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# IM Riff on the IT Overload

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I am . . .  
a Star Trek-loving  
Tron-remembering  
Matrix-following  
member of Gen X  
who has known Big Blue, TI, Commodore, and Apple  
and vividly recalls the first time  
I ever sat at a Mac  
and opened a  
window.

I miss  
Word Perfect.  
I use MS Word.  
I think EndNote is the best thing  
since the invention  
of word processing  
itself.

I have scanned  
card catalogs,  
library databases,  
gophers,  
search engines,  
and  
Google  
and yet still know when  
to visit with a  
reference librarian.

## IM RIFF ON THE IT OVERLOAD

Most days  
I'm on my  
iPod, Palm Treo, a Mac, and a Dell.  
I run Snow Leopard, XP, and Vista.  
I follow message boards,  
review FAQs,  
maintain listservs,  
blog, chat, text, and tweet.  
You won't find me on MySpace,  
but I am on Facebook and Flickr.

I am not IT—in spite of what you think—  
so don't IM me.  
I'm downloading a podcast  
and headed off-grid  
just to hear myself think.\*

\* With inspirational acknowledgement to George Carlin and his standup routine on *A Modern Man, A Man for the Millennium*.

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