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NEW STANDARD WORKSTATION SPECIFICATIONS

The standard workstation LANsultants provides is about to become even better: On October 1st LANsultants will be moving from the PIII platform to the P4. In addition to the new processor, the P4 uses faster RAM, a faster motherboard, and a different type of power supply.

The P4 CPUs have come down in price dramatically in recent weeks and now offer the best cost to performance ratio. A 1.5 GH P4 will cost about \$145 more than a similarly equipped PIII 1000. The P4 and PIII share most other components including network card, video card, and operating system.

Generally, the P4 will be provided with Windows 2000 Professional as your desktop operating system with a free upgrade certificate to Windows-XP. After XP is released in late October, it will become our standard Desktop Operating System. For offices that have standardized on Windows95/98, the release 2 version of 98 is still available. PIII workstations are also still available for the time being.

HAVE YOU MET THE NEW LANSULTANT?

On August 15th David Rosa joined LANsultants as a network consultant. David comes to us from Collingswood School District. No, we did not hire him directly from high school. David worked at Collingswood School District as a Technology Consultant. David is a certified Microsoft System Engineer and Microsoft Professional as well as a certified Novell Administrator. He also has a BBA from Temple University.

Welcome aboard David!

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY PREDICTIONS FOR 2002

The two most important developments for 2002 will be the introduction of Microsoft Windows XP and Intel's Itanium processor. XP will replace Windows 2000 Server, Professional and Office 2000. The XP family of products promises to deliver better integration between operating systems and applications. Due to the slowing economy, I anticipate acceptance of these products to be slower than in the past. The Intel Itanium processor is the first truly new processor since the 386! The Itanium is a 64-bit processor that will initially be used for database servers.