

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES - James A. White

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James Anthony White is the author of the new IROL Press book, ***Just the Computer Essentials: A Plain-English, No-Nonsense Guide to Buying and Maintaining a PC Running the Windows Vista™ Operating System for Your Home or Home Office.***

Born in South Bend, IN to William and Annette White, Jim's family moved to Maple Heights, OH, a suburb of Cleveland where he lived until shortly before his graduation at Maple Height High School. With a talent in the field of studio art, Jim made that his major while attending Kent State University. It was there where he took an introduction to computers class, that he learned his true calling. Jim switched majors to Computer

Information Systems and soon left a budding career in retail management to start a new career as a Systems Engineer at BPI Information Systems in Brecksville, OH.

After graduating from Kent State, Jim began heartily training and learning everything he could in the technology realm. He quickly earned several highly regarded certifications, such as:

- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)
- Cisco Certified Security Professional (CCSP) and Cisco Certified Design Associate (CCDA)
- Citrix Certified Enterprise Administrator (CCEA)
- HP Accredited Platform Specialist - ProLiant Servers (APS)
- CompTIA A+ and Server+

After just a few years, he was promoted to the position of managing the Systems Engineers.

Spending your life as a technology specialist means spending a lot of time as a technology specialist for friends and family. Soon, Jim began to question why there wasn't a book for the average computer user. There were books for dummies and books for geniuses, but almost every home or home office user falls in between - people who know how to get around on a computer to check email, work a little bit with pictures or music, surf the web, and work with office programs.

What they didn't know how to do were things like:

- What to really look for when buying a new computer
- How to move data and settings to a new computer that was just purchased
- How to protect their computer properly from viruses, spyware, spam, and phishing
- How to back up important files - work files, pictures, music, etc.
- How to recover from minor or major losses of data

In mid 2005, Jim decided to write a book to cover these important topics. He decided to focus on the Windows Vista™ operating system even though it was still not publicly released to ensure it would be current. Jim was able to work with this operating system throughout its development, learn the ins and outs of it, and apply that information to the book. Shortly after the official release of the Windows Vista™ operating system to consumers in the beginning of 2007, ***Just the Computer Essentials*** was published.

Today, Jim lives with his wife Lisa in Stow, OH. He continues to manage the Systems Engineers at BPI Information Systems, contributes to the technical online community, and is contemplating his next book.