

I get 2-3 jobs a week. I usually go to the home, learn the particulars of the PC's problem, take the box back to my office and fix it. Then, I take the PC back to the owner, reinstall it and make sure it works.

So far, almost every problem is different from previous jobs. I get real joy in being able to bring a hard drive back to life and save it's contents. Sometimes to do that, I use a test PC and put the problem drive in slot D: and boot up from a working drive in C:.. Sometimes I boot up from a CD and look around on the bad drive before moving parts.

Viruses and spyware are a problem here and the symptoms are often very slow machines. Some users download and even pay for anti-spyware programs, which are themselves, spyware under disguise.