

# THE NetworkGuy

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## Jobs, Jobs More Jobs! We Want YOU!

PenTeleData provides fiber solutions to the largest hospitals, banks and universities in the region. Our communities rely on us. Still, it's no secret that it takes a great team to run our network and we need more of something else: smart people, problem solvers, detail-oriented minds, friendly faces, and all-around awesome humans!

If you're interested in a career with full benefits, including medical, vision and dental coverage; paid time off; pension and 401K (YES, we still offer a pension); paid training, life insurance, employee discounts, tuition reimbursement, and opportunities to grow with an established tech company, learn more and apply at [www.ptd.net/careers](http://www.ptd.net/careers).



## Learn from The Network Guy

One of my televisions has a terrible picture. I don't think it's a problem with my cable, because every other tv in the house seems fine. Are there any simple troubleshooting suggestions that may help?

### The Network Guy:

That's a great question! Sometimes the fix is as simple as a new HDMI cable. Since it is responsible for delivering high-definition audio and video signals from a single cord, any degradation from age or breakage can make a big difference to the quality of your sound or picture. If you're experiencing shooting stars or sparkling in your picture that may sound like white noise, a blurry or fuzzy image, no image or imaging dropping, a loss of sound, or poor screen resolution, a new HDMI cable may be the quick fix you need.

Faulty cables can have damage in one of the 19 pins within the connector. They may also have physical damage to the wires or general wear and tear. If you have any extra HDMI cables on hand, try them with your devices first to ensure the problem is with the cable rather than the hardware.

## The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit [www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge](http://www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge) by November 30, 2022 to answer the contest question. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. Good Luck!

Click the Quiz Challenge link and choose which of the following problems indicate the need for a new HDMI cable.



*"The greatest power on Earth is the magnificent power we all of us possess... the power of the human brain!"*  
– Professor X, 'X-Men'

## Techy Stocking Stuffer Ideas for 2022

Tired of the same 'ol, same 'ol stocking stuffer ideas? If chewing gum, candy, playing cards, and silly putty have lost their enthusiasm, consider these tech-related options:

### Charging cables and charging pads for wireless phones –

It goes without saying, does anyone ever have enough?!?

### Wireless Bluetooth Speaker –

These are great for music and come with a variety of options, so there's a price point for everyone.

### AirPod Case Cover –

AirPods are all the hype and with so many colors and styles available to keep them protected, it just makes sense.

### Polaroid Hi-Print 2X3 Printer –

If you're looking for a little more wow in a small gift, this mini-printer creates three-inch picture stickers.

### AirTags -

If your recipient is always losing their keys, purse, wallet, phone, and everything in between, treat them to a few AirTags. They're a super easy way for them to keep track of misplaced things with the help of the Find My app.

### Smartwatch stand –

While most come sans charger, the cable that comes with the watch slips through the stand to give it a power boost. Once it's in place, the watch will automatically switch to nightstand display, so they have a clear view of the time.

### PopGrip for MagSafe -

These circular doodads are a terrific way to better grip and prop up your phone. The only "problem" with older PopSockets is that they were a bit inconvenient to take off if you wanted to go socket-free for a time. But those with new iPhones don't have to deal with that annoyance anymore thanks to this newer version, which is just a magnetic version of the classic PopSocket.

## PenTeleData is Proud to Serve Mansfield, PA

Nestled in the beautiful Tioga River Valley, Mansfield is alive with the green rolling hills. Home to Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and the world's first electrically lit nighttime football game, Mansfield has an abundance of history to share.

Centrally located in Tioga County and central to the county's activity, entertainment, and culture, the Pennsylvania Heritage Community of Mansfield lives up to its nickname of "Crossroads of the Northern Tier!" The Victorian architecture of Mansfield's Main Street houses, antique stores, small-town businesses, and delicious dining establishments. The University on the hill provides an eclectic array of arts and cultural events and a plethora of interesting visitors, too. All of this—nestled in the picturesque mountains of northern Pennsylvania—just a hop, skip, and jump from endless outdoor recreation opportunities at nearby Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon, Hills Creek State Park, and Cowanesque Lake.

(Sources: <https://www.visitpa.com/region/pennsylvania-wilds/mansfield> and <https://www.paroute6.com/mansfield>)

