it."
As I sat with fingers poised over the keyboard, Nancy's mother thought a minute, then responded, "How is Aunt Helen feeling?"
*** A Printer Problem
When my printer's type began to grow faint, I called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed me that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged $50 for such cleanings, he told me, "I might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job myself." Pleasantly surprised by his candor, I asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?" "Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

*** Deadly Instructions!
A programmer had been missing from work for over a week when finally someone noticed and called the cops. They went round to his flat and broke the door down. They found him dead in the still running shower with an empty bottle of shampoo next to his body. What had happened? Was foul play involved? The mystery was finally solved, when one of his fellow programmers read the instructions on the shampoo bottle: Wet hair Apply shampoo Lather Rinse Repeat ...

*** Wise Thoughts 1
— You know you're a geek when you have an iPhone, an iPod, a PC, a laptop, a GPS system and a PDA but you'd swap them all for a working lightsaber (= fictional weapon).
— They say if you play a Microsoft CD backwards, you hear satanic messages. That's nothing, because if you play it forwards, it installs Windows.
— What is iPad? — iPad is thin. iPad is beautiful. iPad goes anywhere and lasts all day. iPad is not my wife.
— Why is there so much "I" everything? iPod, iPad, iPhone etc ... — One day my children might grow up to think that an idea is some form of digital antelope.
— Why are Facebook status updates like a Polish builder's toolkit? — All the good ones have been stolen from another site.
— You know you're a geek when you try to shoo a fly away from your monitor with your mouse cursor.
— Apple's next overpriced & unnecessary product will be dedicated to those people who stand in queues for hours just to get one ... It's called the iDiot.
— The new Microsoft Windows adverts talk about "life without walls". Frankly, I'm not surprised — walls provide the most basic form of
security.
— Apple is working on an electronic seeing device for the Navy, it's called the iEye Captain.
— Apple have just announced that in order to increase sales of the new iPhone in America they're re-branding it into the piePhone.

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### Wise Thoughts 2

— Most people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.
— Software salesmen and used-car salesmen differ in that the latter know when they are lying.
— Walking on water and developing software from a specification are easy if both are frozen.
— When we write programs that "learn", it turns out we do and they don't.
— A programmer is someone who will spend 6 months writing a computer program that will save him 45 minutes and which he'll only use once.
— The sign of a compulsive programmer is somebody who can count up to 1023 on his or her fingers ... (You use each finger as a binary digit.)
— Every developer starts out by being Optimistic. Optimistic programmers assume that system calls will always succeed, there is always enough memory and disk space, and there really is a Santa Claus.
— Computer Science [noun] — is a study akin to numerology and astrology, but lacking the precision of the former and the success of the latter.
— Some things Man was never meant to know. For everything else, there's Google.
— All programs are poems, it's just that not all programmers are poets.

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### Wise Thoughts 3

A scrupulous and honest programmer checked his receipt from a convenience store and found they had neglected to charge him for the new cigarette taxes recently mandated by congress.
He wrestled with his conscience about returning the money and pointing out the mistake, but in the end he decided it best to make an exception for the sin tax error.
*** A Horoscope for the Workplace

ASTROLOGY: tells us about you and your future simply by your birthday. The Chinese Zodiac — uses the year of your birth. Demographics — tell us what you like, dislike, whom you vote for, what you buy, and what you watch on TV. Well, the Corporate Zodiac — goes a step further: simply by your job title, people will have you all figured out ...

MARKETING: You are ambitious yet stupid. You chose a marketing degree to avoid having to study in college, concentrating instead on drinking and socializing, which is pretty much what your job responsibilities are now. Least compatible with Sales.

SALES: Laziest of all signs, often referred to as "marketing without a degree," you are also self-centered and paranoid. Unless someone calls you and begs you to take their money, you like to avoid contact with "customers" so you can "concentrate on the big picture." You seek admiration for your golf game throughout your life.

TECHNOLOGY: Unable to control anything in your personal life, you are instead content to completely control everything that happens at your workplace. Often even YOU don't understand what you are saying, but who the hell can tell?! It is written that the geeks shall inherit the Earth.

