

Twinkies

If left sealed in their little individually wrapped packages, Twinkies keep for years. In fact, they'll probably outlast the network itself. You can bequeath them to future network geeks, ensuring continued network support for generations to come.

In November of 2012, computer geeks throughout the world faced a crisis far more menacing than the end of the Mayan calendar: the possible end of Hostess and Twinkies. Fortunately, the gods intervened, and Twinkies were saved, thus ensuring the continued operation of computer networks throughout the globe.

Replacement Parts

Keep a supply of the parts that most often break on your users' computers so you don't have to order replacement parts when the need arises. I usually keep the following on hand:

- » Power supplies
- » Monitors
- » Keyboards
- » Mice
- » Spare disk drives
- » Battery backup units, as well as replacement batteries
- » RAM
- » Video cables
- » Sound cards
- » Network interface cards
- » Case fans

If you have enough users to justify it, I recommend you also keep one or more spare computers on hand so that if one of the computers on your network dies, you can quickly swap it out for a spare.