Subject: Re: It costs how much?!!?!
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Just to make you feel better, David. The biggest mistake I ever made on
my home PC was to run Norton Utilities on it about 3 months ago, after
it was working perfectly for 2 years. I thought, I'll optimize that
fragmented hard drive. Well, Norton is a virus that you willingly put
into your healthy system. It has never worked right since then. I have a
bad feeling it re-flashed BIOS for me somehow, because the PC freezes
while still in BIOS. I removed the entire W95 that worked so well,
reinstalled W95, removed it, reinstalled DOS, removed it, rinstalled
W98, upgraded to W98SE, removed it, reinstalled it again fresh. So,
yesterday I had the poor thing apart to the last removeable chip, guess
how much fun that was. My living room looked like if a grenade exploded
inside a computer :-(
By the way, I heard that W-2k is not nearly as plug-n-play as W-98, for
the simple reason that it is NT based, which is non-plug and play. My
newly installed W-98 detects everything, not only what you plug into the
computer, but even what you bring close to it. Like, a couple of times
it decided it found new hardware while I was just sitting there, doing
nothing. Then, it would install software for it and tell me that it
works fine. I have no idea what hardware it is, but as long as it works
fine, its fine with me. I guess, it (W-98) all of a sudden realizes that
it forgot to look somewhere on the computer, and looks there, and finds
some new hardware it never thought was there :-)
Cheers,
Pavel