ENGINEERING: One of only two signs that actually studied in school, it is said that ninety percent of all personal ads are placed by engineers. You can be happy with yourself: your office is typically full of all the latest "ergodynamic" gadgets. However, we all know what is really causing your "carpal tunnel" ...

ACCOUNTING: The only other sign that studied in school, you are mostly immune from office politics. You are the most feared person in the organization; combined with your extreme organizational traits, the majority of rumors concerning you say that you are completely insane.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Ironically, given your access to confidential information, you tend to be the biggest gossip within the organization. Possibly the only other person that does less work than marketing, you are unable to return any calls today because you have to get a haircut, have lunch, and mail a letter!

MIDDLE MANAGEMENT/DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT/"TEAM LEADS": Catty, cut-throat, yet completely spineless, you are destined to remain at your current job for the rest of your life. Unable to make a single decision you tend to measure your worth by the number of meetings you can schedule for yourself. Best suited to marry other "Middle Managers," as everyone in your social circle is a "Middle Manager."

SENIOR MANAGEMENT: Catty, cut-throat, yet completely spineless, you are destined to remain at your current job for the rest of your life. Unable to make a single decision you tend to measure your worth by the number of meetings you can schedule for yourself. Best suited to marry other "Senior Managers," as everyone in your social circle is a "Senior Manager."
CUSTOMER SERVICE: Bright, cheery, positive, you are a fifty-cent cab ride from taking your own life. As a child very few of you asked your parents for a little cubicle for your room and a headset so you could pretend to play "Customer Service." Continually passed over for promotions, your best bet is to sleep with your boss.

*** The Island Innovation
A hurricane capsizes a cruise ship in the Caribbean. A stock broker washes ashore on a remote island. Outside of the beautiful scenery, a fresh water pool and bananas, there is little else.
One day, after several months have passed, a gorgeous woman in a small rowboat appears. "Wow! I can't believe I found another person!" she exclaims. "Were you on the cruise ship, too?" "Yes, I was," he answers. "Where did you get that rowboat?" "Oh," she says, "I found it washed up on the beach. Where is your shelter?" "To be honest, I've just been sleeping on the sand," he says. She invites him to her side of the island. Once she's rowed them to her side, she ties up the boat with hand-woven rope. "It took forever to find enough washed up strands to braid that length of rope," she tells him. She leads him to a cozy bungalow painted blue and green. "I scouted for felled trees and then stained the salvaged wood with these really juicy berries I found in the jungle," she tells him. Once inside, she excuses herself to slip into something more comfortable. She returns wearing revealing silk lingerie, smiling provocatively. "I found some washed up suitcases from the cruise ship a few weeks ago," she tells him. "But now that I've found you, I finally have a reason to wear something sexy again. Tell me, haven't you been lonely? Isn't there something that you really, really miss? Something you've been longing for, too?" – "Oh wow!" exclaims the man. "You mean you've found the Internet, too?!"

*** The Right Choice
Customer: I would like to purchase Windows Vista.
Helpdesk: No problem, em. Which one would you like?
Customer: What is there?
Helpdesk: Vista Home basic, Vista Home Basic upgrade, Vista Home Premium, Vista Home Premium Upgrade, Vista Bussiness full version or the upgrade, Vista Enterprise or Enterprise Upgrade, Vista 32 bit or 64 bit for System builders, Vista Ultimate Limited numbered signature edition.
Customer: Whoa! Which one do you recommend?
Helpdesk: Mac OS X.
Time for Fun — No 10: Lawyer Jokes! ICT Jokes!

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a $1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people like weight-lifters, wrestlers, body builders, etc. had tried over time, but nobody could do it.

One day this scrawny little man came in, wearing thick glasses and a safari suit, and said in a tiny, squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet." After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and 5-6 drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the $1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a weight-lifter, or what?"

"No," replied the man. "I work as a project manager in a software company!!"

*** Some Really Important Facts!

— Medieval people believed that it was Elijah the Prophet who caused lightning riding the skies in his chariot of fire. Now, in modern times, we cannot suppress our smiles when reading of it. Every educated person knows that in fact it's Google Earth taking photos using a flash.

