

# Computer Observer

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## Computers That Save You Money

by Adam J. Richter M.S.

Remember the days when you spent hundreds of dollars calling your friends and family on the phone. With computers, those days are gone forever.

Every day more people you know are using computers. You can save a lot of money by kicking the long distance calling charges and opting for e-mail or VOIP.

As of this writing, e-mail is still free. You can send as many e-mail messages as you want for no charge.

Writing an e-mail to a friend is easy and less time consuming than most phone calls. Here are a few of the best e-mail providers that will give you an e-mail addresses no matter what internet provider you have: Yahoo, Hotmail, and Gmail.

VOIP allows you to talk through the internet. With Skype ([www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)) you can connect and talk to friends/family the same way you would on the phone. The only thing you have to do to get started is to install Skype on your computer and make sure the person you want to talk to has Skype installed on theirs.

It's that easy, get started today and make your computer save you some money.

## Wireless That Can Really Go Anywhere

by Adam J. Richter M.S.

Wireless is everywhere and it is getting easier and more affordable to get connected. But as wireless keeps getting more popular, it is also changing in new ways.

A new breed of wireless allows you to connect from anywhere with a cell phone signal. Traditional wireless internet limited you hot spots but wireless aircards give you unlimited access. Now you can be driving down the interstate while you're on the internet.

Aircards are what make this possible. Cell phone providers like Verizon and Cingular are providing credit card sized internet cards for laptops. If you have a laptop then you will want to review these prices:

### Cingular

The Aircard is \$250  
Service is \$79 month

### Verizon

The Aircard is \$100  
Service is \$79 a month for a one year contract  
Service is \$59 a month for a two year contract

## Don't Believe The Hype!

By Adam J. Richter M.S.

It disgusts me to see folks getting ripped off buying computers they do not need. You no longer have to spend \$3000 to get a good computer. Nope, instead you can spend a few hundred bucks and get a computer that will do everything you need it to do.

The idea of getting a computer built custom was a concept of the past. When computers were first being mainstreamed it was cheaper to build one from scratch then it was to order one. But, as time has passed, this is completely the opposite. Now you can buy computers from major retailers like Dell for a fraction of what it would cost to buy the parts separately from a local outlet.

Be smart, you don't have to get a supercomputer to do your e-mail, documents, and pictures. An entry level Dell for a few hundred bucks will work just fine.

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## Real Estate And Technology Tangle

What if you could have all of the benefits of a real estate agent without having to pay him a commission? If you are trying to sell your home, this is now a reality.

You no longer need a realtor to search the MLS or list a house. Duggan Realty, a Sarasota based real estate company, is offering limited service listings. The listing basically allows you to list your house on the local MLS website without having to pay a listing commission. This means that you pay a few hundred dollars to list your house instead of a few thousand.

With the service, Duggan Realty will list your house on your local MLS, Realtor.com and give you a sign for your yard. The cost is meager compared to money you'd pay some lazy realtor to list your house: \$349 for a 3 month listing or \$549 for a six month listing. They also offer 1% cash back incentives for buyers.

I encourage you to check out the Duggan Realty website because it is packed full of stuff. You can search the MLS, calculate mortgage payments, and more.

Selling a house any other way would be a waste of money. Give them a call or visit their website.



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