

Sometimes I rue the day that I returned to the work force to purchase a computer. It was in the 1980's when we were told that life would be easier when we connected to the system. So, I found part-time work at \$4 an hour to make life easier.

Writing or typing at home on a "old-fashion" formerly used office typewriter was slow and sluggish. Hitting the wrong keys were difficult to erase. However, it was the way to getting the job done, whatever the job was at the time. Counting the typed words per minute was a way of getting the perfect grade during those high school "learning to type" days.

Learning to use the typewriter was mind boggling at first, (like learning the ups and downs of a sewing machine). Learning to type the correct keys for the words was almost impossible. The keys were empty of numbers and letters. "Look above the chalk board," says the teacher with her pointer stick in hand. "See, here are the keys. Put your pointer fingers here and here," she directs pointing to the F and the J keys. Somehow we learned the keyboard by looking straight ahead at the keyboard above the chalk board. It was a miracle.

So, now, again learning how to start up the desktop computer is a miracle if successful. Each time I open the App I find there is a new way to manage. Keys are the same, The F Key and the J Key are in the same configuration. It is how to get to them that is the problem. Since the 80's computer wizards have tinkered and toyed with me, along with the perfect system. For a while the changes came with a thick "How to" volume.

Forty or so years later we just hit buttons until we figure it out on our own. Sometimes when a change happens there is a sentence or two about what to do. The terminology, however, is confusing. The trouble is: The updating personnel are smarter than then some computer owners. We struggle. "Hit this," says my helper. "This" takes me to Facetiming with a high school buddy who I have not seen for 50 years. She looks pretty good for her age, but then she had no time to brush her hair, apply makeup or wake up slowly with a cuppa after her nap.

Hit and miss is how we operate after waiting three hours for the computer to wake up and smell the coffee. Give me a sewing machine any ole day.

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