— It's a safe assumption that all software projects contain at least one undiscovered bug and have at least one byte of bloat that can be optimized out. So theoretically, the world's best program will consist of a single incorrect instruction.

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— Programming in C is like fast dancing on a newly-waxed dance floor by people carrying razors.
— If architects built buildings the way programmers write software, the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization.
— The computer is mightier than the pen, the sword and the programmer too!
— You can only understand recursion if you know someone who understands recursion! (recursion = in mathematics an expression such that each term is generated by repeating a particular mathematical operation)
— Programmers must always find balance in life: would use more CPU and less RAM or more RAM and less CPU?
— If you put a million monkeys at a million keyboards, one of them will eventually write a Java program. The rest of them will write Perl programs.
— Unix is user friendly. It's just very particular about who its friends are.
— Software developers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems.

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A computer programmer — is a person who passes as an exacting expert on the basis of being able to turn out, after innumerable key punching, an infinite series of incomprehensible answers calculated with micro-metric precision from vague assumptions based on debatable figures taken from inconclusive sources and carried out on instruments of problematical accuracy by persons of dubious reliability and questionable mentality for the avowed purpose of annoying and confounding a hopelessly defenseless department that was unfortunate enough to ask for the information in the first place.

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An engineer, a physicist and an IT programmer find themselves in an anecdote, indeed an anecdote situations quite similar to many that you have no doubt already heard about. After some observations and rough calculations the engineer realizes the situation and starts laughing.

A few minutes later the physicist understands too and chuckles to himself happily as he now has enough experimental evidence to publish a paper.

This leaves the IT programmer somewhat perplexed, as he had observed right away that he was the subject of an anecdote, and
deduced quite rapidly the presence of humour from similar anecdotes, but considers this anecdote to be too trivial a corollary to be significant, let alone funny.

*** Laws of Computer Programming

1. Any given program, when running, is obsolete.
2. Any given program costs more and takes longer.
3. If a program is useful, it will have to be changed.
4. If a program is useless, it will have to be documented.
5. Any given program will expand to fill all available memory.
6. The value of a given program is proportional to the weight of its output.
7. Program complexity grows until it exceeds the capability of the programmer to maintain it.
8. There's always one more bug (Lubarsky's Law of Cybernetic Entomology).
9. Variables won't; Constants aren't (Osborn's Law).
10. If the input editor has been designed to reject all bad input, an ingenious idiot will discover a method to get bad data past it. (Troutman's Postulate 5)
11. Profanity is the one language all programmers know best (Troutman's Postulate 6).

*** An IT-based fairytale

One day, the prince goes to the dragon lair in order to kill the dragon.
When the dragon shows up, the prince cuts off his head but two new heads appear. The prince cuts off the two heads and four appear.
The prince cuts off the four heads and 16 appear ... The prince cuts off the 128 heads and 256 appear ...
The prince cuts off the 256 heads and the dragon dies. Why? — Answer: It was an 8 bit dragon.
*** Here's an easy game to play. Here's an easy thing to say ...

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,
And the bus is interrupted as a very last resort,
And the address of the memory makes your floppy disk abort,
Then the socket packet pocket has an error to report!
If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,
And the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,
And your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash,
Then your situation's hopeless, and your system's gonna crash!

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A couple get lost in the fog somewhere in the north west. Happening upon a large wall, which the soon discover is a window, they began to pound on the glass while screaming for help. Moments later a few faint faces appear behind the glass. The couple yell, but the glass is thick. Neither side can hear the other.
The woman takes out her lipstick and draws on the glass: "EW ERA EREHW" ('where are we‘ in reverse.)
The faces dissappear behind the glass and soon reemerge with a large sign that says: "YOU ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLASS"
The woman laughs and says, "Oh, we're in Redmond, WA, just outside of Microsoft's Headquarters" The husband is amazed and asks how she could know that.
"Because", she replies, "the answer to my question was so worthless and unhelpful that it could only be Microsoft."

