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Doerr Furniture Intranet



Doerr Furniture, a local institution since 1938, has come back strong post-Katrina, providing quality furniture and unmatched customer service. A recent remodel and grand re-opening reflect Doerr's dedication to meeting the needs of New Orleanians.

To strengthen this focus on customer service, Doerr and sister company Bedding Plus commissioned Carrollton Tech to develop a new intranet system for employees and to outfit their state-of-the-art warehouses with a wireless network and bar-coding system

used in conjunction with new rack storage that streamlines delivery and maximizes inventory control.

The intranet that Carrollton Tech developed focuses on communication – a way for Doerr and Bedding Plus to instantly communicate with all employees at all thirteen locations in the Gulf Region so that in turn customers will get the best and most up-to-date information. At any store location, employees will be able to log in to the intranet to access merchandise availability updates, delivery timelines, and

new product information. Recent TV and print ads are available for download, assuring that all employees are aware of the latest sales and current offers. The intranet is also used as a tool to communicate emergency preparedness policy and current storm information to employees.

Doerr and Bedding Plus are using technology implemented by Carrollton Tech to effectively communicate with employees, provide better and faster customer service, and minimize costs.

meet Stephen Segari



Stephen Segari is one of our Lead Developers at Carrollton Technology Partners. He oversees several projects at any one time,

ensuring they are of high quality and on schedule.

Stephen grew up in Kenner, Louisiana. He graduated from Archbishop Rummel High School and Tulane University's School of Engineering, where he

received his degree in Computer Science in 2003. He played college football for Tulane, and participated in the Hawaii Bowl on Christmas night, 2002.

He first began working at Carrollton Technology as an intern in his senior year. He was considered such a valuable asset to CTP that he was offered a job after graduation.

Stephen has completed many projects and has worked hard to become an integral part of Car-

rollton's management team. Stephen enjoys his job, stating that he specifically likes "being involved in a project from start to finish".

This attitude flows over into his free time as well. One thing that Stephen does to stay on his toes is run. He participates in the Crescent City Classic every year... and for the past two years, he has crossed the finish line in the Top 500. Go Stephen!



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web stats

In an effort to improve services for our clients, Carrollton Technology Partners has created the ability for you to review your monthly website statistics online. These statistics reports are run on the first of every month.

Accessing your monthly reports is EASY!!! Go to webstats.carrolltontech.com and enter your username and password.

"Technology for business' sake, not technology for technology's sake"

tech tips: all about Windows' Vista

Windows' Vista: Benefits

- **Windows Aero** (A^uthentic, Eⁿergetic, R^efective, and O^pen), includes Windows Flip and Flip3D, Live Thumbnails (screenshot previews shown on mouse-over of open apps on the taskbar), improved Wizards (such as *Connect to the Internet*), updated icons, etc.
- **Instant Search** is now significantly faster (thanks to indexing) than its predecessors and is more customizable. Users can define what folders, file types, and other variants will play a role in searches.
- **Windows Sidebar** including Desktop Gadget -mini-apps each displaying a unique set of info to the user such as today's weather, system time/date, RSS feeds, system performance, and stocks.
- **CompletePC Backup** backs up an entire computer (files, settings, configuration, etc) as an image to a hard drive or DVD
- **Windows Mail** replaces Microsoft Outlook Exchange; it is more stable and includes the Phishing Filter from IE 7 and incorporates Instant Search
- **Integrated Speech Recognition** which can be used for any accessible application and supports British/American English, Spanish, French, German, Chinese (Traditional and Simplified), and Japanese
- **Built-in hard drive partition management** allows users to create, shrink, and format new partitions

Vista - should I upgrade?

So you've been hearing a lot about Microsoft Windows Vista. You are tempted to try it, but what are the pros and cons? Here, our techs give you the true story about Vista to help you make an informed decision.



ReadyBoost, Pixel Shader 2.0 are not compatible with your hardware.

1. VISTA IS INCOMPLETE

- Microsoft is already planning a service pack of updates for known issues and is actively requesting information from users to complete and deliver this update later in the year.
- Your anti-virus software and the annual license for it may not be compatible with Vista.

2. VISTA IS EXPENSIVE

- Vista versions run from \$99—\$399. The least expensive version is missing many of the promoted features of Vista

3. VISTA WANTS A NEW PC

- Unless you intend to purchase a new, Vista-ready PC, be aware that many of the computing features of Vista, ReadyDrive,

4. WINDOWS XP IS SOLID

- Although short on wiz-bang features that Vista includes, Windows XP is regularly updated by Microsoft and when used in conjunction with a good security and anti-virus/spyware package is reliable and functional.

VISTA: AM I READY?

Consider upgrading to Vista if:

- You are purchasing a new PC
- You don't mind risking some reliability waiting for updates and patches
- Your software or updated versions will run under Vista

... and Good Luck!

cool trick

CORNER

Make it... disappear



Clicking Shift + Delete will permanently delete the selection you are removing, completely bypassing the Recycle Bin.