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NobodyMan wrote:

On Sat, 21 May 2005 10:43:55 -0700, "Steve N." <[Steve\\_N@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Steve_N@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

HeyBub wrote:

ALP wrote:

I have a Dell Inspiron 4100 Notebook, with Microsoft XP SP2. I was told that I should not connect my printer's parallel port cable to the computer while the computer is on, and if I do, I could damage the port. Rather I should shut down, then connect it, and the reboot. This is very inconvenient to do. Is this really true?

I've done it thousands of times. One of two things must be true:

1. You have a dainty, delicate, fussy computer that is so flimsy and poorly engineered you should look at the monitor with only one eye.

The fact that you've gotten away with it "thousands of times" is irrelevant. I have personally seen do

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so permanently damage equipment many, many times.

Neither of these arguments is statistically relevant. Both are presented as anecdotal evidence, with not a shred of actual truth for either side. Personal observation isn't scientific fact.

2. The person who warned you is playing with an empty quiver.

The person who warned the OP has been a computer technician since 1985 and an electronics technician since 1970, including digital electronics. Save your lame remarks for someone you know something about.

OK, now this has teeth. When a recognized expert testifies, then people should listen. The problem here is that nobody knows you OR your touted expert, so why should they believe either?

Some people here know me fairly well I think and \*I\* happen to be the "touted expert" (as you termed it) that I referred to. If you'd have followed this thread you'd know that. But don't take my word for it, read my second response to HeyBub.

What you or anyone else chooses to believe is not my problem, I tell the truth as I know it. If someone can prove me to be incorrect I assure you that I am not above correction and have no problem accepting it when I'm wrong about something.

As far as being "a recognized expert" goes, who the heck are you?

Now, if you want me to post my resume, then offer me a job (not that I need or want or am looking for a different one).

Steve

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