

2008 year-end link clearance

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Time for the semi-annual link clearance.

- It appears that the [Snipping Tool](#) is [also available for Windows XP](#).
- How to beat the no-fly list: [Change your name](#).
- How to beat the low printer ink sensor: [electrical tape](#).
- Learn about [Milliways](#), the unfinished sequel to the adventure game *[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)*. It's a fascinating insight into how these sorts of games are built.
- Saw a link to this program, looks useful, haven't tried it though. [Mp3 Knife](#) is a simple tool which extracts clips from mp3 files.
- I don't have a Bluetooth-enabled laptop yet, but someday I may, and then [I'll give the bitpim program a whirl](#).
- One of the most awesome music videos from the 1980's gets even more awesome: [Take On Me: The Literal Lyrics Version](#). (My favorite throwaway line: "What kind of hallway is this?") [MSNBC interviews the creator](#).
- The guys behind the [Mentos and Diet Coke fountain video](#) strike again: [Having fun with Post-It notes](#).
- [An Engineer's Guide to Cats](#): "Like most engineers, cats are pretty much willing to eat the same thing day after day after day."
- [Preview PDF files directly from Outlook](#).
- Timewasting game: [Fantastic Contraption](#).
- Timewasting game #2: [Light Bot](#).
- [Not Fooling Anybody](#).
- [The curse of competence](#).
- Dilbert invented [the carbicle](#). Back in the early 1990's, a bunch of us invented something similar to the carbicle at the lunch table. Though our version was a lot lamer because these were the days before wireless networking, mobile phones, LCD monitors, and notebook computers you would actually be caught dead with.
- [SafeCatch thwarts two potential bank robberies](#) a few months ago. ([Earlier coverage](#).)
- The travel site [Yapta](#) will alert you when frequent-flyer seats become available on flights you care about, giving you a better chance to [spend those miles before they expire](#).
- [Digitally Assisted Billiards](#) [via]. But even with this, I'd probably still lose.

- Another glimpse into a mystery world: [the tunnels beneath Las Vegas](#).
- Another glimpse into a mystery world: [The people who hate cilantro](#).
- [Earl Pomerantz](#) does it again with his simple storytelling: *Too Big For My Bathing Suit Part 1* and *Part 2*.
- [Exploiting Multi-Core Processors in Windows Vista](#), a quick overview.

Finally, we have the traditional plug for my column in [TechNet Magazine](#):

- [History taking up space](#). The original title for this article was *What about Bob?* Bonus trivia: The code name Utopia was actually an acronym. It stood for (I am not making this up) Unified, Task-Oriented, Personality-Infected, Active.
- [The dying breath of the Alpha AXP was not breathed in vain](#): The archivist who rolled the computer out of its dusty closet for the photo shoot quipped, “I’m considering filing a workmans comp claim now. That thing has terrible handling and zero drivability!” If you look at the picture, you can see a layer of dust. We left it there just for old time’s sake. And here are some supplementary links for the article.
- [Windows 95 Unplugged](#).
- [Work Harder, Not Smarter](#).
- [Windows Can but Won’t](#). Replacing a file in use is the easy part. Getting it to work is the hard part.
- [Keep Your Caches Close](#). The original title was *Keep your data close and your caches closer*, but that had to be trimmed for space.

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