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Computer Tips & Tricks for
the novice to the advanced.

Watching & Making Movies

Recent technology advancements mean that your PC can now play a more prominent role in your home theatre system.

Firstly, watching movies. A digital TV tuner card for your computer is much cheaper than a separate set top box. With one of these installed you can watch TV on your computer desktop, or connect your computer up to your new wall mounted LCD. When you are using your normal desktop, you can have the sport or a movie playing on a part of the screen while you attend to emails or letter writing on another. Better still, if you have installed a large LCD on the wall, why not use it as your computer monitor when you're not using the TV. With a wireless mouse and keyboard, you can then sit comfortably in your home theatre to answer your emails.

Secondly, making movies. There are several good and inexpensive movie making software packages available. These are essential for editing the home movies that you up-loaded from your video camera (Digital or Analogue). You can combine this footage with the stills up-loaded from your digital camera, and a home recorded tour commentary. All combined onto a single DVD. Why not complete the job, by printing the title onto your favourite holiday picture as a background, both directly onto the DVD. So much easier for cataloguing and playing on a DVD player with the scene selection menu you created. Also makes a great present. Good Luck!