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Laptops designers thought about mobility when they invented these space saving computers, but there is also something more to them. The image of laptops became similar with an image of a successful businessman or a cool writer that can take their laptops anywhere and dabble in stocks or write on blogs anytime they desire to do so. Anyways, there are some downsides to this modern gadget.

Battery life is certainly an issue; if you don't have an extra battery or you've no way to charge it back up, you're pretty much out of luck until you find a way. And because of the tiny size of laptop computers, many dishonest people will not think twice about stealing one. So now that we've established the cool factor of laptops, let's go through some tips that'll make your laptop experience even better.

Tip: Prolong the Battery Life

As said before, laptops work with batteries that are not fit for long runs. Still, you can enjoy your laptop for a longer time, if you know how to squeeze your battery juice to the fullest. This strategy that we are about to show you can save you a few hours of stress until you reach a place with an outlet where you can recharge the battery.

One method you can use to keep your battery from dying too quickly is to dim your screen to its lowest configuration. Your laptop's screen sucks up the most power, so if you don't need a super bright screen, dim it down to conserve battery juice.

Data Savings

Portability is the greatest feature of laptops, but these gadgets are also more fragile than your desk computer at home. A little mistake and your precious laptop crashes on the sidewalk, when you least expect it. Oh, no! What a disaster! Even when nothing seems to have happened on the outside, always check the status of your hard drive, after an episode like this one. While you can buy another hard drive or send the laptop into service, your data, that was stored on that hard drive, is lost forever. Avoid these nuisances by saving it often on USB portable drives or CD-R and DVD.

Laptop Security

Always take care when connecting to an open wireless network. Install a robust firewall, like ZoneAlarm, and make sure that you set its security settings high to get the best protection. Folder sharing on an open network is just asking for trouble, so make sure you turn this setting and others like it off.

Because of the compact size of laptops, they're really easy to steal, so always know your laptop's whereabouts. Encrypting your laptop's hard drive can give you peace of mind; if your laptop gets stolen, at least the files residing on your hard drive are encrypted and cannot easily be viewed or accessed.

Fend Off the Heat

An usual shortcoming of laptops is that they tend to heat up during usage. In order to keep all this heat away, you need to protect your lap and your knees. Some shops sell laptop sleeves that can be used to fend off the heat, but any piece of clothing large enough to cover your skin where it comes in contact with the hot laptop will do just fine.

The comfort factor is hard to take from laptops. No matter how fast desktop computers change in order to become more flexible, they still have a lot ahead if they want to catch laptops from behind. Even with an LCD screen, there is no way for a desktop computer to occupy less space than a laptop. By applying some of the suggestions above, you will have more reasons to enjoy your laptop as you should.

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