

Internet and Computer Resources With Angela Lewis



Hi everyone,
This issue we cover teen slang online, Microsoft's new search engine and check out some Taskbar Tips—and don't forget to take a peek at my feature article, which gives a rundown on social media such as Facebook and Twitter and how you can make good use of them professionally and personally.

Teen Favoured Acronyms

WU, PLOX and PAW—do these mean anything to you? If you have teenagers then they probably should. Teenagers love instant messaging, text and Myspacing and it is common for them to use slang and acronyms—whether they're trying to disguise their actions or just trying to save a few keystrokes—leaving many parents firmly ITD (in the dark).

The easiest way to stay ITK (in the know) about what your kids are doing online is to learn their language. Reading your child's instant messenger logs or checking their MySpace or Facebook posts won't be very helpful if you can't understand what they're talking about.

Here is a quick list of common teen-favoured acronyms:

ASN - age sex location
Wu - What's up
Plox – please
PAW - parents are watching
POS - parents over shoulder
PIR- parents in room
MOS - mom over shoulder
GNOC - get naked on cam
LMIRL lets meet in real life
NMU not much, you?
K ok
PRON porn
S2R send to receive (pictures).

For online slang dictionaries visit ww.noslang.com or
www.teenchatdecoder.com

Google Has Competition

Google has long ruled supreme in the world of internet search and has become so much a part of our daily lives has that we no longer 'search' for things, we 'Google' for them. However, there is a new kid block. In June this year, Microsoft released their new search engine known as Bing. It is a different interface in terms of presentation: where Google is a straightforward predominantly white and plain window, Bing (www.bing.com) provides a different picture daily, cycling through beautifully photographed and



extremely vivid shots of natural scenes. In addition to the eye-catching colours, you can also mouse over points in picture to get facts based on the photo itself. But it isn't about who looks prettier, it is about who provides the better search result. There are many articles on comparison and if you would like to read about some of the differences from a more technical point of view try doing an Internet search for Google versus Bing, or try this article as a start point.

<http://www.betanews.com/article/Bing-vs-Google-rematch-Whos-getting-better-quicker/1250282414>

My personal choice is to stay with Google, as I feel Microsoft has enough of a monopoly on what we all do online.

Taskbar Tips

Need to shut down two or three open programs quickly, but leave the rest running? Then use your taskbar (the bar across the bottom of your screen which lists all open programs). Hold down the **Ctrl** key as you click their buttons on the taskbar. Then, **right-click** (still holding down the CTRL key) one of those depressed buttons and select **Close Group** from the pop-out menu and they are easily closed.



Note: If it is just one program you want to close, minimize, **maximize** or restore, simply right click on it, without holding down the **Ctrl** key.



Websites

Survivors in Action is a non-profit national advocacy group that supports victims and the families of victims of any crime, including domestic violence, identity theft, elder abuse, cyber-stalking, child abuse, rape and sexual assault. Find them at www.SurvivorsInAction.com.

Shyness & Social Anxiety Treatment Australia provides information about social anxiety, the treatment options, psychologists around Australia who treat social anxiety, group therapy & workshops, support groups, articles, resources and links to other sites. <http://www.socialanxietyassist.com.au/>

America Online (AOL) hosts an entire page devoted to the latest news on depression, loads of links and articles here at:

<http://www.aolhealth.com/condition-center/depression/latest-updates>

Association of America (ADAA) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to informing the public, health care professionals, and media on anxiety disorders. This link takes you to an article on anxiety and sleep disorders:

<http://www.adaa.org/GettingHelp/FocusOn/Sleep.asp>

I have loads more information, tips and hints on my blog—so don't forget to check it out at <http://angelalewis.wordpress.com>.

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