

# 2007 mid-year link clearance

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A few random links that I've collected.

- [Das Holzfällerlied](#). The subtitles are from the original English version and do not match the German. ([Lyrics here](#).) Even more impressive considering that the members of the Monty Python troupe don't actually speak German!
- [The really early history of Windows](#).
- [Explainer answers the unanswered](#), a follow-up to [the unanswered Explainer questions](#).
- [More than you probably wanted to know about the desktop heap](#).
- There's a time and place for casual writing and a time and place for formal writing. [Some students haven't figured out that classroom assignments fall into the latter category](#). [Business schools have also taken notice](#).
- [Sacha Baron Cohen drops character and is interviewed as himself rather than as his Borat persona](#).
- [The IT Crowd](#), Channel 4's riotously funny sitcom that brought you 0118 999 881 999 119 7253. It's actually quite easy to remember once you learn the jingle.
- [The Window Vista File Backup FAQ](#) courtesy of [The Filing Cabinet](#).
- Now that you've gone to all the effort of writing a book, don't be stingy when it comes to reviews. [Shell out the \\$399 and order a custom glowing review](#). Money well-spent.
- Whenever I visit the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), I always make sure to pay a visit to [Young Woman Drawing](#) on the second floor. I think it's my favorite work in the entire museum.
- James P. Burke does a bit of detective work and discovers [what drop shipping is](#).
- Somebody seems to be taking the time to [translate selected entries from blogs.msdn.com into Russian](#).
- [Microsoft's secret plans – revealed](#). There's still six months left in the year 2007.

And then the obligatory plug for my column in [TechNet Magazine](#):

- [A "Mixed" Blessing](#). It starts out with what for regular readers of this web site is merely review, but that's just to set up for the second half.
- [Looking Smart by Being Stupid](#). Again, it starts out with a rehash of what many of you already know, but the second half introduces new material.

- [The Power of Bugs](#). (Suggestions for a better title welcome.) The mysterious “Disable Synchronous Buffer Commits” setting.
- [Determining What Is Frequently Used](#), the TechNetification of the first half of the Start menu series.
- [What New Users See on the Start Menu](#), the second half of the Start menu series in TechNet form.

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