

LAPTOP™

MOBILE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS & LIFE

THE BEST PC TIPS EVER!

Your notebook can work faster. It can protect your data better. It can make you more productive. It can make your photos and videos look perfect. And it can make other people wish they had your notebook. That's why you need our essential list of the easiest and most useful tips, tweaks, and upgrades yet. Some tips will help you work smarter and others will maximize playtime, but they'll all make the most of your laptop's potential. So dig in to find out how to make the most of your investment.

Productivity



ADD A SECOND (OR THIRD) MONITOR

Just because you have a laptop doesn't mean you can't have a second monitor. On many laptops, the process of doubling your desktop space is much simpler than on desktops. Plug a display such as the 22-inch Gateway HD2200 (**\$349; www.gateway.com**) into your laptop's VGA, DVI, or HDMI connector, then go to the Displays Control Panel and adjust the Advanced Settings of either the video accelerator or the external monitor to "Extend the Windows desktop" onto the second display rather than simply mirroring the internal display. Notebooks with HDMI ports make the setup even simpler because you can output audio and video with just a single HDMI cable. If you'd like a three-monitor setup, the Matrox DualHead2Go Digital Edition (**\$229; www.matrox.com**) is a Mac- and PC-compatible extender box that lets you hook up two external screens with resolutions up to 1920 x 1200 pixels each.