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On 23 Jun 2007 19:12:05 -0500, Plato <|@|.|> wrote:

Ken Blake, MVP wrote:

First, a word on the terminology: the CPU is the Central Processing Unit, the processor, a chip on the motherboard. It is *\*not\** the entire computer itself.

Hi Ken,

Grin. Even many techs say "bring in your cpu when they actually mean the whole computer.

Then they are ignorant incompetent techs. ;-)

I was at my Dentist the other day and he said his new tooth making device had 1000 gigs of memory, of course he actually meant hard drive space I imagine. Often it's not worth the argument you just have to go with the current jargon people are using, to save time, and to save you from seeming to be to geeky :)

To me it's not a matter of arguing; it's a matter of education. If you use the wrong term, you are not often likely not to get your correct meaning across. I may be old fashioned, but I believe that using the right name for something is very important. The alternative is very likely to be confusion.

I don't mind seeming to be too geeky. ;-)

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For lack of a better word.

There *\*is\** a better word—a much better word. It's "computer."

Glad to talk to you anyway Ken, we've been around for a long time you and I. I think its about 10 years now, wow, where did the time go?

Same here. I think you're right about the ten years. I perhaps have known you longer than anyone else on usenet. We don't always agree with each other (understatement of the year?) but I always enjoy reading your opinions and corresponding with you, even though we each occasionally get in our little digs at each other.

But I did remind my Dentist to make sure he has a backup of all the crowns/caps his new R2B2 machine kept on file. He said the backup was built in. I asked him to check on that, perhaps he will...

ps I also want to take this chance to thank you for your continuing accurate posts regarding pc problems in the various USEnet forums we both participate in, or have participated in. I continue to trust your advice and I hope all other readers do the same.

Imperfect as I am, I, like you, do my best. I've learned a lot in Usenet over the years, from many people, including you. I'm glad to have the opportunity to give back to the usenet community some of what I've personally learned here.

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