



A forum for sharing technology trends, information, and knowledge

December 2015

Greetings!

IT Day 2015 provided a powerful opportunity for almost 300 technology, business, and academic professionals to share information, knowledge, and ideas with colleagues. To continue this meeting of the minds, we have developed this online extension of the event: *i.t. Day today*.

Through *i.t. Day today* we intend to offer interesting bits of information to intrigue you and entice you to learn more about communication and information technology...and then share it with others.

With that said, we would like to share the [video content from several of our i.t. Day 2015 speakers](#). Preparing this material and getting it posted was more challenging than we anticipated, but the learning experience will certainly help us at i.t. Day 2016.

If you have thoughts or ideas, we would be glad to share them in i.t. Day today. Additionally, we encourage and challenge you to bring these topics and your increased knowledge to [i.t. Day 2016](#) (August 10, 2016).

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Trends in Technology



Holiday Gifts Mean In with the New, Out with the Recent

When your new tech gift sends your previous device to the Isle of Misfit Technology

Lucky you! You are getting a fabulous new, latest, greatest, faster, smarter, does-cooler-things, Red Ryder bee-bee gun of all technology devices this holiday season. That's great! But, and not to be Grinch-ish about it, what do you plan to do with the previous model? Your new device leaves you with an old device that is now clutter, eBay or trade-in merchandise, or trash. And...when that old device leaves your possession, you also have a potential security issue.

Whether you are donating, selling, or recycling a past-prime device, these steps transition the device to its most useful end while keeping your data safe.

Summarized from an article by editor-in-chief [Dan Tynan's piece at Yahoo.com/tech](#).

Take the following steps to make sure your data stays safe and your tech-gear goes where it's supposed to. And, no, these steps are not optional.

Back it up

Make sure you have copies of the data that was on the device--especially information that's difficult or impossible to replace, like photos, videos, and contacts.

Wipe it down

Remove all data from the device yourself. Otherwise you leave yourself wide open to identity theft. Last year, [Intel Security's](#) online expert [Robert Siciliano](#) bought 30 used computers via Craigslist and went through their hard drives with a forensics expert. Half of the machines that had been reformatted still contained personal data.

Destroy it

If you're not planning to donate or resell your electronics, it's better to simply destroy any part of the device that contained data.

Recycle properly

Even if you donate or resell your old device, some or all of it may end up being recycled; make sure that your e-waste isn't ending up in a landfill or dumped in a Third World country (as pointed out by [Richard Hodges at i.t. Day 2015](#).)

Keep records

If you donate equipment to a school or a nonprofit, document your donation and get an itemized receipt for tax purposes.

Enjoy the season.

**We are already working on ideas and plans for i.t. Day 2016.
Please save the date: Wednesday, August 10th.**

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LOCATION

Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois

EXPECTED 2016 ATTENDANCE

This year, we expect 300 participants.

WHO IS INVITED

- SIU staff, faculty, and students.
- Technology and business professionals
- K-12 and Higher-ed administrators, educators, and technology professionals

- People interested in information and communications in technology

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Keep in touch

We appreciate your suggestions and input for *i.t. Day today*, and for our annual i.t. Day conference. Please share our content and any information about i.t. Day 2016 with colleagues, educators, and technology professionals during the coming months.

Sincerely,

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