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Bill Gates and Marc Andressen (from Netscape for those who don't know) die and go to heaven. Peter meets them and announces that they will get stabbed with a needle for each major bug in their browser software.
First it's Marc's turn: "In Navigator 1.0 there was a big security hole" PRICK! "In Navigator 1.1 you couldn't empty the cache" PRICK!
Marc rubs his butt and looks around: "Where did Bill go?"
Peter says in reply: "He's just being clamped into the sewing machine..."

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*** If computer languages were car.

— C — is a racing car that goes incredibly fast but breaks down every fifty miles.
— C++ — is a souped-up racing car with dozens of extra features that only breaks down every 250 miles, but when it does, nobody can figure out what went wrong.
— Java — is a family station wagon. It's easy to drive, it's not too fast, and you can't hurt yourself.
— C# — is a competing model of family station wagons. Once you use this, you're never allowed to use the competitors' products again.
— Lisp — looks like a car, but with enough tweaking you can turn it into a pretty effective airplane or submarine.
— Perl — is supposed to be a pretty cool car, but the driver's manual is incomprehensible. Also, even if you can figure out how to drive a perl car, you won't be able to drive anyone else's.
— Python — is a great beginner's car; you can drive it without a license. Unless you want to drive really fast or on really treacherous terrain, you may never need another car.
— Ruby — is a car that was formed when the Perl, Python and Smalltalk cars were involved in a three-way collision. A Japanese mechanic found the pieces and put together a car which many people think was better than the sum of the parts.
— Fortran — is a pretty primitive car; it'll go very quickly as long as you are only going along roads that are perfectly straight. It is believed that learning to drive a Fortran car makes it impossible to learn to drive any other model.
— Cobol — is reputed to be a car, but no self-respecting driver will ever admit having driven one.
— Assembly Language — is a bare engine; you have to build the car yourself and manually supply it with gas while it's running, but if you're careful it can go like a bat out of hell.
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A young Programmer and his Project Manager board a train headed through the mountains on its way to Wichita. They can find no place to sit except for two seats right across the aisle from a young woman and her grandmother. After a while, it is obvious that the young woman and the young programmer are interested in each other, because they are giving each other looks. Soon the train passes into a tunnel and it is pitch black. There is a sound of a kiss followed by the sound of a slap. When the train emerges from the tunnel, the four sit there without saying a word.

The grandmother is thinking to herself, "It was very brash for that young man to kiss my granddaughter, but I'm glad she slapped him."

The Project manager is sitting there thinking, "I didn't know the young tech was brave enough to kiss the girl, but I sure wish she hadn't missed him when she slapped me!"

The young woman was sitting and thinking, "I'm glad the guy kissed me, but I wish my grandmother had not slapped him!"

The young programmer sat there with a satisfied smile on his face. He thought to himself, "Life is good. How often does a guy have the chance to kiss a beautiful girl and slap his Project manager all at the same time!?"

A guy is standing on the corner of the street smoking one cigarette after another. A lady walking by notices him and says:

"Hey, don't you know that those things can kill you? I mean, didn't you see the giant warning on the box?!"

"That's OK," says the guy, puffing casually. "I'm a computer programmer"

"So? What's that got to do with anything?" – "We don't care about warnings. We only care about errors."
A Geologist and an engineer are sitting next to each other on a long flight from LA (Los Angeles) to NY (New York). The Geologist leans over to the Engineer and asks if he would like to play a fun game. The Engineer just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.

The Geologist persists and explains that the game is real easy and a lotta fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me $5. Then you ask me a question, and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you $5."

Again, the Engineer politely declines and tries to get to sleep.

The Geologist now somewhat agitated, says, "OK, if you don't know the answer you pay me $5, and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you $50!" This catches the Engineer's attention, and he sees no end to this torment unless he plays, so he agrees to the game.

The Geologist asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the moon?"

The Engineer doesn't say a word, but reaches into his wallet, pulls out a five dollar bill, and hands it to the Geologist.

Now, it's the Engineer's turn. He asks the Geologist, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down on four?"

