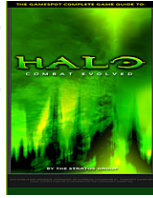


# Technically Speaking

## Gamer Update: HALO

Halo is a series of games made for PC and Xbox systems. Halo has been previously named the game of the year and if you own an Xbox, you have heard of this game. For those of you who are not gamers and have never heard of Halo, it is a first person shooter game where you play as the Character Master Chief and protect Earth from space aliens. The game has created a huge community of followers.



### A Brief History

*Halo: Combat Evolved* was released in 2001 and quickly became a must-have game for the original Xbox game system. The game is centered around Master Chief protecting earth from multiple races of aliens attacking earth and in the process discover

ers a new threat, a giant ring. In addition to the normal single player game is a multiplayer game option that allows players to play against each other.

*Halo 2* was released in November of 2003. *Halo 2* includes new missions and expanded multiplayer functionality via the addition of Xbox Live, which allows players to play other users over the Internet.

### Into the Future

*Halo 3* has a projected release date of 2007. The new game will be released for Xbox 360. *Halo 3* will include added features and is rumored to finish the story line with a tag line of 'Finish the Fight'. A trailer is available on [bungie.net](http://bungie.net)

*Halo-The Movie* is surrounded by rumors and mystery since very few facts are being released

about the movie. The story line is rumored to center around the same story as the first game. The best fact is that the director is Peter Jackson, who was the director of *Lord of the Rings* and *King Kong* and is a big fan of the Halo games. The movie is going to be live action, not animated, therefore the special effects should be incredible. *Halo—The Movie* is definitely going to be a great movie for fans and non-fans.

*Halo Wars* is a new Real Time Strategy (RTS) game being made by Ensemble Studios. The story line will be before the first Halo game and will allow players to control armies of Spartans, soldiers and warthogs. The game development was announced very recently and the release date has not been set. Go to [HaloWars.com](http://HaloWars.com) to watch the trailer. 🐾

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## On the Web!



### Fun Links

[www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

- A great tool when looking for bargain prices or a hard to find item. Set up an account and begin shopping!

[www.discovery.com](http://www.discovery.com)

- A site full of tons of super cool things. Make word searches and other puzzles, as well as, challenge yourself with games and quizzes.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

- Just because you are out of high school does not mean you should stop looking for scholarships. This website is updated daily with new scholarships.

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## HALO 2 Extravaganza

By Erin Jewell

### Word Search

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### TERMS

- ASCENSION
- CHIEF
- CORTONA
- ELITE
- FOUNDATION
- GRUNT
- HALO
- KILLTACLUR
- LOCKOUT
- MASTER
- MELEE
- PELICAN
- PLASMA
- RIFLE
- SKULL
- SNIPER
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- Help Desk x-1634
- Help Desk Hours
  - M-T 8 am—10 pm
  - Fri 8 am—5 pm
  - Sat 11 am—4:45 pm
  - Sun 1 pm—10 pm

## Notebook Support Center Hours

- M-F 8 am—4:30 pm

## Library Lab Hours

- M-T 7:30 am—11:45 pm
- Fri 7:30 am—4:45 pm
- Sat 11 am—4:45 pm
- Sun 1 pm—11:45 pm

## iTunes

Apple has done it again with its latest release of iTunes. Now iTunes offers almost everything you could want. They of course still have music with more than 3.5 million songs to choose from for \$0.99 each. 65,000 podcasts are absolutely free in many different categories. They have over 20,000 audio books available to purchase.

When Apple began to offer TV shows through iTunes, they had 5 networks and now they have just under 50 networks with over 200 different TV shows available to download. Finally, the latest thing to come to iTunes is videos. You now can download full movies from iTunes.

iTunes 7 has other new features available including 2 new views for viewing your digital library. You can download iTunes 7 at:  
[www.apple.com/itunes/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/)



## Computer Tips



- While chatting on MSN Messenger or AIM, **DO NOT** accept picture downloads from friends. Another round of viruses is being sent out via messenger systems so simply decline any downloads to avoid potential headaches.
- Due to the recent virus threats, make it a priority to routinely back up any important files or programs.
- If your laptop becomes infected with a virus, take it to the Electronic Campus Support Center to be reloaded.



## Be Safe: Use Protection How to Protect Yourself from Online Fraud

By Daman Kapoor

Do you ever receive fraudulent emails and pop-ups promising you a new PlayStation 3 or Xbox 360 if you kill a mosquito? This is one of the various kinds of online fraud known as "Phishing". Phishing is a type of deception designed to steal your identity and attacks through spoofed emails and fraudulent websites attempting to trick unsuspecting Internet users into divulging confidential personal information such as credit card numbers, account usernames, passwords, social security numbers, etc. To protect yourself from this mounting threat, implement the following steps into your daily browsing etiquette.

### Be Skeptical

Caution is the best policy. Unless you are 100% sure that a particular message is legitimate, assume it is not. You should never supply your username, password, account number or any other personal or confidential information via email and you should not reply directly to the email in question. Furthermore, never click on a hyperlink in the email message.

### Report Suspicious Activity

If you receive emails that are part of a Phishing scam or even seem suspicious, you should report them. Report suspicious emails to

your PERTs and be sure to also report them to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

### Look for the Lock

Do check the security certificate when you are entering personal or financial information into a web site. Before you enter personal or financial information into a web site, make sure the site is secure. In Internet Explorer, you can do this by checking the yellow lock icon on the status bar. Also, never enter personal or financial information into pop-up windows.

### All that Glitters is Not Gold

Too many "Phishers" are forging copies of company websites that look like the real thing. Open a new browser window and go directly to the company's web site by typing in the known URL for the company. Once at the site, determine if the company truly needs information from you. Also, use the company's web site to check for any known scams and to report a possible scam message.

### Kill the Spy

Run SpyBot weekly and do not forget to check for updates and download new updates every time you run it. 🐜

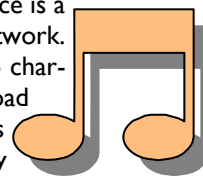
## Downloading Music Legally

By Beyza Aydar

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) filed numerous lawsuits against college students who are in violation of the copyright act. RIAA is seeking to charge \$150,000 per song. This article will help you to understand what is legal and what is not, so that you do not end up being sued for copyright infringement.

First of all, downloading music from the Internet using legal downloading services is 100% legal. However, joining popular file-sharing networks like Kazaa, Imesh, Limewire and Morpheus to download unauthorized copies of any copyrighted material from other network members is illegal. Thus, file-sharing programs that allow illegal downloads are prohibited on the Northwest network. Peer-to-peer file-sharing not only slows down the computer, but also incorporates built-in tunneling programs that attempt to bypass the campus firewall and security measures.

How can you be sure if the network you are using is legal? Before utilizing a downloading service to acquire music, look to see if the music is free and if the service is a peer-to-peer file sharing network. If the service has these two characteristics, do not download the music or other offerings since the site is most likely offering illegal downloads.



Several legal downloading services like iTunes, Yahoo!Music, MSNMusic, Napster and Wal-Mart are available for acquiring music. They either offer music for a per-download or subscription fee. The above downloading services are legal and allowed on the Northwest network.

If you want more detailed information about copyright issues, you can check out the United States Copyright Office website at [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov). 🐜

## Lights, Camera, Action

With the semester half way over, you are sure to have lots of pictures, but may not have a good way to look at them. By using a program called Windows Movie Maker, you can take all of your memories from the semester and put them on a CD to have forever.

Windows Movie Maker is a program that comes with the Windows operating system and is installed on all of the University laptops. All you have to do is import your pictures into Windows Movie Maker. Once you are in the movie maker, you can add pictures by clicking on the tasks button in the toolbar towards the top of the window if the Movie Tasks pane is not visible on the left side of your screen. Then under Capture Video, click on Import pictures. You can select as many pictures as you want within a folder by simply holding down the control key while you are selecting the pictures. After you have selected your pictures, click Import.

Now you will need to organize your slide show by dragging all of these pictures into the timeline at the bottom of the movie maker window. If you want to drag all of the pictures

## Smart Cars

Have you ever wondered why cars do not have auto pilot? Well, the wait is over! Last month the Transport Systems World Congress met in London, England. Smart vehicles capable of following the flow of traffic, parking themselves and even warning distracted drivers to pay attention to the road were among the main attractions of the week long event.

A German company has developed a system that allows a car to automatically follow the vehicle ahead. To activate this control, a driver needs only to press a button and a scanner with an infrared laser in the bumper will measure the distance from the smart car to the next vehicle. The car's computer can also help maintain a safe distance in traffic. The car can track objects up to 200 meters away with speeds of up to 112 miles per hour.

The car also includes an automatic parking feature. The system only needs 7 meters of space to parallel park and only 30 centimeters of space on either side of the parking stall. All the driver has to do is set the computer and

you have imported at one time, then select the first picture and press Ctrl + A to select all of the pictures before dragging them to the timeline.

Now you need to add some music to the slide show. You do this the same way you imported the pictures. In the Movie Tasks pane under Capture Video, click Import audio or music. Select the audio file you want to use and click Import. The song you selected to import will appear in the collections pane with the pictures you imported. To add the music to the slide show, drag the music down to the time line that you added the pictures to.

Before saving your slide show to CD, you can play it using the controls on the left side of the screen just above the timeline. Additional customizations are available from the various menus. Finally when you are finished, you can save the project to a CD that will play in a DVD player. To do this, go to the File menu and select Save Movie File. Now select Recordable CD and follow the on-screen instructions. Now you have all of those pictures in an easy non-expensive form to watch anytime you please. 🐾

By Meredith Manning

release the break. The intelligent parking system has been available on some Toyota models in Japan since November 2005 and will be available in Europe and the US around January 2007.

The coolest feature of the car is that it can alert the driver when they take their eyes off the road. An alarm will sound and the seat will vibrate when the infrared laser in the steering wheel detects that the driver's head has been turned from the road. This feature could prevent accidents from careless drivers.

Another feature uses the camera in the steering wheel to follow a driver's gaze and adjust the headlights according to where the driver is looking. The camera can also be used to detect a particular driver's face and adjust the seat according to that driver's specifications.

With all these cool features coming out, there seems to be no need for a driver. It's only a matter of time before the driver will become obsolete and the car will do all the driving for us. 🐾

## HALO 2 LAN Party

What's the buzz on the street? On November 9th, 2006, the PERTs will be sponsoring a Halo 2 LAN party and tournament. Picture a gamer's paradise: Halo 2 fanatics gathered in The Station, lots of munchies for the hungry and many HUGE screens filled with Halo 2.

Last year, over 60 students enjoyed the LAN party and this year the PERTs are trying to make it bigger and better than ever. Many small prizes will be given away, along with one very large door prize. Trust the PERTs, this is not an event you will want to miss. The Halo 2 LAN party starts at 6:00 pm and lasts until 11:00 pm.

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Becky considers herself to be a very crafty person and spends her free time hanging out with her fiancé Nik, crocheting, knitting or gluing whatever she can get her hands onto and has also been known to run with scissors.

When she is not being crafty or studying, she also enjoys playing videogames. Her favorite game is Halo2 on Xbox and loves linking up with whoever will play. She wishes that Xbox Live could be played on the campus network. Some of her other favorite games include Dance Dance Revolution, Tetris and Super Mario Brothers.