The Geologist looks up at him with a puzzled look. He takes out his laptop computer and searches all of his references. He taps into the Airphone with his modem and searches the net and the Library of Congress. Frustrated, he sends e-mail to his co-workers — all to no avail. After about an hour, he wakes the Engineer and hands him $50.

The Engineer politely takes the $50 and turns away to try to get back to sleep.

The Geologist is more than a little miffed, shakes the Engineer and asks, "Well, so what's the answer?"

Without a word, the Engineer reaches into his wallet, hands the Geologist $5, and turns away to get back to sleep.

Ray was in the airport VIP lounge in route to Seattle a couple of weeks ago. While in there, he noticed Bill Gates sitting comfortably in the corner, enjoying a drink.

Ray was meeting a very important client who was also flying to Seattle, but she was running a little bit late. Well, being a straightforward kind of guy, he approached the Microsoft chairman, introduced himself, and said, "Mr. Gates, I wonder if you would do me a favor." – "Yes?" – "I'm sitting right over there," pointing to his seat at the bar, "and I'm waiting on a very important client. Would you be so kind when she arrives as to come walk by and just say, 'Hi, Ray,'?" – "Sure."

Ray shook his hand and thanked Bill and went back to his seat. 

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About ten minutes later, Ray’s client showed up. They ordered a drink and started to talk business. A couple of minutes later, Ray felt a tap on his shoulder. It was Bill Gates. "Hi, Ray," he said. Ray replied, "Get lost Gates, I'm in a meeting."

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A programmer and a business analyst are sitting in the break room one day eating lunch when suddenly the microwave catches fire. Thinking quickly, the analyst leaps up, unplugs the microwave, grabs the trash can, fills it with water from sink, and dumps the water on the microwave to put out the flames.

A few weeks later the two are again having lunch in the break room when suddenly the coffee maker bursts into flames. The programmer leaps up, grabs the coffee maker, shoves it into the microwave oven, and then hands the trash can to the business analyst, thus re-using the solution developed for the previous project.

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During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password:
MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofy.
When asked why such a big password, she said that it had to be at least 8 characters long.

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A biologist, an engineer, and an IT programmer are staking out an empty house. They see two people walk in. Later, they see three people walk out.
The biologist says, "They must have multiplied!" The engineer says, "I think it was measurement error."
The IT programmer says, "Now, if exactly one person walks into the house, it will have zero people in it again."

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Writing XML is like being an alcoholic. It may give you a sense of control while you're doing it, but it's only when you stop and look at what you have done that you realize how much trouble you've caused.
For a study in problem solving, a programmer and a mathematician are each put into test kitchens and asked to boil water. At the start of the study, each grabs a pencil and start scribbling notes furiously, covering the walls and counters with UML diagrams, heat exchange equations, proofs of completeness and so on.

After several hours of sweat, each picks up a pot, fills it with water at the sink, puts it on the stove, turns on the burner and waits. Then the kitchens are cleaned out and they're given the same task, except this time the pot already has water in it and is sitting on the stove. The programmer grabs his pencil and starts drawing out class hierarchies, designs a metalanguage with a LALR parser, and continues covering the kitchen with notes. Finally the programmer turns on the burner and waits.

The mathematician stares at the pot for a few minutes, picks it up and dumps it out and writes on the counter, "reduced to a problem already solved."

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The salesman and the system analyst took off to spend a weekend in the forest, hunting bear. They'd rented a cabin, and, when they got there, took their backpacks off and put them inside.

At which point the salesman turned to his friend, and said, "You unpack while I go and find us a bear."

Puzzled, the analyst finished unpacking and then went and sat down on the porch. Soon he could hear rustling noises in the forest. The noises got nearer and louder and suddenly there was the salesman, running like hell across the clearing toward the cabin, pursued by one of the largest and most ferocious grizzly bears the analyst had ever seen.

"Open the door!", screamed the salesman.

The analyst whipped open the door, and the salesman ran to the door, suddenly stopped, and stepped aside.

The bear, unable to stop, continued through the door and into the cabin.

The salesman slammed the door closed and grinned at his friend. "Got him!", he exclaimed, "now, you skin this one and I'll go rustle us up another!"